



WESTFORD NEWSLETTER

May 2023



The semiaquatic **River Otter** is known for their sense of play, and they love to chase and wrestle. An active predator, the otter has an extensive diet of fish, crustaceans, reptiles, amphibians, birds, insects, and mammals.

Westford Town Office

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<https://westfordvt.us/>

TOWN OFFICE NOTES

Property Taxes Due – Final Installment

The final property tax installment is due Monday, May 15th. Payments postmarked (US postal, UPS, FedEx) by that date are considered timely as well as payments placed in the drop box before the office opens at 8:30 am Tuesday May 16th. The drop box is located to the left of the town office door.

Please note – If you pay your taxes using Bill Pay (generating a check online through your financial institution), please 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.

Any taxes received after 8:30am May 17th or postmarked later than May 15th will be subject to 1% interest and an 8% penalty.

Dog Licenses

Dog Licenses were due on April 1st. If you have not yet licensed your dog please do so as soon as possible (Dog licenses obtained after April 1st 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.

Senior Luncheon

Westford residents who are 55+ are welcome to join us on Monday, May 8th at the RBMH for our next luncheon. Doors open at 11:30am with lunch to follow around 12 noon. Mangiamo! This month will be an Italian theme with many favorites made by our talented volunteers. We had some new friends join us last month and we hope to see some new faces this month as well! Feel free to reach out if you have any questions or need a ride.

See you soon!

Any questions, please reach out:

Co-Presidents Mary Fay (802-878-1215) and Cori Hill (802-878-7415)

Newsletter Deadline

The deadline for the June Newsletter is 12:00 noon on Monday, May 22nd.

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/>.

TOWN OFFICE HOURS

The office is open:

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

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



Community Wastewater Project – Field Surveys



In the month of May, field surveys of the potential community wastewater services area will resume. Our engineering team, Stone Environmental Inc, will conduct this work. Residents will see survey crews with safety vests within the Town Center Area during this time.

For information regarding the Community Wastewater Project, please refer to the FAQs at westfordsfuture.com. This website has answers to commonly asked questions about the Community Wastewater Project and is updated as information becomes available.

Residents may submit questions by attending a Planning Commission meeting or emailing the Commission at planningcommission@westfordvt.us. You may also contact Melissa Manka, Town Planner, at planner@westfordvt.us or (802) 878.4587 for accurate information on what is happening, when, and how questions will be addressed.



SPRING!

What you need to know about spring road conditions.

- **Mud:** appears on gravel roads as snow thaws. Reduce your driving speeds to ensure safety and to preserve road conditions.
- **Potholes:** WILL appear on gravel roads. They cannot be fixed in freezing temperatures. Do your part to help reduce potholes by driving slowly and avoiding areas in poor condition if you can.
- **Heavy Loads:** do damage to thawing roads. Traveling on roads with heavy equipment may be prohibited at any time.
- **Repairs:** roads are repaired as weather allows. Know that this takes time, it might take the road crew some time to get to your road. Highly traveled roads in poor condition are given priority.

Reminders:

- Watch for increased activity by wildlife including bears coming out of hibernation, wild turkey and young animals navigating roads for the first time.
- Pedestrian & recreational use of roads will increase starting at this time of the year, slow and allow room for all road users.
- Please keep pets and other animals under leash or vocal control when on or near roadways.

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.

REMINDERS REGARDING TRASH AND RECYCLING AND OTHER MATERIALS YOU WISH TO DISPOSE:

The Town pays for pickup of up to 64 gallons of **HOUSEHOLD** trash per residence, per week. If more than 64 gallons are placed out for collection, Myers will bill the residence. If you will not be placing trash out for pick up due to being away on vacation, etc., please contact Myers to let them know. This will alert them to times that you may have more than 64 gallons in one week.

Recycling should be put in recycling bins or large totes. If not already, the bin or tote should be clearly marked recycling. Recyclables should be loose, not in bags. The only recyclable item accepted in a CLEAR bag is shredded paper.

If you have a question whether an item is recyclable or not, please visit Chittenden Solid Waste District's (CSWD) website to look it up (<https://cswd.net/recycling/>). Myers will only pick up items that are considered Blue-bin recyclables. There are other items that are recyclable, such as electronics, plastic bags, and clothing, however they must be dropped off at a designated location.

