



# WESTFORD NEWSLETTER

June 2022



The Pagoda Dogwood's fruits provide food for at least eleven species of birds and the black bear. The leaves and bark are eaten by white-tailed deer, beaver and cottontail rabbit. It is a pollinator supporting bees and butterflies.

## Westford Town Office

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## TOWN OFFICE NOTES

### Senior Luncheon

Hello Seniors, we will be having our luncheon-picnic on June 13<sup>th</sup> at 11:30 a.m. at the Brick Meeting House on the Common. Hotdogs and hamburgers are on the menu as well as salads. We had nominations at our April luncheon and your new Presidents are Mary Fay and Cori Hill. I'm sure they will have new ideas and will enjoy being President as much as I have. I'm sure most of you know that I fell on Easter Sunday and had to have surgery to fix a spiral fracture on my femur. I'm looking forward to coming in September. I want to thank Maureen Estus for filling in for me and then Beth Menut for filling in for me and then filling in for Maureen as she wasn't feeling well. You are a wonderful group of seniors. Does anyone have a walker that they could let me borrow?

Carol Howrigan, President 802-878-3090  
Maureen Estus, Vice President  
Beth Menut, Secretary  
Loreen Teer, Treasurer

New Officers  
President & Vice President: Mary Fay and Cori Hill  
Secretary: Beth Menut  
Treasurer: Loreen Teer  
Chaplain: Cereta Lamphere

### Dog Licenses

Dog Licenses were due on April 1<sup>st</sup>. If you have not yet licensed your dog please do so as soon as possible (Dog licenses obtained after April 1<sup>st</sup> are subject to a late fee). **Licensing your dog is Vermont Law** AND helps the town be able to return your dog more quickly to you if they ever get out or lost.

A current rabies certificate is required. If you are unsure if the current certificate is on file, please call the Town Office. **if you no longer have your dog or your dog has passed away, please let us know.** For your convenience you may mail or drop off the fee and rabies certificate along with a self-addressed stamped envelope and your license will be mailed to you.

### Spring Yard Clean Up

According to the calendar, Spring has arrived! 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/>.

### Newsletter Deadline

The deadline for the July Newsletter is 12:00 noon on Monday, June 27<sup>th</sup>.

## TOWN OFFICE HOURS

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

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

**Masks are only required if unvaccinated.**

## WESTFORD COMMON USE POLICY

With spring upon us and summer not far behind, the Westford Common Committee wants to remind residents that any major use of the Common requires a written request. This does not apply to small gatherings like parents and kids having a picnic. This policy has been implemented to avoid conflicts since there is more use of the Common. An application is especially necessary if you plan to use the Gazebo and will guarantee you the exclusive use of the Gazebo. We ask all town organizations to also follow this procedure so the calendar will reflect all plans.

Here is a link to the application: <https://westfordvt.us/wp-content/uploads/2022/03/Westford-Common-Use-Application-Policy.pdf>

If you have any questions, please call the Town Office for assistance: 802-878-4587



## SUMMER ROADS

What you need to know about early spring 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 damaged 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 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
- **Repairs:** roads are repaired as weather allows. Know that this takes time especially if conditions are poor so it may take the road crew some time to get to your road. Highly traveled roads are prioritized

### **Reminders:**

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

## 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



## WESTFORD CONSERVATION COMMISSION

**MEMORIAL DAY WEEKEND** is the unofficial start of summer and the unofficial opening for trails. We plan to have all trails open, but ask that you continue to be cautious if any trails remain saturated. We know there are perpetual wet spots and we're trying to remediate as many as we can. Please let us know of any large areas of standing water in a trail or other trouble spots, including downed trees or other required maintenance. Email [westfordcc@googlegroups.com](mailto:westfordcc@googlegroups.com)

Thank you to all who joined us and helped out on Trail Clean-Up Day. We were not able to get to all the trails in our network so feel free to "kick a stick" off the trail as you walk this summer. Please keep all debris within trail right-of-way limits and do not dispose of anything on private property abutting a trail

Please respect private landowners whose property trails may run through. All users and their animals must stay within trail right-of-way limits.

**PLEASE CLEAN UP AFTER YOUR DOG!** Thank you to all who answered the call to assist with dog doody duty at the school trails. Volunteers will empty the receptacles near both kiosks at the school trails, but dog owners are responsible for cleaning up after their dogs and disposing of waste in receptacles.

**VERNAL POOL MAPPING:** The State of Vermont is interested in vernal pool mapping by "citizen scientists". To learn more, and to provide information on vernal pools on your property or elsewhere, visit <https://vpatlas.org/> from VT Digger: "Vernal pools are seasonal wetlands that fill with water in the spring and usually dry out in the summer. They have no inlet or outlet for the water to continue to flow. Their drying is important...because it prevents fish and other predators from getting established, giving other species --spotted salamanders, fingernail clams, fairy shrimp and wood frogs-- a safe nursery."

