



Town of Westford Massachusetts

Town Manager's Newsletter

June 2021



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**Annual Town Meeting
Saturday, June 12
9:00 AM
Westford Academy
30 Patten Rd
Trustees Field**

**J.V Fletcher Library
Is now open to the
Public.
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Watch Meetings Online



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Dear Westford residents,

Congratulations to Westford Academy and Nashoba Valley Technical High School's senior class of 2021!

As a reminder, our Annual Town Meeting is this Saturday, June 12th at 9:00 AM (with Sunday, June 13th as a rain date or if needed) and will be held outside on the Westford Academy Trustees Field, 30 Patten Road. Please check our website's News and Announcements for an update if the weather is questionable: www.westfordma.gov. All documents related to Town Meeting are available online at the following link: [2021 Annual Town Meeting](#). This year's State of the Town will not be presented at the meeting as we do not have the ability to project on a screen, however it is available on the town's website at the following link: [State of the Town Presentation](#). We encourage all town meeting attendees to arrive by 8:30 AM to allow ample time for check-in. We recommend bringing water, sunscreen, and a hat or umbrella to provide protection from the weather. Masks are not required. We will break at noon for lunch and this year we will have four food trucks for ease of residents during lunch break. The menus are available online here: [ATM Food Trucks](#). The meeting will resume at approximately 1:15 PM. Childcare is available for children in grades K – 5. For further details and to register, please visit the following link: [Annual Town Meeting – Childcare Registration](#).

Governor Baker formally rescinded the COVID-19 State of Emergency as of 12:01 AM on Tuesday, June 15th. At this time there is no legislation approved to allow public bodies to meet remotely after June 14th. Therefore, all public body meetings will resume to in person public meetings as of 12:01 AM on June 15th. There is pending legislation which may allow more time to resume in person meetings, but as of now, no legislation has been approved. The Select Board will consider rescinding our Local State of Emergency at their meeting on June 22nd.

On May 12th, the town released a Request for Proposals (RFP) for the disposition of 63 Main Street with the condition the residence must remain as a single-family residence with an Historic Preservation Restriction. The deadline for proposals is this Friday, June 11, 2021 at 11:00 AM. RFP documents may be viewed online by visiting the following link: [Bid Postings](#).

On May 25th, the Select Board unanimously approved a Purchase and Sale Agreement with CHOICE Inc and SCG Development Partners, LLC for the disposition of 35 Town Farm Road with a reduction of the town's wastewater charges to match the methodology used at the Stony Brook Housing Development. The disposition of this property follows a RFP process the town issued on November 2, 2020, seeking proposals for the purchase and redevelopment of the property for rental housing for low income seniors and to provide a new home for the Westford Food Pantry. 35 Town Farm Road is comprised of approximately 1.675 acres and contains the historical Town Farm, also known as the "Poor Farm" and the "Town Infirmary".

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As part of the Coronavirus Spending Bill, Governor Charlie Baker formally designated June 19th a state holiday to honor "Juneteenth". Juneteenth is a day to recognize the continued need to ensure racial freedom and equality. The Select Board approved 5-0 to accept the new state holiday which this year will be observed on Friday, June 18th. Town offices will be closed that day.

At the board's meeting on May 25th, Select Board Member Tonakarn-Nguyen announced Westford Academy students are working on "Project Invisible Link" which spreads awareness of invisible illnesses. They are looking for people who are living with an invisible illness to share their experiences. To find out more information you may visit the following link: [Project Invisible Link](#) or email at projectinvisiblelink@gmail.com.

The board recently approved a request from the Pedestrian Safety Committee to utilize \$2,700 from their Community Initiatives account along with Police Department funds to purchase two solar powered radar speed control signs. With help of the Police Department and Public Works Department, the signs will be strategically placed along town roadways. These radar speed control signs can store traffic data which will be used to evaluate the long-term effectiveness of the signs.

I am happy to welcome our newest town employee, Human Resources Benefits Coordinator Jennifer Oliveira!

It is with great sadness that I report the unexpected passing of Bob Herrmann on May 23rd. Bob was the current chair of the Zoning Board of Appeals, he was a former Select Board member, and he served on many other town boards and committees through the years. Bob owned Bob's Auto Service since 1967. To honor Bob, we lowered the flag on the common to half-staff. He will be dearly missed.

