



WESTFORD NEWSLETTER

December 2021



HAPPY HOLIDAYS!

The **Red-bellied Woodpecker** lives in mixed forests and is a predator of the invasive emerald ash borer, removing 85% of borer larvae from a single tree. They have loud calls and are more easily seen in winter when leaves are sparse.

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TOWN OFFICE NOTES

Selectboard FY'23 Budget Workshops

The Selectboard began working on the FY'23 Budget in October, Upcoming workshops will be held on:

- 12/9

If needed, additional meetings will be held. The Board encourages residents to attend these meetings to provide feedback to assist the Board in developing a budget to be voted on in March 2022.

Senior Luncheon

The Senior Luncheon will be on December 13th at 11:30 at the Red Brick Meeting House on the Common. All seniors are welcome. Please join us for our Christmas get-together and a home cooked meal with baked ham. If you need a ride, please call me at 802-878-3090 or Beth Menut at 802-893-2263. We had a good turnout in November, but our numbers are down from previous years. We have had two new families joining and as always, I want more. If you have a neighbor or friends that are from Westford that aren't coming, please contact them and see if they would like to join us as we celebrate Christmas. We always welcome guest, so if you have family or friends visiting, by all means, bring them with you. I also hear people say they don't feel like they are seniors yet, they still can cook their meals, they're active and the list keeps going. However, this is so much more than just a meal. You get to see people that you haven't seen in years. It's just getting together to visit with others and the meal is a bonus. Although, I have to say, there are some darn good cooks living in this town. This is the month to come. We all wear masks, and the set-up crew does a great job of putting tables in small groups. I want to wish everyone a very Merry Christmas and hope everyone's Christmas is special. I also hope to wish you Merry Christmas in person.

Carol Howrigan 878-3090 or carolfrank2@comcast.net

Newsletter Deadline

The deadline for the January Newsletter is 12:00 noon on Monday, December 27th.

TOWN OFFICE HOURS

The Town Office is open to the public! The office is open:

- Monday-Thursday, 8:30am-4pm
- Friday, 8:30am-1pm

The Town Office is **CLOSED**:

- December 23 & 24 – Winter Holiday
- December 31 – New Years

Masks are required for unvaccinated people.



WINTER IS HERE!



What you need to know about winter road conditions

- **Plowing:** begins when the snow has accumulated 2-3 inches. Each plow route takes the road crew about 4 hours to complete.
- **Sand:** applied to all gravel roads. Some particles may be large enough to cause windshield damage. Use caution and avoid following other vehicles closely.
- **Mailboxes:** Westford does NOT repair or replace mailboxes damaged by the plow.
- **Plowing Across Town Roads:** plowing snow from driveways across town roads is prohibited.

Read the full Winter Road Policy here: <https://westfordvt.us/wp-content/uploads/2014/09/Winter-Road-Policy.pdf>

Reminders:

- Each winter storm is different, roads may be icy and sand may be loose. Drive slow and know what your vehicle is capable of.
- Watch for walkers and wildlife. It will be more difficult to see pedestrians and recreational users of roads this time of year due to snowbanks. Walkers, bikers and other users can do their part by wearing bright, reflective clothing.
- Some VAST trails cross Westford Roads. Know where the trails are and watch for crossing snowmobiles. You can find a list of VAST trails here: <https://vtvast.org/trails.html>
- Several hunting seasons occur during early winter. Watch for vehicles parked on the side of roads for hunting access. Pedestrians & pets should wear orange/yellow reflective clothing during hunting seasons to help ensure they are seen. You can find a list of VT hunting seasons here: <https://vtfishandwildlife.com/hunt/hunting-and-trapping-seasons>



NEW SECURE DROP BOX

The town office has installed a new secure drop box to help residents conduct town business at all hours! The **white metal drop box** is to the left of the office front door and accessible from both the ramp and stairs. Use the box to drop off tax payments, dog license payments, recreation payments and more!

Please note that this replaces our old drop box slot that is to the left of the door. Please avoid placing anything in the old drop box, we have put a sign over the slot to help you.

-Town Office Staff

KEEPING THE WESTFORD COMMON CLEAN

The town has noticed an increase in dog waste left on the Common. In our efforts to help keep this wonderful green space clean and sanitary, we have installed a **dog waste bag dispenser** on the Common near the parking lot across from the Westford Country Store and Café. Note that this is a bag dispenser ONLY and is not a waste receptacle.

