



WESTFORD NEWSLETTER

July 2026



The **Coffee-Loving Pyrausta Moth** is named after the wild coffee that hosts its larvae. Adults are best observed during the evening hours and they prefer humid conditions in grasslands along the Eastern and Central United States.

Westford Town Office

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<https://westfordvt.us/>

TOWN OFFICE NOTES

Property Tax Bills

You should receive your 2026-27 property tax bill no later than July 15th. Please contact the town office if you do not receive your tax bill by this date.

The first of four installments is due Friday, August 15th. Payments will be considered timely if they are received by this date, have an August 15th postmark (postal, FedEx, or UPS), or are in the drop box located to the left of the Town Office door before the office opens at 8:30am on Monday August 18th. If your taxes are escrowed, it is your responsibility to forward a copy of your tax bill to your mortgage company in a timely manner while retaining a copy for your records.

Please note – If you pay your taxes using Bill Pay (generating a check online through your financial institution), make sure you allow sufficient time for mailing. These envelopes do not bear a postmark therefore will be acknowledged by the date received at the Town Office not by the date on the check.

In July, the State will send notifications to homeowners explaining the Education Tax Credit. If you are receiving a school tax adjustment it will be reflected on your tax bill. You should compare the letter with your tax bill.

TOWN OFFICE HOURS

The office is open to the public:

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

Closed:

- July 2-3: Independence Day

Newsletter Deadline

The deadline for the August Newsletter is 12:00 noon on Monday, July 27th.

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.



CURRENT CONSTRUCTION

- **BROWNS RIVER COVERED BRIDGE REPAIRS**

Vermont Heavy Timber has begun repair work on the Browns River Covered Bridge. There may be times where traffic could 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.



SUMMER ROADS

What you need to know about summer road conditions

- **Road Projects:** many projects are being done on the roads at this time. Slow down and give crews space to work.
- **Dust:** roads can become dusty in dry weather and potholes can appear in heavily traveled areas. Going the speed limit can reduce dusty and damaged roads.
- **Roadside Mowing:** roadsides are mowed to increase visibility and keep invasive plants at bay. Mowing occurs twice a year: once in late spring/early summer and once later in summer.
- **Traffic Speeds:** due to the hard-packed conditions of the roads this time of year, overall vehicle speeds can increase. Be aware of speed limits.
- **Repairs:** roads are repaired as weather allows. Know that this takes time, especially if conditions are poor, so it may take the road crew some time to get to your road. Highly traveled roads are prioritized.
- **Dangerous Driving:** We've reached the unofficial start of summer, which means beautiful days for recreating on town roads. This is also a time of year where the Selectboard hears concerns from residents about cars speeding or driving dangerously along our roads. The Selectboard urges citizens to reach out directly to our contracted Deputy Sheriff, Brian Welch, at 802-863-7507 to report traffic incidents or routinely speeding vehicles. The more details you can share, the better! Where was the speeder? What were they driving? What time of day was it? Do you notice a pattern of behavior from a particular driver? Deputy Welch is glad to assist, but if you cannot reach Brian directly, please alert the Town Office and share details that can be passed along.

Happy Summer!

Reminders:

Watch for increased pedestrian traffic including walkers, bikers, horseback riders etc. Please slow down and give other road users lots of room as you pass.



BE WET TRAIL AWARE - With the wet spring and early summer, please use your best judgment when navigating wet trails; if you need to go off the trail to walk the trail, you should not be on the trail. In other words, if conditions are so muddy or deteriorated that you need to go well off the traveled way in order to go forward, it's time to turn back. It may be possible to walk on parts of a trail, but not all the way through.

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

FLICK A STICK - 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! Feel free to flick winter sticks and other small obstacles as you enjoy the trails. All debris must be kept within the trail right of way on trails that run through private land, so debris should be just off to the side of the traveled path.

TICKS - It's still that time of year! Ticks are still out and about. Take precautions by tucking pantlegs into socks, using tick repellent, and always performing tick-checks after outside activities. Don't forget to check your four-legged friends too!

EXCLUSIVE - Be one of the very few to own an authentic Westford hoodie. Proceeds benefit the Conservation Commission. Locally printed on a high-quality Gildan garment by New Duds in Colchester. NEW COLORS! Available in red, navy, sport grey, ash; L or XL. \$50 each. Contact westfordcc@googlegroups.com for ordering.