There are several openings on our local boards and committees, including: 12 North Main Street Task Force, 35 Town Farm Road Task Force, Agricultural Commission, Clean Energy and Sustainability Committee, Commission on Disability, Communications Advisory Committee, Cultural Council, Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion Committee, Dog Park Task Force, Economic Development Committee, Election Officer, Healthy Westford Committee, Historical Commission, Nashoba Valley Technical High School District Committee, Parkerville Schoolhouse Committee, Parks, Grounds and Recreation Commission, Pedestrian Safety Committee, Permanent Town Building 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](#).

I hope to see you at Town Meeting!

Sincerely,



Jodi Ross
Town Manager

LGBTQ Pride Month

Westford Health Department and Westford Coalition for Non-Violence, WCNV, would like to acknowledge LGBTQ Pride Month in June.



“LGBTQ Pride Month is commemorated each year in the month of June to honor the 1969 Stonewall uprising in New York City. In June of 1969, patrons and supporters of the Stonewall Inn staged an uprising to resist the police harassment and persecution to which LGBTQ Americans were commonly subjected. This uprising marked the beginning of a movement to outlaw discriminatory laws and practices against LGBTQ Americans.” <https://www.adl.org/education/resources/tools-and-strategies/lgbtq-pride-month-and-education-resources>.

Pride Month is a celebration of being free to be who you are !



Clean Energy and Sustainability Committee Conducting Greenhouse Gas Inventory

Westford's Clean Energy and Sustainability Committee has done an initial inventory of greenhouse gas emissions from the town. The purposes of the inventory are to establish a baseline to measure future reductions, and to prioritize the biggest sources for reductions. The Metropolitan Area Planning Council (MAPC) provides a spreadsheet to account for emissions in 3 categories: building electricity and heating, transportation, and waste disposal. The data for Westford come from several tabulations available on the internet. Currently the most recent year data were available across most categories is 2017.

The principal conclusions are that in 2017, Westford emitted about 247,000 metric tonnes of carbon dioxide equivalent (MT CO₂e). This amounts to about 10 MT CO₂e per person. Almost 40% came from personal automobiles, almost 30% from residential buildings (electricity and heating), and about 25% from commercial and industrial buildings. The CESC is developing an action plan to guide Westford to zero net carbon emissions by 2050, in keeping with state, national, and international goals.

The Greenhouse Gas Inventory will be instrumental in focusing our efforts to reach net zero GHG emissions. The support of Westford's residents and businesses will be critical to our success, and CEAS looks forward to working with our community as we pursue this goal.



The Westford Cultural Council

The Westford Cultural Council, has announced the award of 17 grants totaling \$7,900, for cultural programs in Westford.

The Westford Cultural Council is part of a network of 329 Local Cultural Councils serving all 351 cities and towns in the Commonwealth. The LCC Program is the largest grassroots cultural funding network in the nation, supporting thousands of community-based projects in the arts, sciences, and humanities every year. The state legislature provides an annual appropriation to the Mass Cultural Council, a state agency, which then allocates funds to each community.



A complete list of recipients and grant amounts can be found below.

Project Name	Funds Allocated
2021 Stone Carving Symposium	\$350
245th Anniversary of the American Revolution in Lexington, Concord and Westford hosted by the Westford Museum & Historical Society	\$510
Arts from the Heart from Clear Path for Veterans	\$500
Chamber Music Concert at Cameron Senior Center	\$660
China Trail Garden Plant Label Design	\$150
Chinese Family Network's Annual Multi-Generational Family Event	\$600
Classical music in our community by Meghan Tan	\$450
Duo Pianists, Composers & Educators Whipple & Morales in Concert	\$750
Jumpin' Juba concert for Westford Council on Aging	\$300
Kids' Music and Dance Fest with Classical and Tagore's Music	\$500
Light Up the New Year 2021 - Lantern Festival Opera Gala	\$500
Mindgym Initiative	\$500
Musical Video- DVD for Long Term Care & Assisted Living, Senior Center & Local Cable Station	\$450
Nature & Art Therapy at Virginia Thurston Healing Garden	\$500
Online Show Equipment Lending Library at The Cannon Theatre	\$300
Open Door Connections with the Discovery Museum	\$400
Westford Chamber Players mini- classes and workshops	\$480

The Westford Cultural Council will seek applications again in the fall. Applications and more information about the Local Cultural Council Program are available online at www.mass-culture.org.

