



# WESTFORD NEWSLETTER

*April 2024*

Vermont has always been well known for its **Cheese**. By the mid-1800s, cheese co-ops had formed which centrally located production. Vermont is well known for its cheddar, blue cheese, and chevre.



## **Westford Town Office**

1713 Vermont Route 128 - Westford, Vermont 05494

**Phone:** (802)878-4587 **Fax:** (802)879-6503

<https://westfordvt.us/>

## **TOWN OFFICE NOTES**

### **EWSD (School) Election Ballots**

Ballots for the EWSD (School) Budget Election were sent out on March 22nd. Voters can return their ballots with the provided return postage, at the town office drop box, inside the town office, or at the polls during polling day, April 9th 7am-7pm at the Westford School.

### **Dog Licenses**

Dogs in Westford are required to be vaccinated against rabies and licensed with the town by April 1<sup>st</sup>. This is required legally by the State of Vermont. The fee for spayed/neutered dogs is \$11.00 and the fee for intact dogs is \$13.00 after April 1<sup>st</sup> late fees will begin being assessed.

### **Senior Luncheon**

This is not an April Fool's Joke, please take note..... Due to the activities surrounding the Solar Eclipse on April 8th, we have moved the Senior Luncheon to Monday April 1st. We hope to see many faces this month for the corned beef meal we were unable to have last month.

Any Westford current or past resident is encouraged to join us at the RBMH on 4/1 for a shared meal prepared by our wonderful volunteers. Doors open at 11:30 for socializing and meal service will begin around 12noon.

We are hoping to have a short presentation following the meal from the Westford 5/6 grade Pickle Pandas Robotics Team. They will be representing Vermont at a competition in California at the end of May. Hooray ! Let's have a good crowd to see their work and wish them well. Please reach out if you have any questions.

**Co-presidents Mary Fay (802- 878-1215) & Cori Hill (802-238-1018)**

### **Newsletter Deadline**

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

## **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](mailto: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/>

## TOWN OFFICE HOURS

The office is open:

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

The Office is **CLOSED**:

- April 8 – 2:30 pm - 4:00 pm – Observation of Eclipse
- April 9 – School Budget Election

## ~ That's WAC! ~

Did you know the Wastewater Alternatives Committee (affectionally known as WAC) has a page on the town website where you can find documents, minutes, recordings and more? If you're seeking information about the exploration of wastewater alternatives in the village center visit here: <https://westfordvt.us/wastewater-alternatives-study/>



SLOW

## MUD SEASON!

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.
- **Snow:** a mix of precipitation can occur. Snow on top of muddy roads will become more slippery.
- **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.



## **WESTFORD MUSIC SERIES**

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

- April 7 – Heliand
- May 5 – Howling Waters
- June 2 – Play in Every Town VT; David Fuerzig @ the Red Brick Meeting House
- June 23 - FREVO



## **MUNICIPAL JOB OPENINGS**

### **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](mailto:selectboard@westfordvt.us) or call the Town Office at 802-878-4587. Westford residency is preferred but not required.

### **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: Sean Cushing, 1713 VT Route 128, Westford, VT 05494.

For more information, contact Sean Cushing at [road\\_foreman@westfordvt.us](mailto:road_foreman@westfordvt.us) or 802-879-4306  
Position open until filled. Westford is an Equal Opportunity Employer.

## WESTFORD MUSIC SERIES

PRESENTS

# HELIAND



### INTIMATE & EXPRESSIVE CHAMBER MUSIC

*-free will donation-*

**4 - 5 PM: WESTFORD COMMON HALL**

**SUNDAY: APRIL 7, 2024**

Heliand is offering a fresh new program, Zodiac Dust, for the celebration of the Eclipse, demonstrating their well-known dynamic and creative sensibilities. Oboist Katie Opera and bassoonist Rachael Elliot are joined by NY percussion virtuosos Thomas Kozumplik. They bring an engaging repertoire of classical music from the baroque through the 20<sup>th</sup> century contemporary genre.

