



# WESTFORD NEWSLETTER

August 2022



The **White Ash** is commonly cultivated and in natural environments is a critical food source for frogs as its leaves are used by tadpoles for feeding. The Emerald Ash Borer, an invasive beetle species, puts the tree and frogs at risk today.

## Westford Town Office

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## TOWN OFFICE NOTES

### August Primary Election

The ballots for the August 9<sup>th</sup>, 2022 Primary Election are now available. You can request an absentee ballot by filling out an absentee ballot request form (available in the Town Office), via email request to the Town Clerk, or by visiting the MyVoter page here: <https://mvp.vermont.gov/>

Please note that to receive an absentee ballot for the August Primary you **MUST** request one to be sent to you.

### Property Tax Bills

Property Tax Bills were mailed out July 15<sup>th</sup>.

The first of four installments is due Monday, August 15<sup>th</sup>. Payments will be considered timely if they are received by this date, have an August 15<sup>th</sup> postmark (postal, FedEx, or UPS), or are in the drop box located to the left of the Town Office door before the office opens at 8:30am on Thursday, August 16<sup>th</sup>. **If your taxes are escrowed, it is your responsibility to forward a copy of your tax bill to your mortgage company in a timely manner while retaining a copy for your records.**

**Please note** - If you pay your taxes using Bill Pay (generating a check online through your financial institution), make sure you allow sufficient time for mailing. These envelopes do not bear a postmark therefore will be acknowledged by the date received at the Town Office not by the date on the check.

### 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.

### Newsletter Deadline

The deadline for the September Newsletter is 12:00 noon on Monday, August 22<sup>nd</sup>.



## TOWN OFFICE HOURS

The office is open:

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

The office is **CLOSED**:

- August 9 – Primary Election

**Mask wearing is not required but can be worn by choice based on your personal circumstances. Thank You!**



## 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 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



## WESTFORD CONSERVATION COMMISSION

**All trails are open:** We 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)

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

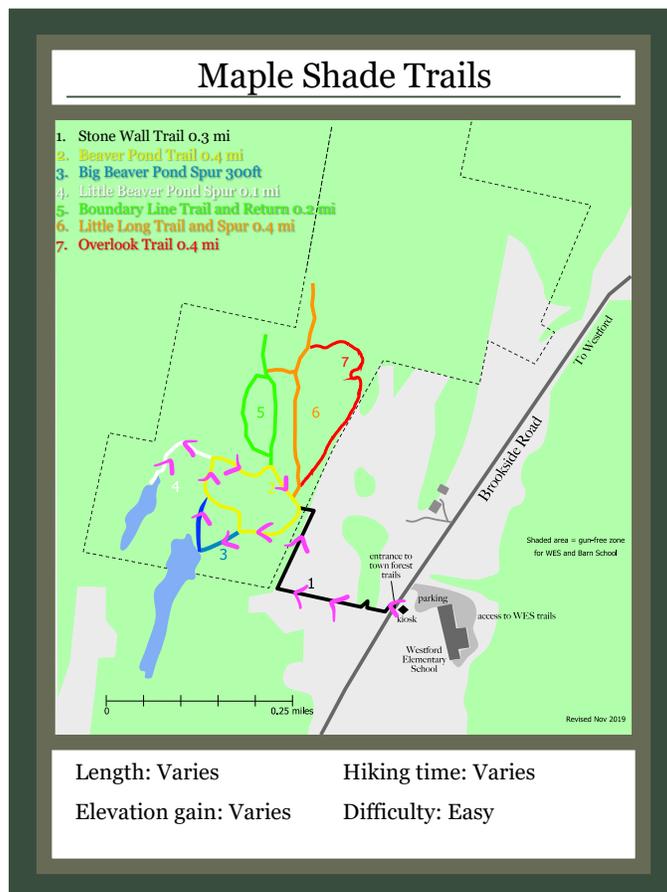
**Please clean up after your dog!** Thank you to all those who answered the call to assist with dog doody duty at the school trails. Volunteers will empty the receptacles near both kiosks at the school trails, but dog owners are responsible for cleaning up after their dogs and disposing of the waste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

**Tick awareness:** Ticks are always around. Be sure to check your skin and clothing after spending time in the forest and fields of our trails.