Please feel free to use the bags provided and thank you for keeping Westford a clean!





WESTFORD CONSERVATION COMMISSION NEWS & REMINDERS

SCHOOL TRAILS: Snow sports are on the horizon! Winter trail etiquette for all users:

- Do not use the trails when conditions are too soft.
- The trails are multidirectional. Be aware of oncoming trail users.
- Do not ride, ski, snowshoe, or walk on/over the classic cross-country skiing tracks.
- Walkers and snowshoers please walk on the corduroy-groomed side of the trail (with no classic tracks), for your safety and the safety of other users.
- Keep dogs off cross-country skiing tracks and always under control.

Look forward to more events this winter:

- Moonlight snowshoe
- Winter forest ecology walk
- Cross-country ski lessons at Misty Meadows



MAPLE SHADE TOWN FOREST TRAILS: Please be aware of active forest management while enjoying Maple Shade Town Forest this winter!

It is a stated goal of the Westford Town Lands ([2019](#)) to maintain a diverse and healthy forest, in addition to promoting the health of wetlands, meadows, and natural communities present. The management strategies employed for Maple Shade Town Forest shall seek to promote the health of complete forest ecosystems and the myriad services they provide, especially emphasizing the maintenance of vibrant, abundant habitat for wildlife.

Active forest management through the harvesting of trees will occur in Maple Shade Town Forest this winter in accordance with the forest management plan written by County Forester Ethan Tapper which was adopted by the Westford Select Board and approved by the Vermont Land Trust. Forest management in the Maple Shade Town Forest will seek to actively encourage the growth of healthy, high-quality trees and diverse wildlife habitat conditions.

TRAILS: Please let us know if you see downed trees or other required maintenance to any of the trails. Email us at westfordcc@googlegroups.com

You can find the Westford Trail Guide on our town page at: <https://westfordvt.us/boards/conservation-commission/>

DONATIONS: The WCC is funded in part by donations. We have tried to do our best with the trails during the pandemic, since getting outside for a walk was often the only thing anyone could do! If you appreciate our efforts and would like to help fund our work, please send a donation to:

Westford Conservation Commission 1713 VT RT. 128
Westford, VT 05494

Thank you!



<https://m.facebook.com/WestfordCC/>



https://www.instagram.com/westford_cc/

ATTENTION DOG LOVERS

The Town of Westford is looking for someone who is interested in serving as **Dog Warden**. What is a Dog Warden? A Dog Warden is a person who helps dog owners comply with the Westford Dog Ordinance.

Qualifications: A love for dogs, the ability to communicate effectively and a location to bring dogs until they can be reunited with their owner to name a few. You may think you need a kennel to be a Dog Warden. This is not the case. However, a stray dog does need to be kept in a healthy environment until it is reunited with its owner. A healthy environment includes shelter, food, water, and a suitable area for them to relieve themselves.

The Dog Warden position receives an annual stipend of \$500 and there are funds available for training, supplies and mileage. The Town also has a doghouse that can be utilized. If you would like more information on helping your community by serving in this position, please contact the Town Office at 878-4587 or townclerk@westfordvt.us. Westford residency is preferred by not required.

FROM THE DESK OF THE FIRE WARDEN

Once again snow season is upon us and very shortly the ground will be covered with the cold white stuff. As most of you know Vermont does not require a Burn Permit as long as the ground is covered with snow. After the first snow I will not be monitoring the weather or the system until the snow melts in the upcoming warm weather. The burn system will remain open so that I ask that you please continue to take out permits because it helps our Fire Department determine if either a fire or a controlled burn is going on in a particular area.

Although burn permits are not required during snow season nothing else changes. What you can and cannot burn and where you can burn remains the same. If you have any questions pertaining to your burn please call me at 879-1231. At this time I would like to wish all my friends and neighbors a very Happy Holiday and a Safe and Healthy New Year.

Thank You • Dennis L. Angiono, Westford Fire Warden

WESTFORD MUSIC SERIES

Fall Program

Free Concerts at the Westford Common Hall
4pm – 5pm

- **December 19** – Carol Ann Jones & Will Patton



WESTFORD MUSIC SERIES *PRESENTS*

CAROL ANN JONES & WILL PATTON



AMERICAN STYLE DUO

-free will donation-

4 PM: WESTFORD COMMON HALL
SUNDAY: DECEMBER 19, 2021

Vermont artist Carol Ann Jones and Will Patton will perform a variety of popular and country music. Carol Ann Jones brings a wonderful mix of vocals and strings performing both original and classic music "American Style".