**Enjoying the trails? Consider a donation to the Westford Conservation Commission to help our hard-working volunteers purchase equipment, hire professionals, and sponsor events.**

Westford Conservation Commission  
1713 Vermont Route 128  
Westford, VT 05494

### WESTFORD MUSIC SERIES

PRESENTS

## JERRY THIGPEN



### GUTSY GUITAR

*-free will donation-*

**7 PM: WESTFORD COMMON**

**SUNDAY: JUNE 26, 2022**

Jerry Thigpen's style of playing and writing combines his love of the blues from the Mississippi Delta to Chicago with rock and "roots" influences. He will be performing songs from his albums and original material that displays his style of blues/rock with a dash of British Invasion.

Promises to be a wonderful time for a family picnic, lots of sunlight, food trucks, Country Store combined with music to draw the community together.

**Concert open to the public. Call Mike Kirick, 802-363-0930, for more Information**

# Westock

## BENEFIT CONCERT COMING JULY 3

We are happy to announce a special fundraising concert event to benefit improvements of the Red Brick Meeting House. This will be a special night of music from 4 p.m. til dusk, 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 greater response we have been getting from the Red Brick Coffee House, especially since moving to outdoors during the two years of 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 indoor music events dur to Covid-19. We are calling it Westock

The Red Brick Meeting House has been the home of the Westford Red Brick Coffee House, which has been running for the last 6 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. These last two years have 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.

We are asking for donations for this event, though it will be freely presented in the format of the Sunday night shows, only a longer format. Some sort of funding site will be set up shortly for people to "buy" tickets online in advance (or even during the show now that there is WiFi available on the Common). A tip bucket will also be 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. Chairs will be available for sale starting right after the July 4<sup>th</sup> 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 in advance for supporting this event. It should be fantastic!



### Westford Historical Society

Our Antiques and Collectibles fundraiser held on Sunday, May 22nd was a great success. Thanks to all who participated and donated and attended. There was a great deal of socializing, great food and showing off of our treasures. No one that we know of came away feeling "richer" necessarily, but had new found knowledge of what they brought. The appraisers worked hard but were gracious and seemed happy to greet one and all with our various items. We hope to do it again--perhaps make it an annual event.

We plan to have a number of talks and events in the near future so stay tuned.

**Our Historical Society meets monthly, on the third Monday. We welcome new members so if there is interest please contact Caroline Brown at 802-878-8890.**



# 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 make great additions to your pile. For best decomposition your pile should be 1/4<sup>th</sup> browns and 3/4<sup>th</sup> other items such as food scraps, coffee grounds and green lawn clippings.

## 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 Common Hall News:** New Board Members, Yoga classes, weddings & celebrations, music, grant award for new storm windows for the Common Hall, plans for the 4th of July

Thanking all the **Volunteers** who planted daffodils that delighted the front lawn of the Common Hall!

**The WCH Westford Music Series** is expanding to the open space of the Westford Common Green! Look for news of a concert on June 26 with Jerry Thigpen and friends. He's bringing authentic, seasoned blues/rock with a dash of British invasion served up with gutsy guitar playing and soulful vocals to the Westford Common!

**Westford 4th of July Celebration!** Look for news coming soon in Front Porch Forum and the July Westford Newsletter for the events planned for the WCH.

**Congratulations to us!** The WCH has received a generous grant from the Preservation Trust of Vermont to replace the aging storm windows, a long-standing goal to address heat loss and make our building more energy efficient while also protecting the beautiful stained glass from falling branches and ice. The award of \$10,000 must now be matched by an equal amount. Please step up and help this become a reality by making a generous donation. Go to <https://westfordcommonhall.org/donations-1> by Venmo, PayPal, or check and add a note: "WCH Storm Window Project" on your donation. Thank you for helping preserve these beautiful windows and making the building more energy efficient!

**The iconic Westford Common Hall** on the hill overlooking the common is the picture-perfect place for your special event! Booking for the wedding season has begun and dates are filling up fast. Go to <https://westfordcommonhall.org/events> to make an inquiry.

**Baby Shower testimonial!** I would love to recommend the Westford Common Hall if you have an upcoming event you are planning. We hosted a double baby shower for my daughter and daughter-in-law. Due to the rise in numbers with COVID, we wanted to have an intimate shower in a space that we could control, and not have to worry about hotel guests/other diners/staff (and my house was too small to accommodate everyone). We couldn't have been more pleased. The space is very large, and the church pews are on casters, so they were easy to move so we could place tables/chairs for a lovely luncheon. Also, a special thank you to the committee. I am an event planner, and the ease of working with the committee was top notch. Mary Gagne, Westford VT.

**Yoga Classes** More yoga classes are coming to the WCH! Some of your favorite yoga instructors will be offering classes in the coming months. Erin Menut will be offering classes on Mondays, June 6 and 13th, and two Tuesdays, June 21 and 28. The class would be "gentle yoga for better sleep." See the testimonials on her website and you'll be sure to want to sign up. <http://radiantenergyforlife.com/yoga-testimonials/>

**The Board of the WCH** has recently expanded. We welcome the exciting ideas and energy new members Sara Stark, Heather Armata, and Andy Fulton will bring to the board. They are working hard with the existing team of Amber Haller, John Doane, George Keener, Julia Andrews, Marge Hamrell, and Maura O'Brien to fulfill the mission of creating a gathering place for diverse communities to connect, share, and celebrate. Reach out to us when you see us to hear about what's happening! This is also a good time to say a huge **Thank You** to the 'retired' members of the board for their vision and hard work to make the transition from the well-known White Church to the Westford Common Hall; to Wendy Doane for the many years she provided leadership and vision, to Anne Maloney for sharing the leadership position, to Lynn Bursell for serving and for keeping the financial records, to Eliza Lamphere for serving and getting us launched with a website and exciting program ideas, and to Carol Winfield for serving for many years and helping with the legal paperwork. Thank you!

