



Town of Westford Massachusetts

Town Manager's Newsletter

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Dear Westford residents,

At the Select Board's February 9th meeting, Health Director Jeff Stephens updated the board on the status of receiving COVID-19 vaccines in Westford. Unfortunately although Jeff has requested vaccines for the past couple of weeks, no vaccines have been sent to our town. Chair Peraner-Sweet shared that town officials and staff are working diligently to improve the vaccination situation. On January 28th, Chair Peraner-Sweet sent a letter to Governor Baker, Senator Kennedy, and State Representative Arciero to voice concerns about the state's rollout of the vaccine, their lack of preparedness, disorganization, and the difficulty our seniors are having trying to navigate the state's website. After learning on Tuesday that the state is not prioritizing towns for vaccine distribution, but instead focusing on the mass vaccination sites, I reached out to those aforementioned, and our Lieutenant Governor and the Assistant Director of the Department of Public Health. Westford is ready and able to distribute the vaccines as soon as we receive them, and we do not agree with the state's vaccination process. Please stay tuned for more information which will be posted on our website as soon as it is available at the following link: [Westford's COVID-19 Updates and Information](#). In the meantime, I suggest that if you are able to find an appointment using the state's website, please do so. If you need our assistance, please call the Cameron Senior Center at 978-692-5523. Please consult the following link for information on scheduling and preparing for an appointment: [COVID-19 Vaccine](#).

I am pleased to announce that we recently partnered with the towns of Acton, Boxborough, Littleton, and Maynard, and were awarded a \$1.6 million dollar Community Development Block Grant (CDBG-CV) to assistance our region with the impacts of the health pandemic. Part of our grant funding will provide forgivable loans to income eligible microenterprise businesses, consisting of five or fewer employees (including business owners). The towns have solicited the services of a consultant, The Resource, Inc., to manage the implementation and tracking of our program. Businesses deemed eligible will be able to apply for forgivable loans of up to \$10,000 for COVID-19 related expenses. For more information and to see if your business qualifies, please visit www.trimicroloans.org. Questions may be emailed to trimicroloans@gmail.com.

Also funded by our CDBG grant, the town was awarded funds to provide childcare subsidies for low to moderate-income families who reside in Westford. Funds will be allocated to income qualified families who submit complete applications on a first come, first serve basis. The town currently has \$40,000 available for this initiative. For additional information and to obtain application materials, please visit our website: [CDBG Childcare Subsidy Program](#).

At the board's meeting on February 9th, I presented the Fiscal Year 2022 Budget Message to the Select Board, School Committee, and Finance Committee. Currently there is a surplus of \$159,430, which will be held in reserve as the budget process begins. Budget hearings begin on Wednesday, March 4th. You may visit the town's online calendar to view a schedule of the joint Select Board, School Committee and Finance Committee meetings at the following link: [Boards and Committees Meeting Calendar](#). The fiscal year 2022 budget documents are also available on our website at the following link: [Fiscal Year 2022 Budget](#).

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The board discussed the capital request from the Healthy Westford Committee and Pedestrian Safety Committee related to Plain Road and Robinson Road sidewalks. The Capital Planning Committee supported the Plain Road sidewalk design to be funded from the sidewalk gift account, however unfortunately due to budget constraints, the Robinson Road sidewalk will have to be considered next year.

Members from the Healthy Westford Committee and Pedestrian Safety Committee presented an idea to the board on January 26th to create a pedestrian walkway which extends through Westford from north to south, known as the "Core Westford Walkway". The Select Board supported the concept but would like the project to be brought through the capital planning process. More information relative to their plan can be found at the following link: [Core Westford Walkway Presentation](#).

On January 26th, the board voted to approve beginning negotiations to enter a Purchase and Sales agreement with the successful proposer CHOICE, SCG and Icon Architecture who submitted proposal to building senior affordable housing and a new home for the Westford Food Pantry at 35 Town Farm Road. The Board also approved a purchase and sale agreement with Urban Design/Development Corporation to construct residential units at 12 North Main Street. The RFP documents are available to review at the following links: [12 North Main Street Task Force](#), [35 Town Farm Road Task Force](#).

