



WESTFORD NEWSLETTER

January 2024



Much of the **Marble** industry in Vermont is located in the Champlain Valley. The first marble quarry in the United States was in Vermont. Many prominent buildings and monuments have been made from VT marble, including those in D.C.

Westford Town Office

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<https://westfordvt.us/>

TOWN OFFICE NOTES

Selectboard FY'25 Budget Workshops

The Selectboard will begin working on the FY'24 Budget in October, Upcoming workshops will be held on:

- 12/28
- 1/11
- 1/25

If needed, additional meetings will be held. The Board encourages residents to attend these meetings to provide feedback to assist the Board in developing a budget to be voted on in March 2024.

New Selectboard Positions

On November 1st, the townspeople came together in a Special Town Meeting and voted to add two new selectboard positions to the board, raising the number of members from 3 to 5. In the March 2024 Town Meeting there will be 4 Selectboard positions available. They are as follows: 3 Year Term, 3 Year Term (2 Years Remaining), 2 Year Term, and 1 Year Term. When filling out your petitions please indicate which term you would like. For a full list of available positions, not just selectboard, please contact the Town Office.

Petition Deadlines

Petitions for articles to be considered for inclusion in the warning for Town Meeting are due by 4:30pm Thursday, January 18th. Petitions must be signed by at least 5% of the registered voters (a minimum of 87). Please be sure that the person signing the petition is a registered voter and that their name is legible.

Elected offices (Selectboard, etc.) – Candidates are required to file a petition signed by at least 18 registered voters and a Consent of Candidate form to run for an office. The deadline to submit the petition and consent form is 4:30 pm on Monday January 29th. The forms can be picked up at the Town Office or printed off the town website. Please contact the Town Office for a list of offices with terms expiring in March 2024.

**WANT TO SEE THE DATES AND TIMES OF EVENTS, MEETINGS, OFFICE CLOSURES AND MORE?
CHECK OUT THE WESTFORD MUNICIPAL CALENDAR ON OUR WEBSITE!**

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

WE WANT YOUR PHOTOS!

Have a picture perfect landscape? A photo from a local event? Have your photo seen in the Westford Town Report by sending your Westford photos to townadmin@westfordvt.us. Photographs will be printed in black and white, have photographer credit, be seen by your fellow residents, and be preserved for years to come!

Senior Luncheon

Happy 2024! Thanks to a sloppy mess, we had to postpone our December luncheon. Let's hope Mother Nature cooperates this month so we can meet for our January lunch! Please join us on Monday January 8th at the RBMH. Doors will open at 11:30am with meal service around 12 noon or so. We have a scheduled speaker who will give a brief presentation regarding a new pilot sponsored by UVM – Home Interventions for Safety Solutions (HISS). This looks like a very interesting program that helps folks stay safe in their own homes by having paramedics come in to assess your home and make suggestions to help prevent injuries. Age Well should also be on hand at the end for restaurant meal ticket purchases.

We look forward to seeing everyone and catching up! Please reach out if you have any questions or need a ride. We respectfully ask folks to refrain from lunch if you are not feeling well. Thank you! Reminder, if school is cancelled due to weather, lunch is also. **Co-presidents Mary Fay (802- 878-1215) & Cori Hill (802-238-1018)**

Newsletter Deadline

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

TOWN OFFICE HOURS

The office is open:

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

Office **CLOSED**:

- January 1 – New Years
- January 3rd 10am-11am – Staff Appreciation Party



WINTER ROADS

What you need to know about winter road conditions.

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

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

Reminders:

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

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.

DOG WARDEN

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

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

The Dog Warden position receives an annual stipend of \$500 and there are funds available for training, supplies and mileage. The Town also has supplies, including a dog house, that can be utilized. If you would like more information on helping your community by serving in this position, please contact the Selectboard at selectboard@westfordvt.us or call the Town Office at 802-878-4587. Westford residency is preferred but not required.

WESTFORD MUSIC SERIES

PRESENTS

PAUL ASBELL



COMPELLING & CAPTIVATING

-free will donation-

4 - 5 PM: WESTFORD COMMON HALL

SUNDAY: JANUARY 21, 2024

Paul Asbell will be playing his acoustic guitar, laying down intricate, pianistic patterns as the consummate professional in blues, folk, early jazz, and old-timey music which has placed him among the nations most revered guitarists. Paul has played and recorded with Muddy Waters, Paul Butterfield, Otis Rush, Earl Hooker and other celebrities.

