



WESTFORD NEWSLETTER



October 2026

The **Yellow and Black Lichen Moth** is known for its striking coloring. Adults are commonly found in fields and feed on flowers. The larvae stay close to the lichens they feed on from which its name originates.

Westford Town Office

1713 Vermont Route 128 - Westford, Vermont 05494

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

<https://westfordvt.us/>

TOWN OFFICE NOTES

MID-TERM GENERAL ELECTION

The General Election will be held on Tuesday, November 3rd at the Westford School (156 Brookside Road) from 7am-7pm.

Absentee Ballots: The State of Vermont sent absentee ballots to ALL ACTIVE REGISTERED VOTERS by mail at the end of September. They will be in voters hands by October 1. If you have not received your ballot by this time, please contact the town office. New ballots are available if there were any issues with your mailed ballots, you'll just need to sign an affidavit voiding your state mailed ballot first.

Fire Truck Bond Re-Vote: The Selectboard wants to make the residents of Westford aware that the vote for the Fire Truck Bond did not meet full statutory requirements and requires a re-vote. The re-vote will occur during the general election in November. It will appear and be voted on via Australian Ballot. Please see the last page in this newsletter for more information on the Fire Truck Bond Re-Vote.

Further information about the General Election can be found here: <https://westfordvt.us/general-election/>. If you have any additional questions please reach out to the town clerk: townclerk@westfordvt.us or 802-878-4587.

SENIOR LUNCHEON

Happy Fall!! We welcomed a few new faces at our September luncheon.... Let's keep it rolling and see if we can get a few more for this month! Current and past Westford residents 55+ are encouraged to join us at the Brick Meeting House on Monday 10/12 for breakfast for lunch! Let's see what tasty breakfast items our volunteer will prepare for us. Doors open at 11:30 with lunch to follow around 12 noon. Feel free to reach out with any questions.

**** Reminder -**We will be handing out candy at the kids Halloween walk on the common. If you would like to donate a bag of candy, please bring it with you. Thanks!!

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

TOWN OFFICE HOURS

The office is open to the public:

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

Closed:

- October 12: Indigenous Peoples Day



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.



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.

Newsletter Deadline

The deadline for the November Newsletter is 12:00 noon on Monday, October 26th.

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.

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.

JOB OPENING

NOW HIRING: FULL-TIME ROAD CREW MEMBER



JOIN OUR TEAM & SERVE THE COMMUNITY

REQUIREMENTS:

- CDL Class B (preferred, minimum Class A requirement possible)
- Experience in heavy equipment operation
- Knowledge of road maintenance & snow
- High School Diploma/GED

BENEFITS:

- 4-day work week
- Clothing allowance
- Paid Time Off (Vacation/Sick)
- Supportive Team Environment

APPLY TODAY!

TOWN OF WESTFORD HIGHWAY DEPT
1713 VT RTE 128, WESTFORD, VT 05494

townadmin@westfordvt.us • www.westfordvt.us/careers-rfps/





INVASIVE SPECIES REMOVAL

The Conservation Commission has hired an invasive species specialist to treat the invasive knotweed at two town-owned sites: 1705 RT 128 (the large patch north of the garage) and a smaller patch off the Riverside Trail near the new bridge in the Misty Meadows Town Forest (behind the school). Two targeted treatments were planned this year using glyphosate- and triclopyr-based herbicides. This is the first stage of a multi-year effort to control the knotweed. Two treatments were applied this year, on August 20th and September 7th. More treatments will occur in 2027 to abate the spread of this invasive species.

HUNTING SEASON BEGINS

Hunting is a permitted activity in the Maple Shade Town Forest (MSTF). Hunting of any species in MSTF is permitted during deer and turkey seasons. Blaze orange vests are available for use at the MSTF kiosk.

Per the selectboard's decision on September 24th, 2026, public right-of-way trails in town are temporarily closed to public use from November 1st to December 15th, 2026. These include Seymour Trail, Covey Trail, Goodrich Trail, and Schultz Trail.

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.

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, October 21, 2026 at 6:00 pm at the Town Office.

WESTFORD CEMETERY REMINDERS

Artificial flowers, glass containers and items with wire are NOT allowed in any of the Westford cemeteries. They will be subject to removal by cemetery officials. Also, **the planting of trees and shrubs is NOT permitted**. There are signs posted in each cemetery.

Thank you for your cooperation,
Westford Cemetery Commission

Westford Halloween Walk organizers, in collaboration with Westford Recreation Department, present...