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, July 15, 2026 at 6:00 pm at the Town Office

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/2025/12/Common-Use-Application-FILLABLE.pdf>

If you have any questions, please call the Town

CALL FOR VOLUNTEERS – EMERALD ASH BORER ASSESSMENT IN WESTFORD

Emerald Ash Borer (EAB), an invasive insect that feeds on and kills ash trees, has recently been confirmed in the Town of Westford. In response, the Town is organizing a Rapid Roadside Ash Assessment Survey to better understand the location and condition of ash trees along local roads.

We are looking for volunteers to assist with this important community effort. Volunteers will receive training on how to identify ash trees and collect basic assessment information. No prior forestry experience is required.

The assessment will help the Town:

- Understand the extent of ash tree populations in Westford
- Plan for public safety and future management efforts
- Prepare for the impacts of Emerald Ash Borer over time

Volunteer training will be held on **Friday, July 31 at 2:00pm** at the Westford Planning & Zoning Office. The training will include instruction on ash tree identification and survey procedures utilizing the free smartphone app ArcGIS Field Maps, with potential field observations following the in-office portion.

If you are interested in volunteering or would like more information, please contact Harmony Cism, Westford Administrative Officer, at zoning_admin@westfordvt.us or (802) 878-4587.

Additional information on Emerald Ash Borer can be found at VTinvasives.org and VTcommunityforestry.org.

Thank you for helping Westford prepare for and respond to Emerald Ash Borer.



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 or call the Town Office at 802-878-4587. Westford residency is preferred but not required



WESTFORD CONCERTS ON THE COMMON

Westford summer concerts will be happening on Sunday evenings from 6:30 – 8:00 pm in July and August according to the schedule listed below. All concerts are free, but tips for the performers are appreciated. Concerts are BYO for chairs, blankets, picnics, bug repellent, etc., but be sure to check with Westford Provisions to see if they have a special going on that day. Also, the concerts will be starting shortly after the end of the Westford Farmers Market, which also will have music performers and various food options. You may want to do your market shopping, get a bite eat, then hang around for the start of the concert on the common.

Westford Summer Concert Series Line-up:

- July 12- **Highway Clyde** – An ethereal, acid-jazz based sound track performance for your perfect summer evening.
- July 19 - **Jacob Green Band** – One man swamp blues artist brings his expanded band for a swamp fest.
- July 26 -**Soul Porpoise** – Burlington’s latest original soul and R n’ B supergroup makes a splash in Westford (wear your dancing shoes or sandals)
- August 2 - **Duncan MacCloud** – Tasty Americana and Classic Rock served up hot
- August 9 - **Amerikanablue** – Blues based classic rock and americana favs.
- August 16 - **Adam & the Orbits** – Back again to Westford with more rock-a-billie, Americana, and original offerings.



Westford Historical Society

NEWS FROM THE WESTFORD HISTORICAL SOCIETY

We members of the WHS are hoping you will visit our building at 10 Common Road on July 4th. We plan to be open from 10:00 until 1:00. Our newly restored theater curtain painted by Charles Henry while visiting Westford in the early 1900's will be on full display. Along with the curtain you will get to see a sampling of the early American pieces we plan to highlight during our festivities on July 25th. All are welcome.

Here are the events planned for the weekend of July 25th and 26th to celebrate our nation's 250th :

- At 1:00 on Saturday, July 25th you are invited to join us at the Brookside Cemetery as we honor 3 of the 8 Revolutionary War soldiers buried there. We will have a wreath laying ceremony, short readings from the Daughters of the American Revolution, and give you some history of these three soldiers and the role they played fighting for our independence.
- At 2:30 on the Common near the Gazebo Hannaford's Fife and Drum Corps will performing early American traditional pieces for your entertainment.
- At 3:30 at the Gazebo we plan to have a demonstration of what was involved in loading and firing a flintlock rifle. Soldiering with a flintlock required a very disciplined routine of maintenance, loading and firing in all weather, and required the soldier to constantly protect the weapon's priming charge to avoid a misfire. Children must have an adult overseeing them during this presentation.
- Our building on the Common will be open from 1:00 to 4:00 on the 25th with a focus on Early Americana. We have early samplers, painted trays, a theorem painting, beaded purses and much more. We hope you will come and browse.
- Finally, on Sunday the 26th of July at 2:00 we will gather at the Brick Meeting House and hear Dr. Alexandra Garrett's discussion of the American Revolution and its effects on Vermont. This should be an interesting presentation and we hope you will join us for her talk. All are welcome to attend this free event.
- Events continue on Wednesday, July 29th for the Citizens Concert Band on the Common led by Jeremy Berger from 7 to 8 p.m. Bring a chair and enjoy their music by late 20th and 21st century composers.