The Select Board met jointly with the Energy Committee and approved renaming the committee, to become the Clean Energy and Sustainability Committee, and increase in membership to nine total committee members. They also approved a proposed updated charge which may be viewed at the following link: [Clean Energy and Sustainability Committee](#). Residents who are interested in serving on this committee may fill out a Citizen Activity Form to be considered at the following link: [Citizen Activity Form](#).

Following the receipt of a notice of intent to remove from Chapter 61B, Classification and Taxation of Recreational Land and sell 22 Griffin Road, owned by Westford Riding Academy, our Water Department has expressed interest in the property to use as a potential new well source or water storage tank. The Water Department has received permission from the Owner to conduct testing at the site.

The League of Women Voters will be holding a Signature Gathering Event to help support potential candidates who are interested in running for local elected office. COVID-19 restrictions have created many challenges for participants to collect the fifty signatures, which are required to qualify as a formal candidate on our town election ballot. The event will be set up as a drive-through for the potential candidates to obtain signatures on their nomination papers and will be held at the Abbot School parking lot, 25 Depot Street, on Saturday, February 27th, 1:00 PM to 3:00 PM (with a rain/snow date of Sunday, February 28th).

The Select Board opened the 2021 Annual Town Meeting Warrant which meeting is scheduled to take place on Saturday, June 12th. To review the timeline, please visit the following link: [2021 Annual Town Meeting Timeline](#).

As part of the promotional process for our new Police Chief, the Select Board appointed resident Noel Almeida to participate. We currently have posted a Request for Proposals (RFP) for a Police Chief Assessment Center which are due to be submitted on Friday, February 12th. For more information relative to the hiring process and timeline of events, please review the RFP documents which may be found at the following link: [Bid Postings](#).

At the board's meeting on January 26th, the Diversity, Equity and Inclusion (DEI) Committee and Town and School Safety Task Force (TSSTF) provided updates on the progress of their work. Their presentations are available at the following links: [DEI Committee Presentation Update](#), [TSSTF Presentation Update](#).

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Westford Power Options Program (POP) is the new name for our Community Electricity Aggregation program. Westford POP has been renewed through December 2023 with new electricity choices for you. New prices went into effect last month. Check out our new product offerings, including a 100% renewable electricity choice, and product rates on the program website at masscea.com/westford.

Highway Superintendent Chip Barrett was recently featured on WBZ News to discuss snowstorm preparations and their clean up procedure. I would like to recognize our DPW for doing a phenomenal job cleaning up this season's snow storms.

Free sand for snow treatment is available to Westford residents and may be picked up at the entrance of the old Highway Garage located at 30 Beacon Street. There is a five-gallon limit and you must bring a bucket and shovel. If you are elderly or disabled and cannot pick up yourself, you may call our Cameron Senior Center at (978) 692-5523 to coordinate a delivery from our Police Department.

Congratulations to Brett LaFosse on completing the Massachusetts Firefighting Academy's Career Recruit Firefighter Training Program!

As we continue to try and slow the spread of COVID-19 in Westford, the following town buildings remain temporarily closed to the public: Town Hall, J.V. Fletcher Library, Water Department, Highway Department, Recreation Department, Cemetery Office, and Cameron Senior Center. Town operations continue uninterrupted as these offices will remain staffed to serve you. We encourage patrons to contact us via phone and/or email. We will provide notice when we reopen these buildings to the public.

Our Communications Advisory Committee is currently in need of additional members as it currently has four vacant seats. This committee represents the interests of the Select Board in their role as franchise authority for cable television and with regard to other services provided by Westford's cable operators. If you have an interest serving in serving on this committee, please visit the link below to complete a Citizen Activity Form.

