



WESTFORD NEWSLETTER

June 2021



The **Whip-poor-will** is more heard than seen. Active at dawn and dusk, these birds lay their eggs directly on the forest floor 10 days before a full moon. Although once common they are now listed as near-threatened.

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TOWN OFFICE NOTES

Senior Luncheon

Hello Seniors, spring has sprung and we are having a wonderful spring. I hope all is well with everyone and that you have had your Covid vaccination. I'm still hoping we can start back up in September. As of right now, it sure does look like it's back to the new normal. Have a wonderful summer and I will keep in touch with you until we can really get together.

Carol Howrigan, President • Maureen Estus, Vice President • Beth Menut, Secretary • Lorren Teer, Treasurer

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Dogs Licenses

If you have not licensed your dog(s) please do so as soon as possible (**licenses were due April 1st**).

A current rabies certificate is required. If you are unsure if the current certificate is on file, please call or email the Town Office (878-4587 or townclerk@westfordvt.us). For your convenience, you may mail or drop off the fee and rabies certificate along with a self-addressed stamped envelope and we will mail the license to you. The fee is \$13.00 unless your dog is spayed or neutered, in which case the fee is \$11.00.

TOWN OFFICE HOURS

The Town Office is **OPEN TO WALK IN SERVICE!** What does this mean?

- Office staff are available 8:30am – 4:00pm Monday-Friday. Effective June 4, the office will close at 1pm on Friday.
- We can still accommodate you through email, phone or snail mail.
- If you require research behind the counter or will be here for an extended time, please call and make an appointment.
- Zoning Administrator hours: Monday and Tuesday, 10am-3pm (by appointment only).
- Masks are still required at this time.

Please note, the office will be **CLOSED Monday, May 31** for Memorial Day and **will close at 2pm on June 30**.

Newsletter Deadline

The deadline for the July Newsletter is 12:00 noon on Monday, June 28th.

Yard Clean Up

When cleaning up your yard, please keep the following in mind:

- Burn permits are required prior to any burning. Burn permits are available online (<https://westfordvt.us/administration/fire-warden/>), from the Fire Warden (Dennis Angiono, 879-1231) or from the Town Office during regular office hours.

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- Yard waste, such as leaves, brush and topsoil are not considered household garbage, therefore Myers will not collect these materials when picking up your garbage. You can compost yard waste or bring it to a participating CSWD drop off center. For a list of centers please visit <http://www.cswd.net/>

WESTFORD CEMETERY REMINDERS

Artificial flowers, glass containers and items with wire are NOT allowed in any of the Westford cemeteries. They will be subject to removal by cemetery officials. Also **the planting of trees and shrubs is NOT permitted**. There are signs posted in each cemetery.

Thank you for your cooperation,
Westford Cemetery Commission



SUMMER ROADS

What you need to know about warm weather road conditions

- **Road Projects:** many projects are being done on the roads at this time. Slow down and give crews space to work.
- **Dust:** roads can become dusty in dry weather and potholes can appear in heavily traveled areas. Going the speed limit can reduce dust and damage roads.
- **Roadside Mowing:** roadside are mowed to increase visibility and keep invasive plants at bay. Mowing occurs twice a year: once in late spring/early summer and once later in the summer.
- **Traffic Speeds:** due to the hard-packed conditions of the roads this time of year, overall vehicle speeds can increase. Be aware of speed limits.
- **Heavy Loads:** do damage to thawing roads. Traveling roads with heavy equipment may be prohibited at any time.
- **Repairs:** roads are repaired as weather allows. Know that this takes time, it might take the road crew some time to get to your road. Highly traveled roads in poor condition are given priority.

Reminders:

- Watch for increased pedestrian traffic including walkers, bikers, horseback riders etc. Please slow down and give other users of the road lots of room as you pass.



WE COULD USE YOUR HELP! THE WESTFORD 4th OF JULY CELEBRATION IS IN NEED OF VOLUNTEERS. SEE THE FLYER IN THIS NEWSLETTER FOR MORE INFORMATION!





TRASH, RECYCLING & FOOD SCRAPS IN WESTFORD

Can I Recycle That?

Did you know that you are not supposed to put your recycling in plastic bags of any kind? The only exception to this is shredded office paper, which is accepted only if it's in a CLEAR BAG that's tightly closed.

Here are some other items that do NOT belong in your recycling bin:

- Dirty containers
- Plastic wrap
- Durable plastic (e.g. Tupperware, laundry bins, etc.)
- Styrofoam
- Motor oil or hazardous waste containers



For more information on the proper way to recycle, please visit <https://cswd.net/recycling/>. There is even an interesting video of a tour of the Materials Recovery Facility (MRF) where your recycling goes to be sorted.

Food Scraps *(Effective July 1, 2020, per Act 148, food scraps are banned from landfills.)*

What are food scraps?

Food scraps are parts of food that are typically discarded rather than eaten: peels, rinds, cores, eggshells, seeds, pits, bones, shells, coffee grounds and filters, loose-leaf tea, and fats/oils/grease. Food scraps is also food that was eaten but not finished: "plate scraps" or leftovers that went bad. Any type of food can become food scraps including bread, pasta, soup, vegetables, fruit, sauces, meat, fish, dairy, sweets, etc.

What should I do with meat and bones?

If you compost in your yard, the law allows you to put meat and bones in the trash so they don't attract animals to your composting bin. If you chose to bring food scraps to a drop-off center, you can include meat and bones with the rest of your food scraps.