As usual, for questions please contact Caroline Brown at 802-878-8890.

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

CEMETERY COMMISSION

Thomas Atwood – Cloverdale Cemetery Abt 1760 – 1846



Thomas Atwood



Thomas (L) & Ruth (R) Atwood

Thomas Atwood was born about 1760. He enlisted on June 1, 1777, in Templeton, Massachusetts, and served under Captain Morse in Colonel Putnam's 5th Massachusetts Regiment until June 1, 1780.

On December 10, 1783, he married Ruth Barrett in Hubbardston, Massachusetts. They had six known children, four of whom lived in Westford: Patty/Martha; Mary (1798–1859), who married David McClure and is buried with him in Cloverdale Cemetery; Jesse (1803–1884), listed as "Pauper" and possibly buried in Cloverdale; and Betsey (about 1800–1879), whose burial place in Westford is uncertain.

He applied for a pension on May 5, 1818, when he was described as in "reduced circumstances." In an affidavit dated July 15, 1820, he stated that he owned 160 acres of land, a yoke of oxen, four cows, a two-year-old heifer, and a yearling calf, among other property, but also owed \$42. He worked as a farmer and was afflicted with asthma and rheumatism, which left him unable to work much of the time.

Thomas Atwood died October 7, 1846, and was buried in Cloverdale Cemetery.

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

The Effect of the Revolutionary War in Vermont



The **Westford Historical Society** presents
Assistant Professor Alexandra Garrett (St. Michaels College)
Sunday, July 26, 2026
2:00 PM

Brick Meeting House On The Common

1685 VT Route 128

Westford, Vermont

Free & Open to the public

Historian of early America Dr. Alexandra Garrett will talk about the American Revolution, the often-overlooked actors involved, and how the conflict played out in Vermont--which, unlike most colonies, was a "no-man's land" fought over by its neighbors, the New York and New Hampshire colonies.

For more information – Caroline Brown (802) – 878-8890



Westford Historical Society 250th Events – July 2026

Saturday July 25 – Exhibits & More

1- 4 PM WHS Building (10 Common Rd) - Exhibits

DAR (Daughters of the American Revolution) display & information

1 P.M. Brookside Cemetery (75 Maple Tree Ln.)

Wreath laying at 3 Revolutionary Soldier Graves

2:30 -Hannaford Fife & Drum – Music – on the Common

3:15 -Musket talk & demonstration – on the Common

Sunday, July 26, 2 P.M

“The Effect of the Revolutionary War in Vermont”

Speaker: Asst. Professor. Alexandra Garrett

Location: Brick Meeting House, 1685 VT Rte. 128

Dr. Alexandra Garrett will discuss the American Revolution, including often-overlooked participants and the conflict’s impact on Vermont.

Unlike most colonies, Vermont was considered a “no-man’s land,” contested by neighboring New York and New Hampshire.

Wednesday, July 29, 7–8 P.M. Citizens Concert Band

Location: Town Common Gazebo, Free & Open to the Public

The **Citizens Concert Band** is a 30-member ensemble of students, educators, and community musicians led by longtime Westford resident **Jeremy Berger**. This year’s concert marks the United States’ 250th anniversary with music from American history and works by late 20th- and 21st-century American composers.

WESTFORD FARMERS MARKET



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Music Every Week
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Fresh Veggies
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Baked Goods
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Crafts
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And More!!
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Sundays 3-6 on the Westford Common
June - September



@westfordfarmersmarketvt



westfordfarmersmarketvt@gmail.com

We accept SNAP benefits



July 2026

If you or your group would like to host an event, drop us a line:
info@westfordcommonhall.org



Calendar of Events

July 4th Celebrations

Once again the Westford Common Hall will be selling hot dogs, chips and drinks during Westford's July 4th Celebration. Be sure to stop by our table!

