



WESTFORD NEWSLETTER



July 2021

A year-round resident, the **Blue Jay** is a territorial bird known for their bold attitude and high intelligence. Sometimes they imitate the calls of hawks to check for predators. Peanuts in the shell are one of their favorite foods.

Westford Town Office

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Phone: (802)878-4587 Fax: (802)879-6503

<https://westfordvt.us/>

TOWN OFFICE NOTES

Senior Luncheon

Hello everyone! If nothing changes between now and September, we are planning on getting back to seeing everyone on Sept. 13th. For new people in Westford, we meet the 2nd Monday of each month at the Red Brick Meeting House on the Common. We open the doors at 11:30 a.m. with lunch at 12:00 p.m.

There is a brief meeting after our meal. September is Election of Officers, so it's a good time to start. It's been almost a year and a half since we have been together and that is a very long time in the world of seniors. We have lost several seniors during this time, and I want to give you my heartfelt sympathy. I have personally lost several elders in my family, and I know what a great loss it is. My prayers are with you, and may the days ahead begin to bring you the wonderful memories that each person gave you during their life.

I have missed everyone and am looking forward to seeing everyone on Sept 13th. We always look forward to seeing new faces, too. Mark your calendars now. If you are 55+, please come for a home cooked meal and a chance to visit with your neighbors and friends. If you have any questions, please call me at 878-3090. Carol Howrigan, President

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.

Newsletter Deadline

The deadline for the July Newsletter is 12:00 noon on Monday, July 26th.



Happy 4th of July!



TOWN OFFICE HOURS

The Town Office is **OPEN:**
Monday-Thursday, 8:30am-4pm
Friday, 8:30am-1pm

We are **closed on July 5th** to celebrate Independence Day.

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.
- 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 dusty and damage roads.
- **Roadside Mowing:** roadsides 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.



WESTFORD CONSERVATION COMMISSION

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



The Town of Westford will be hosting **Summer Farmers' Markets** from 4:30-7:30pm on July 18th and August 15th. The markets will take place before the Sunday Concert Series on the Town Common. If you are interested in participating as a vendor at one or all of the scheduled markets, please use the following link to complete the application. Once submitted, a coordinator will be in contact with you directly with more information. Link to Vendor Application: <https://forms.gle/ssuv1V2LHo75fbNA7>. Or please reach out to Peter Jenkins directly to receive a vendor application - Email: peter.jenkins341@gmail.com OR call: 802-735-4551



PLANNING COMMISSION NEWS

The Planning Commission is excited to share that we have a newly formed committee that will be leading our wastewater project public outreach. The purpose of the committee is to share with residents and stakeholders the wastewater options being studied along with the economic and financial effects a community wastewater system could have on the town. Seth Jensen from the Westford Planning Commission will chair the committee. Other committee members are Heather Armata, Pat Haller, J.B. Hinds, Eric Ford, and Gordon Gebauer. The first working group meeting was held June 22nd at 6:00 PM at the Town Office and virtually using Zoom. The outreach committee meetings are warned public meetings, will have posted agendas and minutes. In addition to the committee's outreach effort, the Planning Commission will continue to update the project frequently asked questions on the town website, <https://westfordvt.us/town-center-revitalization-projects/>. Public engagement and community engagement is always welcome, stay on the lookout for upcoming meeting notices.

The Chittenden County Regional Planning Commission (CCRPC) recently notified the town that the 2022 CCRPC Unified Planning Work Program (UPWP) budget includes \$20,000.00 to fund an assessment of Westford village stormwater treatment and infrastructure or lack thereof. The funding includes a local \$4,000.00 match that will be paid for by the Westford Planning Commission special projects budget. This project is part of a multi-year effort to properly treat stormwater in the Town Center Area and explore redevelopment of the 1705 Route 128 property. Through this project, Westford hopes to not only generate a more resilient solution, but also look at alternatives for the culvert draining the Common to reduce erosion/sedimentation and phosphorus discharge into the Browns River and to advance the redevelopment possibilities of the 1705 Rte 128 Property, which is also a brownfield site.