Westford Parks & Recreation

After School with Westford Partnership for Children

Parks & Rec's Westford Partnership for Children After School Enrichment Program (WPC), will be running through June 18, Monday - Friday, from school dismissal to 5:45 p.m. The program currently operates at Crisafulli, Robinson, and Nabnasset schools, and is available to all of Westford's K-5 students.

WPC will return to full service for grades K-8 this fall with locations at the following seven schools: Abbot, Crisafulli, Day, Miller, Nabnasset, Robinson, and Stony Brook Middle School.

Learn more or register at [About WPC](#) on [westfordrec.com](#).

Starting June 22: Summer Beach Party Week One!

Summer Beach Party is one of three Parks & Rec Summer Weekly Programs, each with activities designed for the program mission and age groups. Led by WPC Site Directors, these full-week programs are staffed with energetic counselors – high school and college aged – who are First Aid and CPR certified.

Choose up to ten weeks of full day and full week programming with early arrival, and extended day options:

Summer Beach Party at Destination Exploration, EBC: Week 1 starts June 22

Enjoy the first and last two weeks of summer at Burges Pond at EBC. What better way to start and finish a sun-filled summer! For ages 4-13.

Kids Club at the Nabnasset School - Week 1 starts June 28

Fast-paced, fun-filled activities in a perfect summer setting, both inside and outside. Swim lesson options at Edwards Beach. For ages 4-13.

Destination Exploration (D.E.) - Week 1 starts June 28

Classic summertime activities in a classic summertime setting at East Boston Camps (EBC). For ages 7-13.

Learn more or register at [About Summer Weekly Programs](#) on [westfordrec.com](#).

Heading your Way!

Parks & Recreation programming for squirts, youth, and adults:

NEW Beach Yoga at Forge Pond, for adults.

Starting in July.

NEW Pickleball Clinics, with adult beginner and adult intermediate programs.

Starting in June.

Flag Football, for youth.

Starting in July.

GGLeagues Summer Egaming, sessions for youth, teens, and adults.

New sessions starting in July.

Nitehawks Summer Track & Field, for youth.

New sessions starting in July.

Speed & Agility with DJ Brock, for youth.

Starting in July.

Stand Up Paddleboard Yoga at Forge Pond Beach, for adults.

Starting in July.

Swimming Instruction at Edwards Beach, for all levels.

Starting in June.

Learn more about Westford Parks & Recreation at [westfordma.gov](#).

For recreation programming, visit [westfordrec.com](#). Westford Parks & Recreation, 65 Main Street, Westford, MA 01886 | 978-692-5532



Focusing on colors at the Robinson School



Jumping in! Summer Beach Party



Enjoying a new friend at Destination Exploration, EBC



Top: Stand Up Paddleboard, Forge Pond
Left: Swim Lessons, Edwards Beach
Right: Speed & Agility with DJ Brock

June at the J.V. Fletcher Library



We are open! : We are pleased to announce that the Library is now open to the public. Regular hours have been reinstated and limited Curbside Service is available. Items may be returned in person or in the book drop. Masks are encouraged in light of our high usage by as-yet-unvaccinated children. Services and programs will be evolving. Welcome back!

Unless otherwise noted, the following programs are made possible by the Friends of the Library.

Tales and Tales Summer Reading Program for all ages! : This summer we have exciting programs and prizes lined up for [children](#), [young adults](#), and adults! We are offering some virtual programming but the majority of our offerings will take place outside, socially distanced, and in-person! Registration for all three programs is open now! Check out the [Children's Summer Reading page](#), [Teen's Summer Reading page](#), and the Adult's Summer Reading page for more information. Please call or email us with any questions on this very different but exciting summer-long program.

Virtual Musical Baseball with Howie Newman: Wed., June 23 at 7:00 p.m.: Local singer-songwriter (and former sportswriter) Howie Newman performs a unique, interactive and highly entertaining Zoom program, singing baseball songs, offering up baseball trivia and telling stories about his days on the Red Sox beat. There will also be a free raffle for one of his baseball CDs! Register for this program through the [Library Events Calendar](#).

Virtual The Ten Warning Signs of Alzheimer's: Thu., June 24 at 6:00 p.m. This educational program, run by Alzheimer's Association representatives, will help you recognize common signs of the disease in yourself and others, and includes next steps to take, including how to talk to your doctor. To receive the Zoom link, register here: <https://alz-org.zoom.us/meeting/register/tJYvdOysqTkrHdyOWAGgoIH6FMQr2qMz6ojl>. Hosted and sponsored by the Haverhill Public Library and made available to Westford residents. Questions? Email sregan@westfordma.gov.