Mission: To offer a gathering space for diverse communities to connect, share and celebrate.  
Vision: To be a landmark assembly space in Westford committed to growing community spirit.

# OPPORTUNITIES TO SERVE YOUR COMMUNITY

The Town of Westford has several volunteer opportunities to serve the community. To apply for one of the positions below, please submit an application (<https://westfordvt.us/wp-content/uploads/2014/09/APPLICATION-FOR-APPOINTMENT.pdf>) to [townadmin@westfordvt.us](mailto:townadmin@westfordvt.us) or mail/drop off at the town office.

## Fence Viewer

Fence Viewers are called upon to act in limited situations. On occasion, the legislative body will call upon the fence viewers to examine a fence line between adjoining properties to determine what portion of the fence must be made, repaired, or maintained by each party. Fence viewers may also be asked to determine where a fence must be placed when it cannot be placed squarely on a property line. For more information on the responsibilities of a Fence Viewer go to <https://westfordvt.us/wp-content/uploads/2022/05/Fence-Viewer.pdf>.

## Chittenden County Regional Planning Commissioner Representative & Alt Representative

The CCRPC 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 6pm 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

The 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](mailto:dalbrecht@ccrpcvt.org) or 846-4490.

## CCRPC Lamoille Basin Water Quality Council

The responsibilities of a BWQC as outlined § 39-502 of the CWSP Rule are:

(a) The purpose of a BWQC is to establish policy and make decisions for the CWSP regarding the most significant water quality impairments that exist in the basin and prioritizing the clean water projects that will address those impairments based on the basin plan.

(b) When prioritizing clean water projects and prioritizing the most significant water quality impairments in the basin, the BWQC shall consult with the basin plan and CWSP and utilize the Agency's project selection protocols.

(c) The BWQC shall participate in the basin planning process established in 10 V.S.A. § 1253(d).

Potential members should be:

- knowledgeable on clean water topics for the applicable basin
- Interested in prioritizing and selecting non-regulatory clean water projects for funding at quarterly BWQC meetings
- Interested in participating in the applicable Tactical Basin Planning process

**Please contact the Town Office at 878-4587 or [townadmin@westfordvt.us](mailto:townadmin@westfordvt.us) if you are interested in being appointed to one of these positions.**

## Donate Your Used Eyeglasses and Hearing Aids for Recycling

The Jericho-Underhill Lions Club have placed collection boxes in the Westford Library & Westford Town Clerk's Office. The Collection Boxes are there for anyone that has used eyeglasses and used hearing aids that wishes to donate them for recycling. All you need to do is deposit them in the boxes and the Jericho-Underhill Lion's Club will take care of it from there

# WESTFORD PUBLIC LIBRARY

<https://westfordpubliclibrary.org>

(802) 878-5639

[westfordpubliclibrary@gmail.com](mailto:westfordpubliclibrary@gmail.com)

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## Westford Family Fest!

**Saturday, June 4 from 10:00-12:30**

**Who:** Children born March 2019 - March 2022 and their families

**What:** Socialize with other parents, meet other town organizations and learn about services provided in Westford, take home some great gifts & see which book is dedicated to your child in the library.

**Where:** The Common in front of the library, rain date TBD

**When:** June 4 from 10:00am to 12:30pm - come the whole time, or stay for as long as you want.

There will be a special storytime for each age group (although you are welcome to attend whichever works for your family)

Storytimes:

"Big Kids" (ages 2-3) - 10:15

Toddlers (ages 1-2) - 11:00

Babies (ages 0-1) - 11:45

**RSVPs are appreciated for this event, but not required.**



## OPEN HOURS:

Tuesdays 10am-7pm

Wednesdays 1-7pm

Thursdays 10am-7pm

Fridays 1-7pm

Saturdays 10am-2pm

## Adult Book Group

**Wed., June 22**

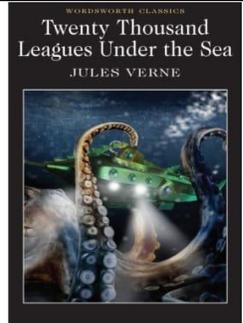
**7:00-8:00pm**

**20,000 Leagues**

**Under the Sea**

**By: Jules Verne**

**We will be meeting in person on the Common or inside the library, depending on the weather.**



**"The human mind delights in grand conceptions of supernatural beings."**

A classic science fiction novel by French writer Jules Verne published in 1870. It tells the story of Captain Nemo and his submarine Nautilus, as seen from the perspective of Professor Pierre Aronnax after he, his servant Conseil, and Canadian whaler Ned Land wash up on their ship. On the Nautilus, the three embark on a journey which has them going all around the world, under the sea. (from Amazon.com)

Print copies available at Library, ebook & audiobook copies available on Libby.