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

### 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



April 13<sup>th</sup>

2:00 pm - 4:00 pm



## IRENE ALLEN'S 120<sup>TH</sup> BIRTHDAY CELEBRATION

Westford Library

Irene Allen (1904-1985) was Westford's librarian for decades. She was also a historian and genealogist as well as an author and newspaper reporter.

We will present some of the trove of her papers from the UVM Special Collection and we invited anyone who remembers her to participate in a discussion. If you knew Irene or would like to hear tales of bygone Westford, please plan to attend.

**Refreshments provided.**

More information will be on Front Porch Forum, and on the Westford Historical Society Facebook Page.



## WESTFORD CONSERVATION COMMISSION

### Active hunting:

Hunting is a permitted activity in the Maple Shade Town Forest from May 1 - May 31, 2024, and from October 1 - December 15, 2024. All hunting activity during these periods must follow state laws and season regulations.

**Take precautions** by wearing orange, leashing dogs, and making noise.

### Trail use:

MUD SEASON is upon us! Please stay off the trails during this time of extreme muck and mud. The trails become damaged when used, and this problem perpetuates for years. We assume the trails will be fit for use again at the end of May. We will update again in the next newsletter.

### Green Up Day:

Mark your calendars for Green Up Day: May 4, 2024 and help keep Westford beautiful.

### Trail Cleanup Day:

Spring Trail Cleanup Day will be held on June 1, 2024 at 9:30AM with a rain date of June 2. We have had wonderful volunteers for these events in the past, but attendance has dwindled in recent years. We hope that more people help out for cleanup day this year. If you use the trails and appreciate them, please consider participating!

### Thank you, Sarah Pinto:

We'd like to thank Sarah Pinto for her many years of service as the Chair of the WCC. She has volunteered countless hours to trail maintenance, trail building, planning events, and engaging with the community. She has facilitated successful conservation actions in Westford, including the conservation of the Jackson Farm Property, where the beautiful Maple Shade Town Forest now exists. She has stepped down as Chair but will continue to serve on the WCC. Thanks Sarah!

### Next meeting:

Our next meeting will be held on April 17, 2024 at 6pm at the Westford Town Hall. Agenda will be posted in advance.

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

### Westford Conservation Commission

1713 Vermont Route 128

Westford, VT 05494

## COMMON USE POLICY

The Westford Common Committee wants to remind residents that any major use of the Common or gazebo requires an application. This does not apply to small gatherings like friends meeting for coffee or a couple of folks having a picnic. This policy has been implemented to avoid conflicts since the Common and gazebo are being utilized more. We ask all town organizations to also follow this procedure so the calendar will reflect all activities.

**Here is a link to the application:**

<https://westfordvt.us/wp-content/uploads/2023/08/Common-Use-Application-August-2023.pdf>

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



# 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 PUBLIC LIBRARY

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

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

1717 VERMONT ROUTE 128, WESTFORD VT



## Coffee and Cards 10:30am-Noon

**This month - April 9 & 30**

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.

## All about Eclipses!

**Saturday, April 6 from 2:00-3:30pm**

Solar eclipse ambassador and avid space enthusiast, Molly Drapa, will explain all about eclipses - what they are, why they occur, and teach you all about this upcoming, one-in-a-lifetime event. Great for all levels of learners - older kids to experts.

See later in the newsletter for more eclipse information.



## Irene Allen's 120th Birthday Celebration

**Saturday, April 13 from 2-4pm**

**Presented by the Westford Historical Society**

Irene Allen was Westford's librarian for decades. She was also a historian, author, newspaper reporter, and genealogist. WHS has been working with UVM Special Collections to collect stories. They would like to share those stories and solicit more stories from people who knew her. **Refreshments will be provided.**

## SOON! The Westford Public Library will be accepting donations for our Fourth of July Book Sale

Please, stick to these times only.