Outdoor Tails, Tricks, and Tales Magic Show: Tue., June 29 at 6:30 p.m. Our 'Tails and Tales' Summer Reading Program kicks off with our favorite magician Mike Bent. Tails, Tricks, and Tales is a book-themed show uses hilarious comedy, amazing magic, games, music, sound effects, AND storytelling to motivate kids to get reading. For ages 4 and up. Please preregister for this live, in person show so we know how many to expect. Register through the [Library Events Calendar](#).

Wally's Virtual Interactive Reading Adventure: Wed., June 30 at 2:00 p.m. Join us with special guest Wally from the Red Sox on an interactive reading adventure. He will be showing kids how to use sounds, actions, and imagination to make books come alive! This fun, fast-paced show invites kids to explore the joys of reading while laughing and increasing their confidence in learning. The zoom link to this program will be sent to you when you register through the [Library Events Calendar](#). The Friends of the J.V. Fletcher welcome Wally to the library for this fun virtual event.

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

YA Book Club – *Turtle Boy*: Wed., June 30 at 3:00 p.m.: Open to young adults in grades 5-12. Join us to discuss M. Evan Wolkenstein's award winning novel, *Turtle Boy*. "Seventh-grader Will's Bar Mitzvah community service project, visiting an incurably ill older boy in the hospital, leads to a friendship that is life-changing for both them and those around them." Copies of the book are available to check out at the Main Desk. Registration is required and is limited to 15. Register for this program through the [Library Events Calendar](#). **We will meet outside on the back lawn.** Bring a comfy chair. Snacks will be provided.

Check out our [Museum Passes page](#) or call the Library for reservations. Unless otherwise noted, our museum passes are generously funded by the Friends of the Library. [Have you joined the Friends yet?](#)

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.

Monday Mystery, Adult Non Fiction, Thursday Night Book Club: All of our adult book clubs welcome new members. Please visit westfordlibrary.org/events/adult-book-clubs/ for more information, reading lists, and upcoming meeting dates!

Quick Links to Our Most Popular Services!

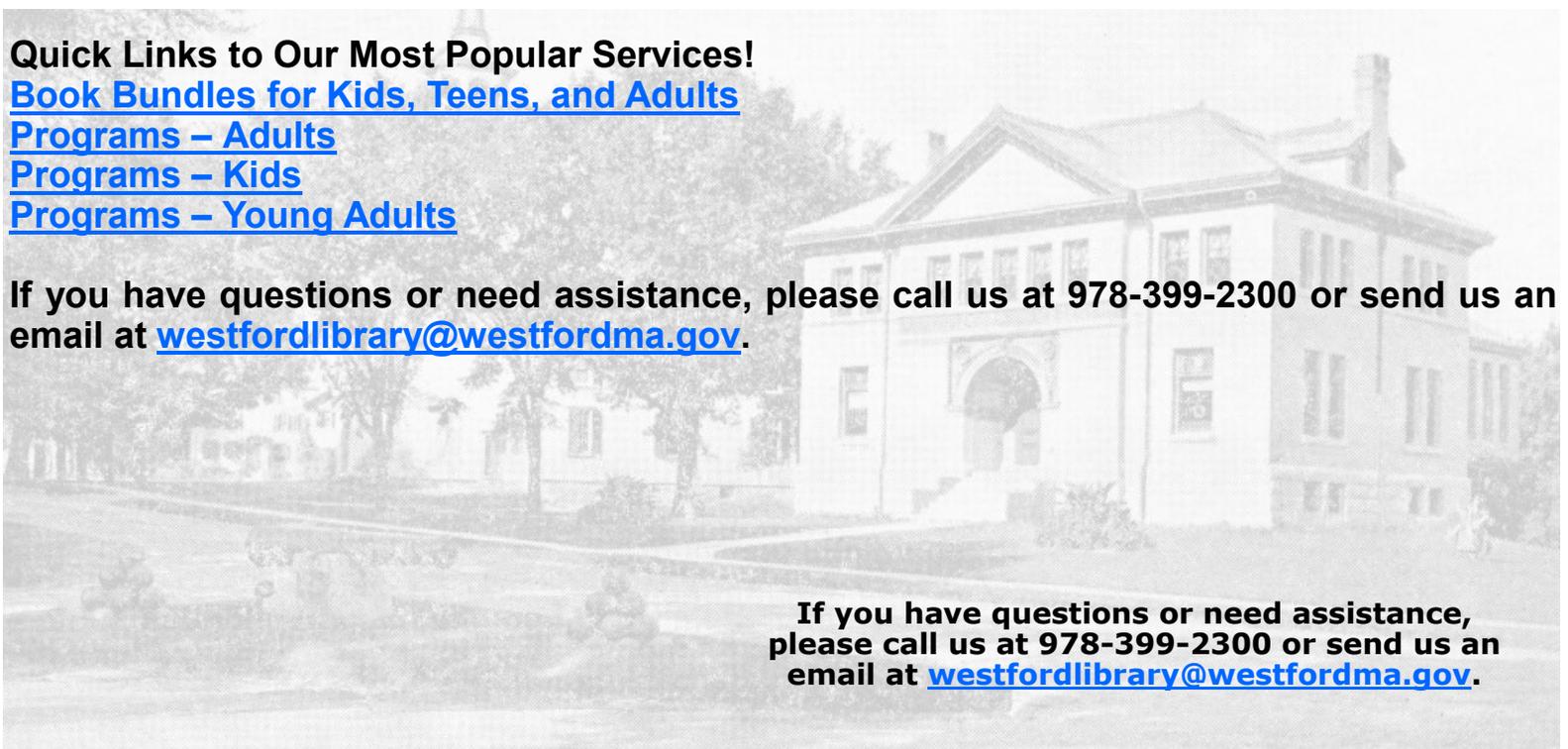
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Cameron Senior Center