She is being joined by Will Patton the multi-talented composer, instrumentalist who for the past thirty years has been in demand as a jazz band player and mandolin playing his original compositions and old favorites.

Concert open to the public. Masks Required. Call Mike Kirick, 802-363-0930, 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: WINTER

- Low humidity and winter winds can dry out your pile, water compost pile sparingly on a day when it won't immediately freeze.
- Turn your compost as frequently as possible, BUT do not attempt to turn when frozen,
- Add green scraps in large quantities. For compost to be fed properly it needs the nitrogen of green ingredients.

Don't want to trudge outside in the snow to compost? Here are some ways you can store compost inside longer before bringing it out to the pile or to a drop off center:

<https://dec.vermont.gov/sites/dec/files/wmp/SolidWaste/Documents/Universal-Recycling/Managing-food-scraps-in-the-kitchen.pdf>

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>



PLANNING COMMISSION NEWS

Town Revitalization and Form-Based Code

Based on current investigations, the fields at the Jackson farm have the capacity to manage 12,600 gallons per day for the proposed Community Wastewater Project. Of this capacity, about 20% is needed for existing civic and public buildings such as the Town Office, Town Library, Red Brick Meeting House, and Common Hall. Another 50-60% is needed for private property owners who have expressed interest in connecting to (and helping to pay for) the community system. This leaves a small amount of capacity available for “revitalization” of the Town Center.

What does revitalization mean? First and more importantly, revitalization does not only mean new development. A community system can provide property owners – including the Town -- with more flexibility in how they use their property. Revitalization can be as simple as a property owner adding a mother-in-law apartment to care for elderly parents, starting a home business, or even growing a garden where an unsightly mound might otherwise be. A community system can also allow a small café to expand seating or hours with a simple allocation, rather than a major capital investment.

Not having wastewater capacity does not prevent new development; however, it does significantly limit what types of development can happen. There are a number of uses that require little capacity-- – namely dry good retail, office uses, and storage/warehousing – and could be constructed on some larger lots in the Town Center without a community wastewater system. But, these types of construction don’t match the character that Vermont small town centers are known for, nor do they add value to our community in the ways that Westford residents have asked for – with uses such as community gathering spaces, cafes and restaurants, food preparation, and childcare -- The types of uses that residents have said they’d like to see require more capacity than a typical residential home and would face significant challenges without a community wastewater system.

Given these factors and recognizing the importance to have the Westford Common area look and feel like a rural Vermont town center, it is important to have tools to shape how new development occurs. In 2016, the Town of Westford adopted a “Form Based Code” for the Town Center area.

A form-based code is defined as **“a land development regulation that fosters predictable built results and a high-quality public realm by using physical form (rather than separation of uses) as the organizing principle for the code.”** It includes detailed, specific standards for new development rather than subjective legal language open to interpretation. By structuring the regulations as an instruction manual tailored for the unique characteristics of the community, a form-based code can be more accessible to property owners and local businesses, while discouraging large scale formula development.

Westford’s Form Based Code is designed to reflect the unique character of Westford’s Common. The standards found in the form-based code were developed over several years based on significant input from the community as well as review of historic photos of the Town Center. Some standards include maximum building footprints, requirements for window openings and breaks in building bays to prevent the appearance of blank walls facing the Common, and roof pitches that reflect the rooflines of existing buildings such as the Library. An important requirement of Westford’s Form Based Code is that new multi-family and commercial buildings must include elements such as front porches that soften their bulk from the main road.

A form-based code is **not** same as “design review” found in some larger communities and resort towns. While form-based code does provide standards for the design of buildings, it does not mandate certain kinds of building materials, colors, or textures. Westford’s form-based code ensures that any new building in the Town Center honors the area’s historic character, while providing property owners flexibility to use modern building techniques and technologies such as energy efficient windows.

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The Westford Country Store and Café was the first major test of the new Form Based Code. While the building is larger than some others in the area (the footprint is approximately 2,500 square feet), the porch, peaked roof with gable end facing the Common, and orientation facing the Common help it “fit” into the Common. A second test is currently underway with the Westford Historical Society’s new museum and visitors center. Prior to adoption of the Form Based Code, this building would not have been possible under the traditional zoning, despite being a replica of a historic structure.

