



# WESTFORD NEWSLETTER



*September 2025*

**Lake Sturgeon** are endangered fish akin to living fossils with an existence dating back to the Mesozoic era. They are long lived, sometimes reaching 150 years of age. State law prohibits fishing for Sturgeon.

## Westford Town Office

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<https://westfordvt.us/>

## TOWN OFFICE NOTES

### Public Forum for School Advocacy

The Selectboard will be hosting a Public Forum to inform residents on Act 73 and to discuss the community's desire to either stay with Essex and Essex Junction when the State redistricts the schools or to advocate we be grouped with other smaller schools in the surrounding area. The Public Forum will be on September 11<sup>th</sup> at the Westford School (146 Brookside Road) at 7:00pm. A regularly scheduled Selectboard meeting will be held prior to the forum at the School at 6:15pm. Childcare will be available. If the forum cannot commence on the 11<sup>th</sup> it will be held either on the 17<sup>th</sup> or 18<sup>th</sup>.

### Senior Luncheon

September is here which means it's time to resume our senior luncheon! Who are we you ask? We are a group of folks who gather on the second Monday of the month at the Brick Meeting House to socialize, participate in a 50-50 raffle, have an occasional speaker/entertainer, play a game led by the fun Mary Fay and best of all, share in a home-cooked meal prepared and served by our amazing volunteers!

Any current or past Westford resident 55+ is encouraged to join us on Monday September 8th at the BMH for a potluck meal. Doors open at 11:30am with the meal to follow around 12 PM. You don't think of yourself as a senior ? Most of us don't either.....So give us a try! You can't beat visiting with neighbors and sharing a wonderful that you do not need to prepare or clean up after. Please feel free to reach out if you have any questions or need a ride.

Co-Presidents Mary Fay ( 878-1215) or Cori Hill (238-1018)

## TOWN OFFICE HOURS

The office is open to the public:

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

**Closed:**

- September 1 – Labor Day

### Newsletter Deadline

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

**WESTFORD PROVISIONS....NOW OPEN DAILY!**

See information further down in this newsletter for more information.



## 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.



## UPCOMING CONSTRUCTION

- **BROWNS RIVER COVERED BRIDGE REPAIRS**

Westford’s beautiful, covered bridge, originally built in 1838, repaired in 1976, and fully restored in 2001, will be getting some needed maintenance to keep it enjoyable for years to come, thanks in part to a grant from Vermont Historic Preservation. Water damage due to faulty flashing has caused the wood to rot at the four corners where the bridge sits on its concrete abutments.

The Selectboard has chosen Miles Jenness from Vermont Heavy Timber (<https://www.vermonthheavytimber.com/>) to do the repairs which will begin this summer and wrap up in the fall. The bridge will be lifted from the abutments, new wood timbers will be installed, and superior flashing will be applied to keep rot from forming again in the future. During this work, there will be times when traffic may be limited to one lane on Cambridge Road. Any disruption will be minimized as much as possible. Thank you for being patient while we fix up this wonderful, historic landmark in the heart of Westford!

## 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.



## SEPTEMBER SUNDAY FUNDAYS!

Join us on the Westford Town Common every Sunday in September from 3–6 PM.

For the final month of our market season, new and returning vendors will be offering fresh veggies, eggs, meats, herbal remedies, sweets, sourdough, soaps, clothing, cut flowers, honey, handcrafts, pickles, jams, jewelry, maple syrup, and more!

Enjoy live music during the market each week and celebrate community on the Common.

Follow us on Instagram and Facebook

@westfordfarmersmarketvt for updates or contact us at [westfordfarmersmarketvt@gmail.com](mailto:westfordfarmersmarketvt@gmail.com)

## 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/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://ccrpcvt.org/clean-water-advisory-committee). For more information contact Dan Albrecht, CCPRC 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 Historical Society

## NEWS FROM THE WESTFORD HISTORICAL SOCIETY

First and foremost we need to thank the people who made the “Walk the Common” such a rousing success. It was a group effort but we couldn't have done it without a few key players. The idea was first initiated by Diane Siegriest while teaching at the Westford Elementary school. She would bring her 4<sup>th</sup> grade students on a walking tour to learn about early industry in the town. She graciously agreed to help us update her information and pictures to appeal to a broader audience—which turned out to be roughly 30 folks who seemed quite interested and pleased with the “tour”. Thank you, Diane!

Lynn Gauthier had a wealth of old photos and worked tirelessly to compile the photo booklet which attendees got to view and then purchase if they chose to do so. And, her husband, David, helped with crowd control and cone placement to slow traffic. I managed to do a lot of the laminating as Lynn made copies. We were thrilled with the number of “walkers” and their interest in the history of the town. A big Thank You to all who attended.