There are several openings on our local boards and committees, including: 12 North Main Street Task Force, 35 Town Farm Road Task Force, Affordable Housing Committee, Agricultural Commission, Clean Energy and Sustainability Committee, Commission on Disability, Communications Advisory Committee, Cultural Council, Dog Park Task Force, Economic Development Committee, Election Officer, Historical Commission, Nashoba Valley Technical High School District Committee, Parkerville Schoolhouse Committee, Parks, Grounds and Recreation Commission, Pedestrian Safety Committee, Westford Scholarship and Grant Committee, and Zoning Board of Appeals. I urge you to peruse our website for information about the work of these committees; and if you have interest, please complete a Citizen's Activity form at this link: [Citizen Activity Form](#).

Would you like more detailed information on the Board of Selectmen's meetings? Click the following links to access: [Board of Selectmen Documents](#) & [Board of Selectmen Meeting Videos](#).

Happy Lunar New Year!

Sincerely,



Jodi Ross
Town Manager

*Congratulations to
Firefighter/Paramedic Brett La Fosse
on graduating from the
Massachusetts Department of Fire Services
Career Recruit Firefighter Training Program!*



Westford Diversity Equity & Inclusion Committee - Quick Q&A

Background

In 2020, the Town approved a new Diversity, Equity and Inclusion (DEI) Committee. The Select Board’s Charge to the DEI Committee is as follows:

“The Diversity, Equity and Inclusion (DEI) Committee will serve as an advisory committee to the Town of Westford and [its] duties shall be to provide advice and recommendations to the Select Board and School Committee.

The Committee will identify needs around fostering acceptance and valuing diversity; and discourage prejudice and discrimination against any person, group, or any other status protected by law on account of race, creed, color, income, religion, national origin, ancestry, gender, sexual orientation, veteran status, age, or disability.

The Committee will review Town and school policies and procedures and make recommendations to ensure that they advance equity and diversity where the Committee has identified deficiencies.”

Initially, it was proposed that the DEI Committee would contain 9 volunteer positions. However, the response to the call for volunteers was very enthusiastic, and ultimately the Select Board unanimously approved the appointment of 22 participants with widely diverse backgrounds, experience, and qualifications.

Questions and Answers

Question (1): What are the main concerns the DEI Committee has identified in the Westford community?

Response: Upon formation of the DEI Committee, we circulated a survey to its members for the express purpose of identifying the main concerns of the collective Committee. The following chart records the concerns raised in response to that survey:

Interests
Indigenous People’s Day
Inequities in community (ex: food insecurities)
Lack of affordable housing
Diverse workforce that’s reflective of the population. Hiring practices of town (and private businesses)
Lack of public commitment to DEI. Need to integrate DEI in town decisions including assessing, planning and implementation of services
Absence of a centralized complaint system for residents to report acts of discrimination or other DEI related concerns.
Need for cultural and community events
Need for increased social support and engagement for immigrant families
Need to hear from those groups that do not feel there's an issue
Need for more dialogue, transparency with WPD and how to handle complaints in improve trust with members of community
Overall lack of education in the town on DEI topics including : institutional racism, what diversity is, need anti-bias training, living while Black, need to celebrate individualism.

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Diversity Equity & Inclusion Committee - Quick Q&A (Continued)

Interests (Continued)
Inequities in school that prevents full inclusion
Need for trusted adults for students of color in schools (and community)
Mental health for students (and address disparities in mental health)
Practices in place for when someone uses inappropriate language. Dialogue vs. fire/expel
Need for inclusion of people of color in school curriculum
Anti-racist education in schools and combatting bias/stereotypes in schools

Question (2): Can you tell us about any goals that the recently-formed DEI Committee has identified?

Response: The DEI Committee had its inaugural meeting in November 2020. Since then, it has organized three Subcommittees that, broadly speaking, focus on the goals for Westford's advancement that the DEI Committee has identified. The three Subcommittees and the issues that they are concentrating on are described in the following chart:

Sub Committees	Interests
School and Education	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Inequities in school • Need for trusted adult in school • Mental health for students • Practices in place for inappropriate language/behavior • People of Color in school curriculum
Community Outreach	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Inequities in community (e.g. food insecurities)* • Cultural and Community Events • Social support and engagement for immigrant families • Lack of education in the town • Dialogue with WPD*
Town Policies	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Indigenous People's Day • Inequities in community (e.g. food insecurities)* • Diverse workforce • Lack of public commitment to DEI • Absence of a centralized complaint system • Dialogue with WPD*

Question (3): Is the DEI Committee looking to form partnerships with other town boards and departments, as well as community organizations, nonprofits, etc.?

