



WESTFORD NEWSLETTER

September 2023



The **Bobcat** is most active at twilight and is largely solitary. They occasionally have two litters of kittens per year, with the second being born in September. They are culturally significant to many North American Indigenous cultures.

Westford Town Office

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<https://westfordvt.us/>

TOWN OFFICE NOTES

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

FELLOWSHIP, FOOD and FUN! Yes, we call ourselves Westford Seniors, but please do not let the word Senior bother you. We are all just Westford residents 55+ who gather monthly (September – June) at the Red Brick Meeting House on the common to converse, laugh, share a meal and either play a game, enjoy entertainment, or listen to speakers on varying topics. Our AMAZING volunteers cook and serve up a delicious home cooked meal for us all to enjoy.

Please consider giving us a try...what have you got to lose other than a couple of hours? You might meet a new neighbor, win the 50-50 raffle, learn a fun factoid, or hear about a good book to read.

The September lunch will be on Monday 9/11 with our volunteers serving up a potluck meal. Doors open at 11:30 a.m. with meal service beginning around 12 noon. We will have a short business meeting followed by a presentation by Laura Need from Age Well, who will give us the scoop on all they have to offer.

We look forward to seeing many familiar faces and hopefully some new ones! Please reach out if you have any questions or need a ride. We respectfully ask folks to pass on lunch if you are having any respiratory symptoms. Thank you!

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

Newsletter Deadline

The deadline for the October Newsletter is 12:00 noon on Monday, September 25rd.

TOWN OFFICE HOURS

The office is open:

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

The office is **CLOSED**:

- September 4th – Labor day

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



FALL ROADS

What you need to know about fall road conditions

- **Tourists:** watch for tourists “leaf peeping”. They may be driving slowly or be in need of directions.
- **High Winds:** can damage trees which then may block roads. Come across a tree blocking the road? Give the town office a call!

Reminders:

- Several hunting seasons occur during fall. Watch for vehicles parked on the side of roads. Pedestrians and pets should wear orange/yellow reflective clothing.

Phelps Road Closure Notice



**Phelps Road will be closed August 28 –
August 31 from 8am to 4pm**

The Road Crew will be ditching and stone lining the ditches as part of a grant the Town received. The work is part of a larger project for erosion control and to mitigate stormwater runoff in accordance to Act 64, the Vermont Clean Water Act.

WESTFORD COMMON USE POLICY

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

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: John Roberts, 1713 VT Route 128, Westford, VT 05494.

For more information, contact John Roberts at road_foreman@westfordvt.us or 802-879-4306
Position open until filled. Westford is an Equal Opportunity Employer.

TOWN ADMINISTRATOR

The Town of Westford, Vermont is seeking its next Town Administrator for an immediate opening. The perfect candidate will be an energetic, organized, and personal professional who is committed to maintaining our traditions of community and transparent good governance, while also championing our efforts to bring more modern, more accessible, and more efficient services to our townspeople.

Under the direction of the Selectboard, the Town Administrator is responsible for effectively administering the functions of both town government and the town office. This role will frequently also include oversight and implementation of special projects intended to advance the town in meaningful and sustainable ways.

A successful applicant would ideally have significant relevant experience in municipal governance, or in comparable roles from business or industry. Our next Town Administrator will have a can-do spirit and a desire to contribute to our community through direct, grass roots public service, and will receive a competitive benefits package and an annual salary of \$70,000 or more, perhaps significantly more, depending on experience and demonstrated ability.

To learn more, please review the following:

[Town Website](#)

[Job Description](#)

[Town Annual Report](#)

[Monthly Town Newsletters](#)

Westford will consider any combination of education and experience that will lead to successful performance in this role. The Town's goal is to hire the candidate who is best able to fulfill the objectives of the position. We, therefore, encourage people with non-traditional, transferable skill sets to apply, even if the candidate believes they do not meet 100% of the qualifications listed in the job description.