Westford Halloween Walk VII: A Clown Carnival

Saturday October 31, 2026

1:00pm to 3:00pm

on the Westford Common



Come and park your broomsticks for a spooky **free trick-or-treat walk** for our Westford youngsters and young-at-heart folk, planned and (g)hosted by your friends and neighbors!

- Fill up your candy buckets on the Westford Common!
- Show off those twisted or gourd-eous costumes to all your fiends!
- Vote in our Spooky Table Decoration Contest!
- Hunt our carnival for 7 famous clowns and win a prize!
- Even more to come! Stay tuned on Front

Porch Forum or visit our website at [Westford Halloween Walk](#) by scanning QR code:



Bring a non-perishable item for Westford Food Shelf if you can

- For any questions or if you would like to (g)host a table at our creepy clown carnival, email us at westfordhalloween@gmail.com.





BROOKSIDE PEDESTRIAN PATH SCOPING STUDY

The Westford Planning Commission is exploring the possibility of developing a pedestrian path along Brookside Road between the Town Common and the Westford School. As an initial step in this process, the Town has hired the engineering firm Hoyle, Tanner & Associates, Inc. to prepare a scoping study.

The scoping study will identify potential path options, existing conditions and constraints, and preliminary cost estimates to help inform future design and funding decisions. The study is an early planning step, and no final route or construction decision has been made at this time.

The need for this project is supported by a 2003 scoping study that evaluated pedestrian improvements along Brookside Road, including the connection between the Town Common and the school. Because that study is now more than twenty years old, the Town is seeking an updated assessment that reflects current conditions, design standards, and costs, consistent with the Town Plan's goals for improved safety, walkability, and pedestrian connectivity and the community priorities identified through a 2019 community meeting and action plan.

As part of the scoping study, Hoyle Tanner will also hold a **Local Concerns Meeting** to provide residents and landowners with an opportunity to share their thoughts, concerns, and priorities regarding the potential project. Information gathered at this meeting will help Hoyle Tanner develop a final Purpose and Need Statement for the project.

The Local Concerns Meeting will take place early in Hoyle Tanner's process. In the meantime, **Hoyle Tanner staff will be visiting the project area during the first few weeks of October** to observe existing conditions and obtain existing data (field measurements, photographs, etc.). The Town and Planning Commission want residents and landowners along the potential path route to be informed about this work as the project gets underway.

Additional information about the Local Concerns Meeting, including date, time, and location, will be provided once those details are confirmed.

If you have questions or would like additional information, please contact either of the following:

Will Dunkley, Planning Commissioner (Westford Planning Commission's point person for this project)

wdunkley65@gmail.com

(802) 324-7112 (text or call)

Harmony Cism, Administrative Officer & Planning Coordinator

zoning_admin@westfordvt.us

(802) 878-4587

Westford Historical Society

NEWS FROM THE WESTFORD HISTORICAL SOCIETY

Fall is officially here and the Westford Historical Society is excited to be presenting the Jay Craven film, "Lost Nation" on Sunday, November 1st. The film focuses on Ethan Allen and Lucy Terry Prince, the first known, perhaps little known, African American poet. The film starts at 4 p.m. at the Common Hall at 21 Brookside Road here in town. We are lucky to have Jay Craven in attendance who will take questions from the audience. This event is free and open to the public. We hope you will make note of posters around town and that you will join us as part of this ongoing 250th celebration for our country.

Our building at 10 Common Road will continue to be open on the 2nd and 4th Saturday from 11 to 1 during the month of October. For questions, donations, or to set up a private viewing please contact Caroline Brown at 802-878-8890. We continue to meet on the 3rd Monday of the month at 2:00 and encourage new folks to join.

CEMETERY COMMISSION



Solomon Hobart
1760 - 1849

Revolutionary War Soldier
Cloverdale Cemetery

Solomon Hobart was the son of Shubel Hobart and Shubel's first wife, Esther Parker. Solomon was born in Hollis, New Hampshire, on July 20, 1760. His father lived in Hollis, and the family moved to Westford in October 1804. [Source – Gravestone – Cloverdale Cemetery, Westford]

Early Service: Solomon enlisted on May 7, 1777, at age 17. He served in Col. Cilley's Regiment as a guard at Portsmouth, New Hampshire, and later spent ten days in Daniel Emerson's Company, Col. Nichols' Regiment.

Later Service: From August 1778 to 1780, Solomon served for two years under Col. Flower and took part in the Battle of Rhode Island. Two of his brothers (Jonas and Issac) also fought at Bunker Hill in 1775.