An understanding of the factors and considerations that go into planning will help us create a shared understanding of development, revitalization, and future planning for our town’s specific needs. Our goals are to listen, guide and help Westford residents shape a future for the town that preserves rural character and provides opportunities for appropriately sized growth in order to create a lasting place for all who live and work here. For more about the Town’s Form Based Code, visit: <https://westfordvt.us/documents/planning-zoning/>

NEWS FROM THE WASTEWATER OUTREACH COMMITTEE

During the week of November 14th, additional engineering investigations were conducted on the north-east section of Maple Shade Forest. Previous investigations used an excavator that can only reach approximately 14 feet deep. The new work included installing four new soil borings to further refine subsurface properties such as depth to bedrock and groundwater elevation. New monitoring wells were installed in the borings and further assessment of ground water will be conducted. This investigation work is 100% grant funded.

We asked the Consulting Engineer, Amy Macrellis of Stone Environmental, what she finds interesting about working in this section of Westford. This was her response:

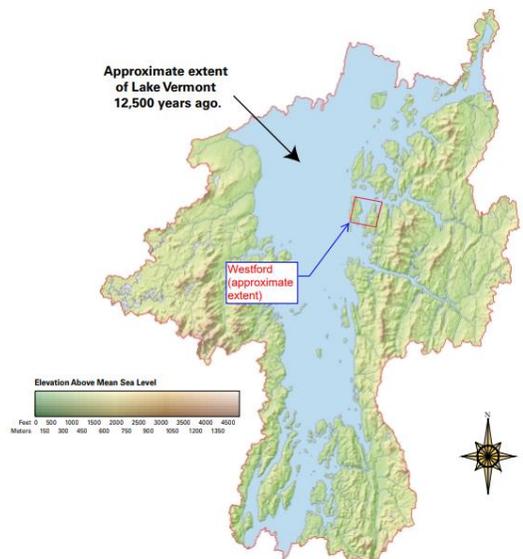
“What I love about the Maple Shade site is that it was once lakeshore property! Unfortunately for the Westford Town Common, it was under the lake...~13,500 years ago. The departing glaciers first gave Westford Glacial Lake Vermont, then took it away in stages as the ice sheets retreated north.

The Lake Vermont shores were relatively high-energy - think about the waves you might see on the modern Lake Champlain shoreline on a blustery day. Today, where those shores were, we see sands, gravels, and lots of nice bedding structures, all found during last week’s boring. On the map (top right of this article), I marked where Westford was relative to the full extents of Lake Vermont, so you can maybe get some sense of how big Lake Vermont was... and for a cool (to me) animation created by Vermont DEC of how the glacial lakes formed and retreated, check out <https://www.facebook.com/watch/?v=492996508035516>

On Sunday, November 21st, Westford residents were able to visit an existing in-ground leach field near Hillside Lane, off of North Road in Westford. This system has a similar capacity as the one proposed on Maple Shade. We want to thank the residents of Hillside Lane for allowing us to visit. We also want to thank Marty Scanlon and Terry Bosworth for taking time to share their perspectives of their community system and especially R.J. Moore for providing technical background and expertise to help answer questions from those present. More information about their community system can be found at <https://www.wfd1.org/>