CSWD has an abundance of information on their website including answers to questions, ways to reduce waste and how to compost to name a few. Please go to <https://cswd.net/scrapfoodwaste/> or call **872-8111** to get more information.

SEASONAL COMPOSTING TIPS: SUMMER

- Break up material (both food scraps and browns) into small pieces. This allows for decomposition to happen quickly, meaning you'll have usable compost faster!
- Water your compost! If compost is dry it stops generating heat. Keeping compost moist will help things decompose quickly.
- Dry grass and egg shells makes a great addition to your pile. For best decomposition your pile should be 1/4th browns and 3/4ths other items such as food scraps, coffee grounds, and green lawn clippings.

How to make compost fast: <https://thisismygarden.com/2018/07/summer-compost-pile/>

STAY UP TO DATE WITH OUR HAULER

Myers has now set up a Facebook page for Westford specific trash & recycling communications! You can find it here: <https://www.facebook.com/Town-of-Westford-Waste-104918838111423>

WESTFORD SELECTBOARD NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

The Westford Selectboard hereby provides notice of a public hearing being held pursuant to Title 24, Section 4441 of the Vermont State Statutes for the purpose of hearing public comments concerning: **Proposed amendments to the Westford Land Use & Development Regulations.**

The public hearing has been scheduled for: **Thursday, June 10, 2021 at 7:00 p.m.** and will be held via Zoom.

To join the Zoom Meeting:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/84946602409?pwd=Yk15c0hlcjRhWUlxTGMrK0RyQ0NuUT09>

Or dial:

+1 646 558 8656

Meeting ID: 849 4660 2409

Passcode: 429430

Purpose: The Selectboard is proposing to amend the Westford Land Use & Development Regulations for the following purposes:

- 1) To correct and clarify certain spelling, grammatical, punctuation and reference errors that appeared in the regulations;
- 2) To revise and refine the regulations based on feedback from the Development Review Board, Administrative Officer, Town Attorney and members of the public.

Geographic Area Affected: Entire Town.

Table of Contents & Summary of Changes to the Westford Land Use & Development Regulations: Part 1. General; Chapter 100. Legal Framework; Section 101. Enactment and Authority – Corrects reference; Section 102. Purpose; Section 103. Applicability; Section 104. Effective Date; Section 105. Amendment; Section 106. Severability; Chapter 110. Exemptions & Limitations; Section 111. General Exemptions – Corrects use references ; Section 112. Agriculture & Silviculture; Section 113. Utility, Energy and Telecommunications Infrastructure; Section 114. Public Facilities; Section 115. Group Home; Chapter 120. Vested Rights & Existing Conditions; Section 121. Prior Permits or Approvals; Section 122. Filed Applications; Section 123. Pre-Existing Uses; Section 124. Existing Lots; Section 125. Nonconformities – Allows for limited expansion of non-conforming uses; Section 126. Abandonment and Discontinuance of Non-Residential Use; Section 127. Incomplete Development; Section 128. Damaged or Destroyed Structures; Section 129. Demolition; Part 2. Zoning Districts & Standards; Chapter 200. General Provisions; Section 201. Establishment of Zoning Districts; Section 202. Description of District Boundaries – Amends wetland buffer in Town Center Area; Section 203. Interpretation of District Boundaries; Section 204. Principal Uses or Structures on a Lot – Omits use & adds shared drive requirement; Section 205. Lots in More than One District; Chapter 210. Common (C) District; Section 211. Purpose; Section 212. Dimensional Standards; Section 213. Use Standards – Omits unit & adds accessory structure; Section 214. Planning and Design Standards; Chapter 220. Village (V) District; Section 221. Purpose; Section 222. Dimensional Standards; Section 223. Use Standards – Omits unit & adds accessory structure; Section 224. Planning and Design Standards; Chapter 230. Rural 3 (R3) District; Section 231. Purpose; Section 232. Dimensional Standards; Section 233. Use Standards– Omits unit & adds accessory structure; Section 234. Planning and Design Standards; Chapter 240. Rural 5 (R5) District; Section 241. Purpose; Section 242. Dimensional Standards; Section 243. Use Standards – Omits unit & adds accessory structure & campground; Section 244. Planning and Design Standards – Amends point system; Chapter 250. Rural 10 (R10) District; Section 251. Purpose; Section 252. Dimensional Standards; Section 253. Use Standards; Section 254. Planning and Design Standards - Section 243. Use Standards – Omits unit & adds accessory structure & campground; Chapter 260. Form-Based Code (FBC) Overlay District; Section 261. Purpose; Section 262. Applicability; Section 263. Planning and Design Standards – Clarifications, corrections, adds waivers for restoration, renovation or replication of historic structures, amends T4 front setback; Chapter 270. Water Resources (WRO) Overlay District; Section 271. Purpose; Section 272. Application; Section 273. Permitted Uses; Section 274. Conditional Uses; Section 275. Planning