If you would like to be considered for this opportunity, please email a cover letter and resume, in confidence to selectboard@westfordvt.us.

The Town of Westford is an Equal Opportunity Employer.

MUNICIPAL JOB OPENINGS (continued)

SECOND ADMINISTRATOR ASSISTANT

The Town of Westford has an immediate opening for a second temporary, part-time Administrative Assistant. This position is also being created to support the Selectboard and Town Office during the transition that is currently underway in our Town Administrator role. The ideal candidate will be flexible, have office experience, computer skills, including with Microsoft Office, excellent verbal and written communication skills, as well as a positive and pleasant attitude, an awareness of the Town's current events, and the ability to attend evening meetings and to host Zoom sessions for those meetings. This role will also include documenting detailed work plans, procedures, and training materials, and will require exercising good judgement to prioritize tasks and to escalate issues appropriately based on importance or urgency. One primary duty will be to manage the Town Admin email box addressing requests and resolving issues where possible or forwarding them to other Town employees for action, when appropriate.

This position will average 10-15 hours per week and can be a hybrid of Town Office in-person and remote work. Salary will be \$25 per hour or more, depending on skills and experience.

This is a great opportunity to help the Westford community, become more involved in Town matters and work with a great group of people.

For consideration, please email a cover letter and resume as a PDF attachment, in confidence, to selectboard@westfordvt.us. The position will remain open until filled. The Town of Westford is an equal opportunity employer.

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 \(westfordvt.us\)](#) 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 \(ccrpcvt.org\)](#). 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 d-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 Community Wastewater Project

September Events

Opportunities to come together to ask questions and learn about the project
in advance of a **November 7, 2023 Bond Vote**.

Informational Meeting

Wednesday, September 13, 2023

6:30-8:30pm

Westford School

Site Walks

Saturday, September 23, 2023

10:00am - Kings Hill Fire District
Public Water & Sewer System (North Road)

12:00pm - Proposed Town Center
Community Wastewater (Town Common)

Visit www.WestfordsFuture.com for more information

Hybrid meeting/hearing options available, scan the QR code for more info.



These are meetings of the Westford Planning Commission &
Community Wastewater Outreach Advisory Committee
Background Photo by: Orah Moore Photography

WHAT YOU NEED TO KNOW ABOUT THE WASTEWATER BOND VOTE

The Wastewater Bond Vote will be held on
November 7th, 2023 at the **Westford School** from **7am-7pm**.

The town will be sending ballots in the mail to **ALL ACTIVE VOTERS**. This was a decision made by the Selectboard during their August 10th meeting. Your mail-in ballot will come with return postage so you can easily send your ballot to the town. You may also drop your ballot off at the town office in the secure drop box outside of the office to the left of the front door OR in the drop box inside by the front counter. On polling day, please drop all ballots off at the polling location: the gym at the Westford School on Brookside Road.

If you want to vote physically at the polls you are always more than welcome to do so! Please bring your ballot with you if you can, but no worries if you forget, we always have ballots available. You are also welcome to come with your already filled out absentee ballot and put it through the tabulator yourself!

Not sure if you're registered to vote in Westford? Check your voter registration status here: <https://mvp.vermont.gov/>

If you have questions about the ballots and voting process? Feel free to give the Town Clerk's office a call: 802-878-4587 or email us: townclerk@westfordvt.us

We will continue to post updates and new information in the months running up to the election both in the Newsletter and on Front Porch Forum.

Questions about the Community Wastewater Project in general? Visit: <https://www.westfordsfuture.com/>



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 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

A Howard Coffin Presentation

*"Vermont, 1800 and Froze to Death;
The Cold Year of 1816"*



1816 has long been known as the year without summer. Vermonters still call it "1800 and Froze to Death," a year of frosts every month, dark skies, and mysterious lights that caused a widespread belief that a higher power was displeased.

In this talk, historian Howard Coffin includes scores of anecdotes on the dark year of failed crops, scarce food, and religious revival. Vermonters coped with the cold year with neighbor helping neighbor.

