

Town Manager's Newsletter

February 2026 Edition



A Message from the Town Manager:

Dear Westford residents,

Welcome to the February edition! You'll notice the Town Manager's Newsletter looks a little different this month. We've streamlined the format to make it easier to scan, with brief updates and links for anyone who wants more detail. Thank you, as always, for staying engaged and informed.

This month, I'd like to welcome Sheila Dibb, the Town Manager's office's new Project/Procurement specialist. Sheila started with the office on January 29th and brings a wealth of municipal and administrative knowledge to the roll. Please stop by to introduce yourself to her over the coming months.

Our Budget Hearings for the FY27 Budget are still in full swing and will continue on February 5th. These hearings are your chance to learn about and provide input on the proposed budget for the coming fiscal year. Your participation is key in helping us make decisions that reflect the needs of the entire community.

Westford will be transitioning to a hybrid Pay-As-You-Throw (PAYT) trash program in July 2026. Learn more about the program on the [PAYT webpage](#).

Our Town Meeting is scheduled for March 28th at Westford Academy. Information about the meeting will be posted on the website and meetings with the Finance Committee and Select Board regarding the articles will be held in February and March. Please see the Town Meeting timeline [here](#).

There are also open seats on several elected boards and committees, including the Select Board, Planning Board, Housing Authority, Board of Library Trustees, and School Committee. If you're interested in serving our community in one of these roles, you can pull papers at the Town Clerk's office and return the signed documents by Tuesday, March 17th, 2025, at 5:00 pm.

If you have any suggestions for articles or added features in future newsletters, please do not hesitate to reach out to the Town Manager's office at (978)-692-5501 or email at klas@westfordma.gov.

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TOWN NEWS AND UPDATES

2026 Annual Town Election Open Seats

Nomination papers must be completed and returned to the Clerk's Office by March 17.

View: [Open Positions for May 2026 Election](#)

Become an Election Worker

The Town Clerk's Office is looking for enthusiastic individuals who can work at the upcoming elections.

Complete an [Election Officer Profile \(PDF\)](#) and submit it to the Town Clerk's Office.



Curbside Mattress Collection

Westford has partnered with UTEC, Inc. to offer curbside mattress and box spring pickup for residents at \$40 per unit. Learn more:

[Curbside Mattress Collection](#)



WANT TO HELP AS A POLL WORKER?

March 2026 Annual Town Meeting

Mark your calendar for Annual Town Meeting on March 28, 2026, beginning at 9 AM, at Westford Academy. All registered Westford voters are welcome to attend and participate.

View: [Annual Town Meeting 2026 Timeline](#)

Annual Town Meeting —
Warrant Articles and Motions

- February 10:** Select Board
- February 12:** Finance Committee
- February 19:** Planning Board
- February 24:** Select Board
- February 26:** Finance Committee

PAYT Lunch & Learn at the Cameron Senior Center

Tuesday, February 10 | 12 PM | 20 Pleasant Street

Sign up by Friday, February 6

Details: [Feb. 10 PAYT Lunch & Learn](#)

Pay-As-You-Throw (PAYT) Trash Program

Westford will transition to a hybrid PAYT curbside trash program in July 2026. Learn more—including FAQs, the timeline, and materials on the [Town's PAYT webpage](#), which is frequently updated as new information becomes available.

2026 Dog Licensing Now Open

Renew online, by mail, or at Town Hall. Rabies documentation required. Late fees start

March 1, 2026. Renew online: [Westford](#)

[Online Payment Center](#)



[Town Winter Parking Ban](#)

in effect from November 1 through March 31.

New Lockbox Service

Beginning February 2026, the Town of Westford Treasurer/Tax Collector's Office will implement a lockbox payment service to improve efficiency and expedite the processing of Motor Vehicle Excise Tax payments.

Learn more: [Excise Tax Lockbox](#)



Help us improve efficiency and process faster by mailing excise tax payments to this address.



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PROJECT UPDATES



J.V. Fletcher Library Building Project

These photos show the back of the building's northwest and northeast corners where the new Children's Department and meeting room will be. The building's steel erection and columns have been installed, and beams and girders are in progress on levels 2 and 3.

View the project schedule:

[Library Building Project Schedule](#)

Linked and Livable Neighborhoods: Littleton Road

Take the [SURVEY](#) on walking, biking, & open space priorities for the Littleton Road area.

Learn more: [Linked and Livable Neighborhoods](#)

Boston Road Reconstruction Project

The Boston Road detour has concluded for the winter season and will resume again sometime in April 2026.