and Design Standards – Amends underground power standards; Chapter 280. Flood Hazard (FHO) Overlay District; Section 281. Purpose; Section 282. Compliance with State and Federal Law; Section 283. Exempt Uses; Section 284. Prohibited Uses; Section 285. General Permit - Correction; Section 286. Permitted Uses; Section 287. Conditional Uses; Section 288. Planning and Development Standards; Section 289. Administrative Procedures; Section 2810. Definitions; Part 3. Development Standards; Chapter 300. Standards for Specific Uses; Section 301. Home Occupation; Section 302. Accessory Dwelling Units - Amends accessory dwelling calculation; Section 303. Adaptive Re-Use of Historic Barns - Allows restaurants & taverns in R10; Section 304. Agricultural Enterprises; Section 305. Auto-Oriented Uses; Section 306. Movement of Earthen Material; Section 307. Wireless Telecommunications Facilities; Chapter 310. Subdivision & PUD Standards; Section 311. Basic Subdivision Design; Section 312. Common and Village Subdivision Design; Section 313. Rural Subdivision Design; Section 314. Planned Unit Development (PUD); Section 315. Fire Suppression Water Supply - Correction; Section 316. Legal Requirements; Chapter 320. Site Design & Engineering Standards; Section 321. Driveway & Private Road Standards- Clarification, correction & omitted pre-development inspection requirements; Section 322. Parking and Service Areas- Correction; Section 323. Landscaping and Screening; Section 324. Outdoor Lighting; Section 325. Outdoor Display and Storage; Section 326. Signs; Section 327. Erosion Control and Stormwater Management; Section 328. Water and Wastewater Systems; Section 329. Source Protection Areas; Section 3210. Natural Resource Protection; Chapter 330. Performance Standards; Section 331. Applicability; Section 332. Sound; Section 333. Vibration; Section 334. Airborne Particulates and Odors; Section 335. Hazards and Hazardous Waste; Part 4. Administrative Procedures; Chapter 400. Authorization; Section 401. Administrative Officer; Section 402. Development Review Board; Section 403. Town Planner – Amend to refer to Town Planner; Section 404. Planning Commission; Section 405. Fees; Section 406. Site Visits and Inspections; Section 407. Surety; Section 408. As-Built Drawings and Designer Certifications; Section 409. Other Approvals, Permits or Certifications; Chapter 410. Zoning Permit Procedures; Section 411. Zoning Permit Required; Section 412. Applying for a Zoning Permit; Section 413. Reviewing a Zoning Permit Application - Correction; Section 414. Acting on a Zoning Permit Application; Section 415. Zoning Permit Effect, Expiration and Extension; Section 416. Inspection During Construction; Section 417. Zoning Permit Revocation; Section 418. Certificate of Occupancy; Section 419. Administrative Amendments; Chapter 420. Development Review Board Procedures; Section 421. Site Plan Review – Correction & adds accessory structures & campgrounds; Section 422. Conditional Use Review- Correction - Correction; Section 423. Appealing an Action or Decision by the Administrative Officer; Section 424. Waivers and Variances; Section 425. Combined Review; Section 426. Modification of Approved Plans; Chapter 430. Subdivision and PUD Procedures; Section 431. Applicability; Section 432. Boundary Line Adjustment and Lot Merger; Section 433. Deferred Approval; Section 434. Sketch Plan Review; Section 435. Master Plan Review; Section 436. Preliminary Plan Review - Correction; Section 437. Final Plan Review - Correction; Section 438. Filing Requirements; Chapter 440. Notice, Hearing & Decision Procedures; Section 441. Warning a Hearing; Section 442. Conducting a Hearing; Section 443. Recessing a Hearing; Section 444. Development Review Board Decisions; Section 445. Appeal of Development Review Board Decisions; Chapter 450. Enforcement Procedures; Section 451. Type of Ordinance; Section 452. Fines; Section 453. Applicability; Section 454. Action – Clarification & Correction; Part 5. Definitions; Chapter 500. Use of Terms; Section 501. Interpretation; Chapter 510. Defined Terms - Adds campground & camp site; Part 6. Appendix With Maps – Amends Map 5.

Location Where Full Text May be examined: Copies of the full text of the proposed amendments to the Westford Land Use & Development Regulations are available at the Westford Town Office, 1713 VT Route 128, Westford, Vermont or may be viewed on the Town of Westford website at <https://westfordvt.us/documents/planning-zoning/>

Dated at Westford, Vermont this 13th, day of May, 2021.

William Cleary, Westford Selectboard Chair



WESTFORD CONSERVATION COMMISSION

Volunteer Trail Maintenance Day:

When: June 6, 2021, 9:30 AM at the Westford Elementary School

To sign up, please email WCC westfordcc@googlegroups.com

Do you enjoy hiking the beautiful trails in Westford? Please consider signing up for Westford Conservation Commission's volunteer trail maintenance day!

We will meet on June 6th at 9:30am at the kiosk in front of Westford Elementary School where we will divide into groups. Groups will then head to various trails in Westford for clearing, clipping, and lopping.

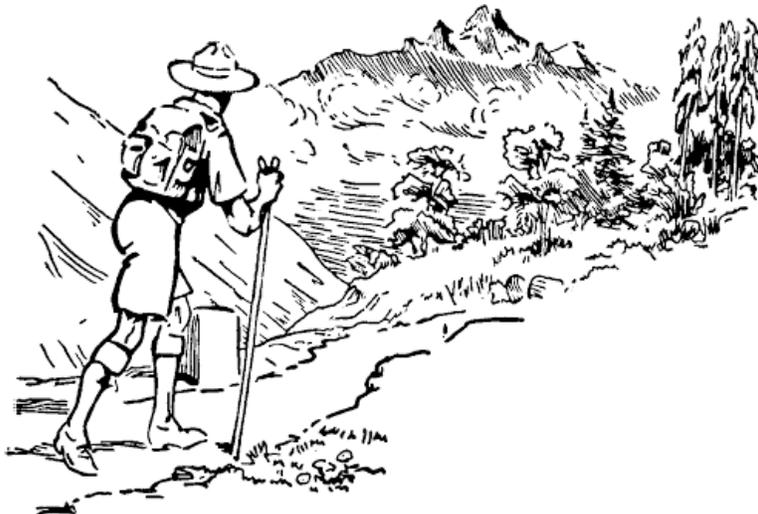
Westford Conservation Commission members will bring some necessary tools but please bring your own loppers, clippers, pruners, cutters. Don't forget to bring water, snacks, and necessary layers for dynamic VT weather. This is a great way to contribute to maintaining the trails we all love and enjoy! We will maintain social distancing guidelines and masks should be worn when near others.