All our book selections this summer will have a "sea" theme as will be taking part in our Summer Reading Program - **Oceans of Possibilities.**

## The Westford Public Library is accepting donations for our Annual Fourth of July Book Sale.

We will be accepting donations **6/11 and 6/25 from 9am-11am. Please, stick to these times only.**

We are also limiting donations to **TWO BOXES PER PERSON. DO NOT USE THE BOOK DROP FOR DONATIONS - IT DAMAGES THE LIBRARY BOOKS AND MAKES A BIG MESS.**



**Fourth of July Book Sale - 9am-1pm**

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

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

## Westford: Place and Identity Exhibition

**by Orah Moore** Westford artist, Orah Moore, spent March taking pictures of Westford residents and getting to know them inside and out, masked and unmasked. **Art will be up through the end of June.**



## Early Literacy Storytime - Birth to Pre-School Thursdays at 11:15am on the Common

6/2/22: Theme: Donuts

\*6/16/22: Theme: Summer Fun

\*6/30/22: Theme: Sink or Float

6/9/22: Theme: Sunshine

\*6/23/22: Theme: Jellyfish

**Bring a blanket; 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 in the gazebo or in the library. To go crafts are available. \*part of the Summer Reading Program**



The WESTFORD PUBLIC LIBRARY provides access to materials, technology, reference services and programs to meet the informational, educational, and recreational needs of the Westford community.

## June Library Events

- June 4 - Westford Family Fest on the Common  
10:00-12:30 - Celebrating our youngest patrons and their families! Stay for all/part
- June 8 - Trustees Meeting 7-9pm
- June 11 - Book donation drop off - 9-11am, limit two boxes per person
- \*June 11 - Summer Reading begins - sign up online or at the library - pick up SRP materials (logs, stickers, etc. plus a creamee coupon from Sweet Clover Market) 10:00-2:00, available all summer
- \*June 11 - Rockin' Ron Kick Off Concert - Noon on the Common (in the library if raining)
- \*June 14 - Read to Bob the Tortoise 5:30-6:30pm - Sign up for a 15 minute slot required
- June 16 - Last Day of School!
- \*June 17 - Crafternoon 4-6pm - "Whale" Noise makers, on the Common
- \*June 21 - Crafternoon 3-5pm - Sock-topus, inside the library
- \*June 21 - Read to Bob the Tortoise 5:30-6:30pm - Sign up for a 15 minute slot required
- \*June 22 - Ocean in a Bottle 4-7pm - three time slots - sign up for one, inside the library
- \*June 22 - Adult Book Group meets at 7pm on the Common (in library if weather is bad) to discuss 20,000 Leagues Under the Sea
- \*June 24 - Crafternoon 4-6pm - Sock-topus, on the Common
- June 25 - LAST ONE - Book donation drop off - 9-11am, limit two boxes per person
- \*June 25 - VINS - Watershed Wildlife 11:00-11:45 on the Common
- \*June 28 - Crafternoon 3-5pm, DIY Paddleboats, inside the library
- \*June 29 - Gyotaku (Japanese fish printing), sign up required, two session 5-6pm, 6-7pm
- Storytime Thursdays 11:15 on the Common**
- 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**



The perfect way to Kick Off Summer Reading: Rockin' Ron - The Friendly Pirate Saturday, June 11 12:00-12:45 on Common Enjoy one of the area's best kids' performers! You can also sign up for the SRP and get reading logs

### Bob's Back!

See the SRP brochure for more information. Bob will be reading with us 6/14, 6/21, 7/20 and 7/27 from 5:30-6:30.



### VINS: Watershed Wildlife Saturday, June 25 11:00 on the Common

Where does a drop of water falling in your backyard come from? Where does it go? And who does it meet along the way? Join a VINS Educator in exploring the ways in which our green mountain landscape and the oceans of the world are intimately connected.

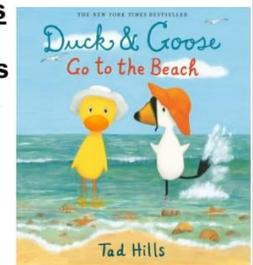
We'll trace the raindrop's journey with a watershed model, and meet two live animal ambassadors who depend on this cycle.

### We will have several walks and the popular Trails Passport Program back this Summer!

Trails Passport - more info TBD

Poetry Walk - Enjoy a stroll through Maple Shade and contemplate selected poems.

Story Walk on the school trails  
Enjoy "Duck & Goose Go to the Beach" on the school trails starting in June. See the kiosk for the exact trail. We will switch the story out in August for another great "Ocean of Possibilities" tale.



Summer Reading Program - Oceans of Possibilities June 11 - August 5  
Check out all of our "sea-sational" events going on this summer! Our brochure is in this newsletter and available on our website. You can register online starting June 11 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 2022 June 11-August 5**  
**www.westfordpubliclibrary.org 878-5639 westfordpubliclibrary@gmail.com**

\*Online registration opens June 11. Registration link on our website, Facebook page, and Front Porch Forum. You can also register in person on June 11 at the Rockin' Ron kickoff concert or anytime later at the library.