THE LAKE CHAMPLAIN BASIN ATLAS

Geology - Lake Vermont



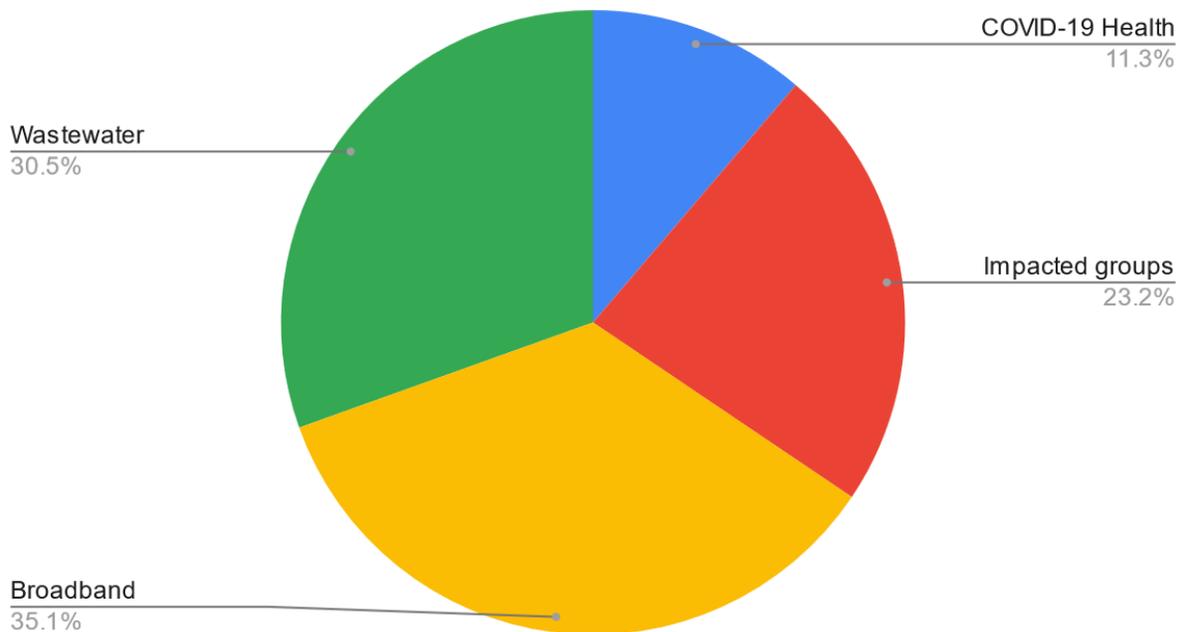
ARPA COMMUNITY SURVEY RESULTS

Thank you to all those who filled out the ARPA Committee's survey. The main purpose of this survey was to gauge the community's priorities when it comes to spending Westford's ARPA funds. To be as transparent as possible, we would like to share the results.

Of the 152 surveys completed, here is what people chose as their top priority:

- Invest in necessary improvements to broadband and digital infrastructure - 53
- Invest in necessary improvements in infrastructure relating to water and wastewater (sewer) - 46
- Address negative economic impacts to low-income groups, individuals, families and non-profits affected by the pandemic- 35
- Support health expenditures directly related to the COVID-19 pandemic- 18

Top Priority for ARPA Spending



We appreciate all the thoughts and ideas expressed in the survey. The board will consider your input in their deliberations. We would like to remind the community that ARPA funds come with federal restrictions, funds must be spent in a manner that meets ARPA guidelines. The select board is not able to spend these funds on whatever it wants. For example, the select board may not use these funds to lower taxes or fix roads.

We look forward to further community engagement in the New Year. We hope you continue to stay involved in this process. The ARPA Committee is working on finalizing the formal submission forms and associated rubric for projects.

You can find additional information about Westford's ARPA Committee including members, agendas, and minutes here: <https://westfordvt.us/arpa-american-rescue-plan-act-information/>

WESTFORD PUBLIC LIBRARY

<https://westfordpubliclibrary.org>

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westfordpubliclibrary@gmail.com

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Book Giving Trees Are Up - Dec. 1

Choose a star from one of our book giving trees. Each star contains the name of a book that the Library would like to have. Books can be dedicated to a special person or family. Purchase the book anywhere, or Phoenix Books (any location) will give patrons 20% off the book if you bring in the star. **Books will stay at Phoenix if purchased there.**



Purchase/deliver books by January 19. Thank you!



"Yoga Basics - an Introduction for Newbies" with Doris Bittruf Tuesday, December 7 at 9am

Wanted to know more about yoga? Too intimidated to join a class? This is the class for you! Doris will start with a brief

introduction into the philosophy, history, and benefits of yoga. Then she will lead the group through a breathing exercise and a series of basic poses. Participation in the exercises is encouraged, but you are welcome to just watch. This event also has an online option – contact the library for more information. Extra mats are available if you need one. **All you need to do is breathe.**

Brown Bag Lunch Series: Preparing for an Emergency Tuesday, December 14 at Noon

Bring your lunch & learn something new!

Are you prepared for an emergency such as natural disaster?

Winter is just around the corner and this workshop will prepare you for tips and tricks to stay safe during the winter season.