The Selectboard recently adopted the proposed amendment to the Westford Land Use & Development Regulations at its June 10th meeting. The new regulations are in immediate effect. The document is being finalized and will be available on the town website or in hard copy for viewing or purchase at the town office in the next few weeks.

When Vermont lifted the state of emergency it also lifted some of the open meeting law provisions that were put in place during the pandemic. The town is evaluating virtual and in person meeting formats and identifying what this will look like in the future. In the meantime, the Planning Commission will hold regular meetings both virtually and in person. This is subject to change once a final determination is in place. We will continue to post meeting times and places in advance with the meeting agenda.

Our regularly scheduled meetings are generally held the 1st and 3rd Mondays of the month via Zoom, please join us. For any planning related questions reach out to our Town Planner, Melissa Manka at planner@westfordvt.us.

Respectfully submitted, Westford Planning Commission

Subscribe to the Town Newsletter

If you would like to receive a copy of the Town Newsletter by email, send an email to townclerk@westfordvt.us with your name (required), email address (required) and address (optional). To view current and past newsletters visit: <https://westfordvt.us/documents/newsletters/> If you do not have access to the Internet or have a computer, you can call the Town Office at 878-4587 to request being added to the mailing list.

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1717 VERMONT ROUTE 128, WESTFORD VT 05494

The Library continues to reopen for in-person visits:
Starting July 1 - we will be open for all our regularly
scheduled hours!

No appointments are necessary.

There is no more curbside service. Please contact Bree at
the library for special circumstances.



Fourth of July Book Sale - 9am-1pm
\$5 per bag of books
Bring your own bag!
Proceeds benefit special library projects.



We need help setting up (June 3 at 2pm) and
cleaning up (July 4 at 1pm) - let Bree know if
you are able to volunteer.



I know it's Summer, but do
you have a Fall program idea?
I'd love to hear it now so we
can plan for a great fall of
programming. Also looking
for artists to display art for fall
and winter.



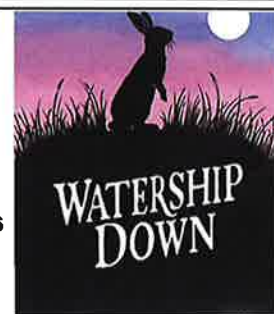
Creating colorful collaborations, one sticker at a time.

Have you seen our giant mo-
osaic? I wonder what it is?!
Every time you come to the
library you can work on our
sticker mosaic! Get a strip of
stickers to place every visit.

Building is OPEN to patrons:

Wednesdays 1-7pm
Thursdays 10am-7pm
Fridays 1-7pm
Saturdays 10am-2pm

Adult Book Group
Wednesday
July 21
7:00-8:00pm
On the Common
Watership Down
By: Richard Adams



A worldwide bestseller for
more than forty years,
Watership Down is the
compelling tale of a band
of wild rabbits struggling to hold onto their place
in the world—"a classic yarn of discovery and
struggle" (*The New York Times*). Richard Adams's
Watership Down is a timeless classic and one of the
most beloved novels of all time. Set in the Hampshire
Downs in Southern England, an idyllic rural land-
scape, this stirring tale of "suspense, hot pursuit, and
derring-do" (*Chicago Tribune*) follows a band of rab-
bits in flight from the incursion of man and the de-
struction of their home. Led by a stouthearted pair of
brothers, they travel forth from their native Sand-
leford warren through harrowing trials to a mysterious
promised land and a more perfect society. "A marvel-
ous story of rebellion, exile, and survival" (*Sunday
Telegraph*) this is an unforgettable literary classic for
all ages (Amazon.com) **Print copies avail-
able at the library. Audiobook on
Libby. We will be meeting on the
Common - bring your own chair. If
the weather is bad, we will meet
inside the library.**

Outside Early Literacy Storytime - Birth to Pre-School

Every Thursday at 11:30am on the Common

7/1/21: Theme: Farm Animals
7/15/21: Theme: Guinea Pigs

7/8/21: Theme: Jungle Animals
7/22/21: Theme: Chickens

7/29/21: Theme: Rabbits

Bring a blanket and your lunch (or grab one from school by 11:15). We will sing songs, read
stories, move and have fun! If weather is bad, storytime will be cancelled.
Crafts can be picked up as well.