The Cameron is glad to be open and welcome adults 55+

Father's Day BBQ lunch with pulled pork

Friday, June 18th at Noon We are glad to be celebrating our Westford fathers through-out our Cameron community. We are fortunate that Brian Ryder, our favorite BBQ chef in Town will be preparing his signature barbecue pork and sides which include cole slaw, chips and ice cream. Also, we will be offering a vegetarian meal option for those with a different diet but please let us know your preferred option when registering for this event. Cost is Free for our Father's thanks to our grant funding from Elder Services of Merrimack Valley grant. If guest would like to attend and are not a father there is a \$5 cost. Please RSVP to 978-692-5523.

T.R.E.A.D. Applications are available at the Senior Center now and will be **DUE BY AUGUST 30th. Tax Relief for Elderly and Disabled** is a donation funded program for property tax relief. Applicants must be 65 years or older OR have a state recognized disability and must own and occupy their home. The T.R.E.A.D. Committee will meet to determine awards in December 2021 and awards will be applied to the first tax bill in 2022. If you have any questions about the program or need application assistance, call Alison Christopher, LICSW at 978-399-2325 or Annette Cerullo at 978-399-2326.

Caregiver Movie Series at The Cameron -Join Annette and Alison the last Wednesday of the month from 1-4PM to watch a movie about the caregiver role in various circumstances and health conditions. After the movie, we will host a brief discussion of the movie's themes and participant impressions and experiences. Sign up by calling 978-692-5523. We plan to host this series for 6 months and we will try to choose a variety of situations to explore through cinematic art! Here are the next two movies in the series:



June 30th - ***The Theory of Everything*** (2014)

Caring for an adult with a physical disability

After Cambridge University astrophysics student Stephen Hawking (Eddie Redmayne) is diagnosed with amyotrophic lateral sclerosis (ALS), also known as Lou Gehrig's disease, he turns reclusive. But literature student Jane Wilde (Felicity Jones) falls in love with him and decides to marry him when she finds out Stephen only has two years to live. Jane eventually delays her own goals to become a full-time caregiver for Stephen. Felicity Jones' role shows the emotional side of caregiving. Managing caregiver guilt, stress and exhaustion can be difficult, but it's important for caregivers to replenish before taking care of others.