Helen Sterling, Westford's Interim Emergency Management Coordinator, will present several recommendations for Emergency Planning for you and your loved ones.



Building is OPEN to patrons:

Tuesdays 10am-7pm

Wednesdays 1-7pm

Thursdays 10am-7pm

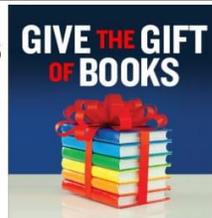
Fridays 1-7pm

Saturdays 10am-2pm

CLOSED 12/24, 12/25, 12/31 & 1/1

Adult Book Group Wed. December 16 7:00-8:00pm

**via Zoom
Gift the Gift of
Books!**



This month we will share favorite reads, find new authors, and just talk for an hour about books!

Come prepared to talk about three book suggestions for the group and you will walk away with a bulked up Winter reading list. I also challenge you to read a book, for this meeting, that you have wanted to and have been putting off. Anyone is welcome to attend, even if you just listen for good ideas. We will share the list with the community.

Link to the zoom meeting will be posted on FPF, Facebook, and sent to regular book club members.

Early Literacy Storytime - Birth to Pre-School - Every Thursday at 11:15am INSIDE the Library

12/2/21: Theme: Snow

12/9/21: Theme: Penguins

12/16/21: Theme: Winter Holidays

12/23/21: Theme: Winter Holidays

12/29/31: Theme: Winter

We are moving back inside for the colder weather months. We require that all participants wear a mask (regardless of vaccination status). Children under two are exempt from this requirement. We will do our best to social distance. Crafts will be a blend of takeaways and in-person.

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December Library Events

December - all month events:

- Winter Story Hike "The Big Snow"
- Letters to Santa - mailbox at the library
- Book Giving Trees

- December 1 - Take and Make Craft - Snowman
- December 3 - Crazy 8's Grades K-2, 3-5pm
- December 7 - Yoga for Beginners with Doris 9am, in person and online options available
- December 8 - Take and Make Craft - Paper Chain ornament
- December 8 - Trustees Meeting 7pm
- December 10 - Crazy 8's Grades K-2, 3-5pm
- December 11 - Scrunchies Class 10:30-Noon, no experience needed, sign up required. All supplies provided. Ideal for older kids and adults
- December 14 - Brown Bag Lunch Series - Noon - Preparing for an Emergency with Helen Sterling
- December 15 - Take and Make Craft - Glittering Holiday Tea Light
- December 17 - Last day of Crazy 8's Grades K-2
- December 22 - Adult Book Group 7pm via Zoom, Give the Gift of Books
- December 24 - CLOSED
- December 25 - CLOSED
- December 31 - CLOSED
- January 1 - CLOSED

Storytime every Thursday 11:15 inside the library - masks required for all, regardless of vaccination status.

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

Take and Make Crafts Kits - New craft each week! Crafters of all ages are welcome to take a new holiday themed craft kit each week. Materials, pictures and instructions are included.



New kits offered every Wednesday - until they are gone.

Dec 1- Tea light snowman

Dec 8- Holiday paper chain ornament

Dec 15- Glittering holiday tea light



Bedtime Math's Crazy 8's Math Club!!!
Meets for 8 sessions - thru December 17
Grades K-2 - **THIS CLASS IS FULL!**
Bus transport provided from school (Bus #4), pickup at Library between 4:30-5:00pm
Masks are required for all participants.

Easy Crocheted Scrunchies!

Saturday, December 11 from 10:30-Noon
Presented by Vicky Ross

Don't know how to crochet? No problem! Learn to make these super easy and quick scrunchies out of velvety yarn - so soft and fun! These are easy and quick, you can make gifts for all your friends! We'll have helpers on hand to get you started. All supplies provided and you get to take home your own crochet hook!



Sign up required - Class limited to 10.

Ideal for all ages - Best suited to adults and teens/older tweens.

The Winter Trail Hike is up!

Enjoy this charming story about anticipating the first "big snow" of the season. Park in the front school parking lot and follow the signs from the kiosk. Enjoy a walk to and around the Misty Meadows trail. Please do not walk on groomed ski tracks.



Santa's Mailbox is Back at the Library!

Send a special note to the Big Guy and he'll respond! Special stationary available at the library or through Rec. Thank you to the Westford Recreation Dept. for providing this service!