**Age Levels, Reading Goals, and Prizes**

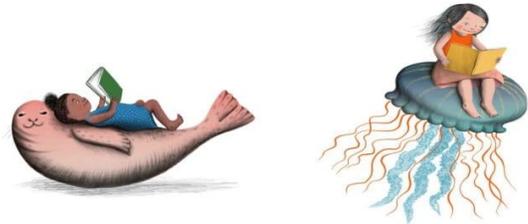
“Guppies” - Ages 0-2 (babies and toddlers) - fun activities for families to do together, stuffed animal prize at the end

Ages 3-8 (kids) - 10 books/150 minutes read per raffle ticket

Ages 9-12 (twens) - 3 books/240 minutes 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 4. Raffle tickets will also be given for coming to programs. Prizes consist of gift certificates to Essex Cinemas, Phoenix Books, Westford Country Store, & more! Prizes will be awarded at the end of the SRP Ice Cream Party on August 5.

**STICK TOGETHER** Every time you come to the library you can work on our sticker mosaic! Last year it was a unicorn, what will it be this year? Get a strip of stickers to place every visit. Together is better!

“Finding Nemo” - Find the hidden clown fish in the library and get a prize! The prize bucket returns after a long couple of years without it. All ages welcome to participate each visit to the library.



**Westford Night at a Lake Monsters Game! Tuesday, July 12 - 6:35pm vs. Pittsfield Suns**

The library has purchased 20 kids tickets (12 and under) and reserved a block of seats. Call the box office to reserve your kids tickets (max 2 per family) & order reduced price tickets (\$7/\$5) in our very own “Westford” block. It’s also 25cent hotdog night! **Champ is coming to visit Saturday, July 9 from 10-11am!**

**Westford’s hiking trails and storywalks!**

**Poetry Walk on Maple Shade Trails**

**Story Walk - Enjoy “Duck and Goose Go to the Beach” on the school trails starting in June. See the kiosk for the exact trail. A new story will go up in August.**

**Westford Trail Passport - This exciting program is back and better than ever!**

**Ocean Storytime - On the Common - Thursdays at 11:15am**

Bring your lunch, a blanket and be ready for fun! Every week we will read stories related to the ocean. We will sing and move too! Take home crafts available. We will use the gazebo if weather is bad. 6/16 -Summer Fun, 6/23 - Jellyfish, 6/30 - Sink or Float, 7/7 - Whales, 7/14 - Pirates, 7/21 - Keep Oceans Clean, 7/28 - “Crabby” Storytime, 8/4 - Sandcastles and the Beach

**Marine Mondays - 6/20-8/1 - Virtual reality dives of our National Marine Sanctuary Sites every Monday on our Facebook Page - from NOAA. 360 degrees on your device or can be used with a VR headset.**