Metal items can be disposed of at the metal dumpster located at the town garage on Cambridge Road. The Town provides the dumpster at no cost for its residents. Items must be all metal and free of any oils, etc. Please refer to CSWD's website for disposal of non-metal items that are not considered household trash or recyclables.

Grass and other yard debris must be brought to a designated location or composted on your property.

If you have a large, bulky item, please contact Myers directly at 802-655-4312. Some of these items can be placed out for pickup, however Myers may charge for disposing of the item.

Please visit CSWD's website (<https://cswd.net/>); it has an abundance of helpful information.

MUNICIPAL JOB OPENINGS

FULL TIME ROAD CREW MEMBER

The Town of Westford is seeking qualified applicants for a full time Road Crew position with benefits. This position involves skilled and unskilled labor tasks and the knowledge and operation of highway equipment for maintenance and repair of town roads.

Requirements: valid Vermont CDL Class B license; good driving record; experience operating various highway equipment; willingness to work long hours, especially during winter months; ability to maintain logs; participate in random drug/alcohol testing; possess physical strength, agility, endurance, and mental ability to concentrate, mechanical abilities and good communication skills. Must pass pre-employment physical exam and drug test. A full job description can be viewed at <https://westfordvt.us/administration/highway-department/>.

For consideration, please submit resume, references, and employment application (found at <https://westfordvt.us/administration/highway-department/>) to: Town of Westford, Attn: Nanette Rogers, 1713 VT Route 128, Westford, VT 05494.

For more information, contact Nanette Rogers (Town Administrator) at 802-878-4587 or townadmin@westfordvt.us. Position open until filled. Westford is an Equal Opportunity Employer.



THE ROVER IS COMING TO WESTFORD!

Saturday, May 13 – 8am-12pm
Westford Town Garage
35 Cambridge Road

The Rover, Chittenden Solid Waste District's (CSWD) mobile hazardous waste collection unit, will be in town on Saturday, May 13. This is a great opportunity for you to dispose of a variety of household hazardous waste, such as paints and stains, automotive fluids, hobby supplies, and pesticides, at no charge. For more information on the Rover and a complete list of items that will be accepted, please visit <https://cswd.net/hazardous-waste/rover/>. Please note, hazardous waste from businesses will not be accepted.

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/2023/03/Common-Use-Application-Policy.pdf>

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

ASSESSOR VISITS HAVE BEGUN!

It is the time of year when site visits are done on properties that have been issued a building permit in the past year or have an open permit from a prior year. This site visit is separate from the Zoning Administrator's inspection.

The Town contracts with NEMRC (New England Municipal Resource Center) to gather the information necessary to determine the assessed value of the improvements (ex. new home, addition, garage, porch, etc.). When an assessor visits your property, they will leave a notice to let you know they were there.

Notices of Change of Appraisal will be sent in May with the new assessment based on information gathered during the site visit. If you have any questions about this process, please contact the Listers at listers@westfordvt.us.

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

FUNDING FOR LAND AND WATER CONSERVATION IN WESTFORD

The headwaters of the Browns River have been identified by Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS) as a source watershed protection area. The Winooski Natural Resource Conservation District (WNRCD) is interested in facilitating technical and financial assistance to farmers and forest landowners in these areas to implement best management practices on the land.

Best management practices include those that promote soil health, reduce soil erosion, and reduce nutrient runoff. These practices can be applied on any size land parcel, whether it be a working farm, working forest, or simply private property.

Furthermore, if you are a landowner within the headwaters of the Browns River watershed you may be eligible to receive increased funding to implement conservation practices on your land!

The Westford Conservation Commission has had some great conversations with the WNRCD and would be happy to assist in any way we can. This program will benefit the Browns River Watershed ecosystems and your drinking water!

Please contact us, the WCC at westfordcc@googlegroups.com if you have questions about this program. You can also contact the WNRCD at info@winooskinrcd.org for more information on the full list of what practices are covered under this initiative and determine if you would be a good fit for this program.

We hope you will consider getting involved!

TRAIL CLOSURES: During mud season, various trails will be closed to prevent erosion from pedestrian traffic. Please adhere to trail closures while we wait for things to dry out. We may not have enough signs to close all affected trails, so please use your best judgment; if you need to go off the trail to walk the trail, you should not be on the trail. In other words, if conditions are so muddy or deteriorated that you need to go well off the traveled way in order to go forward, it's time to turn back. It may be possible to walk on parts of a trail, but not all the way through.