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programs to meet the informational, educational, and recreational needs of the Westford community.

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July Library Events

- * July 1 - Last day to sign up to ride the Fourth of July float (those entering 1st grade and up)
- * July 1 - Float Building - 4:30-6:30pm
- * July 2 - All about Snakes - 4:30-5:30pm
- * July 4- Fourth of July Book Sale 9am-1pm - \$5 per bag of books - bring your own bag!
- * July 4 - Parade 11am - Twice around the Common!
- * July 7 - Bob the Reading Tortoise 5:30-6:30pm
- * July 8 - Watercolor art with MC Baker 4:30-5:30 for the little kids, 6-7pm for those 4th grade and up, sign up required.
- * July 9 - Animal Yoga with Doris 4:30-5:30pm
- * July 14 - Bob the Reading Tortoise 5:30-6:30pm
- * July 15 - K-9 Dogs with Dave Dewey 4:30-5:30pm
- * July 16 - BristleBots - 2 sessions, sign up required 4:30-5:30 and 6-7pm
- July 21- Adult Book group 7-8pm on the Common - discussing Watership Down
- * July 22 - Pet Rocks with MC Baker 4:30-6:30pm
- * July 23 - All about Horses 4:30-5:30pm
- * July 24 - Pet Picture Necklaces 10:30-Noon
- * July 29 - Pet Picture Necklaces 4:30-6:30
- * July 30 - Folded Book Hedgehogs 4:30-6:30pm
- * July 31 - Folded Book Hedgehogs 10:30-Noon

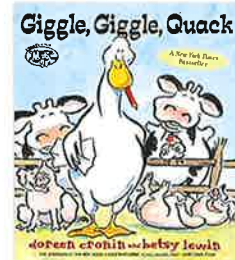
Storytime every Thursday 11:30 on the Common, cancelled if weather is bad

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.

Story Walk on the school trails

Enjoy "Giggle Giggle, Quack" on the school trails. We will switch the story out in August for another great animal tale.



Poetry Walk - Enjoy animal themed poetry posted along the Schultz Trail. The Schultz Trail is located at the end of Old #11 Road and Machia Hill Rd.

FREE/DISCOUNTED SUMMER FUN!

Passes are available for a 3 day check out
Passes may not be reserved - passes are on a first come first served basis.

- Vermont State Parks (FREE family day use)
- Vermont Historic Sites (FREE family pass)
- Shelburne Farms (FREE family pass)
- Shelburne Museum (1/2 price entrance)
- ECHO Center (\$7/person)
- Birds of Vermont Museum (BOGO)
- American Precision Museum (Windsor, VT) (FREE family pass)
- Vermont History Museum (FREE family pass)
- Lake Champlain Maritime Museum (pass not needed this season - free admission for all)
- NEW! VINS (\$5 per person up to 4 people)
- NEW! Fairbanks Museum (FREE Family pass)



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
 www.westfordpubliclibrary.org 878-5639 westfordpubliclibrary@gmail.com

*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

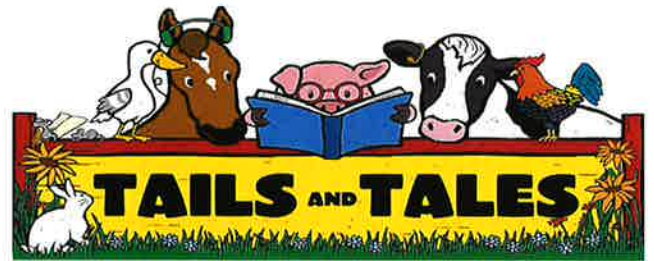
Ages 3-8 (kids) - 10 books read per raffle ticket

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.