A pie raffle is included for extra fun! Call 802-363-0930 for more information.



WESTFORD CONSERVATION COMMISSION

MUD – If the ground is saturated, trails are subject to significant erosion and permanent damage. Until the ground has a solid freeze or significant snowfall, please stay off all trails so they can remain in good shape. High winds may have put debris and fallen trees on the trails. Any trails that need clearing, please contact us westfordcc@googlegroups.com

GROOMED TRAILS –The trails are open to all, but to maximize everyone’s enjoyment, please maintain “lanes” on the groomed trails. The set track is for cross country skiers, the corduroy is to be shared by snowshoers and skate skiers. We will endeavor to install signs to provide guidance.

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, January 17, 2024 at 6:00 pm at the Town Office

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

WESTFORD MUSIC SERIES

Free Concerts at the Westford Common Hall
21 Brookside Road, Westford, VT
4pm – 5pm

- January 21 – Paul Asbell
- February 25 – Will Patton Ensemble
- March 24 – Dale & Darcy Trio
- April 7 – Heliand
- May 5 – Howling Waters
- June 23 - FREVO





**WESTFORD
COMMON
HALL**

2024!
Happy New Year!

New in 2024!

The Westford Common Hall is now accepting sponsors for our key events that will happen in 2024. In exchange for your support, the Common Hall will gladly publicly acknowledge your support on its website, Facebook, and more! If your business is interested in sponsoring one of our events, please reach out to julia@westfordcommonhall.org

Now Accepting Rentals for 2024

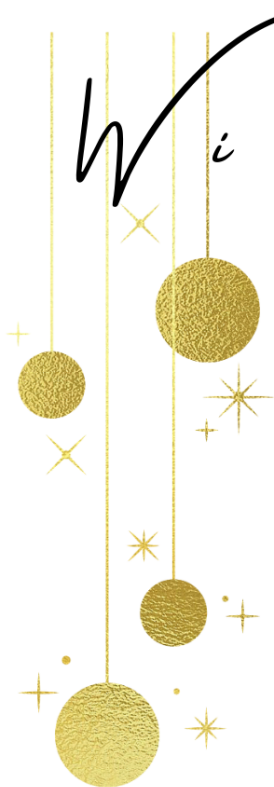
Getting married and need a venue?
 Looking to host a baby shower?
 Searching for a place to hold a celebration of life?
 Want to host a family reunion or birthday party?
 Consider renting out the Westford Common Hall for your next gathering. Reach out to us to schedule a time to tour our building and discuss options. We have very reasonable rates and your rentals will allow us to continue to make additions to the building that will enhance gatherings for years to come!

Visit our website:
www.westfordcommonhall.org
 or contact us at:
info@westfordcommonhall.org

With Gratitude

The Westford Common Hall would like to close out 2023 by expressing our heartfelt appreciation to all of the people and organizations who work with us, attend our events, and otherwise collaborate in using this historical space in so many ways, continuing to breathe life and vibrancy into a cherished building! We are so grateful for all of your support and are planning many good things for the upcoming year and beyond!

Here's to ringing in a wonderful 2024!





WESTFORD
COMMON
HALL



Westford Music Series Presents:

PAUL ASBELL

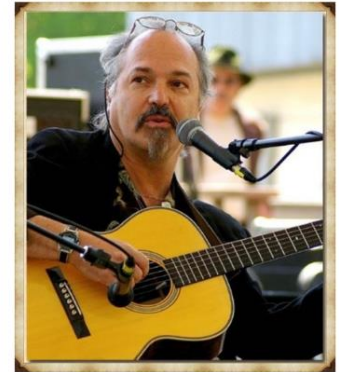
SUNDAY JANUARY 21, 2024 4:00 - 5:00 P.M. AT THE WESTFORD COMMON HALL



FREE WILL DONATION
AND
PIE RAFFLE

The Westford Music Series will feature the compelling and captivating Paul Asbell playing his acoustic guitar laying down intricate, pianistic patterns, as the consummate professional in blues, folk, early jazz, and old-timey music genre which has placed him among the nations most revered guitarist at the highest level. "Few pickers work from as broad a stylistic palette as Paul Asbell," according to Guitar Player Magazine.