"Trails that are oversaturated are vulnerable to damage from soil compaction and erosion with every footstep. Soil compaction degrades the quality of the trail by reducing its ability to absorb water, causing increased flooding later and making it harder for vegetation to grow. Erosion then carries the soil away, leaving rocks and roots exposed." – Green Mountain Club

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.

TICKS: Ticks are expected to be bad this season, so take precautions by tucking pantlegs into socks, using tick repellent, and always performing tick-checks after outside activities.

TRAILS: Please let us know if you see downed trees or other required maintenance to any of the trails. We're happy to go out and clean things up!

DONATIONS!: The WCC is funded in part by donations. If you appreciate our efforts, and would like to help fund our work, please send a donation to: Westford Conservation Commission, 1713 Vt. Rte. 128, Westford, VT 05494. Thank you!

The WCC's next meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, May 17, 2023 at 6:00 pm at the Town Office (gazebo if weather-permitting).



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: Spring

- Scavenge for compostable material during your spring clean! This is an easy way to recycle cardboard boxes, just remember to take off any tape!
- When adding new material to your compost pile, breaking down that material into smaller pieces will help it compost faster.
- Did you know you can add ash? Just do so sparingly. Coffee and coffee filters make great composting material as does citrus, just be aware that citrus takes a long time to break down.

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

STAY UP TO DATE WITH OUR HAULER

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



WESTFORD COMMON HALL



WESTFORD MUSIC SERIES

The Last Concert of the 2022/2023 Season....Thank you for your Support this past year and a HUGE Thank you to Board Member, Marge Hamrell, for working with her team of volunteers to bring this series to everyone! We are grateful!



SUNDAY: 4-5 PM @ THE WESTFORD COMMON HALL

MAY 21ST: LEWIS FRANCO

ALL WELCOME & BRING A FRIEND!

FREE WILL DONATION FOR ARTISTS AND PIE RAFFLE FOR THE WCH!

With Gratitude

Many thanks to everyone that attended Adult Prom...we raised \$2500!! A special thanks to Kim Rowley for helping with check in and Erin Medick & Kristen LaBossiere for helping to decorate. We had so much fun!



CD Release Concert "Montana Wildflower" by artist Natalie Padilla w/Quinn Bachand

(Rescheduled from April 8th)

July 12th at 7:00pm (doors open at 6:30):

FREE WILL DONATION.....grab a friend and come join us!

Small concession stand offering non-alcoholic drinks and snacks will be open.

Steeped in the traditions of Old-Time, Bluegrass, and Texas-Style Fiddle music, Natalie also has deep roots in classical violin.

Our mission is to create a gathering space for diverse communities to connect, share and celebrate.

21 Brookside Road, PO Box 53, Westford, VT 05494

Email us at info@westfordcommonhall.org

Website: www.westfordcommonhall.org

Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/westfordcommonhall>

Instagram: [westfordcommonhall](https://www.instagram.com/westfordcommonhall)

We are a non-profit 501c3.



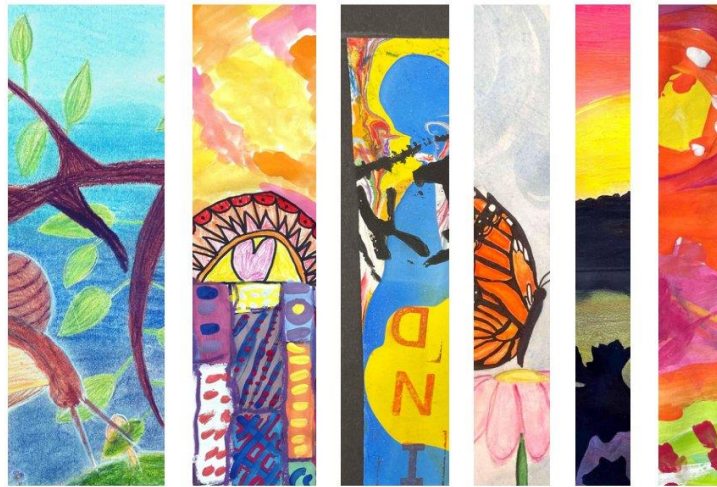


FRIDAY MAY 12

5:00-7:30PM

AT THE WESTFORD COMMON HALL

WESTFORD SCHOOL



FINE ARTS FESTIVAL

K-8 Student Art Exhibit

-Free Refreshment table courtesy of The Westford PTO

**-The Westford Country Store & Cafe will be open until 8pm.... grab dinner
before heading up to the Exhibit**

-WES Chorus & Small Ensembles will perform

**-Artist Charlie Hudson will be doing a live mural painting during the event
that students can participate in**

**OPEN TO THE PUBLIC..... Please join us in celebrating our local student artists
as well as showcasing our new art hanging display at the WCH**