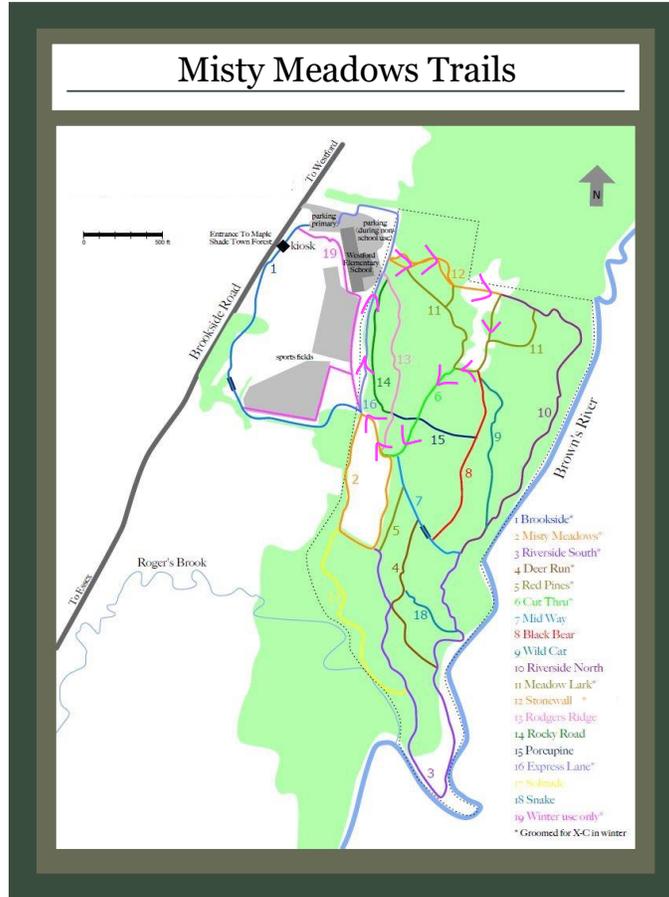
**Maple Shade Town Forest update:** Trail improvement project will take place in MSTF this summer. Be aware that heavy machinery will be used during this time and some trails could be closed for periods of time. Thanks for your patience while we remediate the wonderful trails in MSTF.

We've partnered with the Westford Publicly library again to bring you more fun activities on the trails this summer.

**Poetry Walk:** The Poetry Walk was installed in MSTF. See the pink arrows on the map below to find your way through the entire Poetry Walk. Suitable for all ages. Enjoy!

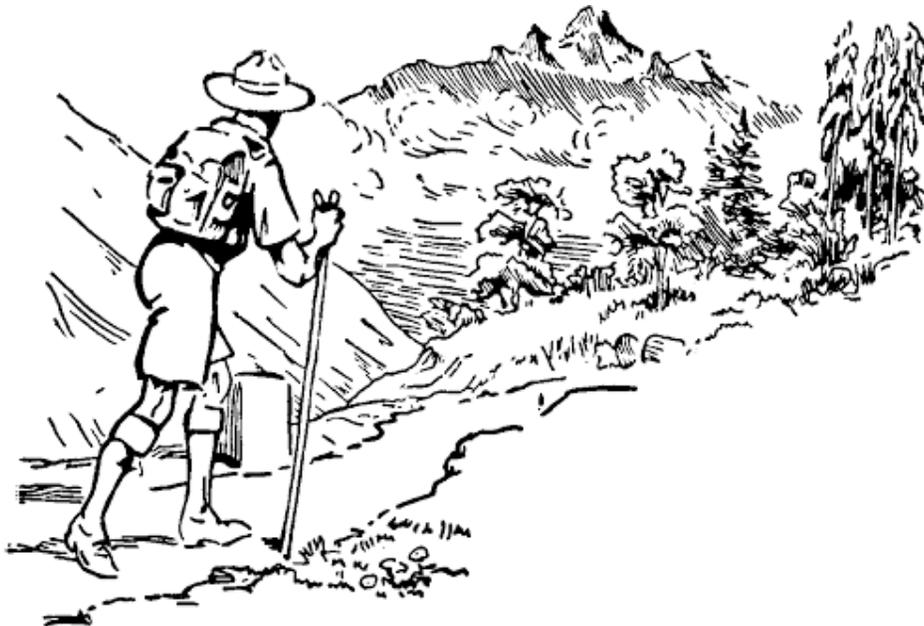


**Story walk:** The story walk was installed behind Westford School in the MMTF. See the pink arrows on the map below to find your way through the story. Enjoy!