On to our next event which is our Barn Talk scheduled for October 18 in the Brick Meeting House at 2:00. The final details will be in our October Newsletter but we do know that our speaker will be John Porter, a New Hampshire native whose formal education is in Animal Science, Animal Nutrition and Farm Management and who was a Dairy Specialist for the UNH Extension Service from 1994 until he retired in 2006. He is a co-author of the book “Preserving Old Barns.”

Mr. Porter's talk looks at the “History of Agriculture as told by Barns” and will be a chronological walk through time with many photos of New Hampshire as well as Vermont barns. We hope you will join us as we celebrate our barns. As usual, the event is free and open to the public.

And, once again, just a reminder that we are always looking for new members. We meet on the 3<sup>rd</sup> Monday of the month at 6:30 at our building on the Common.

**For more information please contact our President, Caroline Brown at 802-878-8890.**

## WESTFORD MUSIC SERIES

PRESENTS

# HOWLING WATERS



### LIVELY BLUES

*-free will donation-*

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

**SUNDAY: SEPTEMBER 14, 2025**

Well known around the Burlington blues jam scene, Howling Waters liberally play and interpret songs from the blues/folk/rock traditions of the 1920s through the 1970s. Their entirely new set of tunes with dynamic performance will reward their audience as they have come to expect.

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

# MUNICIPAL JOB OPENINGS

For more information on job postings please visit our Careers page on the website: <https://westfordvt.us/careers/>

## 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 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



# 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.

## 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 CONSERVATION COMMISSION

We are deeply saddened by the passing of Dave Tilton, whose vision and dedication led to the founding of the Westford Conservation Commission. Quite simply, the WCC would not exist without Dave. From its inception, the WCC has strived to honor the ideals and goals that inspired Dave to establish it, and we remain committed to carrying that work forward into the future. His passion for conservation and his legacy of stewardship will continue to guide our efforts. We are grateful that he recognized the need for a conservation commission and what it could do for Westford. We extend our heartfelt sympathies to Dave's family and friends.

**ACTIVE HUNTING** – HUNTING IS A PERMITTED ACTIVITY IN THE MAPLE SHADE TOWN FOREST. HUNTING OF ANY SPECIES IS PERMITTED DURING DEER AND TURKEY SEASONS.

Hunting, whatever and whenever permitted, also takes place on private lands. All trails in Westford either pass through or abut private lands. Therefore, please take precautions when traveling on trails during hunting seasons.

**TRAILS:** Please let us know if you see downed trees or other required maintenance to any of the trails. We're happy to go out and clean things up! Email at [westfordcc@googlegroups.com](mailto:westfordcc@googlegroups.com)

**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!

Facebook: <https://m.facebook.com/WestfordCC/>

Instagram: [https://www.instagram.com/westford\\_cc/](https://www.instagram.com/westford_cc/)

## SUBSCRIBE TO THE TOWN NEWSLETTER

If you would like to receive the Town Newsletter in your email inbox, send an email to [townclerk@westfordvt.us](mailto:townclerk@westfordvt.us) with your name and email address. To view current and past newsletters visit:

<https://westfordvt.us/documents/newsletters/>

### 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.



# 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 Now meeting **EVERY** Tuesday!

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.



## Summer Reading Recap - THANK YOU for a fabulous time!

137 kids signed up for Summer Reading!  
1814 books logged (many more read!)  
33,692 minutes logged (that's 562 hours or 23.4 days!)  
We ran 67 programs this summer!  
We passed out 400 tiny ducks!  
4000+ stickers were put on our mosaic-it was Starry Night  
We put on a story walk, made incredible art, met new friends and animals, 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:

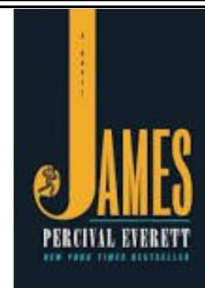
Westford Provisions  
Morgan Brook Farm/J. Hutchins Inc.  
Westford Conservation Commission  
The Vermont Department of Libraries  
The Association of Rural and Small Libraries  
The Westford Library Board of Trustees  
Nancy Volkers and Bob the Tortoise  
Ben and Jerry's  
The Lake Monsters and Champ!

## OPEN HOURS:

Tuesdays 10am-7pm  
Wednesdays 1-7pm  
Thursdays 10am-7pm  
Fridays 1-7pm  
Saturdays 10am-2pm  
**CLOSING at 5:30 on SEPT. 25**

## Adult Book Group Wed., Sept. 24 7:00-8:00 pm **James** By: Percival Everett

Feeling nostalgic for back to school? Why not try an old classic retold.