July 10, Rock the Common

Come see Ok Computer and Slightly Used 5:30pm to sundown. Featuring original music and your favorite rock covers from the 90s to now!

July 18/19, Westford Garden Tour

This year we will have 10 gardens: 9 on Saturday, July 18, and 1 Bonus Garden on Sunday July 19. Buy your tickets now!

Bone Builders exercise class on Wednesdays and Fridays, 10-11:15am. *Summer hours change to 9:00-10:15am starting July 1. NO CLASS July 3rd.*

Westford's Buddhist meditation and study group meets at WCH every Sunday morning from 10:30 am-12 pm.

Pop-up Yoga classes throughout the summer - most Sundays 8:30-9:30am. Announced on Mondays via FPF and social media!

Summer Art Exhibit - June 15-Sept 15
9 Westford Artists display their creativity. See showing dates in details below. Don't miss the Artist Reception.

Save the Dates



Friday, Oct 2 Honky Tonk Night

Tickets available now!

<https://sevendaystickets.com/e/westford-honky-tonk-night>



Sunday, Nov. 1: Film Screening: Lost Nation

We're collaborating with the Westford Historical Society to bring Jay Craven's **Lost Nation to the Common Hall on November 1, 4-7pm**. This Revolutionary War-era drama set in the early Republic of Vermont weaves together two Vermont stories: Ethan Allen and his Green Mountain Boys resisting New York's land claims, and African American poet Lucy Terry Prince fighting for her family in Vermont's courts.

Director Jay Craven will introduce the film and provide a Q&A afterwards. The event is FREE, thanks to a grant secured by the Westford Historical Society to cover the costs related to screening the film.

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westfordcommonhall.org



A New Home for Our Antique Seats

If you've spent time at the Westford Common Hall, you've probably sat in our antique folding theater seats, the wooden ones with cast iron sides and those charming little perforated patterns on the backs.

They're well over a 100 years old, made by the Andress Manufacturing Company. As lovely as they are, fixed rows of antique seats limit what can be done in the common hall. We are looking for new homes for these special pieces, and hoping some of you might be interested. Proceeds will go towards stackable chairs that make it easier to set the room up differently for different events.

The chairs are currently linked together in groups of 5 to 11 seats, but may be able to convert into sections with fewer seats. We will entertain any offers from Westford residents!

If you are interested or would like to see them, email info@westfordcommonhall.org. Happy to send more photos. We will be sad to see them go, and hope they stay in Westford!

Join the Westford Common Hall mailing list: if you'd like to stay in the loop on everything happening at the Westford Common Hall, send an email to info@westfordcommonhall.org letting us know and we'll add you to the list. We send 2 emails per month.



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SPECIAL EVENTS

JULY 4th CELEBRATION



Once again the Westford Common Hall will be selling hot dogs, chips and drinks during Westford's July 4th Celebration.

Be sure to stop by our table! We will be setup on corner of Rt 128 and Brookside.

Then mosey on up to the Westford Common Hall to view the new summer art exhibit, *Westford Creates!* which features 9 artists from Westford.

We will also be ringing the bell in the WCH tower to celebrate the 250th Anniversary of our country ... 2:00pm, 13 rings for the 13 colonies.



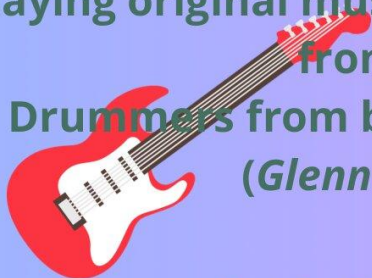
ROCK THE COMMON

Friday, July 10, 5:30pm to Sundown

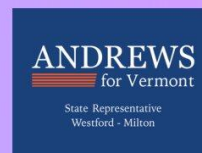


The Common will be rockin' the night away. Come enjoy two local bands, *OK Computer* and *Slightly Used*, playing original music and your favorite rock covers from the 90s to now!

Drummers from both bands are from Westford!
(Glenn Minor and Eric Ford)



Sponsorship by Julia Andrews



All donations will go to the Westford Common Hall to support community programs.

WCH Summer Art Exhibit - Westford Creates!