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





# 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 FROM THE WESTFORD COMMON HALL

### Thank you for a fantastic 4<sup>th</sup> of July!

To our amazing community, we are sending a huge THANK YOU out to everyone who came and supported us on the 4th of July!

- Thank you to the vendors who rented space from us .... we hope you come back next year!
- Thank you to the Butcher Barn who graciously donated Italian sausages and beer brats, that we sold out of quickly!
- Thank you to our talented artists who adorned the Westford Common Hall with beautiful art, which kept the hall brimming with activity.
- Thank you to the WCH Board members who helped plan the day and volunteered their time, especially Andy Fulton and Amber Haller.
- Thank you to the Meghan Orisko and Westford Recreation Department, who did an amazing job organizing the day.

We are already looking forward to next year!

### Serve Your Community as Part of the WCH Board

The Westford Common Hall board of directors seeks two new board members; one of these may transition to assist with financial tasks. We invite Westford community members to consider a rewarding experience being part of this team. We are looking for dedicated, inspired, solution-oriented people to help care for and preserve this beautiful building, and map out ways to make its future sustainable. The Westford Common Hall is a priceless resource for our community, offering many benefits and a place for many exciting events for community members to enjoy. The Hall can host weddings, bridal showers, baby showers, memorial services, private celebrations, the Food Shelf, musical performances, open mic, poetry recitals, art exhibits, religious worship, pop-up shops, yoga and other classes, school events, town functions, video conferencing, meditation groups...the list could go on. If interested, please contact board chair Amber Haller by email at: [amber@westfordcommonhall.org](mailto:amber@westfordcommonhall.org)

### Up Next at the WCH:

## The Westford Common Hall presents Slightly Used August 19th, 6-8pm



In collaboration with the Westford Public Library, we invite you to enjoy a FREE end of summer concert & picnic on the [Common Hall Lawn](#).

Come early to set up and have Bree entertain your children with a special evening story time from 5:30-6pm, then dance the night away to rock 'n roll classics from Slightly Used!!

Support the WCH by pre-ordering charcuterie picnic boxes, so all you have to do is BYOB and relax! \$25/box (will feed 2) includes meats, cheeses, crackers & fruit.



Email

[Heather@WestfordCommonHall.org](mailto:Heather@WestfordCommonHall.org) by 8/17 to place your pre-order. Water, iced tea & juice will be for sale throughout the show!



## PLANNING COMMISSION NEWS

The Planning Commission would like to take this opportunity to welcome new members to town staff and acknowledge those that have recently moved on.

Mo Reilly joined the Planning Commission in June. Mo lives in Westford on RT 128 just south of the village. She works with the Vermont Department of Agency of Commerce and Community Development. Mo has a masters in Public Administration. Welcome Mo!

Harmony Cism has recently joined the town staff as the Planning Assitant and Zoning Administrator. Harmony is working at getting up to speed on the land use regulations and town processes. Harmony lives in Westford. Welcome Harmony!

After 10 years of service, the town Zoning Administrator Kate Lalley has moved on to new opportunities. We wish Kate the best with her future endeavors.

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](mailto:planner@westfordvt.us).

Westford Planning Commission-  
George Lamphere  
Gordon Gebauer  
Mark Letorney  
Mo Reilly  
Seth Jensen

## 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



# 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.

## **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



You are cordially invited to attend a research based talk by Vermont's own Howard Coffin on Saturday, September 17<sup>th</sup> at the Brick Meeting House from 1:30 to 3:00. This program, with support from the Westford Community Library Fund and the Vermont Humanities Council, focuses on Vermont Women and the Civil War, detailing the hardships, successes and contributions of Vermont Women. The program is free and open to the public—although donations are always greatly appreciated! Howard is an engaging speaker and author of four books on the Civil War. It promises to be an interesting and educational event. We hope you will mark your calendars and plan to attend.

Other projects are underway but will require more manpower and time including a presentation of Irene Allen's life and work. We welcome new members. For further information contact Caroline Brown at [Carolinebrown802@myfairpoint.net](mailto:Carolinebrown802@myfairpoint.net) or attend one of our monthly meetings on the third Monday of the month at 6:30 at the new Historical Society Building on the Common or via ZOOM in colder months.