**Saturdays 5/4, 6/1, 6/15 and 6/29.**

**From 9-11am.**



NOT BE ACCEPTING: VHS tapes, cassettes, 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.** ACCEPTING: books, DVDs, and audiobooks in good condition. **DO NOT USE THE BOOK DROP FOR DONATIONS - IT DAMAGES THE LIBRARY BOOKS.**

## OPEN HOURS:

**Tuesdays 10am-7pm**

**Wednesdays 1-7pm**

**Thursdays 10am-7pm**

**Fridays 1-7pm**

**Saturdays 10am-2pm**

## Adult Book Group

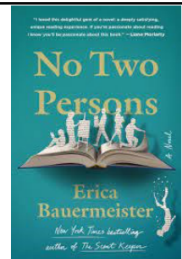
**Wed., April 17**

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

**No Two Persons**

**By: Erica**

**Bauermeister**



**One book. Nine readers. Ten changed lives.**

New York Times bestselling author Erica Bauermeister's *No Two Persons* is "a gloriously original celebration of fiction, and the ways it deepens our lives."

That was the beauty of books, wasn't it? They took you places you didn't know you needed to go...

Alice has always wanted to be a writer. Her talent is innate, but her stories remain safe and detached, until a devastating event breaks her heart open, and she creates a stunning debut novel. Her words, in turn, find their way to readers, from a teenager hiding her homelessness, to a free diver pushing himself beyond endurance, an artist furious at the world around her, a bookseller in search of love, a widower rent by grief. Each one is drawn into Alice's novel; each one discovers something different that alters their perspective, and presents new pathways forward for their lives.

Together, their stories reveal how books can affect us in the most beautiful and unexpected of ways—and how we are all more closely connected to one another than we might think. (Amazon)

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

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

**4/4/24:** Theme: Space

**4/11/24:** Theme: Elephants

**4/18/24:** Theme: Plants

**4/25/24:** No STORYTIME OVER SCHOOL BREAK

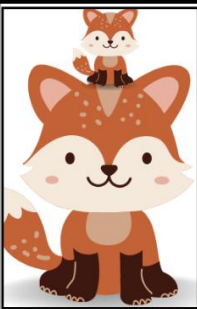
**\*Special FWNI Storytime on Wednesday, April 17 9:00-10:30am, see newsletter\***

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

## April Library Events

- April 4 - Maker's Group 6:30-8pm
- April 6 - All About Eclipses - 2:00-3:30pm
- April 8 - Total Solar Eclipse! Viewing party on the Common 2:00-4:30pm
- April 9 - Coffee and Cards 10:30-Noon
- April 10 - Trustees Meeting 7-9pm
- April 11 - Table Top Game Night 6:30-8pm
- April 12 - Drop Everything and Read Day - Snacks and reading all day long 1-7pm, with special kid time afterschool!
- April 13 - Irene Allen's 120th Birthday Celebration with the WHS, 2-4pm at the library
- April 17 - Special FWNI storytime on the Common with WES K students from 9-10:30am, all are welcome to join
- April 17 - Adult Bookgroup - 7-8pm, discussing No Two Persons by Erica Bauermeister
- April 25 - NO Storytime over school break
- April 30 - Coffee and Cards 10:30-Noon

**Storytime Thursdays 11:30 in the Library**



**Save the Date: Welcome Baby Tea**  
Saturday, June 8

We are celebrating all children born from March 2023-March 2024. If your child was born in Westford, you will receive an invite in the mail in the beginning of May. 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!

### Have you tried Biblio+?

Sign up with your library card at [www.biblioplus.com](http://www.biblioplus.com) to start streaming their selection of films and TV series today! The biblio+ app is available for download on all devices, Roku, smart TVs, can be streamed directly from [www.biblioplus.com](http://www.biblioplus.com). See our resources tab on our website for more information.



### Maker's Group - Meets 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

April 11 from 6:30-8pm

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. Snacks provided.



### Drop Everything And Read (D.E.A.R.) Day is April 12!

Let's celebrate by reading all day - with snacks! Stop by the library anytime during the day to read and snack for an hour (1-7pm).

Kids can ride the bus to the library afterschool for a special hour of reading from 4-5pm. Let the library and the school know if you will be riding the bus here. All ages welcome to read!