Location: 21 Brookside Road; Park at Westford School. Free shuttle to Westford Common Hall

FUNDING SUPPORT FROM VT COMMUNITY FOUNDATION'S SPARK CONNECTING COMMUNITY GRANT



WESTFORD COMMON HALL



SEEKING WESTFORD GARDNERS!

The Westford Common Hall is seeking local gardeners who would like to participate in a **Westford Garden Tour Fundraiser this coming Summer!**

Dates of the Tours are : July 18th ((initially posted on FPF for July 12th) estimated time 2-7pm) and August 5th (estimated time from 10-3pm).

You could participate in one date, or both, but we will need a minimum of 4 gardeners and a maximum of 8 gardeners (per date), in order to run this event.

There is **no fee for gardeners** participating and you will have the option of selling your own wares (plants, jewelry, eggs, notecards, etc) during the tour. We hope you will consider donating a portion of your sales to the Westford Common Hall, but this is not required.

The WCH will be selling individual tickets to the event and participants touring will receive a map to visit each garden (rain or shine) at their own pace during the open hours.

If you are interested, please reach out to Orah Moore at OrahMoore@gmail.com or Heather Armata at Heather@WestfordCommonHall.org to let us know of your willingness to be a participating garden. Questions? We have answers!

We are really excited for this upcoming fundraiser that will showcase the beauty we have throughout town, as well as inspire and **bring joy to all.**

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 ([APPLICATION FOR APPOINTMENT TO \(westfordvt.us\)](https://westfordvt.us)) to townadmin@westfordvt.us or mail/drop off at the town office.

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 [Clean Water Advisory Committee - CCRPC \(ccrpcvt.org\)](https://ccrpcvt.org). For more information contact Dan Albrecht, CCRPC Senior Planner, at 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 if you are interested in being appointed to one of these positions.

WESTFORD MUSIC SERIES

PRESENTS

LEWIS FRANCO and the MISSING CATS



JUMP AND JIVE

-free will donation-

**4 - 5 PM: WESTFORD COMMON HALL
SUNDAY: MAY 21, 2023**

Lewis Franco's guiling vocals croons with his ace band of Missing Cats in this acoustic jazz combo band. Jive Swing tunes from the 30's and 40's along with original songs are entertaining for all ages. Everybody is sure to appreciate their tuneful melodies and fun-loving presence!

A pie raffle is included for extra fun!

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



WESTFORD PUBLIC LIBRARY

<https://westfordpubliclibrary.org>
(802) 878-5639

westfordpubliclibrary@gmail.com

1717 VERMONT ROUTE 128, WESTFORD VT

Coffee and Cards

10:30am-Noon

This month - May 2 & May 16

Cribbage, Euchre, Hearts, Rummy - whatever your game - we will play it. Meetup with folks at the library for coffee, conversation, and cards - a great opportunity to socialize and keep those card playing skills sharp. Open to anyone, but especially looking to connect with seniors.



MANGO

Mango Languages

Visit our Resource Tab on our Website or download the App.

To sign up - create an account with your email, library card number (starts with 2v5r5), and a password of your choosing. Mango for libraries offers over 70 world language courses expertly designed to adapt to a diverse range of learning needs, styles, and backgrounds.

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

Please, stick to these times only.

They are: 5/6, 5/20, 6/3, and 6/17.

From 9-11am.

We WILL NOT BE ACCEPTING: VHS tapes, Cassettes, Music CDs, textbooks, encyclopedias, magazines, and moldy or damaged books. **Ask yourself "Would I lend this to a friend?" If the answer is no, then keep it out of the book sale.** We WILL BE ACCEPTING: books, DVDs, and audiobooks in good condition. **DO NOT USE THE BOOK DROP FOR DONATIONS - IT DAMAGES THE LIBRARY BOOKS.**



Two Special Storytimes this Month:

May 4 - Green up Day - we will be greening up and participants get to keep an adult and child set of work gloves.