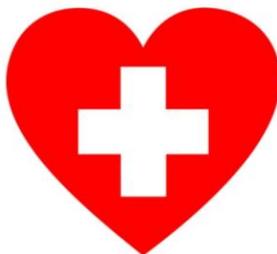
Our building will be open during the music events on the Common this summer and then will be open on Sunday, September 11 and Sunday, October 9<sup>th</sup> from 2 to 4 or by appointment. The building is really taking shape with many items being displayed. Once funds are raised to complete the upstairs, more items can be brought in from storage. Stop in and see some of the treasures being displayed and learn more about our town's history. All are welcome.

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## **First Aid and CPR Training With Fairfax Rescue** *Summer and Fall 2022*

Brought to you by Westford Mutual Aid with funding from the Westford Public Library Community Fund

Learn first aid and CPR skills from experienced trainers in an interactive, small group session! Prepare yourself to help your neighbors and others in need.



### **Dates and Times (pick one):**

Sunday, August 21, 1-6 p.m.

Saturday, September 17, 1-6 p.m.

Sunday, October 16, 1-6 p.m.

Saturday, November 12, 1-6 p.m.

All sessions will be held at Fairfax Rescue. Each session has the same content and covers CPR, first aid, and AED use. To sign up for a session, please contact Carol Winfield at [carol@vtwildlife.com](mailto:carol@vtwildlife.com)

# WESTFORD PUBLIC LIBRARY

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(802) 878-5639

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

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## Summer Reading is Coming to an End!

Be sure to turn in your reading logs\* (via email or web form with the # of books read, or in person) by August 4 at 7pm to be eligible for the prize drawing! \*if you lost your log - I just need the # of books you read over the summer. You can also turn in your log later, but won't be included in the raffle.



**End of Summer Reading Ice Cream Party and Prize Drawing is Friday, August 5 from 4:30-6:30pm on the Common. Celebrate your summer reading success by picking up your reading certificate and enjoying "All you Should Eat" ice cream and toppings. Raffle winners will also be announced at this time, but you do not need to be present to win. Volunteer scoopers needed - especially teen/older tweens.**

## Read and Win at the Fair! (FREE TICKETS!)

Do you want a FREE ticket to the Champlain Valley Fair? Are you: Entering grades K-8? Have you: Read at least 3 books this summer? If YES! Then stop by the Library for your FREE Admission to the Fair good ANY DAY 8/26-9/4!

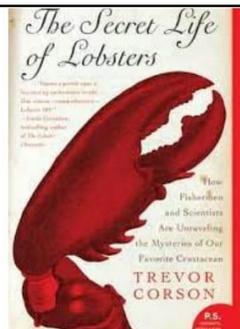


Also good for: FREE Ice Cream, FREE Ride, and FREE Book. Available all August at the Library - needs a parent/guardian signature! This FREE ticket is good ANY DAY 8/26-9/4.

## OPEN HOURS:

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

**Adult Book Group  
Wed., August 24  
7:00-8:00pm  
The Secret Life of Lobsters  
By: Trevor Corson**



**We will be meeting in person on the Common.**

"Lobster is served three ways in this fascinating book: by fisherman, scientist and the crustaceans themselves. . . Corson, who worked aboard commercial lobster boats for two years, weaves together these three worlds. The human worlds are surely interesting; but they can't top the lobster life on the ocean floor." — Washington Post

In this intimate portrait of an island lobstering community and an eccentric band of renegade biologists, journalist Trevor Corson escorts the reader onto the slippery decks of fishing boats, through danger-filled scuba dives, and deep into the churning currents of the Gulf of Maine to learn about the secret undersea lives of lobsters.