Trail Usage: Some trails may be very wet this spring. Heed "Trail Closed" signs and use discretion when choosing trails to use.

Schultz Trail is closed from the Machia Hill trailhead side for drainage improvements until further notice. The trailhead at Old #11 side is open for use.

Dogs on Trails: Most Westford trails pass through private property. Please respect landowners and their property by keeping your dog on the trail AT ALL TIMES. Please respect others using the trails by picking up after your dog.

Library Collaboration: We are excited to partner with the library again this summer on a few fun projects! Stay tuned for more information on new ways to explore the trails this summer. Story walks, poetry walk, and more for all ages!





WESTFORD SUMMER CONCERTS - 2021

We are happy to announce our Westford Summer Concerts series line up for 2021! We have a great season coming up. All shows are scheduled for July and August and are all on Sunday evenings starting from 7 – 8 pm for the main musical performance. We have also been able to confirm that food trucks will also be setting up starting at 6 pm so your evening can be extended to include dinner on the Common as well. So come early, stay late, and bring the family for a real summertime outdoorsy treat.

We were extremely lucky last year in that we did not get any rain cancellations. In a usual year, if rain seems pending we would just move the show inside the Red Brick Meeting House; however, Covid restrictions have made that option unavailable, and we have to assume that the same conditions may apply this season as well.

With that in mind, (2) rain dates have been built into the schedule. If a headline band gets rained out, they will perform at one of the remaining rain dates. If the rain dates do not need to be exercised for the headliners, then local fill-in bands are willing to take those dates at short notice, but we don't know who that will be ahead of time. So we will have concerts **every** Sunday night in July and August (except July 4th) unless it rains on a Sunday evening.

As like last year, we are asking all participants to adhere to Covid protocols that are in effect for each date. We would assume that would entail social distancing practices for all attendees that are not from the same household and wearing of masks whenever not able to maintain proper social distances from others. BYO chairs, blankets, picnic baskets, beverages, etc. for those not purchasing from vendors.

We ask everyone to clean up any trash and use the standard hiker's policy of "carry in, carry out". There are (2 sets of trash cans and recycle barrels at the Common, so please seek them out and use them. No cars should be parked on the Common directly, but cars can be parked on the side of the roads that ring the Common, preferably on the south side dirt road, or use the designated parking areas at east and west ends of the Common. Please be courteous and leave spaces available at the west end area so that patrons of the Westford Country Store that are not attending the concert can get in and out for store purchases.

So with that overview, the following dates and bands have been lined up:

July 11 – Christine Malcolm & the Dirty Blonde String Band

July 18 – Blues For Breakfast

July 25 – Red Hot Juba

August 1 – RAIN DATE

August 8 – Mr. Chris and Friends

August 15 – Vermont Bluegrass Pioneers

August 22 – Erin Harpe Country Blues Duo

August 29 – RAIN DATE

Every one of the listed bands will put on a stellar show and I will give a better background of each as the dates approach for those of you that are unfamiliar with each band.

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The Library continues to reopen for in-person visits:

Starting June 1 - we will be open:

Wednesdays (1-7pm), Thursdays (10am-7pm)

Saturdays (10am-2pm)

No appointments are necessary.

Curbside service ONLY on Fridays (3-6pm)

We ask:

- Masks be worn, as many of our patrons are unvaccinated (children under 12, people who still have not reached full immunity, etc.) Let's keep the library safe for everyone!
- Practice social distancing and good hand hygiene
- Patrons limit visits to 30 minutes
- All in-person programming will be outside, unless noted
- Patrons of all ages are welcome, children under 12 must be accompanied by an adult.

We are still in phase 5 of our reopening plan. See our website for more details. We will monitor and re-evaluate our opening plans monthly based on state & local health data.



Fourth of July Book Sale - 9am-1pm

\$5 per bag of books - Bring your own bag!

We need help setting up (June 3 TBD) and cleaning up (July 4 at 1pm) - let Bree know if you are able to volunteer.

The Westford Public Library is accepting donations for our Book Sale Saturdays in June from 9-11am.

We are also limiting drop off of donations to **TWO BOXES PER PERSON.**

We **WILL NOT ACCEPT:** VHS tapes, Cassettes, Music CDs, textbooks, encyclopedias, magazines, and moldy or damaged books. Ask yourself

"**Would I lend this to a friend?**" If the answer is no, then keep it out of the book sale. We **WILL BE ACCEPTING:** gently used, clean books in good condition, kids books, DVDs, and audiobooks.

DO NOT USE THE BOOK DROP FOR DONATIONS- IT DAMAGES THE LIBRARY BOOKS AND MAKES A BIG MESS!



Building is OPEN to patrons:

Wednesdays 1-7pm

Thursdays 10am-7pm

Saturdays 10am-2pm

Curbside pickup hours:

Friday 3-6pm

Adult Book Group

Wednesday

June 23

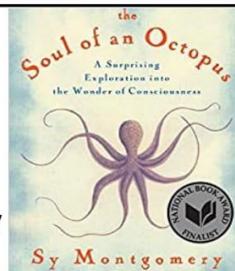
7:00-8:00pm

On the Common

The Soul of an Octopus

By: Sy Montgomery

This book explores the emotional and physical world of the octopus—a surprisingly complex, intelligent, and spirited creature—and the remarkable connections it makes with humans.