Saturday, September 9th at 1:30 P.M
Brick Meeting House on the Common
1685 VT Rte. 128, Westford VT
Free and Open to the public

For more information, please contact Caroline Brown at (802) 878-8890 or email carolinebrown802@myfairpoint.net or Glenn Rogers at (802) 878-4525 email at glenn.rogers@uvm.med. A Vermont Humanities Council Program hosted by the Westford Historical Society.

Westford Historical Society

A fun and educational time was had by all who attended Kurt Sherman's archeological dig behind the Brick Meeting House on August 5th. 25 folks of all ages showed up to learn what was involved and then got to work on their "plots" Their "treasures" included many shoes and parts of shoes, metal springs, a few bottles and more, but the wonder of it all was not dampened by NOT finding more rare items. Thank you, Kurt, for your time and expertise.

Coming up on September 9th will be Howard Coffin's talk on "Vermont, 1800 and Froze to Death, the Cold Year of 1816." Picture a frost every month, dark skies and mysterious lights, leading folks to speculate that a "higher power was displeased." Howard's talks are always engaging with an abundant sprinkling of anecdotes. Please join us Saturday, September 9th at 1:30 at the Brick Meeting House.

Then, on Saturday, October 7th at 1:30 at the Brick Meeting House we will host Christine Hadsel, an expert on Painted Curtains. She will share information on the talented artists who produced Vermont's amazing painted curtains. And, she will discuss the restoration and preservation process—highlighting Westford's own painted curtain which has been stored for years. The curtain will ultimately be hung in the new Historical Society building on the common and be displayed on the 7th and then on special occasions. Volunteer help will be needed and much appreciated on September 26th, 27th and 28th to assist with the restoration. For more information and/or to volunteer please contact Caroline Brown at carolinebrown802@myfairpoint.net.

SUBSCRIBE TO THE TOWN NEWSLETTER

If you would like to receive a copy of the Town Newsletter by email, send an email to townclerk@westfordvt.us with your name (required), email address (required) and address (optional). To view current and past newsletters visit: <https://westfordvt.us/documents/newsletters/>

Senator Irene Wrenner, Chittenden North

August 28, 2023

This is a busy time of year, as folks head back to school, return from vacations, harvest and put-up garden produce, and more.

Thought I'd keep it light this month and offer you an interactive review of the 2023 legislative session on the next page. Solution available at www.wrenner4senate.org/puzzle.



2023 Legislative

Year in Review



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Across

- 2 S.3 prohibits paramilitary training ____
- 4 Said by voters in favor
- 6 Used to sign a bill
- 8 S.5 targets clean ____ to address climate change
- 9 Governor's rejection of a bill
- 11 Governor who drives a race car
- 13 S.39 tried to increase future legislators' ____
- 15 Senate may vote to ____ Franklin County Sheriff
- 17 Pool of money allocated for a specific purpose
- 20 To try to influence the votes of legislators
- 23 EV drivers don't pay this tax
- 24 Color of House Chamber furnishings
- 26 Sworn by legislators on January 4th
- 27 Motel dwellers' tickets
- 31 Correctional facility
- 32 To dissolve a fire district, modify a town's ____
- 33 S.36 addressed ____ on health care workers
- 34 H.217 improves pay for child ____ workers
- 37 Amendment to US constitution mentions "arms"
- 39 H.222 works on preventing ____ overdoses
- 42 S.37 allows medication abortion, packaged this way
- 43 Branch of state government led by a Republican
- 44 Legislative move to cancel a veto
- 45 Formal dialogue in the House or Senate chamber
- 46 FY24 ____ no longer offers \$10K to woo workers to VT
- 47 S.100 imposes higher density on ____ zoning regulations