Print copies available at the Library, limited ebook available on Libby. This book is only available as an audio through Audible (for personal purchase)

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

\*8/4/22: Theme: Sandcastles/Beach  
8/18/22: Theme: Back to School

8/11/22: Theme: Mermaids  
8/25/22: Theme: School Buses

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. To go crafts are available. \*part of the Summer Reading Program



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### August Library Events

- \*August 1 - Marine Monday - our Facebook page
- \*August 2 - Crafternoon 3-5pm I the Library: "Hodge Podge" Miss a project - we will enjoy making those that are leftover.
- \*August 3 - "Treasure Inside" 4:30-6:30pm in the Library - Come take stuff apart!
- \*August 4 - Reading Logs are due by 7pm - turn in logs at the library, via web form, or by emailing the number of books to the library.
- \*August 5 - End of the Summer Reading Program Ice Cream Party and Raffle - 4:30-6:30pm on the Common. "All you should eat ice cream". We will announce the winners of our Summer Reading Raffle prize drawing as well. You do not need to be present to win.
- August 6 - August 27 - Pick up prizes from the Summer Reading Program
- August 10 - Trustees Meeting 7-9pm
- August 19 - Picnic, Storytime and Concert in partnership with the Westford Common Hall - 5:30-8pm (at Common Hall)
- August 24 - Adult Book Group 7pm on the Common - discussing The Secret Life of Lobsters by Trevor Corson
- August 26-September 4 - Champlain Valley Fair. Kids K-8 can get a FREE fair ticket at the library - good for any day
- August 31 - First Day of School!

### Storytime Thursdays 11:15 on the Common

**The Fiber Arts Group is taking a break for the Summer - hoping to see new members in the Fall!**

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

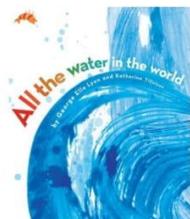
### We have several walks and the popular Westford Passport Program this Summer!

**Trails Passport** - Get passports at the Library. New locations, new stamps, same fun! Prizes, too! Runs July-October.



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

**Story Walk on the school trails** Enjoy "All the Water in the World" on the school trails starting in August. Story starts on the trails behind the school.



### 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)
- NEW! VINS (\$5 per person up to 4 people)

Westford Common Hall, in partnership with Westford Public Library present:  
Friday, August 19  
from 5ish-8pm on the Common Hall Lawn



Join us for a End of Summer Celebration - a chance to gather with neighbors and friends! Picnic on the Common Hall Lawn, enjoy a special evening Storytime with Ms. Bree at 5:30 (plus a takeaway craft) and listen to the classic rock sounds of Slightly Used (a band with Westford members!) from 6-8pm. The evening is FREE. Support the WCH by purchasing a charcuterie picnic box (or two) for \$25 - see the flyer in this newsletter for more details.

The Library is Now Offering Notary Services!  
Do you have a document that needs notarization?  
The Library now offers notary public services.



Tues., Thurs., & Fri.  
from 5-7pm,  
Sat. from 10am-2pm

We will only be able to offer these services at these specific times, please call ahead to confirm notary public availability.

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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**

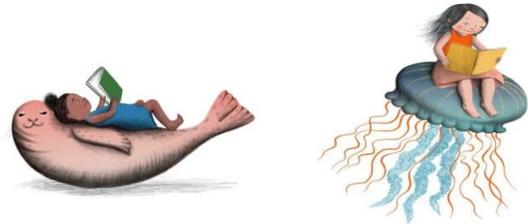
“Guppies” - Ages 0-2 (babies and toddlers) - fun activities for families to do together, stuffed animal prize at the end

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.



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**

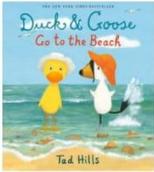
The library has purchased 20 kids tickets (12 and under) and reserved a block of seats. Call the box office to reserve your kids tickets (max 2 per family) & order reduced price tickets (\$7/\$5) in our very own “Westford” block. It’s also 25cent hotdog night! **Champ is coming to visit Saturday, July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





## Westford Passport Program 2022



**The Westford Public Library, in partnership with the Westford Conservation Commission brings back a Fun and Exciting way to enjoy our town trails and town common this summer and fall. And a BONUS --- there are prizes!**

### IT'S EASY

**Pick up your Passport at the Library, or Town Office. Then, collect stamps by hiking one of the 10 trails or visiting one of the 5 town landmarks, buildings, or events on the town common. With 8 or more stamps, you can redeem your Passport at the library and receive a Westford themed canvas bag as your prize! You can also keep your Passport as a souvenir of your adventures in Westford.**

### TIPS for 2022 NEW FEATURES

**To obtain stamps from the Red Brick Meeting House, Westford Common Hall or the Westford Historical Society, you will need to attend a program there or visit when they are open for a published event, tours or open houses. Keep an eye on Front Porch Forum or Facebook pages for announcements of events, dates & times when they will be open. Also, when you visit the Covered Bridge please park at the town office, park and ride or on weekends – the town garage, then walk to the bridge – there is not really parking at the bridge.**