July 28th - ***The Diving Bell and the Butterfly*** (2007)

Caring for a patient who has had a stroke (More to come in next TM newsletter)

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Cameron Senior Center

Mindful Movement for Health Preservation

Tuesdays at 9am for eight weeks starting July 6th

Instructor: Dave Crocker from Cultivating Qi based in Westford, MA

Movement is one of the keys to life. As human beings, we were designed to move. Regular movement of all parts of the mind and body are needed to maintain and improve our health & well-being. Mindful movement is a mind-body activity done with in-the-moment awareness of what you are doing without judgment. Its benefits include reduced stress, greater relaxation and improved quality-of-life. In this 8-week program, you will learn a series of meditative movements that enhance your body's natural ability to heal itself. The slow, gentle movements and deep, abdominal breathing while maintaining an internal focus brings about a wonderful calmness to your being, a strengthening of your immune system and newfound physical-mental-spiritual balance. Class size is limited so register early at 978-692-5523. Cost: \$21



Ebi and Desiree Masalehdan Summer BBQ cookout and music by Mickey Lorden

Come enjoy our third annual cookout with Ebi and his many volunteer friends who grill some amazing grilled BBQ chicken and/or beef accompanied with his delicious cucumber and yogurt sauce, rice, grilled tomatoes, dessert and beverages. If you eat a little too much you can do a little dancing to some of our favorite tunes that Mickey plays for our enjoyment. Mark your calendar for **Friday, July 9th at NOON** and we will look for you at the **FRANCO pavilion**. RSVP to 978-692-5523

Keysafe Lock Box Program

The Cameron and the Fire Dept over the last two years has installed over 50 lock boxes at senior's homes. If you live alone, have medical issues or frequently need to call 911 then you are a candidate for a key safe lock box. The heavy-duty metal box is installed on the outside of your home and it has a keypad with a code to access a key inside the box. The fire dept, your neighbors and family can have the code to prevent damaging your home to enter in an emergency. For more information call Annette at 978-399-2326.



Movie Night is Back

Tuesday, July 13th & August 10th @ 4:30

For the summer we will be offering two feel good movies. **July 13th** we will be showing *Mrs. Doubtfire* starring Robin Williams and on **August 10th** we will watch the new *Barb & Star Go to Vista Del Mar*. \$4.00 for a movie, popcorn, refreshments and light meal. Please call to sign up 3 days prior at 978-692-5523.



Middlesex Sheriff Department is Bringing Pizza, Ice Cream and A Good Time

Peter J. Koutoujian, Middlesex Sheriff may join us

Tuesday, July 20th at 12pm

Come to the Cameron for a fun relaxing afternoon with the Retired Sheriff's from the Middlesex Sheriff Department and enjoy some salad, pizza, and ice cream then play some prize Bingo! Sign up at 978-692-5523.

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Cameron Senior Center

Important COVID-19 Updates:

Utility Alert: Please note, with the end of the Covid-19 state of emergency June 15th, utility companies may be sending shut off notices for as early as July 1st. If you get a shut off notice from National Grid, please call Alison or Annette at 978-399-2325 or 978-399-2326 so that we can help you find a solution. There are protections that can be put in place for low income senior households and other low-income households with medical issues or babies

National Council on Aging Partnering with Lyft for rides to vaccines

NCOA is partnering with Lyft to provide access to reliable, affordable transportation to older adults who need a ride to get their COVID-19 vaccine.

Lyft has provided ride codes with a value of up to \$25 each to travel to and from COVID-19 vaccination appointments for both the first and second doses. This effort is part of Lyft's Universal Vaccine Access campaign, which is mobilizing a coalition of partners to provide access to rides to and from vaccination sites across the country.

How to use the NCOA-Lyft vaccine ride codes

The Lyft promo codes we're offering can be used for a roundtrip ride for each dose of the COVID vaccine. Each code below covers up to \$50 per round trip (\$25 to the vaccine appointment, and \$25 back home). There are no location restrictions, and the vaccine ride codes are valid through December 31, 2021.

- Dose 1 Code (to and from their appointment): SENIORVAX1
- Dose 2 Code (to and from their appointment): SENIORVAX2

Learn more about how to set up an account and request a ride:

<https://www.ncoa.org/article/ncoa-and-lyft-help-older-adults-get-rides-to-their-covid-19-vaccine>.

All older adults who use the Lyft codes will be required to follow Lyft's Health Safety policies, which include staying home if they are sick, wearing a mask, keeping the car and their hands clean, sitting in the back seat, and keeping the car windows open when possible.

Coming Up: Annual Cornhole Double Elimination Tournament, Friday, June 29th, so mark your calendar.

Please check our newsletter for more program and service offering at www.westfordma.gov/coa, www.facebook.com/CameronSeniorCenter/, calling 978-692-5523 or stopping by at 20 Pleasant Street.