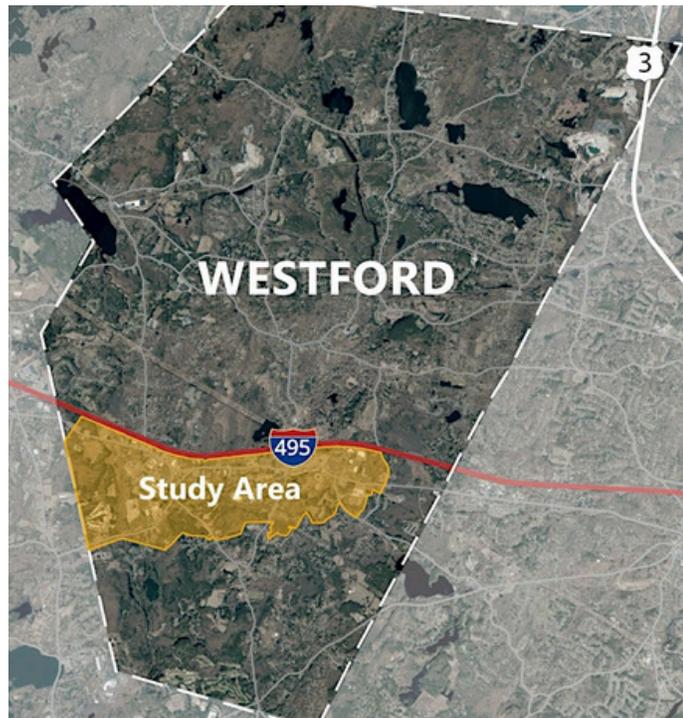
Follow the project status and updates:

[Boston Road Reconstruction Project](#)

Route 40 Corridor Study —

Public Workshop: Monday, February 23 | 6-8 PM | Stony Brook School

Learn about the project and upcoming workshops: [Route 40 Corridor Study](#)



FROM THE SELECT BOARD

January 13, 2026

View discussion topics and action items from the meeting: [Select Board Meeting - January 13](#)

January 27, 2026

Learn more about discussions and decisions from the meeting: [Select Board Meeting - January 27](#)

View: [Select Board Meeting Agendas](#)

Watch: [Select Board Meeting Videos](#)

Public Budget Hearing - February 5, 2026

The Finance Committee and Select Board will continue the FY27 budget hearing on Thursday, February 5, at 7 PM at the Town Hall Meeting Room.

Join via Zoom: [2/5 - Public Budget Hearing](#)

Additional information regarding the Town's budget process and related materials is available at [Town of Westford - Budgets](#)



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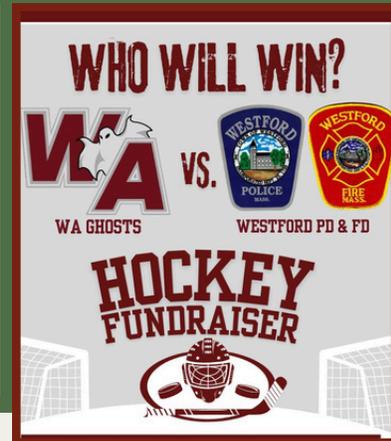
COMMUNITY EVENTS AND HIGHLIGHTS

Westford Academy Hockey Fundraiser Game

Sunday, February 22 | 1:30 PM | Skate 3 in Tyngsboro

Watch the combined Boys & Girls WA hockey team vs. the Westford Police and Fire Departments. Tickets are \$5 for students/seniors and \$10 for adults, available at: [WA Hockey Fundraiser Tickets](#) or at the rink. All proceeds support WA Hockey and Westford First Responders.

Learn more, follow WPD on Facebook, www.facebook.com/Westfordmapolice



Cameron Senior Center Unveils New Branding Inspired by Community Voices

Read more: [Cameron Senior Center Announcement](#)

Cameron Senior Center Valentine Luncheon & Music

Friday, February 13 | 12 PM | First Parish Church, 48 Main St.

Free Sand Buckets: Need a free bucket of sand delivered to your home this winter? Call 978-692-5523 to be added to the list.

Check out the Cameron Senior Center's [January and February Newsletter](#) for the latest programs, services, and events.

J.V. Fletcher Library

View all upcoming programs and happenings: [Event Calendar](#).
Subscribe to the Friends of the Library e-newsletter or visit: westfordlibrary.org for more information.



Community Preservation Committee

The CPC application cycle is underway, with applicant hearings on Feb 4 and 10. Learn more about the process and how to participate at [Westford CPC 2026](#)



American Heart Association

February is American Heart Month

Westford Health Department and the Medical Reserve Corps are offering three American Heart Association training classes.

More details and sign-up information: [Westford Health Department](#)



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Major Advancement in ALS Care

The Westford Fire Department has expanded its Advanced Life Support (ALS) capabilities, and paramedics can now administer broad-spectrum antibiotics during ambulance transport for patients in septic shock.