From his early years, playing blues on Chicago's South Side, to his present multi-faceted career based out of northern Vermont, Paul has earned an underground reputation as a true "musicians' musician." He has played and recorded with Muddy Waters, Paul Butterfield, Otis Rush, Earl Hooker and other celebrities. To hear Paul is to become a fan.



Now on display at the WCH:



The Westford Common Hall is Proud to Present a Selection of Photographer Orah Moore's Montana - Stewards of the Land - Montana Ranchers, Their Land and Livestock Photography Exhibit

ARTIST'S RECEPTION IN JANUARY:
STAY TUNED FOR DATE AND TIME!

OUR COMMITMENT

We strive to make the Westford Common Hall accessible, welcoming, and open to everyone. Our goal is to promote inclusion, diversity, equity, and access throughout the organization with policies and practices that foster transformative change.

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.



Come one, come all!

WESTFORD WINTER FESTIVAL



FEBRUARY 17, 2024

11:30 - 4:00

Westford Village Common

All the fun from last year!
Food, music, games, horse drawn trolley, camp fires,
bon fire, and more!

Would you like to volunteer?



Any questions?

Westfordwinterfest@gmail.com



TRASH, RECYCLING & FOOD SCRAPS IN WESTFORD

Can I Recycle That?

Did you know that you are not supposed to put your recycling in plastic bags of any kind? The only exception to this is shredded office paper, which is accepted only if it's in a CLEAR BAG that's tightly closed.

Here are some other items that do NOT belong in your recycling bin:

- Dirty containers
- Plastic wrap
- Durable plastic (e.g., Tupperware, laundry bins, etc.)
- Styrofoam
- Motor oil or hazardous waste containers



For more information on the proper way to recycle, please visit <https://cswd.net/recycling/>. There is even an interesting video of a tour of the Materials Recovery Facility (MRF) where your recycling goes to be sorted.

Food Scraps *(Effective July 1, 2020, per Act 148, food scraps are banned from landfills.)*

What are food scraps?

Food scraps are parts of food that are typically discarded rather than eaten: peels, rinds, cores, eggshells, seeds, pits, bones, shells, coffee grounds and filters, loose-leaf tea, and fats/oils/grease. Food scraps is also food that was eaten but not finished: "plate scraps" or leftovers that went bad. Any type of food can become food scraps including bread, pasta, soup, vegetables, fruit, sauces, meat, fish, dairy, sweets, etc.

What should I do with meat and bones?

If you compost in your yard, the law allows you to put meat and bones in the trash, so they don't attract animals to your composting bin. If you chose to bring food scraps to a drop-off center, you can include meat and bones with the rest of your food scraps.

CSWD has an abundance of information on their website including answers to questions, ways to reduce waste and how to compost to name a few. Please go to <https://cswd.net/scrapfoodwaste/> or call **872-8111** to get more information.

SEASONAL COMPOSTING TIPS: WINTER

- 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 PUBLIC LIBRARY

<https://westfordpubliclibrary.org>

(802) 878-5639

westfordpubliclibrary@gmail.com

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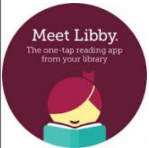


Coffee and Cards

10:30am-Noon

This month - January 9 & 23

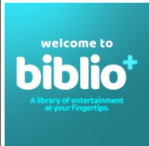
Whatever your game - we will play it. Meet with folks at the library for coffee, conversation, and cards - a great opportunity to socialize and keep those card playing skills sharp. Open to anyone, especially looking to connect with seniors. Please be prompt so we can include all in play.



Don't know how to download FREE eBooks and audiobooks to your iPad, phone or tablet?

Have you figured out Biblio+, our FREE new streaming video service?

Did you get a new device for the Holidays?



The Library can help with that!

Make an appointment with Bree.

Wednesdays in January from 3-7pm

Call, email or stop by to schedule a 30 minute time slot to work one on one.

Be sure to bring your charged device and passwords.

A BIG THANK YOU to all who donated to the Library this Holiday Season! We are so lucky to serve such a generous community!

If you donated a book from our book giving trees, make sure to have those purchased and left at Phoenix Books or brought in to the library by January 17.



Sign up early for this sure to be popular class! Space is limited.