May 18 - Four Winds Nature Institute educators will lead an outdoor, Spring inspired hands-on Storytime.

OPEN HOURS:

Tuesdays 10am-7pm

Wednesdays 1-7pm

Thursdays 10am-7pm

Fridays 1-7pm

Saturdays 10am-2pm

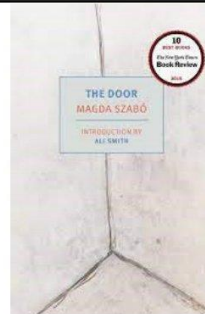
Adult Book Group

Wed., May 24

7:00-8:00 pm

The Door

By: Magda Szabo



"I remember the feeling I had only a few pages in: that this was a voice unlike any I'd ever read—elevated, almost cold, but bristling with passion beneath the surface—and that the book was very, very good." —Emily Temple

The Door is an unsettling exploration of the relationship between two very different women. Magda is a writer, educated, married to an academic, public-spirited, with an on-again-off-again relationship to Hungary's Communist authorities. Emerence is a peasant, illiterate, impassive, abrupt, seemingly ageless. She lives alone in a house that no one else may enter, not even her closest relatives. She is Magda's housekeeper and she has taken control over Magda's household, becoming indispensable to her. And Emerence, in her way, has come to depend on Magda. They share a kind of love—at least until Magda's long-sought success as a writer leads to a devastating revelation.

Len Rix's prizewinning translation of The Door at last makes it possible for American readers to appreciate the masterwork of a major modern European writer.

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

Early Literacy Storytime - Birth to Pre-School

Thursdays at 11:15am in the Library.

5/4/23: Theme: Green Up Day - we will be going outside and greening up around the library and Common.

5/11/23: Theme: Mother's Day

5/18/23: Theme: Special FWN Storytime -Four Winds Nature Institute will be here! This is outside.

5/25/23: Theme: Flowers

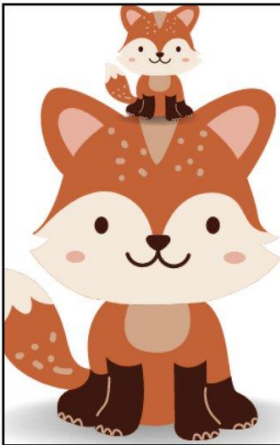
We will sing songs, read stories, move and do crafts! No sign up needed, all ages are welcome.

May Library Events

May 2 - Coffee and Cards 10:30-Noon
May 2 - Crazy 8's Grades K-1 - until 5:00
May 4 - Green Up Day Storytime 11:15
May 4 - Crazy 8's grades 2-3 - until 5:00
May 6 - Book Donation Drop-off 9-11am
May 6 - Green Up Day - stop by 10am-2pm
for snacks to fuel your greening up!
May 9 - Crazy 8's Grades K-1 - until 5:00
May 10 - Trustees Meeting 7-9pm
May 11 - Crazy 8's grades 2-3 - until 5:00
May 16 - Coffee and Cards 10:30-Noon
May 17 - Money Matters for Teens and
Tweens (& their parents) - 7pm
May 18 - Special FAWNY Storytime
11:15am
May 20 - Book Donation Drop-off 9-11am
May 24 - Adult Book Group discussing The
Door by Magda Szabo
May 26 - Last day to see NAVA art before
it is taken down.

Storytime Thursdays 11:15 in the Library
Maker Group meets Thursdays from 6:30-
8pm

Welcome Baby Tea Invites have been mailed out!
Save the date: Saturday, June 10 10:30-Noon.



We are celebrating all
 children born from March
2022-March 2023.

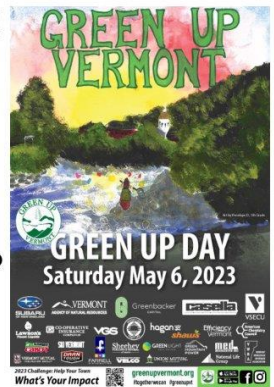
If your child was born in
 Westford, you should have
 received an invite in the
 mail. If you have moved
into town and your child
fits into that age category -
you are invited too! Please
 contact the library with
 your child's info. We can't
 wait to celebrate our littlest
 patrons! RSVP by June 1.



Northern Vermont
Artist's Association will
display art through May
27. NVAA is a non-profit
 dedicated to the promotion
 of professional & amateur
 artists from all over
 northern Vermont.