June 15 - September 15

Our new exhibition features the work of nine talented Westford artists whose creations span a wide range of media, techniques, and subjects. Each artist offers a unique perspective that reflects the character, creativity, and inspiration of our town.

The artists include: Ella Dwyer, Jesse Holbrook, Kathleen A. Manley, Sonja Molyneux, Robert Rivas, Robert Richling, Rosemary Shea-Cobb, India Tresselt, Bernhard Wunder.

Viewing hours are on the following dates and the Artist Reception is July 19 from 2-3pm.

- June 28, 3 - 6 PM
- July 4, 10 AM - 2 PM
- July 19, 2 - 3 PM, Meet the Artist Reception
- July 19, 3 - 6 PM
- August 9, 3 - 6 PM
- August 23, 3 - 6 PM
- September 6, 3 - 6 PM
- September 13, 3 - 6 PM

COME CELEBRATE YOUR WESTFORD ARTISTS AND NEIGHBORS!!

for more information go to <https://westfordcommonhall.org/calendar-ongoing-events>

Westford Garden Tour - 10 Hosts

The Westford Common Hall is sponsoring another Garden Tour this summer on July 18 and 19. Ten (10) beautiful gardens will be available to inspire others and celebrate the beauty of our local gardens! Nine (9) gardens will be available on July 18. One (1) additional BONUS garden only will be available on July 19.

From 10 am - 3 pm, Gardeners will be on site to show you their garden layouts, designs and various species of plants that they grow. Days before the event ticket holders will receive a map of the gardens with host's names and addresses, which you can visit at your own pace during the open garden timeframe.

To purchase tickets, visit: <https://sevendaystickets.com/e/westford-garden-tour-2026> or follow the QR code.

Buy NOW



Scan here



Westford Honky Tonk Night!

★ ★ ★ **Friday Oct. 2, 6:30pm - 10pm**

Honky Tonk Fundraiser — Friday, October 2 - Tickets now available!

We'll be turning the Common Hall into a Texas honky tonk for one night! Join us at the Westford Common Hall for an authentic Honky Tonk experience featuring live music, a dance floor, and a cash bar.

A two-step lesson kicks off the evening at 6:30, band starts at 7:30. Local favorites Coane, Rowell & Schabner will be joined by the great Nick Aloï of Burlington on drums. If dancing is not your thing, kick back and enjoy the music and the good company of neighbors!

Westford Provisions will provide the cash bar plus small bites, and we'll have a photo booth and silent auction to round out the fun. It's a fundraiser, and every ticket helps keep the doors open and the calendar full.

We want to see YOU there!

To purchase tickets, visit: <https://sevendaystickets.com/e/westford-honky-tonk-night> or follow the qr code.

To buy
tickets



Get Involved with the Westford Common Hall!

Help create fun and educational events for the Westford community and surrounding areas! The Westford Common Hall is looking for volunteers to support their annual programs!

Lend a hand at events or take a more active role, there's a place for you:

- Volunteer at one or more events
- Help plan and organize community programs
- Join the Board of Directors

Be part of bringing people together and making great things happen in our community!

Reach out to learn more and get involved. Contact: deborah@westfordcommonhall.org

WEEKLY



Bone Builders exercise class.

NOTE: Summer Hours for July & Aug

Wednesdays and Fridays, 9am - 10:15am

NO CLASS July 3rd.

Drop in any time. Please bring comfortable shoes and clothing and a water bottle for rehydrating. Donations are appreciated.

For more information, please contact by text or phone: Jocelyn Vrba-Chauvin, volunteer instructor - 802-999-6387



RSVP Bone Builders is an exercise program designed by Tufts University researchers to prevent the condition of osteoporosis in both men and women. It also is designed for keeping independence as we gracefully age and meet new challenges with our changing bodies. The classes are sponsored by the United Way and free to the community.

Westford Buddhist meditation and study group

Note new summer meeting time: Sundays 10:00am-11:30am

Current book: Zen Mind Beginner's Mind by Shunryu Suzuki. You may be familiar with this well-known quote from the book: "In the beginner's mind there are many possibilities, but in the expert's there are few."

What to expect: 25 minute silent meditation. "Dharma sharing" time (optional sharing on our meditation practice), break for tea, and then book discussion.