Response: The DEI Committee was formed as an advisory committee to both the Select Board and the School Committee, so we are already directly partnered with those two important committees. It is our 100% intention to get involved in all aspects of Town government, and to also work hand-in-hand with relevant local community organizations, nonprofits, etc. to help advance DEI goals.

Question (4): For those who want to learn more, what is the best way to reach out to or get involved with the DEI Committee? Response: Reaching out directly to any of the DEI Committee Co-Chairs via email is probably the quickest and easiest way!

- Mamatha Jagannathan: mamathasilas@yahoo.com
- Eric Barber-Mingo: ebarber-mingo@westfordma.gov
- Medha Palnati: ms30paln@siena.edu

As for getting involved, we have regular public meetings, and speaking to any of the Committee members is an instant inroad to our current activities. And of course, the DEI Committee can be found 24/7/365 at:

<https://westfordma.gov/1338/Diversity-Equity-and-Inclusion-Committee>

February at the J.V. Fletcher Library



Black History Month – E-Collection Resources: Each week of Black History month we will highlight the variety of resources available from our e-collections celebrating this theme. This week the spotlight is on [Black History Films on Kanopy](#). Kanopy is an on-demand streaming video service with thousands of titles. Create an account with your library card number and pin. Stream the PBS documentary “Eyes on the Prize”, the film “Roots”, “American Masters – Still I Rise with Maya Angelou”, “Jazz: a Film By Ken Burns”, and many other films and documentaries.

Love Letters for the Library: What do you love about the Library? This past year has been challenging for all of us. We love our patrons and have tried new and creative ways to reach out with innovative programs and services. If you love us too, please consider visiting the site below and uploading a picture or video telling us what you love about the library! <https://www.lovemasslibraries.com/>

February Vacation Fun! - The following Youth Services programs made possible by the Friends of the Library, COVID funding secured by Senator Edward J. Kennedy, First Middlesex District, and the KDK Foundation in honor of Kurt Kelly.

Virtual Sun catcher Mosaic for grades 3 and 4: Tue., Feb. 16 at 11:30 a.m. In this Zoom instructional program presented by Ways of Color, kids in grades 3 and 4 will make a rectangle sun catcher from a prepackaged kit that will be available for curbside pickup before the program. Each kit includes real glass pieces from which young artists can create many color combinations and patterns, a Plexiglas base, non-toxic water soluble glue, and string. [Register here.](#)

Virtual Sculpt a Miniature Chocolate Box: Tue. Feb. 16 at either 2:30 or 4:00 p.m. During February vacation week teens and tweens in grades 5 and up are invited to sign up to make a cute miniature chocolate box filled with clay bonbons. Pop-Up Art school will teach a pinching technique to make the box and roll small balls of clay to make the animal bonbons. After the class, the library will send you a video from Pop Up Art School that shows you how to paint your miniature chocolate box after it dries. [Register here](#) for ONE of the two sessions. Registrants need to come to the library to pick up the supply kit before the program (you can do that using our curbside service).

Virtual Mosaic Picture Frame: Thu., Feb. 18 at 3:30 p.m. In this Zoom instructional program presented by Ways of Color, kids in grades 5 and up will make a beautiful picture frame from a prepackaged kit that will be available for curbside pickup before the program. Each kit includes everything necessary to create a real art piece - a wooden frame, plenty of multicolored stained glass pieces to cover the surface of the frame, glue, a wooden stick, and grout. [Register here.](#)

Virtual Cartooning Class: Mon., Feb. 22 at 4:30 p.m. Open to kids in grades 3 and 4. In this monthly series, award winning cartoonist and humorous illustrator, Rick Stromoski will teach you how to create your own cartoon characters, draw facial expressions, draw a variety of furry, hoofed, and feathered friends, and some pretty awesome monsters. [Register here.](#)