Solomon married Abigail Brooks in 1782, and they had at least eleven children together. Abigail died in 1812. Solomon later married Nancy Merchant. Solomon and his second wife, Nancy, are buried in Cloverdale Cemetery, where many of his descendants are also interred.

THE BIRTH OF VERMONT. THE PROMISE OF AN AMERICAN REVOLUTION.

KEVIN RYAN AS

**ETHAN
ALLEN**

EVA NDACHI AS

**LUCY TERRY
PRINCE**

“Remarkable”

– *Vermont Public
Radio*

“Powerful”

– *Seven Days*

A NEW FILM BY

JAY CRAVEN

LOST NATION

INCLUDES Q & A WITH JAY CRAVEN

4PM, SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 1

WESTFORD COMMON HALL

FREE ADMISSION

Sponsored by the Westford Historical Society



WESTFORD FARMERS MARKET

What a season, Westford!

Thank you so much to ALL the sponsors, customers, vendors, volunteers, and musicians who made this Westford Farmers Market season possible. There's a lot that goes into each market, and we're so grateful to everyone who helped bring it together.

A big thank you to our sponsors for supporting the market and helping us make it happen:

ASC
Barn School
Bonnie Doon Glamping
Book Barn
Cornerstone Real Estate
J & L Hardware
Rovers North
Trent's Bread

To our vendors, thank you for showing up rain or shine and sharing everything you grow, raise, make, bake, and create. Your hard work is what makes this market so special, and we're lucky to have you. To the food vendors, and musicians, thank you for keeping everyone well fed and dancing!

To our customers and neighbors, thanks for coming out to shop local, grab a bite, listen to music, and spend part of your day at the market. Whether you came every week or stopped by once, thanks for being there. Thanks for bringing your families, telling your friends, and supporting vendors.

Thank you to all the volunteers who gave their time and energy to make the last market event a fantastic success.

Thanks everyone for making the Westford Farmers Market a place to see familiar faces, meet new neighbors, and celebrate all the good things happening in our community.

Thanks for a wonderful season, Westford.

See you at the market next year!

Kirsten and Kristin, market managers

westfordfarmersmarketvt@gmail.com

[@westfordfarmersmarketvt](#)



TONS OF TRASH

Recently the Town's trash hauler, Myers, has noticed that the extra amount of waste has increased by 10% compared to the same period last year. Residents are reminded that the town contract is for 68 gallons of trash and 68 gallons of recycling per household per week. Anything above that amount the homeowner is responsible to pay for.

From Representative Brenda Steady



Fall has arrived in Vermont, bringing beautiful colors to our hillsides and roadways. One of the highlights of the season has been attending my granddaughter's soccer games and watching the landscape transform as we travel to different schools throughout the state.

This summer, on July 31, I attended the 5th Annual Coming Together Substance Use Addiction Summit, where I connected with attendees, community leaders, and organizers committed to addressing substance use challenges in our communities.

Although the Legislature is not currently in session, constituent service continues year-round. I regularly hear from residents with questions and concerns about state government. When an issue involves legislation outside my committee work, I reach out to fellow legislators or state officials to find the information requested. I did find out that when committees hear testimony when discussing a new bill, that it is important that they hear from the people that actually do the work.

For example, several garage owners recently contacted me regarding Vermont's implementation of new vehicle inspection requirements under Act 153. To help provide accurate information, I contacted the Chair of the House Transportation Committee and shared those answers with the constituents who had reached out.

Legislative work also continues between sessions through committee updates, agency reports, and communications with Vermont organizations and residents. As a member of the Human Services Committee, I regularly review updates from the committee, the Governor's Office, community organizations, and constituents across the state.

One recent update came from Green Mountain Transit, which reported closing its FY26 fiscal year 5 percent ahead of projections. As a result, the organization has approximately \$1 million available to carry forward into FY27.

Staying connected with constituents remains one of the most important parts of serving in the Legislature. I welcome your questions, concerns, and feedback. You can reach me by phone at 802-338-8374 or by email at bsteady@leg.state.vt.us. My website, steadyforvthouse.org, is updated regularly and includes past Legislative Updates and other information about my work on your behalf.

CHECK OUT WHAT'S HAPPENING IN THE

ESSEX WESTFORD SCHOOL DISTRICT

Hello Westford Community,

BUDGET SURVEY

We hope that your fall is off to a great start! With the voter-approved change to vote on the school budget on Town Meeting Day, the EWSD School Board is already beginning work on the 2027-28 school year budget. In that work, we want to hear from you!