Tea Blending Class

Wednesday, February 7 from 7-9pm

Join local herbalist, Amber Kennedy for an evening of tea blending. Sip hot tea, learn the benefits of herbs, discover how to concoct a delicious and therapeutic cup of tea and make your own custom blend to take home along with recipes to create more!

OPEN HOURS:

Tuesdays 10am-7pm

Wednesdays 1-7pm

Thursdays 10am-7pm

Fridays 1-7pm

Saturdays 10am-2pm

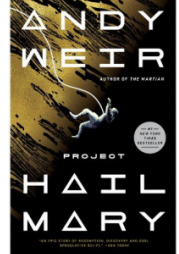
Adult Book Group

Wed., Jan. 24

7:00-8:00 pm

Project Hail Mary

By: Andy Weir



A lone astronaut must save the earth from disaster -

Ryland Grace is the sole survivor on a desperate, last-chance mission - and if he fails, humanity and the Earth itself will perish. Except that right now, he doesn't know that. He can't even remember his own name, let alone the nature of his assignment or how to complete it. All he knows is that he's been asleep for a very, very long time. And he's just been awakened to find himself millions of miles from home, with nothing but two corpses for company.

His crewmates dead, his memories fuzzily returning, he realizes that an impossible task now confronts him. Alone on this tiny ship that's been cobbled together by every government and space agency on the planet and hurled into the depths of space, it's up to him to conquer an extinction-level threat to our species. And thanks to an unexpected ally, he just might have a chance.

Part scientific mystery, part dazzling interstellar journey, Project Hail Mary is a tale of discovery, speculation, and survival to rival The Martian - while taking us to places it never dreamed of going.

This month's book group is part of our Let's Get Excited About Space series in preparation for the eclipse. Participants will get eclipse glasses.

Print and Ebook copies available

Early Literacy Storytime - Thursdays at 11:30am inside the library.

1/4/24: Theme: Winter

1/18/24: Theme: Bears

1/11/24: Theme: Mittens

1/25/24: Theme: Opposites

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

January Library Events

January 3 - Tech Help - 3-7pm - Sign up for a 30 minute slot
January 4 - LEGO Club begins - sign up required
January 4 - Maker's Group 6:30-8pm
January 9 - Coffee and Cards 10:30-Noon
January 9 - Crafting w/Marianne begins - sign up required
January 10 - Tech Help - 3-7pm - Sign up for a 30 minute slot
January 10 - Trustees Meeting 7pm
January 11 - Table Top Game Night 6:30-8pm
January 17 - Tech Help - 3-7pm - Sign up for a 30 minute slot
January 23 - Coffee and Cards 10:30-Noon
January 24 - Tech Help - 3-7pm - Sign up for a 30 minute slot
January 24 - Adult Book Group - 7-8pm - discussing Project Hail Mary by Andy Weir
January 25 - Table Top Game Night 6:30-8pm
January 27 - Sunny Saturday 10:30-Noon
January 31 - Tech Help - 3-7pm - Sign up for a 30 minute slot

Crafting w/Marianne - Tuesdays 4-5pm
Storytime Thursdays 11:30 in the Library
LEGO Club - Thursdays 4-5pm



Sunny Saturday - January 27
10:30-11:30 on the Common
(weather dependent)

Swing by for a look at the sun! We will have a solar telescope set up to safely view the sun, several pairs of sunoculars and a sunspotter. Thanks to S.E.A.L and VTLIB for this opportunity. **(participants can sign up for guaranteed eclipse glasses to be distributed in April)**



LEGO Club!
Thursdays from 4-5pm
in January (starts 1/4)

Grades 1-4 - sign up required (call or email)

Kids will ride the bus (with note from home and EWSD transportation form) to the library each week. More information on bussing to those who sign up.

Snack included.

We will do a combination of free building, building challenges, and have lots of LEGO fun!

Space is limited, so plan to attend weekly and sign up early. Priority will be giving to kids who did not get in the first session.



Crafting Club with Marianne!

Tuesdays from 4-5pm in January (not 1/2)

Grades 3 and up - sign up required (call or email)

Kids will ride the bus (with note from home and EWSD transportation form) to the library each week. More information on bussing to those who sign up.