Westford Senior Center

Health Department

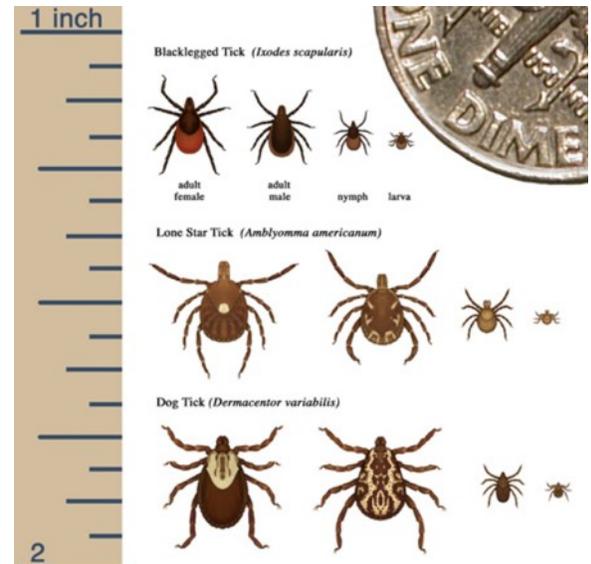
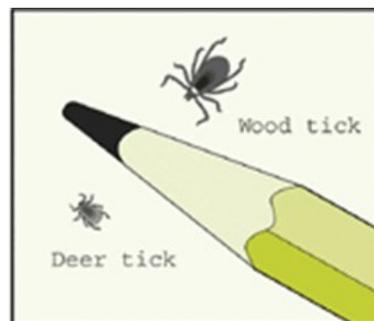
Avoid areas with a lot of ticks

- Ticks prefer wooded and bushy areas with high grass and a lot of leaf litter. These are areas to avoid.
- Take extra precautions in May, June, and July. This is when ticks that transmit Lyme disease are most active.
- If you do enter a tick area, walk in the center of the trail to avoid contact with overgrown grass, brush, and leaf litter.

Keep ticks off your skin

- Use insect repellent with 20% - 30% DEET on exposed skin and clothing to prevent tick bites. Effective repellents are found in drug, grocery and discount stores
- Permethrin is another type of repellent. It can be purchased at outdoor equipment stores that carry camping or hunting gear. Permethrin kills ticks on contact! One application to pants, socks, and shoes typically stays effective through several washings. Permethrin should not be applied directly to skin. Soaking your clothes in a permethrin solution offers the greatest protection.
- Wear long pants, long sleeves, and long socks to keep ticks off your skin. Light-colored clothing will help you spot ticks more easily. Tucking pant legs into socks or boots and tucking shirts into pants help *keep ticks* on the outside of clothing. If you'll be outside for an extended period of time, tape the area where your pants and socks meet to prevent ticks from crawling under your clothes. Knee high rubber boots also offer protection.
- Remove ticks from your clothes before going indoors. To kill ticks that you may have missed, simply throw your clothes in the dryer on high heat for 30 minutes.
- Perform daily tick checks after being outdoors, even in your own yard. Inspect all parts of your body carefully including your armpits, scalp, and groin. Remove ticks immediately using fine-tipped tweezers.
- Your risk for contracting any TBI (Tick borne illness) increases the longer the tick is attached to your body.

Protect Yourself Against Lyme Disease Any time the Temps rise above 35F



Recycling Commission

Here's to ELLEN!

Most people in town know, or at least know of - Ellen Harde. She was the first woman to serve on the then-called Westford "Board of Selectmen".

She was our Town Moderator for 25 years. And she is a local town historian and a keeper of the Westford Town Common.

But perhaps Ellen's most enduring commitment and service to Westford has been as a volunteer with the Westford Recycling Commission and before that, the Solid Waste Committee.



Ellen has given her personal time and energy to serve our town as a volunteer commissioner for 35 years!

As her current three-year term winds down at the end of June, Ellen has chosen to "retire" from the commission but will continue as an active volunteer. You'll still see her distributing recycling totes to residents from her driveway, and taking time to answer residents' recycling questions, even if it's just one person.

Those of us who remain can't imagine how we will press on without her, but we know Ellen will continue to be highly involved. So here's to Ellen, and her years of dedication.

To quote from Barbara Theriault's recently-written "Ode to Ellen" –
Ellen extraordinaire, we hail you as our champion and friend, always appreciated, and forever a part of Westford recycling.

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