We would appreciate it if you could please take a few minutes to complete the budget survey (by Oct. 15). You can do so by either using this link (<https://bit.ly/EWSDFY28BudgetSurvey>) or scanning the QR code below.

We recognize that budget planning goes far beyond what we can fit on one survey. This survey is the first of many ways for individuals to engage in the budget process. On behalf of the Board and admin team, we look forward to engaging with you through conversation, email, and this survey.

Forward Together,

EWSD Superintendent Mark Holodick
EWSD Board Co-Chairs Robert Carpenter & Marlon Verasamy

SCAN HERE



WE VALUE YOUR FEEDBACK!

EWSD ALL-ACCESS PASS

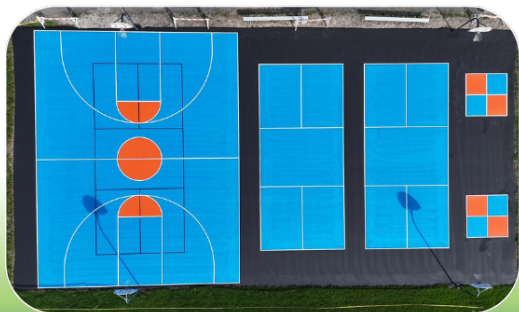


Are you or someone you know in Essex, Essex Junction, or Westford 65 years or older? We'd love to welcome you into the EWSD community!

The new EWSD All-Access Pass gives community members age 65+ free admission to EWSD-sanctioned events, including school musicals, concerts, athletic events, and more.

Complete our short interest form to request your pass using this link (<https://bit.ly/EWSDAllAccess>), or you can scan the QR code!

SCAN HERE



NEW COURTS

Pickleball anyone? The blacktop/courts at Westford School were completely replaced and freshly painted!

Community members can use the courts anytime school is not in session



WESTFORD SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

You can read the Westford School September Newsletter here:

<https://essexwestfordsdvt.edurooms.com/newsletters/westford-school/newsletters/westford-school-newsletter-september>

WESTFORD TRAILS GOING THROUGH PRIVATE LAND CLOSED FROM NOVEMBER 1 TO DECEMBER 13

On September 24th, the Selectboard of Westford voted to temporarily close:

Covey, Schultz, Seymour, & Goodrich Trails to the general public from November 1st through December 13th.

This temporary closure DOES NOT affect any person(s) with explicit rights of access or egress, nor does this closure affect any of those that are associated with the previously mentioned. The closure is to the general public.

Trails at Maple Shade and Misty Meadows will remain open fully.

The Town of Westford always encourages residents and visitors to exercise caution and care when utilizing the trails. We ask that all participants continue to respect the landowners that abut the trails, wear brightly colored clothing, and limit your impact by staying on the trail, pack out what you packed in, and travel respectfully.

Thank you.

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



October Newsletter

2026



Westford Music Series



Marsh Lights Sunday, Oct. 18, 4-5pm

Burlington's Marsh Lights brings their signature folk-grass sound to the Westford Music Series on Oct. 18!

The quintet is built around the vocals and songwriting of Colby Crehan, with her husband Ryan Crehan on banjo, guitarist Charley Eiseman, mandolin player Stephen Waud, and bassist Mitch Barron.

They weave rich harmonies and earthy, evocative lyrics into something that feels both deeply rooted and quietly daring. Their recent album *Cover the Water* drew praise from *Seven Days*, which called it "as strong a debut album as you'll find."

HONKY TONK NIGHT OCT. 2

LIVE MUSIC!

2 STEP LESSONS!

LOCAL FAVORITES **COANE, ROWELL & SCHABNER** W/ **NICK ALOI** ON DRUMS.



Cash bar & small bites
by Westford Provisions

Join Westford
Common Hall for a
**Honky Tonk Dance
Party Fundraiser!**

6:30-9PM

Buy Tickets!

Online:



WCH Calendar of Events

Bone Builders exercise class on Wednesdays and Fridays, 10-11:15 am.

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

Pop-up Yoga classes announced by Wednesday each week on Front Porch Forum, Facebook, and Instagram. Announced classes will take place on Sundays from 8:30-9:30am.