In pursuit of the wild, solitary, predatory octopus, Sy Montgomery takes us from New England aquarium tanks to the reefs of French Polynesia and the Gulf of Mexico, shows us octopuses with strikingly different personalities. Scientists have only recently accepted the intelligence of dogs, birds, and chimpanzees but now are watching octopuses solve problems and are trying to decipher the meaning of the animal's color-changing techniques. Montgomery chronicles the growing appreciation of this mollusk as she tells a unique love story. By turns funny, touching, and profound, *The Soul of an Octopus* reveals what octopuses can teach us about the meeting of two very different minds. (from Amazon.com)

Print copies available at the library.

Ebook or audiobook on Libby.

We will be meeting on the Common

- bring your own chair. Zoom link

will also be available for those who wish to join digitally.

Outside Early Literacy Storytime - Birth to Pre-School

Every Thursday at 11:30am on the Common

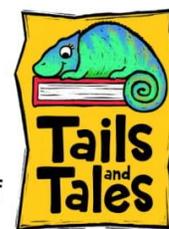
6/3/21: Theme: Summer Fun

6/10/21: Theme: Dads (Father's Day)

6/17/21: Theme: **NO STORYTIME**

6/24/21: Theme: Animals

Bring a blanket and your masks and talk to your kids about social distancing ahead of time. Snacks or a lunch are a good idea too. We will sing songs, read stories, move and have fun! If weather is bad, storytime will be sent out digitally. Crafts can be picked up as well.



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June Library Events

- June 2 - Trustees Meeting - 7-9pm
- *June 12 - Summer Reading begins - sign up online or at the library.
- *June 12 - "Petting Zoo" & SRP materials (Logs, stickers, etc. plus a creamee coupon from Sweet Clover Market) 10:30-12:30
- *June 19 - Rockin' Ron Kick Off Concert 10:45-11:30am - Rain date 6/26
- June 23 - Adult Book Group- 7-8pm, on the Common, discussing *The Soul of an Octopus* by Sy Montgomery
- *June 24 - Owl Pellets - drop in 4:30-6:30pm
- *June 26 - Owl Pellets - drop in 10:30-Noon
- *June 28 - Field Trip Day to The Miniature Farm 10am-3pm - The library will be covering the donation to visit [The Miniature Farm](#) all day - 247 Mears Rd. Milton, VT - Rain date 6/29

Storytime every Thursday 11:30 on the Common, digitally if weather is bad

Fiber Arts Group meets every Thursday IN PERSON at the library at 6:30pm.

Events with a (*) are part of the Summer Reading Program, see SRP brochure in this newsletter for more details

Library Building open starting June 1
Wednesdays from 1-7pm
Thursdays from 10am-7pm
Saturdays 10am-2pm

Curbside Pickup of Library Materials:
Fridays 3-6pm

Order form is on our website and Facebook page—you can also email or call.

Starting June 1, curbside service will be phasing out.

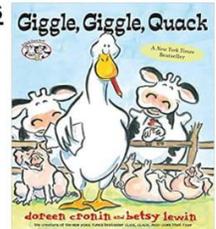
We will providing the service ONLY: Fridays 3-6pm

As we transition to being more open throughout the summer, we will be doing away with this service. If you feel you really need this, for whatever reason, feel free to contact the library and we can work it out.



Summer Reading Kick Off Concert: Rockin' Ron - The Friendly Pirate Saturday, June 19 10:45 - 11:30 on the Common
Enjoy one of the area's best kids' performers! You can also sign up for the SRP and get reading logs.

Story Walk on the school trails
Enjoy "Giggle Giggle, Quack" on the school trails starting mid June. See the kiosk for the exact trail. We will switch the story out mid-July for another great animal tale.



Summer Reading Program Tails and Tales June 12 - August 14

Check out all of our "turtle-ly" cool events this summer. Our brochure is in this newsletter and available on our website. You can register online starting June 12 or in person at the library. We can't wait to have fun together this Summer!

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Westford Public Library Summer Reading Program 2021 June 12-August 14
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*Online registration opens June 12. Registration link on our website, Facebook page, and Front Porch Forum. You can also register in person on June 12 at our "petting zoo" kickoff event or anytime later at the library.

Age Levels, Reading Goals, and Prizes

Little cubs - Ages 0-2 (babies and toddlers) - fun activities for families to do together, stuffed animal prize at the end

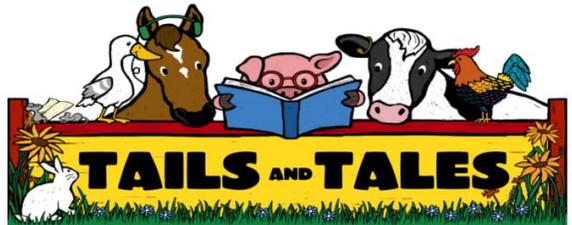
Ages 3-8 (kids) - 10 books read per raffle ticket

Ages 9-12 (twens) - 3 books read per raffle ticket

Ages 13-18 (teens) - 1 book read per raffle ticket

Adults - 18+ (adults) - 1 book per raffle ticket - Adults fill out their own raffle tickets at the library as they read

Raffle tickets will be made by Ms. Bree when reading logs are turned in - due August 13. Raffle tickets will also be given for coming to programs. Prizes consist of gift certificates to Turner Toy & Hobby, Phoenix Books, Westford Country Store, & more! Prizes will be awarded at the end of the Summer Reading Program.