Virtual Pajama Time : Mon., Feb. 22 at 6:30 p.m. : Pajama Time is held once a month on a Monday evening for children ages 3 to 7. Children can watch in real time – register for each night separately up to 6 pm, you will be emailed a meeting link to log into. Get into those pajamas and grab a favorite stuffed animal or blanket. [Register here.](#)

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January at the J.V. Fletcher Library (Continued)

Cooking with Julie for Teens and Tweens: Every Thu. at 4:00 p.m. - February through April! Explore new recipes in these FREE virtual events for participants entering Grades 5 to 12. We will provide you with a full recipe (ingredients and instructions) to review and have ready before each program starts. You will be using your home oven and stove. [Register here](#) and view the complete schedule and recipes.

Kids Craft Bundles: Sign up for a craft bundle that includes a book checked out to you and a complete craft kit. We let you know the skill level required, each craft is not exclusively for one age group. Sign up for a craft bundle through our [Events Calendar](#).

Virtual "What's It Worth?" Appraisal: Thu., Feb. 25 at 6:00 p.m. Author, auctioneer, appraiser and radio host Mike Ivankovich will assess what your personal treasures are really worth! Each attendee may bring one item for Mike to appraise. A Zoom invite will be sent to all registrants. Mike will begin with a discussion on ten factors that will always impact the value of your treasures. Then we'll start the appraisals, at about 2-3 minutes per person. Registration is required & space is limited to 30 people. Tips for displaying your item are listed on the registration page. [Register here](#).

Virtual St. Patrick and the Rise of Christianity in Ireland: Thu., Mar. 4 at 3:00 p.m. Historian Sean Murphy explores St. Patrick's mission in Ireland in the context of the rise of Christianity within the declining Roman Empire, and the impact of the huge migration of peoples from the Germanic regions of Europe into Western Europe. Learn about St. Patrick's achievements and the role that Irish missionaries had in the growth of Christianity in Ireland. [Register here](#).

Device Advice comes to Zoom! : Do you want to download items from our e-collections but you aren't sure where to begin? If you need help navigating Hoopla, Kanopy, Libby, OverDrive, Freegal or O'Reilly for Libraries, book a Zoom appointment with a librarian. Fill out our [form](#) and we will contact you to schedule a session. If you prefer phone support, or need assistance with the form, call Information Services at 978-399-2304.

Virtual Beans, Books, & Bestsellers - Coffee with Your Favorite Librarians!: Fri., Feb. 26 at 2:00 p.m. Drink in the aroma, the anticipation of new and old reads perfect for winter nights, and spend time with your favorite librarians talking upcoming books, series releases, new genres and movies! Register on the Adult Programs page or sign up on the Events Calendar. A Zoom invite will be sent to all registrants. Grab a cup of coffee or tea and join us on Zoom! [Register here](#).

[Virtual Westford Job Seekers:](#) The J. V. Fletcher Library's "Westford Job Seekers Network" meets weekly on Wednesdays from 3- 4:30pm. Attracting people of diverse work backgrounds and age groups, this group helps you expand your network of business contacts, discover new job opportunities and connect with others who are in job transition and can become part of your support group. Meetings include guest speakers who are experts in the job search process or in career development. Contact Dina Kanabar, dkanabar@westfordma.gov for more information.

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January at the J.V. Fletcher Library (Continued)

Virtual English Conversation Circle: every Tue., at 3:30 p.m. Conversation Circles are back, this time on Zoom! Practice your English conversation skills and meet new friends in a relaxed and friendly environment! This program meets every Tuesday afternoon from 3:30. to 4:30 p.m. and is led by Carol Morse. [Register through our Events Calendar. Registration is required.](#) After you register, you'll receive the Zoom link via email. Each Zoom link is unique, so you must register for each session you wish to attend. If you don't receive the emails, please check your spam folders.

Virtual Monday Mystery, Adult Non Fiction, Thursday Night Book Club: All of our adult book clubs continue to meet virtually. Please visit westfordlibrary.org/events/adult-book-clubs/ for more information and upcoming meeting dates.!

Quick Links to Our Most Popular Services!