A brilliant, action-packed reimagining of *The Adventures of Huckleberry Finn*, both harrowing and ferociously funny, told from the enslaved Jim's point of view.

When the enslaved Jim overhears that he is about to be sold to a man in New Orleans, separated from his wife and daughter forever, he decides to hide on nearby Jackson Island until he can formulate a plan. Meanwhile, Huck Finn has faked his own death to escape his violent father, recently returned to town. As all readers of American literature know, thus begins the dangerous and transcendent journey by raft down the Mississippi River toward the elusive and too-often-unreliable promise of the Free States and beyond.

While many narrative set pieces of *The Adventures of Huckleberry Finn* remain in place (floods and storms, stumbling across both unexpected death and unexpected treasure in the myriad stopping points along the river's banks, encountering the scam artists posing as the Duke and Dauphin...), Jim's agency, intelligence and compassion are shown in a radically new light. (Amazon.com)

**Available in Print at the library. Audio-book and eBook available on Libby. There might be wait time for the eBook (place holds, return early)**

## Early Literacy Storytime - All ages welcome! Thursdays at **11:00am** in the Library

9/4/25: Theme: Letters in Our Names

9/11/25: Theme: Apples

9/18/25: NO STORYTIME

9/25/25: 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

**NOTE THE NEW TIME - 11:00 - TO ACCOMMODATE WES PRESCHOOL SCHEDULE**



## September Library Events

**September 2 - Coffee and Cards 10:30-Noon**

**September 4 - Storytime 11am**

**September 4 - Maker's Group 6:30-8pm**

**September 9 - Coffee and Cards 10:30-Noon**

**September 10 - Trustees Meeting 7-9pm**

**September 11 - Storytime 11am**

**September 11 - Writer's Group 6:30-8pm**

**September 13 - Saturday Storytime 10:30am**

**September 16 - Coffee and Cards 10:30-Noon**

**September 18 - NO STORYTIME**

**September 23 - Coffee and Cards 10:30-Noon**

**Sept. 24-Oct. 1 - Collecting Costumes for our upcoming Costume Swap (10/3-10/11) - during open hours**

**September 24 - Adult Book Group discussing James by Percival Everett**

**September 25 - Storytime 11am**

**September 25 - Library CLOSING EARLY at 5:30pm for Staff Appreciation**

**September 26 - Shakespeare Group - Othello Part 2 - from 2-3pm**

**September 30 - Coffee and Cards 10:30-Noon**



**We will be mounting a new fall themed StoryHike soon! Thank you to the Westford Conservation Commission for their continued partnership.**

**Shakespeare Group - Othello**

**First meeting - August 29 - 2-3pm**

**Second Meeting - September 26 - 2-3pm**

This group will study a Shakespearean play for two months - **1st meeting:** Read some of the play out loud, discuss, and maybe watch a portion of a classic performance. **2nd meeting:** Discuss the entire play and pick the next play to discuss. All materials will be provided. To read or not to read? Come join this group that is interested in learning and enjoying the written word. No need to be a scholar - the Bard wrote for everyone!



**Our Maker's Group is BACK!! Meets the first Thursday of the Month from 6:30-8pm.**

Bring any type of project to work on, share, laugh, collaborate, and craft with this open and welcoming group!



**Writers' Group meets the Second Thursday of the month from 6:30-8pm.**

Facilitated by J Bruscini

**Come if interested in any type of writing.**



**It's back! Our Costume Swap!**

This event has been so popular the last couple years, we've brought it back! Bring in your clean, ready to wear costumes and accessories anytime during open hours September 24-October 1. We will gather & sort and THEN come back to shop October 3-11 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!

**Saturday Story Time with Kristen September 13 at 10:30am!**



There will also be elements of Spanish to the songs, stories and crafts.

Upcoming dates: 10/4, November TBD



A big MERCI to Jannick Vielleuse for sharing her time and love of the French language with our Saturday Storytime community.

**Time for an adventure this fall.....**

**FREE/DISCOUNTED FALL FUN!**

Passes are available for a 3 day check out

Passes may not be reserved.

Passes are on a first come first served basis.