Summer Long Events:



Every time you come to the library you can work on our sticker mosaic! Just like the digital ones you are used to with Ms. Shelley, but this one is real! Get a strip of stickers to place every visit. Together is better!

Creating colorful collaborations, one sticker at a time.

Animal Storytime - On the Common
 Thursdays at 11:30am
 Bring your lunch, a blanket and be ready for fun!



Every week we will read stories about animals. We will sing and move too! Take home crafts available. I hope to have live animals at every storytime.

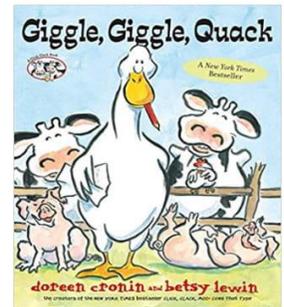
NO STORYTIME on 6/17 or 8/5



Stretch your legs and enjoy Westford's hiking trails!

Poetry Walk on the Schultz Trail - Filled with animal poems to ponder.

Story Walk - Enjoy "Giggle Giggle, Quack" on the school trails starting in June. See the kiosk for the exact trail. We will switch the story out mid-July for another great animal tale.



Westford Trail Passport - An exciting program from the Westford Conservation Commission and the Library - more details to follow! It's going to be fun!

Summer Reading Program Events Schedule and Details

June 12 - Sign up online for SRP starts today, signup link on our website, FPF, and Facebook

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June 19 - Rockin' Ron Kick Off Concert 10:45-11:30am - Family friendly concert by one of the area's best performers. Rain date 6/26

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***June 30 - Bob, the Reading Tortoise 5:30-6:30pm -** Readers entering 1-5 grades can sign up for a 15 minute reading slot

July 1 - Float Building 4:30-6:30, also last day to sign up to ride the float in the Fourth of July parade

July 2 - All about Snakes! - 4:30-5:30pm - Carol Winfield will bring several snakes to pet and learn about. Craft as well.

July 4 - Library Book Sale 9am-1pm - \$5 per bag - bring your own bag. Parade 11am (riders meet 10:30 at Town Garage)

***July 7 - Bob, the Reading Tortoise 5:30-6:30pm -** Readers entering 1-5 grades can sign up for a 15 minute reading slot

July 8 - Watercolor Animals with MC Baker - 4:30-5:30 (under 4th grade), *6-7pm - Watercolor Class for those entering 4th grade and up - signup required* - fun with liquid watercolors and animal shapes for younger kids, class on technique and making animal silhouettes for older kids - sign up for the class is required.

July 9 - Animal Yoga with Doris 4:30-5:30pm - bring a yoga mat or towel and water for a fun filled yoga class with animal poses

***July 14 - Bob, the Reading Tortoise 5:30-6:30pm -** Readers entering 1-5 grades can sign up for a 15 minute reading slot

July 15 - All about K-9 Dogs w/Officer Dewey 4:30-5:30 - What does a K-9 dog do? How are they trained?

***July 16 - BristleBots - 2 sessions - 4:30-5:30 or 6-7pm, this program is inside the library -** Make a fun creature and learn about how electric current works - great STEM activity for K and up - 2 sessions, limited to 15 total, sign up required

July 22 - Pet Rocks with MC Baker - drop in 4:30-6:30 - Learn acrylic and other paint techniques, wear "stainable" clothes

July 23 - All about Horses! - 4:30-5:30 - Carol Winfield will teach us about her Pinto horse, no rides at this event

July 24 - Pet Picture Bottlecap Necklaces or Keychains - drop in 10:30-Noon (this session is inside) - bring a picture or two of your favorite animal or pet - needs to fit in a 1 inch circle - make a bottlecap necklace or keychain

July 29 - Pet Picture Bottlecap Necklaces or Keychains - drop in 4:30-6:30 (this session is outside) - see above

July 30 - Folded Book Hedgehogs drop in 4:30-6:30 - this program is inside the library - learn how to make a "book-hog", you can make it right in the library or pick up all the supplies needed to make one at home.

July 31 - Folded Book Hedgehogs drop in 10:30-Noon - this program is inside the library - see above

August 8 - Mr. Chris and Friend Concert on the Common 7pm - sponsored by The Westford Public Library - PBS singer and Vermont kids superstar Mr. Chris will be playing a concert to delight the whole family. Not to be missed!

August 12 - Magic Butterflies - drop in 4:30-6:30pm - Drop in to make a rubber band powered butter that actually flies!

August 13 - Reading Logs Due - Turn in your log or fill out the online reporting form, raffle winners will be notified

August 13 - VINS - Super Powered Critters 4:30-6:30 - VINS will show off some of its creatures and their awesome features!

August 14 - Summer Reading Prize Pickup - TBD

Events with a (*) require pre-registration. **EVENTS ARE ON THE COMMON UNLESS NOTED**



JUNE 2021 NEWSLETTER

WESTFORD RECREATION DEPARTEMENT

UPCOMING EVENTS

JUNE

6/10 Recreation Board Meeting: Executive Session
6:30pm @ Town Common Gazebo

JULY

7/4 4th of July Celebration
11am-3pm @ The Town Common



Summer Programs

Start this month

Register **TODAY!**

4th of July

Celebration

Volunteers Needed

Contact Tonya:

recreation@westfordvt.us

SUMMER PROGRAMS

June 22 - July 27

- \$20 PRE-K SOCCER Tuesdays 4-4:30pm
- \$20 K & 1st Grade SOCCER Tuesdays 4:45-5:30pm
- \$20 2nd-4th Grade SOCCER Tuesdays 5:45-6:45pm & Sat. 9-10am

July 3 - August 21

- \$25 T-BALL (Ages 3-6) Saturdays 9-10am
- \$20 ADULT PICKUP SOCCER Thursdays 7-8:30pm
- \$20 5th - 8th Grade PICKUP SOCCER Thursdays 6-7pm

SUMMER PROGRAMS

If you have questions please contact the Westford Recreation Department at recreation@westfordvt.us

Summer Soccer

Pre K

Tuesdays 6/22-7/27. 4pm-4:30pm.