Green Up Day is May 6!
 On Saturday, May 6 we will
 have coffee, water and
 snacks to sustain your Green
 Up Day efforts!

Bags can be picked up at the
 library or town office anytime
 - take as many as you need to
 keep your corner of Vermont
 beautiful. It would be great if
 someone could Green Up
 around the library too!



THINKING **Money Matters**
MONEY **for Teens/Tweens**
 FOR **(& their parents)**
kids Wednesday, May 17
 7-8pm
 Presented by Jerry
 Manor, SeaComm
 Credit Union

Helping the next generation learn how to manage
 money can pave the path for a successful financial
 future. Learn key financial concepts, how to set
 clear financial goals, and how to create a plan to
 achieve them.

What You Will Learn:

- An introduction to saving, budgeting, and money management
- How to build credit
- How to set and achieve financial goals

Who Should Attend?

- Any teenager that wants to be prepared for life's financial adventures
- Parents or guardians of teenagers
- Anyone educating or mentoring teens

This is a financial literacy program,
not a sales pitch.

Excited for Summer Reading? We are too!
We can't wait for all the programs, performers,
crafts, reading, and fun!
Summer Reading begins June 20 - more
details available next month.



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.



GREEN UP DAY IS MAY 6TH

Participate in this beloved Vermont tradition, cleaning up our roadways and outdoor spaces for spring!

Westford is known for its beautiful, scenic roadways full of old stone walls, lush vegetation, and nods to its agricultural history. But not only can roadway trash deter from this beauty, but it's bad for the environment as well!

Help keep Westford beautiful for the spring/summer season by participating in Green Up Day, it's FREE!

Green Up Day bags can be found at the Library and in a bin on the Town Office front porch. The dumpster specifically for Green Up Day bags can be found at the Westford Town Garage Thursday, May 4th through Monday May 8th.

WESTFORD SUMMER CONCERT LINE UP 2023

This year there will be two sets of three concert Sundays in a row, with a break of one week between them. I am still looking for sponsors to help with funding, so if anyone would like to support any of the following acts, please contact me and you can get credit for helping out with this series. I will be making some poster designs for the series sometime soon. If anyone would like either a hard copy or a digital PDF file for your own use and distribution, please contact me at mpk802vt@gmail.com. All shows run from 6:30-9 pm. I am still hoping to line up food and or beverage vendors, too. Please forward contact info for anyone that may be able to provide this service. Here's what we've got on tap for 2023:

July 9 – The Dimmer Triplets:

This is a brand new band with local favorites Mr. Charlie of Blues For Breakfast fame and Al Lemery of the (now retired) Starline Rhythm Boys. With Gary Wade as added support.

July 16 – The Marinara Brothers:

Local Westford musician Tom Schmidt's second outing for the concert series sharing both original material and covers. Expect some saucy rock-n-roll.

July 23 – The Hokum Brothers:

These brothers share a love of vaudeville-tinged tunes and attitudes and have played at various festivals and burlesque shows in and around Burlington for many years now.

July 30 – No show tonight, go camping...

August 6 – Paul Asbell:

Paul is well known around Vermont and has been a local A lister in the Burlington music scene for years. He will be doing a solo show of roots, Americana, and jazz treats. We are fortunate to have him contribute.

August 13 – Mango Jam:

Back again from last year, we will be in for a treat of New Orleans inspired rhythm and mayhem for a summer evening of foot shaking frenzy.

August 20 – Les Dead Ringers:

Another newly formed band by D. Davis, of Red Hot Juba, Larkspurs, and Cookies Hot Club renown.

WESTFORD RECREATION DEPARTMENT

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UPCOMING RECREATION DATES:

- **Moonlight Amphibian Walk** - Friday, May 5 - 8:00 p.m. meet at the Westford Elementary School parking area/kiosk to the Maple Shade Town Forest trails. We will then traverse the field, and go into the woods where we will walk the beaver pond trail as well as the two spurs to the beaver pond. Be prepared for mud, and bring a flashlight and/or headlamp. Register by Wednesday, 5/3!
- **Recreation Board Meeting** - Tuesday, May 2 7:00 p.m. Town office & Zoom

Continuing PROGRAMS:

- ❖ **Adult Pickup Basketball** @ Westford School Gym Wednesdays 7-9 p.m. excluding weeks the school is closed - Remaining full session Jan-June \$25 or \$5 drop in.