[Book Bundles for Kids, Teens, and Adults](#)

[Book the Browsing Tent](#)

[Curbside Pickup Service](#)

[Programs – Adults](#)

[Programs – Kids](#)

[Programs – Young Adults](#)

If you have questions or need assistance, please call us at 978-399-2300 or send us an email at westfordlibrary@westfordma.gov.



Cameron Senior Center

Engagement and event happenings for older people.

Brief COVID update: Our services remain open and available by phone.
 In-person meetings are by appointment only.
 Please call 978-692-5523 Monday thru Friday from 8 a.m-4 p.m.

Coffee with Katie

Tuesdays at 9am via Zoom

During this pandemic, one of the worst things is the isolation we are all feeling. Join Katie for some virtual social time. Everyone is welcome so grab your coffee join us online. Call Katie at 978-399-2330 with your email address and she'll send you the link.



Not sure if you may qualify for Town Property Tax Exemptions?

Simply call your COA Outreach Coordinator

The town of Westford has several property tax exemptions for residents: the low income, widows, adults age 70 and older, blind, disabled, veterans and more. You may be eligible for a tax break so let's review your options together just call Annette to make an appointment at 978-399-2326.

Interested in learning more about SNAP- Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program

- Just give us a call!

Our social service staff is available to share with you the how SNAP provides a monthly financial benefit to buy nutritious foods. The average household SNAP benefit for a household of two is \$215./month. To see if you qualify we can review the income guidelines with you as well as assist with the application process. For example: A household of one the gross income level is \$25, 520 and a household of two is \$34,480. To learn more and see if you qualify please contact Annette or Alison by calling 978-692-5523.

Book Club: Join us from the comfort of your home!

Tuesday at 1:00: February 16th

The pandemic has led us to be creative with offering book club ... from parking lot meetings, to indoors spaced 6 feet apart, to virtual online. January and February will be offered virtually to enhance your safety. Call me and we will send you the invite to join.

February's read will be *Night of Rain & Stars* by Maeve Binchy. I will order books through the town library and can deliver them to your home.

Other ways to obtain books are through Barnes & Noble, Amazon or online at Merrimack Valley Library Consortium "Overdrive". <https://mvlc.overdrive.com> The Overdrive website also has an app called Libby to search and take out books on your Ipad, phone, kindle. Hoopla is another online option. Happy Reading! Annette 978-399-2326

For more information visit www.westfordma.gov/coa, www.facebook.com/CameronSeniorCenter/ or simply call 978-692-5523. We look forward to hearing from you.



Westford Senior Center



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Recycling Commission



Update on Household Hazardous Waste

Westford is holding its next Household Hazardous Waste collection event on May 8th, 2021. The Recycling Commission is planning for a record turnout due to the additional time we residents have spent in our homes working on home projects this past year. Please stay tuned for more details on the May 8th event as we get closer.

If you'd like to safely dispose of your household hazardous waste either prior to May 8th or after the town event, the closest option currently open to Westford residents is New England Disposal Technologies, Inc. (NEDT), located in Sutton MA. Refer to this link for more information: <https://www.nedt.org/>

As of February 2021, the Minuteman Regional Household Hazardous Products (MHHP) Facility in Lexington MA remains closed to non-member towns such as Westford due to COVID precautions.

Note that there is a cost (fee) to bring hazardous waste to both town-sponsored collection events and facilities such as NEDT and MHHP.

What happens to our hazardous waste? Most is not recycled; it is disposed of using specialized equipment and methods that minimize the environmental impact.

There are a few types of hazardous waste that are in fact recyclable, and below are local companies that collect these items (for free) and get them to recyclers for handling.

- Florescent tubes and compact fluorescent light bulbs (both of which contain mercury): Bring to Westford Ace Hardware or MacKay Ace Hardware.
- Button batteries: Bring to Westford Ace Hardware or MacKay Ace Hardware.
- Motor Oil, either used or new (but not oil mixed with gas or other additives): Bring up to 5 gallons to AutoZone at Drum Hill in Chelmsford.

Thank you for disposing of your waste properly. And please consider minimizing what you do buy in the first place, with consideration to its disposal and the environment.