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WESTFORD RECREATION DEPARTMENT

UPCOMING EVENTS

DECEMBER

12/7 Recreation Board Meeting
7pm @ Town Office & via Zoom

12/24 Christmas Dinner pick up
4-6p. @ Red Brick Meeting House

JANUARY

1/15 & 1/16 Broomball Tournament
@ Town Common Ice Rink



The **SANTA MAILBOX** is back again at the Library. Drop in a letter to Santa - with a return address if you'd like Santa to write back! The elves will bring the mailbox back to the North Pole on 12/19.



Thank You to all the runners, walkers, and trotters who attended the **Turkey Trot** last weekend.

We had **89 participants** and raised over **\$800**, thanks to your generous donations. We look forward to seeing you all again next year! Mark your calendars for

10am Saturday November 19th, 2022

WINTER PROGRAMS

- \$45 Women's Futsal @ Westford School Gym (dates/times TBD)
Two sessions: Nov-Feb & Feb-April (fee per session)
- \$10 Adult Pickup Basketball @ Westford School Gym
Weds. 7:30-9pm STARTS 9/29/21 until end of school year, excluding weeks the school is closed (fee for entire season)

DOOR DROP ACTIVITY KITS

- \$25 Gingerbread House Kit or Sugar Cookie Decorating Kit
Delivered to your doorstep on 12/27, the first Monday of School Winter Vacation Week. *Limited Quantities, Sign Up Now!*

*****ALL PROGRAMS are available via Scholarship*****
If you or your child would like to participate in a program, but are financially unable to, select 'Scholarship Program' in the payment section on the online registration form.

HAPPY HOLIDAYS



WOMEN'S FUTSAL

Contact the Westford Recreation Department with any questions.
recreation@westfordvt.us

Futsal is FIFA's official indoor soccer game which is, essentially, a scaled down version of outdoor soccer played indoors. It is a small sided game (5v5) played on a smaller field (roughly basketball court sized) with a smaller ball.

Session 1 Thursdays November 4- February 3

Session 2 Thursdays, February 3- April 21

\$45.00 per session, each session is 10 weeks, no play during school breaks.

Masks are required.

WHERE: WESTFORD SCHOOL GYM

WHEN: 730-9PM THURSDAYS

Register online

<https://forms.gle/1nPDEvP6FeoCxKGD6>

Link also available on the town website;

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



*The Westford Recreation Department's
Winter Fundraiser*

*Spend more time with family,
Let Chef Shawn Calley prepare
your Christmas dinner
sides and desserts!*

Pick up at the Red Brick Meeting House on December 24 from 4pm-6pm

Pay online at <https://westfordvt.us/payments/> or at time of pick up

Order online at <https://forms.gle/PYGPKyVsJEMSbF587>

a christmas dinner

<i>Glazed carrots</i>	<i>\$50.00 for sides and desserts for four.</i>
<i>Wild Rice Stuffed Squash</i>	
<i>Parmesan Garlic Herb Roasted Cauliflower</i>	<i>No substitutions</i>
<i>Roasted herb potatoes</i>	
<i>Cranberry Sausage Stuffing</i>	<i>Order deadline 12/17/2021</i>
<i>Honey Wheat Rolls</i>	
<i>Gingerbread Cookies</i>	
<i>Chocolate Yule Log</i>	

WESTFORD ANNUAL BROOMBALL TOURNAMENT

Hosted by Game on VT

JANUARY 15TH-16TH



Join us for the 21st annual Westford Broomball Tournament on the Town Common in Westford, VT.

Teams will battle it out in 20 minute broomball games played 4v4 plus goalies on the Westford outdoor ice rink in a double elimination tournament.

Registration is open for high school students and adults of all ages. There is no limit to the number of players on a team but all players must register in advance. Space is available for up to 22 teams and will be awarded first come first serve.

Games will start on the half hour starting at 9:00am on Saturday, January 14th. Exact times and schedule to be determined by the number of teams registered.

Concessions will be available at the Red Brick Meeting House and on the Green throughout the tournament.

Time: 9:00am - 8:00pm

\$15 per player

[5 Common Rd, Westford, VT](#)

Register Here: <https://gameonvt.com/event.php?id=28>

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WESTFORD RECREATION DEPARTMENT NEW REGISTRATION FORM

[REGISTRATION FORM HERE](https://westfordvt.us/recreation/)

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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.

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.

See you next year!