Snack and all supplies included

Local crafter, Marianne Bassford, has created variety of projects using a variety of mediums - projects may include card making, simple drawing, easy beading, simple sewing, and/or paper folding. Perfect for kids who are focused on arts and crafts.

Space is limited, so plan to attend weekly and sign up early.



Maker's Group

Meets at the library the first Thursday of the month from 6:30-8:00pm. All types of crafters are welcome to attend. Bring projects to show off, share expertise, and enjoy each others' company.

TABLE TOP GAME NIGHT
- NEW GROUP!

MEETS THE 2ND AND 4TH THURSDAY OF THE MONTH FROM 6:30-8PM

Meets this month on
January 11 and 25.

Hosted by avid table top gamers Bill & Martha McClintock.

Bill and Martha will bring games from their extensive home game collection to share with those who come. This is a new group, so we will see how it goes. Please come to make things like this possible. Snacks provided. Bring your own beverages.



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



REMINDERS FOR DOG OWNERS

Winter can be a difficult time for dogs to go missing. To help ensure your furry companions are safe this winter you can do the following:

- Clear snow from against fencing to avoid over the fence escapes (as snow piles up it can be easier for your dog to go over).
- When your dog is let outside make sure they are wearing reflective and/or high visibility orange/yellow.
- Always make sure your dog is wearing a name tag with a phone number! If you find that dangling tags get lost easily look for “slide” style tags.
- If you use an invisible fence ensure your batteries are still in working order.
- Keep cable runs well lubricated to ensure they are working properly. Cable runs and tie-outs may require more moisture this time of year.
- Train and Maintain a reliable recall. Teaching your dog to come when called reliably is one of the best tools for keeping your dog safe this winter. Practice in a safe area before letting your dog loose. Please make sure that when in public your dog can reliably come when called even if distracted by: wildlife, people, children, livestock, and other dogs.

Loose Dog? Lost Dog? Contact one of our dog warden:

<https://westfordvt.us/administration/dog-warden/>

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/administration/dog-warden/) 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://www.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 RECREATION DEPARTMENT

NEWSLETTER January 2024

January 9, 2024 Recreation Board Meeting 7pm @
Town Office & via Zoom

Start the New Year by Volunteering with the Westford Recreation Department!

- **Board member needed!** Spend 2 hours per month, generally the first Tuesday from 7:00 to 9:00 p.m. meeting with the WRD Committee to discuss and plan programming. Occasional program involvement as desired.
- **Ice Rink Master needed!** The boards are up, but the rink has not been filled and won't be filled unless WRD gets help to maintain the rink daily. One person is needed to organize volunteers to maintain the rink, connect with the Fire Department regarding filling and resurfacing, and organizing volunteers to take the rink down.
- **Ice Rink Volunteers needed!** One or more days per week, check the conditions, post open or closed, ensure the ice is cleared in the evenings. Occasional help to shovel snow from the ice, help with resurfacing, and taking the boards down.



- **Suggest Programming or volunteer to lead a program!** If there is something you would like to see WRD offer, please go to the website and click the program suggestion link. If you would like to lead an event or program see that link on the website.

Continuing PROGRAMS:

- ❖ **Pick up Adult Basketball** - Wednesday evenings at Westford School Gym
- ❖ **Women's Futsal** - Monday evenings at Westford School Gym
- ❖ **Youth Basketball Grades 1 through 4** - Saturday mornings at Westford School Gym

Santa's Mailbox was successful again and a lot of fun for the letter writing elves!



Some policy clean-up was done at the December WRD Committee Meeting. Here are the current general policies regarding WRD Programs.

- It is strongly suggested that all recreation programs for youth have at least two WRD background checked adults on premises unless special conditions exist and the Committee has approved it ahead of time.
- All volunteers must be background checked every two years.
- All participants must be on the current roster in order to participate.
- Registration deadlines for all programs will be 7 days before the program starts. For pick-up or drop in programs, registration will be ongoing.
- Participants who register late must be approved by the Coaches and verified by the Recreation Coordinator before participating.
- There will be a \$10.00 late registration fee after the program deadline.
- Participation fees are waived for up to three children per volunteer leading the program.
- The Treasurer and Recreation Coordinator should both approve invoices to be paid.
- The Recreation Coordinator may purchase supplies up to \$100.00 per program. Should then report at the next WRD Committee meeting.

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

E-mail - recreation@westfordvt.us

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/>