Down

- 1 Small wooden mallet used to maintain order
- 3 115 State St is address of the so-called "____'s House"
- 5 State Motto: Freedom and ____
- 7 Pandemic that started in 2019
- 8 Demand exceeds its supply nationwide
- 10 Resource(s) that an applicant contributes to get a grant
- 12 Monetary award without interest or repayment
- 14 S.25 bans uses of this "forever chemical" family
- 16 H.165 pays for daily ____ for every schoolchild
- 18 Quintessential agricultural industry
- 19 July's catastrophic event
- 21 H.158 proposed an expansion of the ____ bill
- 22 H.230 addresses gun safety / ____ prevention
- 25 Lt. Governor who farms
- 27 H.236: youth ages 16+ may ____ in city elections
- 28 ____ maintenance keeps traffic flowing or halts it!
- 29 S.37 provides a legal ____ for health care workers when non-residents receive reproductive care here
- 30 Type of tree yielding sweet agricultural output
- 35 Popular bills may have ____-partisan support
- 36 S.190 allows terminally ill non-residents to ____ here, when assisted by a doctor.
- 38 Number of nations mentioned in the Pledge
- 40 State House dome color
- 41 Speaker of the House Krowinski
- 42 President Pro Tempore of the Senate Baruth



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: FALL

- Leaves and grass clippings are valuable compost materials because they are carbon rich. Add them in small batches to avoid matting (too many leaves clump together and slow down the compost process)
- Cover your pile or use an enclosed composter to keep things moist but not sodden. This will also deter pests like bears, raccoons, and mice.
- Other items that can go in your compost this time of year include wood ash and the skeletons of annual flowers & plants. Break down large-bodied plants like tomatoes and broccoli before adding them to your pile.
- Store compost material like leaves & grass in a burlap sack near your pile for adding with food scraps.

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 Music Series 2023/2024

*Sundays: 4-5 pm at the Westford Common Hall
21 Brookside Road, Westford, VT*

October 15, 2023: Twangtown Paramours

November 12, 2023: Marsh Lights

December 17, 2023: Carol Ann Jones and Friends

January 21, 2024: FREVO

February 25, 2024: Will Patton Ensemble

March 24, 2024: Dale & Darcy Trio

April 7, 2024: Heliand

May 5, 2024: Howling Waters



WESTFORD PUBLIC LIBRARY

<https://westfordpubliclibrary.org>

(802) 878-5639

westfordpubliclibrary@gmail.com

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Coffee and Cards

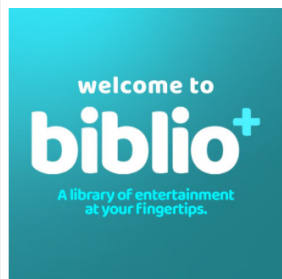
10:30am-Noon

This month - September 12 & 26

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.



A heartfelt thank you to **Patty Pittala** and **Leanne Saddlemire** for their years of service as Library Trustees. We appreciate their creativity and vision and their hard work on the Westford Community Fund. We also want to welcome new trustees **Marianne Bassford** and **Becky Roy**.



Video Streaming Service FREE with your library card - starting September 1!

Biblio+ is a free streaming service. Movies, TV, documentaries - all ages! Lots of Brit/BBC content. FREE with your library card - no limits, watch as much or as little as you like. Need to have a current library card and know your library card number - contact the

library for help with that or if you need to renew.

Sign up with your library card at www.biblioplus.com to start streaming their selection of films and TV series today!

The biblio+ app is available for download on Apple devices (iPhone, iPad, Apple TV), Android phone and tablet, Amazon Fire TV, and Roku, or stream directly from www.biblioplus.com.

Using your Digital Library - Wed., Sept. 6 from 7-8pm

Libby? Mango? Now streaming movies?! Feeling a bit overwhelmed or looking to get the most of your digital library - come learn how to do all these things - in person - ask questions. Feel free to bring charged devices to get started.