NEW: Shaolin Kempo Karate Classes

- **Kids (6+):** Tuesdays, 6-7pm
- **Teen & Adults:** Tuesdays, 7-8pm

For more information, email Jerod Richardson at j3rod.richardson@gmail.com

November 21: Westford Turkey Trot

Once again, the WCH will be slinging homemade soup, baked goods and beverages in Westford Elementary's gym during this annual race. All funds raised go towards our annual community programming.

Save the Date: Lost Nation Film Screening

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.

Volunteer & Connect

Love community events that bring people together?

Whether you volunteer at events, help plan programming, or join the Board, you'll connect with your neighbors and see your ideas come to life.

There's a place for everyone:

- Volunteer at one of our events
- Help plan and organize community programming
- Join the Board of Directors

Reach out to learn more: deborah@westfordcommonhall.org





Westford Music Series 2026/2027 Season

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

October 18, 2026: Marsh Lights

November 15, 2026: Twangtown Paramours

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

December 20, 2026: Carol Ann Jones

January 3, 2027: Seamus Egan, Yann Falquet, Moira Smiley

January 24, 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

"FREE WILL DONATION" for all concerts

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

WESTFORD RECREATION DEPARTMENT

OUR COMMUNITY. OUR PROGRAMS. Our Future.

WE NEED
YOUR HELP
TO KEEP
THEM GOING!



Our recreation programs bring people together, build connections, and create lasting memories. **But they can't continue without YOU!**



WE HAVE IMMEDIATE NEEDS. PLEASE CONSIDER STEPPING UP!

VOLUNTEER COMMITTEE MEMBERS



We need 2 community members to join our Recreation Committee!

Help guide the future of recreation in Westford.

PAID COORDINATOR POSITIONS



TURKEY TROT



FOURTH OF JULY



ICE RINK

*Lead the planning.
Make an impact.
See your ideas come to life!*

FALL SOCCER COACHES



We need friendly volunteers to help support our players, encourage teamwork, and have fun!

*All who are willing.
to help are welcome!*

IDEAS & PROGRAMS WELCOME!



Do you have an idea for a program you'd love to see in Westford?

We want to hear it!
Let's bring great ideas to life—together.

WHY IT MATTERS RIGHT NOW

If we don't fill these positions, our programs may not run.

The future of recreation in Westford is in our hands.

Let's keep it strong—together.



JOIN THE CONVERSATION!



Attend a Recreation Committee meeting to learn more, share ideas, and be a part of the solution.

*Everyone is welcome!
Your voice matters.*



INTERESTED? HAVE QUESTIONS? WE'D LOVE TO HEAR FROM YOU!

recreation@westfordvt.us

Thank you for supporting a strong, active, and connected Westford!



WESTFORD, VERMONT

TURKEY TROT



NOVEMBER 21, 2026

10:00 AM START | START LOCATION: WESTFORD ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

FEATURING: 3K & 10K RUNS | KIDS FUN RUN

SPONSORED BY WESTFORD RECREATION

RUN FOR THE RINK

WESTFORD MUSIC SERIES
PRESENTS
MARSH LIGHTS



ACOUSTIC FOLK-GRASS

-free will donation-

**4 - 5 PM: WESTFORD COMMON HALL
SUNDAY: OCTOBER 18, 2026**

Featuring Colby Crehan and former band members of the group Possum Haw, Marsh Lights returns to Westford with a new sound of all original acoustic folk-grass music with a hyperliterate edge. The group's strong rapport built over years of performing together makes for a band that can go light and heavy, solemn, joyful, fast, and slow. Their move towards a more eclectic, alternative style will thrill audiences.

A pie raffle is included for extra fun! Call 802-734-8177 for more information.

Hello all,

Join your neighbors for a community meal from 5 pm - 7 pm on October 18 at the Red Brick Meeting House!

This is a free event with food prepared by volunteers. We will have food, drinks, desserts, and a play area setup for kids. This is a chance to chat with neighbors you've known for years and make new connections all at once. Everyone is welcome and this is a free event!

If you have questions, or you'd like to volunteer to bring food, a dessert, drinks, or to help set up or clean up, you can email Will Dunkley at wdunkley65@gmail.com or text/call at 802 324 7112.



WESTFORD PUBLIC LIBRARY

OCTOBER NEWSLETTER

Miss Robin's storytime moves to 10:45 AM on Thursdays!
Come to read, sing, wiggle, craft and play with Miss Robin

FRIDAY OCTOBER 9TH @ 4PM



Friday October 9th at 4 pm come to the library to get in the Halloween mood with a reading from *Midnight's Tale*!