New PROGRAMS:

- ❖ **Middle School Volleyball** @ Westford School Gym – Tuesdays, May 2, 9, 16, 23, 30 - 5:00 to 7:00 p.m. - Grades 5 - 8 - Fee - \$25.00 - Limit of 25 participants
- ❖ **Slow Flow Yoga** @ Westford School gym - Thursdays, May 4th -June 8th (6 weeks) - 5:30pm - 6:30pm - For Adults age 18 and over - \$60 for the whole series, or \$12 per class for walk-ins
- ❖ **Mostly! Moonlight Nature Walks** - Friday or Saturday nights close to the full moon, with the exception of a bat hike at the new moon. Guided hike on/around the Westford Trails. Adults. No charge, donations welcomed. Sign up by the Wednesday before each hike, if not enough registrations, that hike will be canceled.
- ❖ **Adult Game Night** @ RBMH - Sunday, June 4 5:00 to 8:00 p.m. No fee, drop in!

Thank you so much to the sponsors of the WRD Easter Egg Hunt!

- ★ Hibbs Collins Dentistry - tooth care items
- ★ Westford Country Store & Café - bunny bags and candies
- ★ Sweet Clover Market - caramel chocolates
- ★ American Meadows - wildflower seeds
- ★ Lake Champlain Chocolates - Easter Egg chocolates
- ★ Sweet Scoops - coupons for free sprinkles
- ★ Avalon Teaching Farm. L3C - coupons for pony rides

George (Professor Squelch), Deanna, Maria, and others!



Links to registrations and more information available on the town website:

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

E-mail - recreation@westfordvt.us

Belated thanks to **JJ's Pizza & More** for the pizzas for Minecraft Lego Night!



RECREATION PROGRAMS

Middle School Volleyball

With coach Karen Chesser

Tuesdays 5:00 to 7:00 p.m. Westford School Gym

May 2, 9, 16, 23, 30

Grades 5-8

Fee - \$25.00 for all 5 dates

Limited to 25 participants



Quality instruction so participants feel successful and empowered by the foundation of skills learned.



Parent & Me

For Pre-K youth.

Must be accompanied by a parent or guardian.

Head Coach - Meghan Valyou Orisko

T-Ball

Focus on the fundamentals of baseball and softball

Dates - Tuesdays - June 20, 27; July 11, 25;

August 1, 8, 15, 22

Time - 5:00 - 6:00 p.m.

Ages 3 - 6 at time of program

Fee - for 6 to 8 sessions - TBD



Soccer

Focus on the fundamentals

Dates - Wednesdays - June 21, 28;

July 12, 26; August 2, 9, 16, 23

Time - 5:00 to 6:00 p.m.

Ages - 1 to 6 at time of program

Fee for 6 to 8 sessions - TBD



Register mid-April at <https://westfordvt.us/recreation/>

Please register with the Westford Recreation Department

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



The classes are open for adults 18 and over. No previous yoga experience is required but a certain degree of mobility is suggested. All classes will be different and options will be provided to make the practice accessible to every body.

If you are still unsure whether this class is for you or if you have any yoga related questions, please reach out to Doris via email at info@happycat.yoga

Please, bring your own mat and a blanket or towel; props like blocks or thick books and straps or a belt may also come in handy.

Doris moved to Westford in 2014. After retiring from her career as an Application Engineer, she decided to build on her 15+ years of practicing yoga and become a teacher. She is now a certified Yoga instructor (RYT-500). Doris is currently expanding her training to the field of yoga therapy, with a special interest in how yoga can improve the quality of life for people with cancer. She is also an avid reader and you may see her once in a while helping out at the Westford Public Library.



SLOW FLOW YOGA

Are you looking for a fun and effective way to release stress, calm down and unwind after a busy day? Then join Doris for an hour of Slow Flow Yoga. This Vinyasa style class gently guides you into the practice with breathing exercises followed by a warm-up phase to lubricate the joints and prime the core area. While you slowly flow through a main sequence of poses, you can let go of any worries and surrender to your inner-most self. We finish the class with a cool-down and rest which will leave you feeling refreshed and content.

Thursday, 5:30pm - 6:30pm, May 4th-June 8th (6 weeks)

at the Westford School Gymnasium

\$60 for the whole block, or \$12 per class for walk-ins

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