## **Summer Reading Program Events Schedule and Details Events with a (\*) require pre-registration.**

- June 11 - Sign up online for SRP starts today, signup link on our website, FPF, and Facebook**
- June 11 - SRP material pickup (Logs, stickers, etc. plus a creamee coupon from Sweet Clover Market) 10:00-2:00, plus Rockin' Ron Kick Off Concert at Noon on the Common!** Family friendly concert by one of the area's best performers.
- \*June 14 - Bob, the Reading Tortoise 5:30-6:30pm** - Readers entering 1-5 grades can sign up for a 15 minute reading slot
- June 17 - Crafternoon Whale Noise Maker 4-6pm on the Common** - Drop in to make something that sounds like a whale/bagpipe mix!
- June 21 - Crafternoon Sock-topus 3-5pm in the Library** - Drop by anytime to make an octopus stuffed animal, repeated 6/24
- \*June 21 - Bob, the Reading Tortoise 5:30-6:30pm** - Readers entering 1-5 grades can sign up for a 15 minute reading slot
- \*June 22 - Ocean in a Bottle 4-7pm at the Library** - Sign up required (3 slots - 4-5, 5-6, 6-7), using glitter, glue, and ocean inspired beads and shells, make a swirling marine world captured in a bottle.
- June 24 - Crafternoon Sock-topus 4-6pm on the Common** - Drop by anytime to make an octopus stuffed animal
- June 25 - VINS - Watershed Wildlife - 11:00 on the Common** - Trace the raindrop's journey with a watershed model, meet two animals who depend on the water cycle. VINS is always a hit!
- June 28 - Crafternoon - DIY Paddleboats - 3-5pm in the Library** - Drop in and design a paddleboat, see if it will work and float.
- \*June 29 - Gyotaku (Japanese Fish Printing) sign up for one of two sessions 5-6pm or 6-7pm.** How did ancient fisherman record their catches without cameras? They literally printed their fish. Using block ink and rubber fish, you will learn this ancient and honored artform. Recommend for those entering fourth grade and up.
- July 1 - Float Building 4:00-6:00, also last day to sign up to ride the float in the Fourth of July parade**
- July 4 - Library Book Sale 9am-1pm - \$5 per bag - bring your own bag. Parade 11am** (riders meet 10:30 at Town Garage)
- July 5 - Crafternoon Under the Sea Framed Mosaics 3-5pm in the library** - Make a frame-worthy sticker mosaic, repeated 7/8
- July 6 - Pirate Treasure Day - Two Sessions 4-5 and 5-6 on the Common** - Come find gold and jewels! We will be panning for gold and using vinegar to eat away at fizzing treasure chests. Recommended to get there at the start of a session or the treasure might be gone! Wear clothes that can get wet/dirty.
- July 8 - Crafternoon Under the Sea Framed Mosaics 4-6pm in the library** - Make a frame-worthy sticker mosaic.
- July 9 - Champ visits the Library from 10-11am!** Come get your photo taken with the area's favorite Lake Monster, Champ! We will also have fun bubbles and waterplay on the Common. Don't forget about Westford Night with the Lake Monsters on 7/12!
- July 12 - Crafternoon Ocean Life Suncatchers 3-5pm in the Library** - Make something cool for your room! Repeated 7/15.
- July 13 - No Sew Book Bags 5-7pm in the Library** - Keep trash out of the ocean and landfill! Upcycle an old t-shirt into a cool bookbag, explained at 5:00 and 6:00 - participants should bring their own t-shirt(s), recommended for those entering fourth grade and up.
- July 15 - Crafternoon Ocean Life Suncatchers 3-5pm in the Library** - Make something cool for your room!
- July 19 - "Buried Treasure" Coded Scavenger Hunt around the Common - anytime 3-7pm** - Stop in at the library to get a decoder wheel and get started. Clues will lead you around the Common and to a "treasure". **Repeated on July 30 from 10am-2pm.**
- \*July 20 - Bob, the Reading Tortoise 5:30-6:30pm** - Readers entering 1-5 grades can sign up for a 15 minute reading slot
- July 22 - Crafternoon Liquid Watercolor Sea Life Shapes 4-6pm on the Common** - Messy watercolors make beautiful sea creatures
- July 26 - Crafternoon "Hodge Podge" 3-5pm in the Library** - Did you miss a Crafternoon? Enjoy making the leftover projects.
- \*July 27 - Bob, the Reading Tortoise 5:30-6:30pm** - Readers entering 1-5 grades can sign up for a 15 minute reading slot
- July 29 - Crafternoon "Hodge Podge" 4-6pm on the Common** - Did you miss a Crafternoon? Enjoy making the leftover projects.
- August 2 - Crafternoon "Hodge Podge" 3-5pm in the Library** - Did you miss a Crafternoon? Enjoy making the leftover projects.
- August 3 - "Treasure Inside" 4:30-6:30pm in the Library** - Take things apart (toys, computers, appliances) and see what is inside, take it one step further and make cool art from what you find inside, if you like. Great for the mechanically curious.
- August 4 - Reading Logs due by 7pm** - Turn in at the library or online via google form.
- August 5 - End of Summer Ice Cream Party and Raffle - 4:30-6:30pm on the Common** - Celebrate the end of Summer Reading with "All you Should Eat" Ice cream! We will announce the winners of our Summer Reading Prize Drawing as well! You do not need to be present to win. Prizes can be picked up anytime at the library. **Volunteer scoopers needed.**



JUNE 2022 NEWSLETTER

# WESTFORD RECREATION DEPARTEMENT

## UPCOMING EVENTS

### JUNE

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

### JULY

7/4 4<sup>th</sup> of July Celebration  
10am-1pm @ The Town Common



**SUMMER PROGRAM  
REGISTRATION IS OPEN  
SIGN UP TODAY!**  
[Westfordvt.us/recreation](http://Westfordvt.us/recreation)

## VOLUNTEERS & COACHES

*Summer programs are in need of coaches and volunteers. Please email us if you are interested. Recreation programs are made possible thanks to the support and involvement of our community*  
**THANK YOU!**

***Contact Us:***

[recreation@westfordvt.us](mailto:recreation@westfordvt.us)

## SUMMER PROGRAMS

- \$40 Yogalates with Erin Menut Weds. 8:30-9:30am 6/8-29
- \$20 Parent & Me SOCCER (toddler – K) Weds. 9:30-10:30am
- \$20 K – 1<sup>st</sup> Grade SOCCER dates/times TBD
- \$20 2<sup>nd</sup> - 4<sup>th</sup> Grade SOCCER Thur 5:30–6:30p & Sat 8:30-9:30a
- \$20 5<sup>th</sup> - 8<sup>th</sup> Grade PICKUP SOCCER dates/times TBD
- \$20 Ages 16+ Pick up SOCCER dates/times TBD
- \$25 Parent & Me T-BALL (Ages 3-6) Saturdays 9-10am
- \$20 Pick up VOLLEYBALL dates/times TBD
- \$20 Pick up BASKETBALL dates/times TBD
- \$20 SUMMER CONDITIONING M/T/Th 6-7am
- \$20 SUMMER PAINT & SIP SERIES Fri 6-8pm
- WILDCAT WALKABOUT once a week this summer

\*\*\*Grades listed are grades ENTERING '22-'23 school year\*\*\*

Check our our **SUMMER GUIDE** with full program details at [westfordvt.us/recreation](http://westfordvt.us/recreation)  
**ALL PROGRAMS** have **SCHOLARSHIPS** available. Apply when you register.