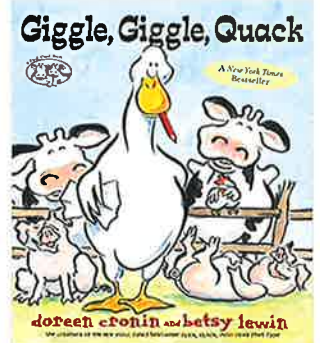
NO STORYTIME on 6/17 or 8/5

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

June 12 - "Petting Zoo" & SRP materials (Logs, stickers, etc. plus a creamee coupon from Sweet Clover Market) 10:30-12:30 - Pet goats, lizards, snakes, cats, & more! You can also pickup SRP materials anytime after June 12 at the library.

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

June 24 - Owl Pellets - drop in 4:30-6:30pm - We will be dissecting REAL owl pellets - super cool way to learn about owls!

June 26 - Owl Pellets - drop in 10:30-Noon - We will be dissecting REAL owl pellets - super cool way to learn about owls!

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 - just come and explore the farm, pet the animals, bring a picnic! Boots recommended, 247 Mears Rd. Milton, VT - Rain date 6/29

***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**



Tails & TALES

JULY 2021 NEWSLETTER

WESTFORD RECREATION DEPARTEMENT

UPCOMING EVENTS

JULY

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

7/6 Recreation Board Meeting
7pm @ Town Common Gazebo



Join us on the Town Common To Celebrate!

***THERE IS STILL TIME
to register for
summer programs!***

***Complete the
registration form
TODAY!***

Questions? Email us.

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

July 12 - August 9

- \$50 Basketball Clinic (Grades 3-8) Mondays 5:30-6:30pm

FALL SOCCER COACHES NEEDED * PLEASE EMAIL IF YOU ARE INTERESTED

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 MENU offers plated chicken and pork meals, burgers, pizza by the slice, hot dogs, corn on the cob, and sides

Volunteers Needed!!!!

Please contact Tonya
recreation@westfordvt.us



Westford Country Store & Cafe

4th of July Menu

Plated

- * Smoked Chicken Legs with a side of your choice
(Coleslaw or Potato salad).....\$10.00/ea
- * BBQ Pork Dinner with a side of your choice
(Coleslaw or Potato salad).....\$10.00/ea

Wagyu Hamburgers

- * Burger.....\$9.00/ea
- * Cheeseburger.....\$10.00/ea

Pizza by the Slice

- * Cheese.....\$3.00/ea
- * Pepperoni.....\$4.00/ea

Bites

- * Hot Dogs.....\$3.00/ea
- * Roasted Corn on the Cob.....\$3.00/ea

Sides

- * Coleslaw.....\$3.00/ea
- * Potato Salad.....\$3.00/ea

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-430pm.

Registration Fee \$20.00

K & 1st Grade

Tuesdays 6/22-7/27. 445pm-530pm

Registration Fee \$20.00

Grades 2-4

Tuesdays @ 545pm-645pm 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-830pm

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/>

Summer Recreation Basketball Clinic

Come have fun learning and improving at the game of Basketball with Coach Greg Eckman. Whether you are new to the game or looking to build on your skills please join us for a 60 minute training session Mondays at the Westford Elementary outdoor basketball courts. We will spend the first 45 minutes working on basketball skills and then play games for the final 15 minutes.

Please make sure to bring a water bottle and an outdoor ball if you have one. If not, we will have extra balls.

Mondays July 12th-August 9th

Westford Elementary outdoor basketball courts

5:30pm-6:30pm

Registration Fee \$50.00

Registration due by July 5th

Grades 3-8, Co-Ed

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WESTFORD RECREATION FALL SOCCER

PREK-K	\$35.00
GRADES 1-2	\$45.00
GIRLS GRADES 3-4	\$45.00
BOYS GRADES 3-4	\$45.00

3/4 and 5/6 Players will need to have shin guards and cleats

PreK, K and 1-2 cleats and shin guards recommended.

Practice days will be determined based on the coaches availability.

Seeking Volunteer Coaches;

Our programs are only possible thanks to the dedication of volunteers

Please reach out if you are interested

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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.

We Need Coaches! Our programs are possible thanks to the dedication of volunteers – LIKE YOU! Are you interested in being a Coach? Yes! Maybe? Send me more info.