Please visit www.westfordma.gov/recycling
for your recycling and trash questions.
Reduce! Reuse! Repurpose! Recycle!



Westford Parks & Recreation

Spring Programs Starting Soon

NEW OFFERINGS:

Westford Parks & Recreation Egaming Spring League with GGLEagues

After a successful Winter League season with new partner, GGLEagues, Parks & Rec now offers a six-week spring session for grades 3-5; grades 6-12; and Adults 18+. League registration deadlines start as early as February 26 for March and April Leagues.

Westford Parks & Recreation Egaming March Tournaments with GGLEagues

Parks & Rec is offering a variety of unique tournaments every weekend during the month of March.

Spring League and Tournament game selections include Madden21, Fortnite, Rocket League and Super Smash Bros. GGLEagues is a recreational esports tournament and league management platform.

BlocksCAD 3D Printing, Coding and Math

Parks & Rec is excited to announce a new online collaboration with BlocksCAD, a cloud-based, 3D Design tool that teaches coding, 3D design, math, and computational thinking. Registration just closed for the first BlocksCAD class for grades 3-5. Visit westfordrec.com or call 978-692-5532 for details regarding future BlocksCAD classes.

ADDITIONAL SPRING OFFERINGS INCLUDE:

Pre-TBall with Tim French and Nick Larsen

Introduce your little player to the fundamentals of baseball.
Ages 3-6, starts April 27.

Seth Dichard Golf Schools

Recognized by Golf Digest and New England Golf Monthly as one of the best teachers in New England.

Adult Premier Golf School Starts February 18.

Junior Premier Golf School Ages 8-16, starts March 11.

Lil' Chippers Golf School Ages 4-7, starts March 11.

CPR, AED, and First Aid

Comprehensive training that is easy to learn and easy to remember. Four-hour class based on the ASHI (American Safety & Health Institute). Ages 9 and up, class date April 14.

COMING SOON – Dates to be announced

Improve your child's running, jumping, and throwing ability with **Nitehawks Track & Field**, instructed by USATF certified coach Alex Ivanov. Grades K-8. PLUS stay tuned for upcoming classes with trusted tennis professionals at **Marcus Lewis Tennis Extension program** for youth and adults.

To REGISTER or to learn more, visit [PROGRAMS](#) at westfordrec.com or call 978-692-5532.

Parks & Recreation Summer Weekly Programs coming this June

Parks & Rec is offering Kids Club at the Nab and Destination Exploration at EBC, two Summer Weekly programs that provide a range of activities designed for each program's mission and age group. Led by the Site Directors who run our WPC afterschool enrichment program, these full-week programs are staffed with energetic counselors – high school and college aged – who are First Aid and CPR certified.

Visit [About Summer Weekly Programs](#) at westfordrec.com for details.

Westford Board of Cemetery Commissioners

The Westford Board of Cemetery Commissioners will hold a public meeting on 2/18/2021, via webinar, to discuss the continued development of Pine Grove Cemetery (68 Forge Village Road), share current project planning, gather input from the community, and discuss the anticipated project timeline.

Public Meeting Information:

Date: 2/18/21

Time: 6:30 PM

Location: GoTo Webinar

Registration: Please register for the meeting using the following access link

<https://attendee.gotowebinar.com/register/6775454945869669900>

Once registered, you will be emailed an invitation to join the meeting. You may also use the following information to join the meeting by phone: 1 (562) 247-8422, Pin: 516838986

In May of 2019, the Board of Cemetery Commissioners and department staff began concept planning to develop new burial space within Pine Grove. In 2020, Annual Town Meeting appropriated \$30,000 to accomplish final design and prepare associated construction documents.

The proposed project generally includes:

- Final design between February and April of 2021;
- A request for construction funding at 2021 Annual Town Meeting;
- Creation of approximately 900 new graves, including conventional and green burial;
- Installation of a paved drive connecting the new section to the existing internal driveways;
- Limited additional vegetative clearing;
- Finished landscape improvements, including trees and other plantings;

The Board of Cemetery Commissioners look forward to sharing this information with the community and hope you can attend.