**Vermont State Parks (FREE family day use)**

**Vermont Historic Sites (FREE family pass)**

**Shelburne Farms (FREE family pass)**

**Shelburne Museum (1/2 price family entrance)**

**ECHO Center (\$7/person)**

**Birds of Vermont Museum (BOGO)**

**American Precision Museum (FREE family)**

**Vermont History Museum (FREE family pass)**

**VINS (\$10 per person up to 4 people)**



**September is Library Card Sign-up Month**

ALA OverDrive



*Nestled in the beautiful village of Westford, Vermont you will find...*

# Westford Provisions



Over 30 flavors of hard ice cream and handmade sundaes (daily 12-8), provisions, local baked goods, craft beer, wine, fresh local produce, organic coffee, teas, ceremonial cacao and potions, handmade local bread and pastries and homemade food.



**26 Common Road, Westford, Vermont - Open Daily 7am - 8pm**

*This magical destination awaits you. - 802-764-0726*

@westfordprovisionsvt - @blackorchidcoffeelt - @rubysicecreamvt





# September 2025

## Newsletter

Check out our upcoming community events and activities. If you or your group would like to host an event, drop us a line: [info@westfordcommonhall.org](mailto:info@westfordcommonhall.org)

Westford Music Series:



Howling Waters

Sunday,  
Sept 14 2025



**The Westford Music Series brings Howling Waters to the first Westford Music Series concert of the season!**

With a strong affinity for the American songbook of the 20th century, Howling Waters leans heavily into blues, rock n' roll, and the music you first "gave a damn about". Don't miss this concert on September 14<sup>th</sup>.

Howling Waters consists of Mike Kirick, Jim Street and Chris Francklyn.

*(For a complete listing of concerts for the 2025/2026 season, check out page 3 of the newsletter.)*



## News & Events

**Bone Builders** exercise class is back starting Sept. 4! **Wednesdays and Fridays, 10am-11:15. Drop in any time!** Donations are appreciated.

**September 27 - Concert Movie**

**Foreigner Live at Deer Creek**

30' movie screen, light and effects show, free hotdogs, popcorn, cotton candy and drinks. 8pm

**October 26: Mountain Film Night**

Enjoy an evening of films that celebrates mountain culture, sports, the environment and adventure. 6:30-8:30pm

**Join the Board of Westford Common Hall:**

**Help Shape a Community Treasure:**

Westford Common Hall is seeking passionate, community-minded individuals to join our Board of Directors. We welcome applicants from all backgrounds and skill sets.

If you're interested or want to learn more, email [wchboard@westfordcommonhall.org](mailto:wchboard@westfordcommonhall.org)

**Westford Common Hall | PO Box 53 | Westford, VT 05494**



# Love Notes Gallery Opening!

Sept. 5, 7-9 pm

**Join Our Community Art Project and Let our LGBTQ  
Young People Know They Are Loved**

The Westford Common Hall is leading a Love Notes to rural LGBTQ youth community art project. Join us at the Westford Common Hall gallery space for our show opening on **Friday, September 5th, from 7-9 pm**. This is an all-ages evening of community, fun, and love for our young people.

**Take a moment to contribute a note to be a part of the show. We welcome notes from everyone!**

We want all our young people, including every LGBTQ young person, to know that they are beautiful, loved, and perfect. And that they are wanted, needed, and valued in Westford and in all our rural Vermont communities. We hope that they seek adventure of the best kind, but we want them to know that they will always have a hometown to come back to.

## **What do you mean by love note?**

It's a public, brief, love-filled, affirming message that you are writing to rural LGBTQ youth in Westford and across Vermont. However, we ask that you not reference a specific young person by name. It can be a sentence or a paragraph. We will take each note that you write and in collaboration with artist, Amber Haller, add them to hang with the other canvases on our gallery walls.

Email your note to [info@westfordcommonhall.org](mailto:info@westfordcommonhall.org) or mail it to Westford Common Hall, PO Box 53, Westford, VT 05494.







# Westford Music Series 2025/2026 Season

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

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**September 14, 2025:** Howling Waters

**October 12, 2025:** Earthbound Spirits (Kyle Clayburn trio)

**November 9, 2025:** Rupert Wates

**November 21, 2025:** \*Special Friday 7PM Concert: Lynn Hanson

**December 12, 2025:** \*HOLIDAY CONCERT 7pm: Fairfax, Fletcher, Westford Band

**December 21, 2025:** Social Band

**January 11, 2026:** Vermont Mandolin Trio

**February 15, 2026:** Bob Hill

**March 22, 2026:** Paul Asbell

**April 10 or 11, 2026:** \*Special Friday/Saturday night concert Minor Gold

**April 19, 2026:** Lewis Franco band

**May 17 th , 2026:** FREVO

**June 7 th , 2026:** John McBride's Big Easy; All that jazz (To be confirmed)

**September 2026:** Missisquoi River Band

**October 2026:** Twangtown Paramours (To be confirmed)

**November 2026:** Marsh Lights