Registration Fee \$20.00

K & 1st Grade

Tuesdays 6/22-7/27. 4:45pm-5:30pm

Registration Fee \$20.00

Grades 2-4

Tuesdays @ 5:45pm-6:45pm and
Saturdays 9am-10am 6/22-7/31

Registration Fee \$20.00

Grades 5-8 Pick up

Thursdays 7/8-8/19 6pm-7pm

Registration Fee \$20.00

Adult Pick up

Thursdays 7/8-8/19 7pm-8:30pm

Registration Fee \$20.00

Tball

Ages 3-6 years old

Saturdays 9am-10am 7/3-8/21

Registration Fee \$25.00

Summer Basketball Info coming soon!



REGISTRATIONS

Secure your spot today!

Mail or drop off your registration form and fee to the town office or pay online and mail form with payment confirmation.

Scholarships available, email recreation@westfordvt.us

<https://westfordvt.us/recreation/>

4TH OF JULY CELEBRATION

ON THE TOWN COMMON

July 4th 2021

Parade 11am

Music and Celebration 12pm-3pm

Parade

Music

Kids games

Lawn games

Duck Races

Library Book Sale

And more!

Please contact the recreation department if you are interested in participating in our 4th of July celebration.

Vending, parade and fundraising tables
recreation@westfordvt.us

WESTFORD COUNTRY STORE

The Westford Country Store will be serving up a whole roasted hog BBQ with all the fixings. And much, much more!

Volunteers Needed!!!!

Please contact Tonya
recreation@westfordvt.us

WESTFORD RECREATION DEPARTMENT – REGISTRATION FORM

Parent/Guardian Name(s) _____

Address _____ Town _____ ZIP _____

E-Mail Address #1 _____

E-Mail Address #2 _____

Primary Phone # _____ Secondary Phone # _____

Emergency Contact _____ Phone # _____

Please list medical conditions, physical limitations, allergies, or restrictions WRD should be aware of:

#	Name	Program	Grade	Fee
1				
2				
3				
4				
5				
6				
7				
Are you interested in donating to the Scholarship Fund? If so, please list amount here:				
Total:				

Scholarship Fund Available: If your financial situation is preventing you from signing yourself or your child up for a program, please submit this form and in lieu of a fee, include a brief essay. The Recreation Department Committee will review eligibility for a scholarship.

Are you interested in being a **volunteer**? Coach Parent Helper Enthusiastic Fan

Release/Wavier Agreement:

I am fully aware of the inherent risk, and give my consent for the above named applicant(s) to participate in the program(s) listed above. I hold harmless the Town of Westford, Westford School, their employees, elected officials, and/or any volunteers or instructors from any and all liability from any injury, claim, costs or loss of services which may be incurred by me, or us, or our minor children on account of participation in said program(s). Permission is hereby granted for me or us, or my child(ren) to receive emergency treatment if needed and I authorize the attending physician to administer any needed medical attention. Furthermore, I certify that I, or we, or my child(ren) are in good health and that there are no limitations to my/our participation except in writing above. I have read this document carefully and sign it voluntarily with full knowledge of its significance.

Signature _____ Date _____

WESTFORD RECREATION DEPARTMENT – REGISTRATION FORM

COVID-19 Agreement:

To ensure the health and safety of all participants, volunteers, and their families, I agree to the following:

A personal health check will be completed within an hour BEFORE participating in any Westford Recreation Department program.

- Have you been in close contact with a person who has COVID-19?
- Has anyone in the household been out of the state of Vermont, to an area NOT in the 'green zone' in the past 14 days?
- Do you feel unwell with any symptoms consistent with COVID-19? For example, have you had a cough, high temperature, shortness of breath, difficulty breathing, chills, repeated shaking with chills, muscle pain, headache, sore throat, or new loss of taste or smell?
- Take temperatures prior to arrival. Does the temperature exceeds 100.4 F ?

If the answer to any of these questions are Yes, **DO NOT** attend the program.

A parent/guardian will be **required** to sign a document before each program session to confirm they have completed the personal health check.

Maintain social distancing, whenever possible. Face coverings are recommended when this is not possible.

No sharing of personal equipment, water bottles, clothing, etc.

"Arrive. Play. Leave." No gathering at the field or in the parking lot before/after programs.

Shared program equipment will be sanitized between sessions

Players are encouraged to bring hand sanitizer for use during programs and to wash your hands before and after programs.

Signature Date _____

Submit this Registration Form via email (recreation@westfordvt.us), mail, or leave in the drop box at the Town Office:
Town of Westford, 1713 VT Rt. 128 Westford VT 05494

Submit Fee: [Online](#), via mail, or leave in the drop box at the Town Office.

Make checks payable to: WESTFORD RECREATION DEPARTMENT, note the program in the memo line.

When paying online, write the name of the program in the reference number line.