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# FOURTH OF JULY

WESTFORD TOWN COMMON  
JULY 4, 2022 • 10AM – 1PM

Westford Recreation invites you to join  
the celebration and enjoy the festivities

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PARADE AT 11AM | GAMES & PRIZES  
DUCK RACE | LIBRARY BOOK SALE | FARMER'S MARKET  
FOOD SHELF DONATIONS: 1 RAFFLE TICKET FOR EVERY ITEM DONATED  
FOOD, DRINK, & CRAFT VENDORS | FACE PAINTING  
LIVE MUSIC IN THE GAZEBO  
& MORE!

WESTFORD RECREATION  
SUMMER SOCCER SERIES

**PARENT AND ME SOCCER (TODDLER - K)**

*Wednesday mornings 9:30 - 10:30am*

**KINDERGARTEN & 1<sup>ST</sup> GRADE**

*Once a week - dates/times TBD \*Coaches needed!\**

**2<sup>ND</sup> - 4<sup>TH</sup> GRADE** *Thurs. 5:30-6:30pm & Sat. 8:30-9:30am*

**5<sup>TH</sup>-8<sup>TH</sup> GRADE PICK UP** *Once a week - dates/times TBD*

**AGES 16 + PICK UP** *Once a week - dates/times TBD*



SIGN UP AT

[WESTFORDVT.US/RECREATION](https://westfordvt.us/recreation)

ALL PROGRAMS ARE \$20  
FOR THE SEASON AND ARE  
HELD AT WESTFORD  
SCHOOL

## RECREATION SPORTS

★ **PARENT & ME** ★  
*Summer Soccer*



**9:30AM**

**WEDNESDAYS**

**WHO:** TODDLERS - ENTERING  
KINDERGARTEN & THEIR PARENT(S)

**WHERE:** WESTFORD ELEMENTARY SCHOOL  
SOCCER FIELD (RAIN DAYS IN THE GYM)

**WHAT:** PLAY SOCCER! JOIN US FOR AN  
HOUR OF GAMES & DRILLS HOSTED BY THE  
WESTFORD RECREATION DEPARTMENT

**JUNE 22<sup>ND</sup> - AUGUST 17<sup>TH</sup>**

**9 SESSIONS FOR \$25**

**SIGN UP TODAY!**

[Westfordvt.us/recreation](https://westfordvt.us/recreation)

### Summer Archery

Hosted by Westford Recreation Department & Pelkey's Archery



Session 1: Tuesdays June 21<sup>st</sup> & 28<sup>th</sup> (FULL)

Session 2: Mondays June 20<sup>th</sup> & 27<sup>th</sup> (FULL)

4:30pm-5:30pm at Westford Elementary School

Ages 5 and up \$50 fee

Pre-Registration is REQUIRED. Sign Up on the Registration Form at

<https://westfordvt.us/recreation>

# OUTDOOR RECREATION & FITNESS



**Wildcat Walkabout**

- ONCE/WEEK SUMMER AFTERNOONS •
- DROP-OFF PLACE • WESTFORD SCHOOL
- HIKING • SWIMMING • BIKING •

The Westford Recreation Department is gauging appeal for people whose teens want to enjoy an adventure once a week during the summer. This may be biking a trail, swimming in a nature park, or hiking the Westford trails.

For those interested, please contact Lori at [hockeygirl13d@gmail.com](mailto:hockeygirl13d@gmail.com)



## SUMMER CONDITIONING PROGRAM

### Join Us for a Run or Twenty...

During the warmer months, Westford's dirt roads are sprinkled with runners, joggers, dog walkers, and power walkers. If you've run a marathon, walked a 5K, or just enjoy a hike on our beautiful town trails, this program is for you!

We will meet in the greenspace next to the paved parking lot at the Westford School. We'll fill the hour with a warmup, stretching, bodyweight exercises, trail running/walking, and close with more stretching. Bring a water bottle, wear athletic shoes & attire.

Sign up online! We'll see you for our first session on Monday June 20<sup>th</sup> at 6am.

**Mondays  
Tuesdays  
Thursdays**

**Mornings**

**6 - 7am**

**June 20 -  
August 18**

**Westford School  
Trails & Gym  
(rain or shine!)**

**Adults & Student  
Athletes Grade 5+**

HOSTED BY:

WESTFORD RECREATION  
DEPARTMENT

FEE:

\$20 for the season

SIGN UP:

[WESTFORDVT.US/RECREA  
TION](https://westfordvt.us/recreation)

## Registration

# WESTFORD RECREATION DEPARTMENT NEW REGISTRATION FORM

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

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## SCHOOL NEWSLETTER JUNE 2022

Next year's [School Calendar \(for 2022/23\)](#)

### [EWSD School Year Calendar 2021-2022 \(the remainder of this year\)](#)

#### **Busing**

Next year Mountain Transit will provide transportation for all EWSD including Westford students. This is a major change for our community, and I would like to thank CCR, specifically Richard and Linda Mathieu, for their years of service in keeping our students safe and our buses running. They have a deep connection and commitment to our community and this has always been more than just a contracted service for Westford. Many of our drivers will remain the same, especially for the beginning of the year, providing consistency for students.