OPEN HOURS:

Tuesdays 10am-7pm

Wednesdays 1-7pm

Thursdays 10am-7pm

Fridays 1-7pm

Saturdays 10am-2pm

Adult Book Group

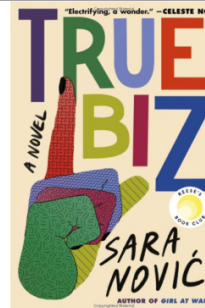
Wed., Sept. 27

7:00-8:00 pm

True Biz

By: Sara Novic

ONE OF THE BEST BOOKS OF THE YEAR:
NPR, The Washington Post,
Publishers Weekly, Booklist



True biz (adj./exclamation;
American Sign Language):
really, seriously, definitely, real-talk

True biz? The students at the River Valley School for the Deaf just want to hook up, pass their history finals, and have politicians, doctors, and their parents stop telling them what to do with their bodies. This revelatory novel plunges readers into the halls of a residential school for the deaf, where they'll meet Charlie, a rebellious transfer student who's never met another deaf person before; Austin, the school's golden boy, whose world is rocked when his baby sister is born hearing; and February, the hearing headmistress, a CODA (child of deaf adult(s)) who is fighting to keep her school open and her marriage intact, but might not be able to do both. As a series of crises both personal and political threaten to unravel each of them, Charlie, Austin, and February find their lives inextricable from one another—and changed forever.

This is a story of sign language and lip-reading, disability and civil rights, isolation and injustice, first love and loss, and, above all, great persistence, daring, and joy. Absorbing and assured, idiosyncratic and relatable, this is an unforgettable journey into the Deaf community and a universal celebration of human connection.

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

Early Literacy Storytime - Thursdays at 11:15am inside the library.

9/7/23: Theme: LeUyen Pham Stories (it's her bday!) 9/14/23: Theme: Apples

9/24/23: NO STORYTIME

9/28/23: Theme: Fall

We know the transition from summer to back to school can be tough, going from outside to inside can be different - we will take it slow and get used to our new format this month. Don't worry!

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

September Library Events

September 1 - August Trails Passport Winner drawn
 September 6 - Using your Digital Library 7-8pm
 September 8 - KinderNight 6-7pm, please RSVP by 9/6
 September 12 - Coffee and Cards 10:30-Noon
 September 13 - Trustees Meeting 7-9pm
 September 21 - NO STORYTIME
 September 26 - September 30 - Bring in costumes for the first ever costume swap! Costume Shop is October 5-7 and October 12-14.
 September 26 - Coffee and Cards 10:30-Noon
 September 27 - Adult Book Group discussing True Biz by Sara Novic.
 September 29 - "All Together Now" Puzzle Art Reception - 6:30-8:00pm
 October 3 - September Trails Passport Winner drawn

Storytime Thursdays 11:15 in the Library

"All Together Now" Community Puzzle Art Reception
 Friday, September 29 from 6:30-8:00pm

Did you make a puzzle piece? Would you like to show it off to family and friends? Come for some snacks and goodies and celebrate your art. Didn't make a piece - come anyway and appreciate all the artistic talent in Westford. Display will be taken down at the end of September and pieces will be available to pick up throughout October.



KinderNight!

Friday, Sept. 8 6:00-7:00pm

All Westford Kindergarteners and their families - come for a special kindergarten themed story time and craft - just for you! This is a fun way for kids and families to get to know each other. We love making connections and new friends!



We'll also make yogurt "sundaes", so let us know if you have any allergies.

RSVP to westfordpubliclibrary@gmail.com by Sept. 6, appreciated, but not required.



**Fire up your imagination
 with a library card.
 Get yours today!**

September is
LIBRARY CARD SIGN-UP MONTH



Fall is a great time to explore Westford's Trails!

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



Poetry Walk - Enjoy a stroll starting at the back kiosk of the school trails.

Story Walk on the school trails

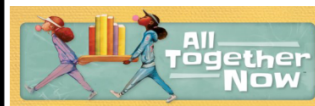
Enjoy "Hot Dog" on the school trails. Story starts at the front parking lot kiosk.