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?
- 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 exceed 100.4 F ?

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

Maintain social distancing, whenever possible.

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

Shared program equipment will be sanitized between sessions. Hand sanitizer will be available.

Wash your hands before and after programs.

Masks are NOT required for outdoor programs for children under 12, or those 12+ that are vaccinated.

COVID-19 restrictions are constantly changing. Please adhere to the CDC and Vermont State Guidelines.

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.



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 eggshells make a great addition to your pile. For best decomposition, your pile should be 1/4th browns and 3/4^{ths} 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-10491883811423>



News from the Westford Historical Society

Some of you may have noticed a building permit on the town common - 10 Common Road to be exact. This is the future site of the Westford Historical Society and a dream “coming” true for members who have worked on this project for quite some time. The building will be a replica of a blacksmith shop that stood on this spot in the 1800's. There is much work left to do but we hope to break ground by early August. Once completed we will be able to display many of the artifacts now in storage that tell the history of our town. And we will be able to take more donations to display since storage space has been an issue.

You may see folks starting to clean up and ready the site. We have a tentative work date set for July 10th at 9:00 a.m. We welcome any and all help.

Stay tuned for more details here in Westford's monthly newsletters.



From the **Westford Common Hall**

The Westford Common Hall (WCH) is making progress towards the vision of becoming a landmark assembly space committed to growing community spirit.

We hope you were able to enjoy the Artisan POP-UP event this past weekend. It was exciting to have local artisans filling the sanctuary. The POP-UP Shops are continuing on Saturday July 10th and August 28, from 11AM - 3PM. If you would like to be a vendor, please contact Jenny Hughes <http://moxiemamahughes@gmail.com>

WCH is open for other events as well. We now have mounted casters on all of the pews so that they can be rolled into a variety of seating configurations, thanks to the handiwork of Rich Staab. This will allow us to accommodate a variety of activities. The Music Series will be starting again soon. if you have an idea for an event or if you're interested in holding a life celebration, contact us at info@westfordcommonhall.org

We continue to reimagine the many potential uses of the space. An energy 'trifecta' of weatherization, heat pump, and solar array is the plan to replace the old oil burning furnace which is in demise. Grant writing and other fund-raising efforts will continue for this effort along with the need for exterior painting, window restoration and some creative solutions we have for ADA accessibility. Efforts to clean out the second floor are beginning and with WIFI coming soon, the WCH will entertain rental of that space for business or studio work. Contact us if you have ideas for use of this space. We look forward to hearing from you!



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 will 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.

Please note the following updated band listings:

July 11 – Christine Malcolm & The Beautiful People

Christine's dirty blondes were not all available so she's bringing some beautiful people instead, including Rudy Dauth (Chad Hollister Band), Franny Forim (Beg, Steal, or Borrow), and Hank Clark (Heavy Nettles). Americana folk with a new grass feel. Check out <https://christinemalcolm.com> for more band info and samples

July 18 – Blues For Breakfast

Mr. Charlie and Blues For Breakfast are a Vermont institution by now. A freewheelin' set of classic American rock in the Grateful Dead tradition. Never the same show twice. Westford's first revived 2021 Farmer's Market will also be happening before and during the show and the band may be planning some extra activities as well. Check them out at www.bluesforbreakfast.com for more info.

August 1 – RAIN DATE

This rain date may be used for a special concert still in the works if unused. Things are still in the formative stages but check next month's newsletter for exciting update.

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WESTFORD SUMMER CONCERTS – 2021 (continued)

August 8 – Mr. Chris and Friends

VT PBS award winning TV music series for the younger audience is coming to Westford. Think a Vermont Mr. Rogers that lives on a Vermont farm and sings about it. New second series of shows just released. Check out <https://www.musicforsprouts.com> for sample tunes and more.