Follow WFD on Facebook, www.facebook.com/westfordfd

Westford Recreation: Winter Programs

Check out upcoming programs:

[February Flyer](#).

Learn more and register: [Westford Recreation](#)



Clean Energy and Sustainability Committee

Save on winter heating costs ❄️ A new reduced electric delivery rate is available for qualifying residential customers who use heat pumps.

Learn more: [National Grid Heat Pump Rate](#)

Explore Massachusetts incentive programs for solar, EVs, heat pumps, and electric bikes. Additional details: [2026 Incentives and Rebates](#)

EMT, ER NURSE, PRE-POST OP AND/OR NURSE – MIKE'S EXPERIENCE SAYS IT ALL.
NEXT CLASS, FEBRUARY 25, AGES 14 & UP.

YOUTH CHESS WITH INT'L MASTER PRATHIBA – STARTS FEB 26
FOCUSED, ENGAGED AND HAVING FUN!
GROUPED FOR BEGINNERS AND ADVANCED/INTERMEDIATE. AGES 4-16.

FEBRUARY BREAK WITH CHESS MASTER PRATHIBA – FEB 17-20
HAVE FUN LEARNING CHESS! INSTRUCTION TIME, TOURNAMENT PLAY, PUZZLE TIME, AND MORE.
TWO HOUR'S OF CLASS FUN TUESDAY - FRIDAY. FOR ALL LEVELS! AGES 5-16.

Recreation Special Program FEBRUARY BREAK!
FEB 17-20, 9AM-3PM, PLUS EARLY ARRIVAL AND EXTENDED DAY OPTIONS.

TWO AWESOME FIELD TRIPS - DETAILS TO COME, plus visits from:
SCIENCE HEROES; RAINFOREST REPTILES; SNL SPORTS ACADEMY!

LEARN MORE & REGISTER
at westfordma.myrec.com

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UPDATED JANUARY

Westford Recycling Commission

Find all of our spring events in the [FY 25-26 Recycling Guide](#)



Open Space & Recreation at the Roudenbush Spring Market

Visit the Open Space and Recreation Plan (OSRP) table at the Roudenbush Spring Market on April 12 to learn about the action items that will guide open space and recreation investments over the next 10 years.

Stop by to see what's taking shape, share your ideas, and get inspired to take part in Westford's parks, trails, and conservation efforts.



Where Westford Plays
Open Space & Recreation Plan
(2026-2036)



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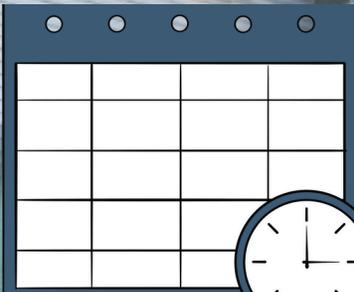
Town of Westford Employment Opportunities:

- Snowplow Contractors, Equipment & Seasonal Snowplow Operators (Part-time)
- Heavy Equipment Operator - Parks
- Licensed Well Specialist - Water Department
- Civilian Traffic Control - Public Safety
- Council on Aging Van Driver (Part-time/multiple positions)
- Library Associate / Juvenile Reference -Youth Services/ Program Assistant

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Town of Westford Calendar

Keep up with board and committee meetings. View meeting schedules, agendas, meeting minutes and important documents.

Adjusted Holiday Hours:

Town Offices will be closed on Monday, February 16, 2026, in observance of Presidents' Day.

Town Hall Operating Hours:

Mon/Wed/Thurs: 8 a.m.- 4 p.m.

Tuesday: 8 a.m. - 6:30 p.m. Friday: 8 a.m. - 1 p.m.



Boards & Committees Seeking Volunteers:

- 300th Anniversary Committee
- Affordable Housing Trust
- Agricultural Commission
- Clean Energy and Sustainability Committee
- Commission on Disability
- Communications Advisory Committee
- Community Preservation Committee
- Cultural Council
- Diversity Equity and Inclusion
- Election Officer
- Healthy Westford Committee
- Monuments and Memorials Committee
- Northern Middlesex Stormwater Collaborative
- Open Space and Recreation Plan Committee
- Parkerville Schoolhouse Committee
- Parks and Recreation Commission
- Pedestrian Improvement Plan for MCMOD Advisory Committee
- Pedestrian Safety Committee
- Permanent Town Building Committee
- Recycling Commission
- Route 40 Corridor Study Advisory Committee
- Tax Possession Disposition Committee
- Zoning Board of Appeals

Learn more about the important work of our **boards and committees.** Consider lending your time and talents by filling out a **Volunteer Activity Form**



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