**First EVER
 Costume Swap**

Bring in your clean, ready to wear costumes and accessories

anytime the week of September 26-30. We will gather and sort and THEN come shop the costumes October 5-7 and October 12-14 during regular library hours. Recycle those great, outgrown costumes. All sizes and themes. You do not have to bring things to come get new to you costumes. Save the environment and save some money! If you would like to help with this, please let Bree know.



**Summer Reading
 Recap!**

This summer, we had the most kids ever sign

up - 132 kids!

We also had the most adult participation ever!

2,356 books were read

37,547 minutes were read

We ran 35 programs this summer.

We put on a story walk, a poetry walk and even met up at a baseball game.

THANK YOU to all the parents, grandparents, and teachers who do so much to support their children's love of reading.

THANK YOU to the following for their support:

Westford Country Store and Café

Morgan Brook Farm

Westford Conservation Commission

The Vermont Department of Libraries

The Westford Library Board of Trustees

Nancy Volkers and Bob the Tortoise

Ben and Jerry's and Hannaford in Essex

The Lake Monsters and Champ

WESTFORD PUBLIC LIBRARY: Providing a community hub for everyone to explore, engage, and enjoy.



Westford Passport Program 2023



***** THE PASSPORT PROGRAM IS BACK FOR ANOTHER SEASON *****

Sorry for the Later Start this Year – Passports are available starting 7/25

Trail Stamps will be Ready Soon

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

IT'S EASY

Pick up your Passport at the Library, or the Town Office.

Watch for notices on Front Porch Forum or the Library Facebook Page announcing which trails are ready with stamps. Then collect stamps by hiking one of the 14 trails or visiting the 1 town landmark. With 9 or more stamps, you can redeem your Passport at the library and receive a Westford themed canvas bag, or a handmade tote bag, as your prize (your choice).

You can also keep your Passport as a souvenir of your adventures in Westford!

SPECIAL NOTES for 2023

We have new metal or plastic weatherproof boxes to hold the stamps.

These will sit on the ground chained to a tree.

Look for the WESTFORD PASSPORT markings in YELLOW PAINT.

---SCHULTZ TRAIL BOX & STAMP WILL ONLY BE AVAILABLE LATE JULY & AUGUST---

MONTHLY RAFFLE FOR A GIFT CARD PRIZE

When you redeem your Passport, you will also be entered in a drawing for a \$50 gift card to a local business - Westford Country Store, Butcher Barn, Steeple Market & Sweet Clover Market.

The more stamps you collect, the more chances you will earn in the raffle drawings.

(See the Passport for additional details.)

August Redeem by 8/26 for chances to win one of two \$50 gift cards.

September Redeem by 9/30 for chances to win a \$50 gift card.

October Redeem by 10/28 for chances to win the last \$50 gift.

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.

LET'S GET HIKING!



September

WESTFORD RECREATION DEPARTMENT

September 2023

The Westford Recreation Department has
one board seat open. Please help guide the

WRD by joining us. E-mail recreation@westfordvt.us with your bio. You could come to the September meeting to introduce yourself and start in October!

UPCOMING WRD Board Meeting:

➤ 9/5 Recreation Board Meeting 7pm @ Town Office & via Zoom

New PROGRAMS:

- ❖ **Fall Soccer!** Is starting play soon. Late registrations may still be accepted, e-mail to see.
- ❖ **Beginner Pilates Reformer** - register on the website, schedule with Erin directly.



BIKE PARK coming soon! The pump track is under construction! The track will be appropriate for strider bikes as well as bigger riders. A tip ramp has also been donated. We're hoping for a grand opening mid-October.



Please don't ride anything until you see the OPEN FOR RIDING sign. There will be rules posted at the park, on the website, and on FB and FPF.
(photos NOT Westford!)



3rd Annual Recreation Social hotdogs & ice cream, bubbles & lawn games!
September 10 4-6pm on the Common It's time for US to thank YOU!