WESTFORD SCHOOL NEWS

Featured Programs & Activities

Graduation is planned for



Two traditional and wonderful elements of Westford graduation are the individual student recognition statements and the student slide show. We are able to accomplish both these elements again this year in our 2021 plans using an outdoor screen on a night of June 11th for invited guests.

Kindergarten Orientation is virtual this year with an August in person experience planned.

Please contact the main office if you have a child who will enter kindergarten at Westford School for the 2020/21 year. Our kindergarten teacher, Ms. Cassidy Shumway, will continue to communicate directly with families registered to begin school next year.

Summer School Invitations

EWSD summer services are in place to support identified students. Please contact Summer School Coordinator, Kristen Ryan at kryan@ewsd.org with any questions.



Welcome New Westford Faculty Members

Please help welcome our new additions.

Kristen Johnson; 7th and 8th Grade Math & Science Teacher



I live in Bolton with my husband and 5 year-old daughter. We are outdoor explorers while skiing, walking, hiking and gardening. I love to read, repurpose items, cook and visit both new and familiar places. Most of my life has been connected to the Champlain Valley. I grew up in a dairy farming family in Shoreham and returned to Vermont in 2004 to teach in Charlotte. Before the classroom, I worked in education programs in Pittsburgh, Alabama, and Oregon as well as aboard boats on Long Island Sound and in the Baltimore Harbor. Most recently, I taught four years at Essex Middle School. I look forward to being part of the Westford school community in the future.

Sarah Macdougall; Social Support Coordinator & Behavior Management Assistant



I have been living in Essex for 15 years. When I am not at work you can find me out adventuring with my husband and two children. From hiking and biking to skiing and finding swimming holes, we just love to soak up all that Vermont has to offer. I have been working at Essex Elementary School for four years and am so excited to start my next adventure at Westford School!

Equity

I hope that you had time to read the most recent EWSD equity statement titled, "[An Explanation of Equity in EWSD](#)". If not, here is a brief summary. The EWSD is dedicated to ensuring equity for all students and is striving to support the concepts of ridding our system of inequalities associated with race, gender, language diversity, socioeconomic status, and other forms of marginalization. Barriers to equity include a lack of a sense of belonging, stereotyping based on characteristics, limiting access to high-level classes, harm from racism, harm from gender discrimination, antisemitism, disability discrimination, a lack of access to adults who are like you to view as role models, a lack of access to finances to have an equal opportunity as your peers, and many others. Equity is the foundation of our [Continuous Improvement Plan \(CIP\)](#) and I thank you immensely for your continued community support.

Emergency Drills

Every member of our community plays a vital role in keeping our kids safe. Emergency drills are part of our safety plan. Each month we practice a safety drill. The fire drill, due to the sound of the alarm and the experience of leaving the building, is what most children are most likely to connect to when asked about drills. However, we also practice other drills like shelter in place, clear the halls, and lockouts. We collaborate with local emergency planners and our first

response community. We include emergency responders in our practice evacuation and relocation drills and invite them in for walk throughs, audits, and feedback as well. Additionally, the Essex Westford School District (EWSD) Safety Committee meets monthly with local emergency responders to review and evaluate emergency procedures and stay up to date on emergency protocols from the State of Vermont. When needed, we work with these members to discuss potential crisis situations and scenarios. Our teachers are given notice concerning relocation drills and assess if students need practice or prep time prior to the scheduled drill. They are also available to process any worries with students.

The scheduling and practicing of drills takes into account many factors including a PreK-8 learning environment, our students as a community and individual, current practice needs, and the weather. For example, we choose to practice a fire drill that moved into an onsite relocation last week on a sunny, warm day. We used a familiar drill that students have mastered and added a layer of practice in moving as a group. Each year, we practice drills that are the least disruptive to the learning environment and bring less emotional stress the most often. Typically, we do the onsite evacuation or relocation drill every other year.

OPPORTUNITIES TO SERVE YOUR COMMUNITY!

The Selectboard is seeking town residents interested in serving as Westford's representative on the following:

Chittenden County Regional Planning Commissioner Alternate Representative

The Chittenden County Regional Planning Commission was founded in 1966 to promote the mutual cooperation of its 19 member municipalities and to facilitate the appropriate development and preservation of the physical and human resources in Chittenden County.

CCRPC is composed of 19 municipal commissioners and five at-large commissioners (representing Agriculture, Conservation/Environment, Socio-Economic/Housing, and Transportation). The legislative body of each of Chittenden County's municipalities selects its own commissioner and alternate commissioner. The Full Commission selects the five at-large representatives. Each commissioner has one vote.

CCRPC's regular monthly meeting is on the third Wednesday of the month at 6:00pm in the Main Conference Room. These meetings are open to the public.

For more information go to <https://www.ccrpcvt.org/about-us/commission/commissioners-alternates/>.

CCRPC Clean Water Advisory Committee (CWAC)

The Clean Water Advisory Committee (CWAC) oversees the Chittenden County Regional Planning Commission activities and policy development regarding but not limited to, the Vermont Lake Champlain Total Maximum Daily Load (TMDL) Plan and its related plans and programs. The Committee typically meets the first Tuesday of the month. To view minutes, agendas and other documents, please go to <https://www.ccrpcvt.org/about-us/committees/clean-water-advisory-committee/>. For more information contact Dan Albrecht, CCRPC Senior Planner, at dalbrecht@ccrpcvt.org or 846-4490.

Please contact the Town Office at 878-4587 or townclerk@westfordvt.us if you are interested in being appointed to one of these positions.

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