#### **Middle School Schedule for next year**

We are constantly evolving in our efforts to utilize the master schedule to best serve our students. You can expect we will continue to offer instrumental music options for students, in addition to chorus. French will be offered, as well, to our 7th and 8th grade students. Algebra, for interested 8th grade students, will continue to be taught on the Westford campus in person. However, the details of the electives and additional choices beyond our unified arts courses and the above options, are not finalized. Work regarding our Multi-Tiered System of Supports (MTSS), including the master schedule and any adjustments due to transportation, will be completed this summer.

#### **Featured Programs & Activities Closing out 2021-22**

##### **Kindergarten Registration & Orientation**

Please contact the main office if you have a child who will enter kindergarten at Westford School for the 2022/23 year. We would like to register students as soon as possible and place them into one of our two classes. Our kindergarten teachers, Ms. Cassidy Shumway and Mariah Burke, will continue to update families on the details of [August Kindergarten Orientation](#) and invite families to attend. We will offer one straight K class and one multi-age class (K/1). We anticipate class sizes of 12-14 for all K, k/1, and 1st grade classes.

##### **Graduation / Promotion Night for 8th Grade**

We will continue with an outdoor promotion night this year on Wednesday, June 15th at 8pm. This allows us the opportunity to gather outside and enjoy the evening together comfortably. We will have chairs set up in the circle similar to last year. Families who bring more than three guests will need to bring an outside chair such as a camp chair. Please let the main office know if you need special assistance or a camp chair. We will begin later this year (8:00pm) as the big screen works best at dusk in low light. Our rain date is Thursday, June 16th.

##### **Summer School Invitations**

Invitations for EWSD summer services have been sent to qualifying families. Please contact the main office with any questions concerning eligibility. Please contact Summer School Coordinator, Kristen Ryan at [kryan@ewsd.org](mailto:kryan@ewsd.org) with any questions. Transportation is provided.

## Welcome New Westford Faculty Members

We are still in the process of hiring a new 2nd grade teacher as well as a Social, Emotional Learning & Behavior Coach. Please help me welcome the new faculty members we have hired.

### Meghan Fyrberg- Part-Time Math Interventionist



I am excited to be a part of the Westford School community as a math interventionist. I moved to Westford, with my husband, six years ago and we have a son who is in preschool. I began my teaching career at Summit Street School, in Essex Junction, and taught there for just over ten years as a second grade teacher. I then did work as a mentor for an additional two years. I am looking forward to continuing to work for the Essex Westford School District in this wonderful town of Westford.

I am a true Vermonter and enjoy taking advantage of all of our beautiful seasons with my family. Throughout the year you may find me gardening, walking, hiking, biking, swimming in the lake, visiting the ocean in Maine, knitting, baking and simply enjoying the outdoors. I am truly looking forward to this new opportunity in working with kids, families and staff at this special school.

### Rebecca Shute- One Year Position as Callie Goss is on family leave for the birth of a child.



Hello, Westford community! My name is Becca and I am so excited to be joining Westford Elementary as part of the 5th and 6th grade team. I am a certified Reading and Language Arts Specialist and am thrilled to bring this expertise to teaching ELA on the 5/6 team. Beyond literacy, I am passionate about equity and inclusion, teaching through empathy, and building a community of supportive, life-long learners through strong relationships.

Outside of school, I enjoy traveling as much as possible, hiking, biking and walking along the Burlington bike path near my house, reading, baking, making various crafts, and spending time with my family and friends whenever I can.

I am greatly looking forward to joining the Westford community and getting to know you all!

### Elizabeth Smith: Speech & Language Pathologist



My name is Liza Smith and I am very excited to be the Speech-Language Pathologist at Westford Elementary School next year. I am most looking forward to meeting the students and staff, as well as interacting with families and community members. I am passionate about teaching students the skills they need to grow, both socially and academically, as well as providing them with the tools they need to become lifelong learners.

I have been a Speech-Language Pathologist for the past 18 years at Sheldon Elementary School. I live in Fairfield with my husband, two kids, and yellow lab. I love to read, hike, bake, go to the beach, watch my kids play sports, and cheer for the Red Sox and Bruins. I look forward to the opportunity to become part of the Westford community and am eager to form many wonderful relationships with students and staff.

**Mariah Burke:** K/1 Teacher. This is a new position to create appropriate class sizes for our primary classroom. Mariah joined Westford School this year in the EWSD Reads program providing reading intervention.



Hello! My name is Mariah Burke and I am once again excited to be supporting students and families this upcoming school year in my new role as the K/1 classroom teacher. I have truly enjoyed my time at Westford and I am looking forward to the 22-23 school year! I graduated with my degree in Elementary Education from Plymouth State University in 2017 and have been working in schools ever since. In my free time, I enjoy spending time with my friends and family. On sunny summer days, you can find me at my family camp on Lake Dunmore in Salisbury, VT. On cold winter days, you can find me at my family hunting camp in Hebron, NY!

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