Links to registrations and more information available on the town website: <https://westfordvt.us/recreation/>
E-mail - recreation@westfordvt.us

Beginner Reformer Special

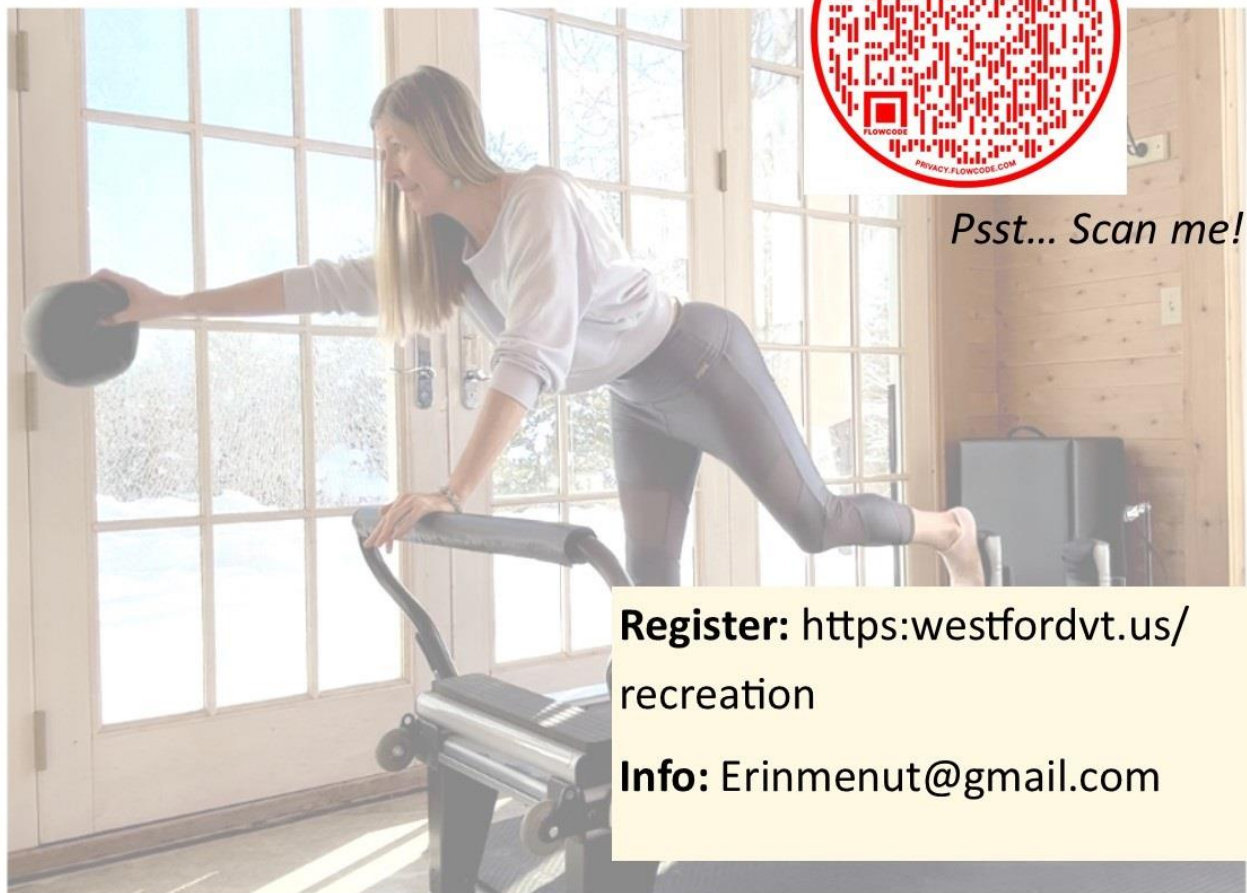
Enjoy a one-on-one introductory session for \$35.

Register through Westford recreation -

Then email Erin to schedule your session at a time that works for you!



Psst... Scan me!



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

Info: Erinmenut@gmail.com