Books we've read so far: Thich Nhat Hanh Peace is Every Step; Pema Chodron Start Where You Are

New to Buddhism and meditation, or just curious? All are welcome!! Free will donation basis to help cover operating expenses for WCH. Questions? Email eileen.nehme@gmail.com



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Westford Music Series 2026/2027 Season

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

**The WCH music series is on a summer break.
We'll be back up and running in September!**

September 13, 2026: Missisquoi River Band

October 18, 2026: Marsh Lights

November 15, 2026: Twangtown Paramours

December 11, 2026: HOLIDAY CONCERT at 7:00 pm Fairfax Westford Band

December 20, 2026: Carol Ann Jones

January 10, 2027: The Vermont Mandolin Trio

February 7, 2027: Dave Roberts & Chicky Stolz

March 7, 2027: Spenser Lewis

April 4, 2027: The Buck Hollars

May 16, 2027: FREVO

See <https://westfordcommonhall.org/westford-music-series> for more info!



**Westford
Recreation**

**COMING
SOON**

July 4th Parade

Sign ups for Fall Sports

**WE WANT
YOU!**

**Coaches needed!
Sign up today!**



Recreation Survey



Scan the QR code and help us grow Westford's recreational offerings



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: Summer

- Break up material (both food scraps and browns) into small pieces. This allows for decomposition to happen quickly, meaning you'll have usable compost faster!
- Water your compost! If compost is dry it stops generating heat. Keeping compost moist will help things decompose quickly.
- Dry grass and egg shells make great additions to your pile. For best decomposition your pile should be 1/4th browns and 3/4th other items such as food scraps, coffee grounds and green lawn clippings.
- 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>.



ESSEX WESTFORD
SCHOOL DISTRICT



KINDERGARTEN REGISTRATION

IS NOW OPEN!

FOR THE 2026-27 SCHOOL YEAR



IS YOUR CHILD ELIGIBLE?

Children who will be 5 years old on or before **September 1, 2026** are eligible for kindergarten in the 2026-27 school year.



WELCOME TO EWSD!

We can't wait to meet our future learners!



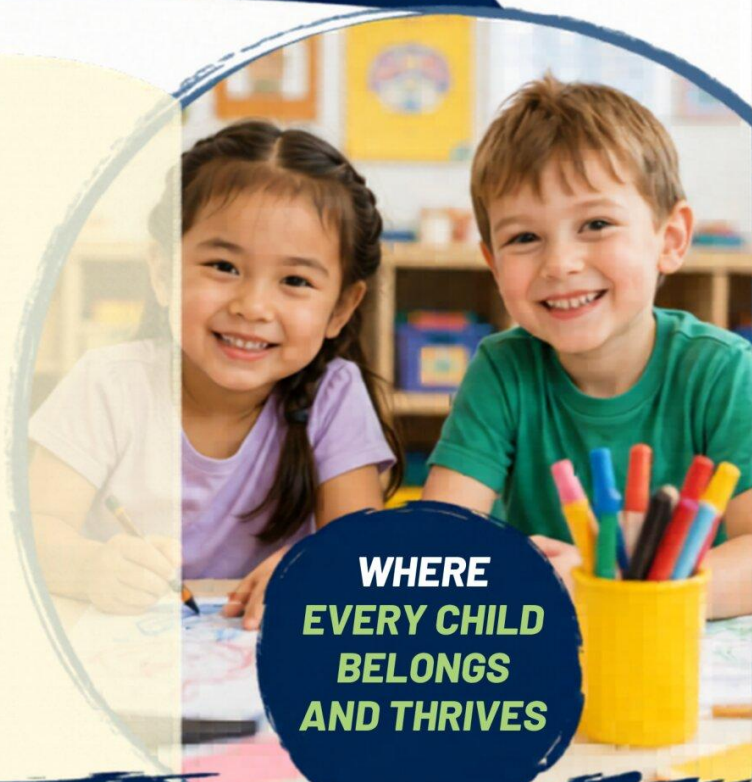
STRONG STARTS

Inspiring learning.
Building community. Every day.



EASY ONLINE REGISTRATION

Register online today!



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EVERY CHILD
BELONGS
AND THRIVES**



LEARN MORE & REGISTER TODAY!
www.ewsd.org/kindergarten