### MONTHLY RAFFLE FOR A GIFT CARD PRIZE – JULY DEADLINE is 7/30!!!

**Depending on the month when you redeem your Passport, you will also be entered in a drawing for a \$50 gift card to a local business. The more stamps you collect, the more chances you will earn in the raffle drawings. (See the Passport for additional details.)**

*July Redeem by 7/30 for chances to win a \$50 gift card to the Butcher Barn*

*August Redeem by 9/3 for chances to win a \$50 gift card to Steeple Market*

*September Redeem by 10/1 for chances to win a \$50 gift card to Sweet Clover Market*

*October Redeem by 10/29 for chances to win a \$50 gift card to the Westford Country Market & Café*

**You can start anytime all summer and into the fall.**

**This is open to everyone, kids and adults, the whole family is welcome to participate. Check out the library's Facebook page for more information and updates.**



AUGUST 2021 NEWSLETTER

# WESTFORD RECREATION DEPARTEMENT

## UPCOMING EVENTS

### AUGUST

8/2 Recreation Board Meeting  
7pm @ Town Office & via Zoom

2 OPEN BOARD SEATS – JOIN OUR MEETING!

Email [recreation@westfordvt.us](mailto:recreation@westfordvt.us) for more info



**Soccer Coaches Needed**

**Volunteer Today!**

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

Rec Programs are made possible by volunteer coaches and parent helpers.



## FALL SOCCER PROGRAMS

PRE-K & K \$35    GRADES 1-2 \$45    GRADES 3-4 \$45

Dates & Times TBD @ Westford Elementary School.  
Programs begin in September and run thru October.

**REGISTRATION DEADLINE IS AUGUST 31<sup>ST</sup>!**

**WESTFORDVT.US/RECREATION**

## SUMMER PROGRAMS

PICK-UP SOCCER runs until Aug 11

- \$20 ADULT (Ages 16+) Thursdays 6-8pm
- \$20 5<sup>th</sup> - 8<sup>th</sup> Grade Thursdays 6-8pm

### SUMMER PAINT AND SIP SERIES

\$20 per session    Fridays 6-8pm @ The Red Brick Meeting House

Adults BYOB. Kids juice boxes provided! Drop off Ages 6+

- July 29th      Adults – Lake Sunset with Pines
- August 12th    Adults – A Pig with Black Eyed Susans
- August 19th    Kids – A Pig with Black Eyed Susans
- August 26th    Adults – A Garden Gnome

REGISTER TODAY - **WESTFORDVT.US/RECREATION**

# RECREATION SPORTS

## ★ PARENT & ME ★

### Summer Soccer



## 9:30AM

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

## WEDNESDAYS

JUNE 22<sup>ND</sup> – AUGUST 17<sup>TH</sup>  
9 SESSIONS FOR \$25  
SIGN UP TODAY!  
[Westfordvt.us/recreation](http://Westfordvt.us/recreation)

# OUTDOOR RECREATION & FITNESS



## Wildcat Walkabout

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- ONCE/WEEK SUMMER AFTERNOONS •

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- DROP-OFF PLACE •  
WESTFORD SCHOOL

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- 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**

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**Mornings**  
**6 - 7am**

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**June 20 –**  
**August 18**

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

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**Adults & Student**  
**Athletes Grade 5+**

HOSTED BY:  
WESTFORD RECREATION DEPARTMENT

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FEE:  
\$20 for the season

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SIGN UP:  
[WESTFORDVT.US/RECREATION](http://WESTFORDVT.US/RECREATION)



# Registration

## **WESTFORD RECREATION DEPARTMENT NEW REGISTRATION FORM**

**[REGISTRATION FORM HERE](#)**

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

### **A WELCOME MESSAGE FROM WESTFORD'S NEW RECREATION COORDINATOR**

Hi, my name is Heather Rodriguez, I live in Johnson with my husband and two sons. I volunteered for the Johnson Recreation eight years, and interim Recreation Coordinator for 8 months. I enjoy outdoor recreation, and watching youth athletes grow as players. I look forward to working with the Westford community.

*Heather Rodriguez*

### **SUBSCRIBE TO THE TOWN NEWSLETTER**

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