August 15 – VT Bluegrass Pioneers

The Starline Rhythm Boys are sidelined for this season, so we are bringing one of Danny Coane's other stellar projects to town. This is the real deal for bluegrass at it's classic best. With Banjo Dan Lindner, Matt Flinner (mandolin), and Sam Blagden (bass) backing, this is as solid a traditional bluegrass outfit you could find in Vermont. Remember the days of fiddle and banjo contests once again. For more info check out <http://www.skyblueboys.com/pioneers> and <http://www.mattflinner.com>

August 22 – Erin Harpe Country Blues Duo

Award winning Boston based blues diva and rocker puts aside her electric axe for some back country, back porch acoustic style of finger picking delightfulness. Back by partner Jim Countryman on acoustic bass, you can sip some southern comfort and spend an hour on the Mississippi delta. For more info check out: <https://www.erinharpe.com>

August 29 – RAIN DATE



Come join our online gifting community at the **NEW** "Buy Nothing Westford, VT" Facebook page. The Buy Nothing Project is international and really neat! Not only does it help to share physical resources amongst neighbors, but it also helps build community by connecting people with similar interests (Looking for a chess buddy!) and needs (GAH! Ran out of eggs for the cookies and it's 9pm! Anyone have 2 eggs I can come grab?). It is a gifting and sharing resource, no money is exchanged.

Enter this link into your web browser bit.ly/3oVR7sk or search Facebook for "Buy Nothing Westford, VT".

You can also find a direct link on the Westford town website under About > Helpful Community Links.

Questions? Knorth102@gmail.com

Thanks!
Kathleen Porter



CHAIR SALE

TO BENEFIT THE WESTFORD
BRICK MEETING HOUSE
RESTORATION EFFORT

OWN A PIECE OF HISTORY!

The Brick Meeting House Society (BMHS) will be selling a limited number of its wooden chairs this summer. These chairs date back to the earlier part of the previous century and are looking for new homes. They will sell for \$40 each, with proceeds from the sale going directly to the renovation of the BMH main hall floor. A limited number of chairs will be for sale at the July 4TH event, as well as at the July 31ST music event in town.

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.

WESTSTOCK - COMING JULY 31

We are happy to announce a special fundraising concert event to benefit improvements to the Red Brick Meeting House. This will be a special night of music from 6-9 pm, maybe a little longer, taking place at the gazebo at the Westford Common, just like a typical Sunday night concert. The idea was conceived from the great response we have been getting from the Red Brick Coffee House, especially since moving outdoors during the Covid restrictions given to indoor events. Many talented Westford folk have been attending these open mics over the last few years and we'd like to take the opportunity to share this talent with the greater public as well. This special "all-star" rendition of the coffee house will feature a "house" band with numerous special guest artists coming up on stage to lend a hand at some great down home home-made live music. Think of this as Westford's version of The Last Waltz, which was the last official concert The Band did and made a movie to record the event. Only this time we are celebrating the last of the restrictions for music events due to Covid-19. We are calling it **Weststock**.

The Red Brick Meeting House has been the home of the Westford Red Brick Coffee House, which has been running for the last 5 years. This gem of a building and now a heritage of Westford public spaces needs some TLC and basic maintenance to keep it sound and operating for the future. This last year has restricted operations at the building, preventing typical streams of income for maintenance (and even just basic heat and electricity). We are hoping this event can raise some needed funds and give the town a great night of entertainment as well. We expect to have many styles of music to present, from classical guitar and singer songwriter, to blues, country, and rock oriented presentations. There should be something for everyone to like. Some of the projects we'd like to get going at the building are refinishing the floor, adding a sound system, some exterior painting, and restoring a back porch that the building used to have at the door leading to the kitchen area, but was removed years ago for whatever reason.

We are asking for donations for this event, though it will be freely presented in the format of the Sunday night shows, only on a Saturday night. Some sort of funding site will be set up shortly for people to buy "tickets" on line in advance (or even during the show now that there is WiFi available at the Common). A tip bucket will be also present for any last minute contributions. There will also be a sale of many of the old wooden seats that were used at the building but have been put aside and replaced by the folding chairs and racking system now in place. You can own a piece of history and help our cause at the same time. Chairs will be available for sale starting right after the July 4th parade and at this event.

Look for more information to come via Front Porch Forum or posted at the bulletin boards at the Library and Town Office. Thank you all in advance for supporting this event. It should be fantastic.