Special "Spring" Four Winds Nature Storytime - **Wed., April 17 from 9-10:30am on the Common** Join the Westford School Kindergarteners and FWNI educators for a fun, hands-on storytime about Spring. This is OUTSIDE, so dress accordingly (we might get muddy!) and bring a blanket for sitting. All welcome to join in.



### Over Time - A Multimedia Exhibition

Long-time Westford resident Janet Jaffe will display selected artworks from her diverse personal collection from mid March through June. Although primarily recognized as a quilter, Janet has long maintained her primary form of creative expression is doodling. She finds inspiration everywhere. In addition to a collection of wall quilts, viewers can expect to see pen drawings, as well as assorted works assembled with recycled components, items found in nature, acquired at flea markets and found in her world travels.



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





**Are you ready for the upcoming Total Solar Eclipse?**

The Westford Public Library is here to help! We are so excited to be part of Solar Eclipse Activities for Libraries (SEAL). This means we have had training, equipment and solar glasses for FREE thanks to the generous sponsors below.

*Eclipse Timing for Westford:*

Partial Eclipse begins: 2:14

Totality begins: 3:26:20

Totality ends: 3:29:42 (that's an incredible 3 minutes 22 seconds of totality!)

Partial Eclipse ends: 4:37

**Learn all about the Eclipse at this Eclipse Talk - Saturday, April 6 from 2:00-3:30pm**

Solar eclipse ambassador and avid space enthusiast, Molly Drapa, will explain all about eclipses. Her presentation will cover what they are, why they occur, and teach you all about this upcoming, once-in-a-lifetime event. Great for all levels of learners - older kids to experts. The presentation will last about an hour, with plenty of time for questions afterwards.

**Experience the Eclipse Together! Eclipse Viewing Party on the Common - 2:00-4:30pm**

- \* Eclipse Crafts in the Gazebo with Westford PTO
- \* Cool sun viewing equipment - Sunoculars and a SunSpotter
- \* It is cool to view something like this as a community!

Use certified solar-viewing glasses



**Glasses - How and When do I get eclipse glasses?**

- \* March 26 - April 8 while supplies last (we have 500 pairs!)
- \* Anyone who attended our space programming will have a reserved pair
- \* All students at Westford School and the Barn School will receive their own pair
- \* Pick up glasses at the library with a [valid Westford Library Card](#) (max 2 per household)
- \* NASA recommends 1 pair of glasses per 3 people - you do not need glasses at all during totality!



## ***Senator Irene Wrenner, Chittenden North***

March 25, 2024

Crossover has come and gone. Bills that didn't make it out of their committees of jurisdiction are toast. Scores of bills *are* moving within each chamber and between the House and Senate.



My morning committee, Senate Ag, is taking testimony on several bills. H.81, the Right to Repair Agricultural Equipment, is the bane of manufacturers, who worry that other consumer products will be next.

H.706 would ban neonicotinoid seed coatings, which contaminate plants, soil and water, harming pollinators. We heard from one beekeeper who lost 85% of his colonies last year. Another has lost 50%.

H.603 would allow farms to part-out the poultry that they slaughter and sell directly to customers. Selling parts vs a whole chicken yields the farmer \$10 more per bird. Current demand for Vermont chicken parts far outweighs the supply.

My afternoon committee, Senate Institutions, will soon address the House's version of the Capital Bill. We've already drafted a bill to save the Salisbury Fish Hatchery, which the Governor had planned to shutter.

S.206, the bill I introduced per a constituent request, would make Juneteenth a state holiday. It moved easily through the Senate and into the House this month. (A no-cost bill!) [vtdigger.org/2024/03/14/vermont-could-become-the-next-state-to-make-juneteenth-an-official-holiday/](https://vtdigger.org/2024/03/14/vermont-could-become-the-next-state-to-make-juneteenth-an-official-holiday/)

Feel free to contact me if you're planning a visit to Montpelier (Tues. – Fri.). We could meet up in the State House cafeteria, if time allows.