Read by the author: Joyce Benvenuto
Copies of the book will be available for sale
\$15 Each

ADULT BOOK GROUP WEDNESDAY OCTOBER 21 7-8PM

The Book of Longings by Sue Monk Kidd is a historical fiction novel that imagines the life of Ana, an intelligent, rebellious, and well-educated young woman in first-century Galilee who becomes the wife of Jesus. When Ana commits a brazen act that puts her in peril, she flees to Alexandria. Ana determines her fate during a stunning convergence of events considered among the most impactful in human history.

ART WORK ON DISPLAY AT THE LIBRARY!

A wonderful collection of art work from many artists with the Northern Vermont Artist Association is now on display at the library! More information available on their website: <https://www.northernvermontartists.org/general-info-1.html>

CALENDAR

Oct. 1 - Storytime with Miss Robin - 10:45am
Oct. 1 - Mah Jongg - see library for more details - 1-3pm
Oct. 1 - Maker's Group - 6:30-8pm
Oct. 6 - Coffee & Cards - 10:30am-noon
Oct. 8 - Storytime with Miss Robin - 10:45am
Oct. 8 - Mah Jongg - see library for more details - 1-3pm
Oct. 9 - Homeschool Meetup and board games - 2pm
Oct. 9 - *Midnight's Tale* by Joyce Benvenuto reading - 4pm
Oct. 13 - Coffee & Cards - 10:30am-noon
Oct. 14 - Trustees Meeting - 7-9pm
Oct. 15 - Storytime with Miss Robin - 10:45am
Oct. 15 - Mah Jongg - see library for more details - 1-3pm
Oct. 15 - Online Candidate Forum - 7-8:30pm
Oct. 16 - Shakespeare Group - *The Winter's Tale* - 2-3pm
Oct. 20 - Coffee & Cards - 10:30am-noon
Oct. 21 - Adult Book Group - *The Book of Longings* by Sue Monk Kidd - 7-8pm
Oct. 22 - Storytime with Miss Robin - 10:45am
Oct. 22 - Mah Jongg - see library for more details - 1-3pm
Oct. 27 - Coffee & Cards - 10:30am-noon
Oct. 29 - Storytime with Miss Robin - 10:45am
Oct. 29 - Mah Jongg - see library for more details - 1-3pm
Oct. 31 - Halloween Walk - Town Common - 1-3pm

10/31 - HALLOWEEN WALK ON THE COMMON - 1-3PM

Stop by the library's table! The library will be open until 3pm!



CONTACT THE LIBRARY

westfordpubliclibrary@gmail.com
(802) 878-5639
<https://www.westfordpubliclibrary.org/>

Westford Public Library

Meet the Candidates Forum

The Westford Public Library will host a Candidate Forum featuring candidates for State Representative for the Chittenden 25 District: Julia Andrews and Brenda Steady.

The forum will take place on Zoom October 15 from 7:00–8:30 p.m. and will be recorded by Lake Champlain Access Television (LCATV).

A recording will be available for viewing following the event. Each candidate will have an opportunity to introduce themselves and discuss their priorities and perspectives on issues relevant to the upcoming term. This event is intended to provide community members with information about the candidates and to support informed civic engagement.

The format is informational and is not designed as a debate.

Community members can submit questions between September 29th and October 5th.

Questions will be voted on by the community and edited for clarity, tone, and civility.

Submit questions at the link below

<https://app.sli.do/event/qWHfixonpE7SMv7Mp8cVZ7>



Join Zoom Meeting

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/87828540036?pwd=Px7ltlqOzUWsMpbjuMaSCM5gA1oweO.1>

Meeting ID: 878 2854 0036

Passcode: 9CdAYQ



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>.



Fire Truck Bond Re~Vote

The Selectboard wants to make the residents of Westford aware that the vote for the Fire Truck Bond did not meet full statutory requirements and requires a re-vote.

The re-vote will occur during the general election in November. It will appear and be voted on via Australian Ballot. The reason for the re-vote is due to a failure to be properly warned.

In preparation for this vote the Town is working with the Town's Attorney to properly warn the bond vote. The residents of Westford will be seeing postings in paper publications, on many online forums, and during upcoming Selectboard meetings. The Selectboard will also host a public forum meeting to provide specific information as it pertains to the bond.

The two public forums will be on: September 29 @7pm at the Westford School and October 26 @7pm at the Westford School.

During the weeks leading up to the vote, residents can reach out to the Town Administrator for more information via townadmin@westfordvt.us

Thank you for your patience in this process.

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