Catch me locally at the Westford Senior Luncheon; the Community Conversation hosted by Franklin County legislators on Mon., April 15<sup>th</sup> at 8 am at Fairfax Town Hall; and the Community Conversation hosted by Milton legislators on Sat., April 20<sup>th</sup> at 10 am at their Public Library. I participate in PoliTalk in Essex each week. Schedule at [www.facebook.com/EssexPoliTalk](https://www.facebook.com/EssexPoliTalk).

Send email to [iwrenner@leg.state.vt.us](mailto:iwrenner@leg.state.vt.us). I post highlights from the Senate Floor and our district at [www.facebook.com/SenatorIreneWrenner](https://www.facebook.com/SenatorIreneWrenner). Thank you!

# 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://www.westfordvt.us/application-for-appointment) to [townadmin@westfordvt.us](mailto: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/clean-water-advisory-committee). For more information contact Dan Albrecht, CCRPC Senior Planner, at [dalbrecht@ccrpcvt.org](mailto:dalbrecht@ccrpcvt.org) or 846-4490.

## CCRPC Lamoille Basin Water Quality Council

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

- (a) The purpose of a BWQC is to establish policy and make decisions for the CWSP regarding the most significant water 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](mailto:townadmin@westfordvt.us) if you are interested in being appointed to one of these positions.





# WESTFORD RECREATION DEPARTMENT

NEWSLETTER April, 2024

UPCOMING RECREATION MEETING 4/2 7pm @ Town Office & via Zoom

Adult Pick-up Basketball and Women’s Futsal are still going strong. There is still time to join and get in shape for TRUE spring!

The Annual **Easter Egg Hunt** is this Saturday, 10/30. Line up at 10:00 a.m., goodie bags for all thanks to:

**Westford Country Store** - bunny bags!

**Lake Champlain Chocolates**

**American Meadows** - seeds

**Avalon Teaching Farm** - pony ride coupons

**Hibbs Collins Dentistry** - the Toothbrush Fairies!



There are now 14 new **4-H Certified Babysitters** in the Westford area!

Congrats to all the participants, and thanks to 4-H Educator Molly McFaun and 1st Aid trainer Jeff Medor for donating their time.

A **Logo Design Contest** is coming soon! Check the Recreation website and watch FPF and FB to find out the details for this contest for local youth to design the new Westford Recreation Logo. The winning design will be polished by the students at the CTE Design & Creative Media program and used on team jerseys, this newsletter, the website and swag. Entries will be due April 30 and the winning design selected May 7.

## Westford Recreation needs your opinions:

**Join the WRD Committee!** There are two board seats open. The WRD Committee meets once per month regularly on the 1st Tuesday of each month to plan WRD programming. Some Committee members choose to run programming, but it is not required. We need your ideas to make good things happen for Westford! Please send a short bio and let us know you are interested in helping, then, come to the meeting!

Join the Westford **4th of July** Planning Committee! The 1st meeting will be at the WRD Meeting April 2 at 8:00 p.m. after that, meet virtually, or work independently and report to the group to plan the 2024 Westford celebration! E-mail to sign up.



**Price Increase?** The Essex Westford School District needs to charge a fee for use of the school and facilities. How do you anticipate that will affect your participation? WRD will have to raise the registration fees for every program (soccer for all seasons, basketball, futsal, Turkey Trot, Archery) that uses the facilities to cover those fees. Please e-mail [recreation@westfordvt.us](mailto:recreation@westfordvt.us) to make your opinion heard!

WRD needs **coaches for Parent & Me and Soccer!** Assuming Summer and Fall programs will go on as usual despite the fees EWSD needs to charge.



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

E-mail - [recreation@westfordvt.us](mailto:recreation@westfordvt.us)



### Archery 2024

Registration Due **May 1, 2024.**

Limit of 12 participants ages 5 and over. Mondays, June 17 & 24 from 4:30 to 5:30 p.m. at the Westford School, \$50 per participant. This is a great activity for parents and youth to try together!