



# Town of Westford Massachusetts

## Town Manager's Newsletter

September 2021



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**Town-wide Litter Cleanup Event on Saturday, September 18 National Cleanup Day - Westford!**

**Special Town Meeting Saturday, October 16, 1 PM**

**Westford Academy Trustees Field (Rain Date: Sunday, October 17, 10AM)**



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### Dear Westford residents,

Please mark your calendars for our Special Town Meeting, which will be held on Saturday, October 16<sup>th</sup>, at 1:00 PM. As a precaution due to the Covid-19 pandemic, the Select Board recently changed the date/time/location of the meeting, which will be held outside on the turf field at the Westford Academy Trustees Field located at 30 Patten Road. The timeline, motions, and warrant are available on our website at the following link: [2021 Special Town Meeting](#). Below is a summary of the motions on the warrant:

**Article 1** will transfer from Free Cash \$15,000 for Treasurer/Collector personal services and a sum TBD for Fire Department personal services to supplement their FY 2022 Operating Budgets.

**Article 2** seeks approval for capital appropriations as follows: \$100,000 for design of a new Cameron Senior Center HVAC system, \$100,000 to replace the Rogers Fire Station roof, and \$90,000 for the schematic design of a roof replacement for the Blanchard Middle School, and \$25,000 from Water Enterprise Retained Earnings for a Depot Street well design.

**Article 3** will amend the General Bylaws to establish a revolving fund for the newly installed electric vehicle charging stations, which are located on town and school properties.

**Article 4** will establish FY 2022 spending limits for the recently installed electric vehicle charging stations on town and school properties and increase the amount for recycling revolving funds.

**Article 5** will establish a Health Insurance Trust Fund so the town may begin a partially self-funded health insurance plan with Blue Cross Blue Shield. If approved at Town Meeting, we will transfer the current balance in the health insurance stabilization fund of \$726,139.12 and any additional accrued investment earnings in FY 2022 into the Health Insurance Trust Fund.

**Article 6** will transfer from Free Cash \$75,000 to fund an energy-related audit, to help our town explore possible energy savings projects throughout town and school buildings.

**Article 7** will transfer from Free Cash \$39,000 for improvements/betterments at Byrne Place Extension.

**Article 8** will transfer available funds to reduce the net amount raised by taxes in FY 2022.

**Article 9** is a continuation of a citizen's petition from annual town meeting, which would amend our General Bylaws by adding a new chapter which would restrict motorboats on Keyes Pond.

At their September 14<sup>th</sup> meeting, the Select Board formed a Committee to Study Ways to Increase Attendance at Town Meeting and appointed 15 full members who will serve 2-year terms expiring on June 30, 2023. To view their charge, find out further information, or follow their meetings, you may visit their site here: [Committee to Study Ways to Increase Attendance at Town Meeting](#).

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At the same meeting, the Select Board met jointly with the School Committee, Finance Committee, and Permanent Town Building Committee, where they heard a presentation about the American Rescue Plan Act of 2021 (ARPA) federal funding. The Select Board intend to hold a special meeting to obtain input from other boards, residents, and local businesses on the priorities for spending the funds. The American Rescue Plan Act is intended to provide funding to support public health expenditures, address negative economic impacts from Covid, replace lost revenue, provide premium pay for essential workers, and invest in water, sewer, and broadband infrastructure. The schools are also receiving separate funds, and the School Superintendent's Office has created a survey to gather input regarding the themes related to school issues for which some funds are intended. The survey is available online until September 22<sup>nd</sup> at 3:00 PM and may be completed at the following link: [American Rescue Plan Act – Stakeholder Input Survey](#).

The boards also discussed the proposed New Center Building at 51 Main Street, the process for determining the future location for School Administration Offices, and the Blanchard School roof replacement. The Select Board supported moving forward with the New Center Building at 51 Main Street and directed the PTBC and town staff to bring this to the next Annual Town Meeting. In light of Covid, PTBC is going to evaluate potential ways to make the first-floor meeting room multi-functional and will ensure they have the Clean Energy and Sustainability Committee's involvement with the project. School Superintendent Chew will be proposing a School Administration Offices feasibility study to assist with evaluating all school properties, including the potential of incorporating office space into existing structures.

As we move forward with the 12 North Main Street property, the Select Board voted to disband the 12 North Main Street Task force effective September 17<sup>th</sup> after thanking them for all their work through the years. The board continued their discussion and is seeking input from the Historical Commission regarding their opinion about saving some parts of the structure.

In July, the Westford Water Department reported an elevated level of the regulated contaminant PFAS6 (the sum of 6 per and polyfluoroalkyl substances) was detected at our Forge Village Water Treatment Plant (WTP). Upon testing our 9 individual groundwater source wells/wellfields, it was discovered that the Country Road 2 well showed elevated PFAS6 levels (this well is 1 of 5 wells feeding the Forge Village WTP). As a result, this well was immediately removed from service and remains offline. The August monthly monitoring results reveals a decrease in levels at the Forge Village WTP PFAS6 and the Nutting Road WTP PFAS6. The Westford Water Department is continuing to investigate the source of the elevated PFAS6 levels at the Country Road 2 well, and will continue monthly monitoring of both the Forge Village and Nutting Road WTPs. For more detailed information, updates, and reporting of monthly PFAS6 results, you may visit the Westford Water Department website at [www.westfordma.gov/water](http://www.westfordma.gov/water).

On Tuesday, August 31<sup>st</sup>, the town experienced a plumbing issue at the Frost School which flooded a significant portion of the building. This town property is currently leased to The Roudenbush Community Center Inc. (TRCCI), and this location serves as TRCCI's primary location for daycare services for 80+ local families. As a result of the water damage, TRCCI was temporarily required to cease childcare operations at this site until the necessary repairs are made. Our town's insurance company anticipates that the repairs will take three to four months to complete. In the meantime, both the Select Board and School Committee approved a temporary license agreement to allow TRCCI to occupy vacant classroom space at the Millennium Building. We have worked closely with TRCCI's Executive Director, Michelle Sullivan, to alleviate this major disruption to the services they provide our community.

On August 5<sup>th</sup>, a Request for Qualifications was released to seek proposals from firms to conduct a Recreation and Aquatics Center Feasibility Study to assist in determining whether to proceed with plans to seek funding from our town residents to construct a recreation and aquatics center in town. This study will comparatively evaluate all aspects of a potential aquatics and recreation facility, including but not limited to location, size, program elements, facility configuration, capital and operating costs, and market potential for several facility options. The deadline for proposals was September 3<sup>rd</sup> and we received 2 proposals. A designer selection group will be conducting interviews with each firm before making a recommendation to the Parks, Grounds and Recreation Commission and then the Select Board for contract award.

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There are several openings on our local boards and committees, including: 35 Town Farm Road Task Force, Affordable Housing Trust, Agricultural Commission, Commission on Disability, Communications Advisory Committee, Cultural Council, Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion Committee, Dog Park Task Force, Economic Development Committee (alternates), Election Officer, Healthy Westford Committee, Parkerville Schoolhouse Committee, Parks, Grounds and Recreation Commission, Pedestrian Safety Committee, Permanent Town Building Committee, Recycling Commission, Senior Low Income Disabled Tax Relief 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](#).

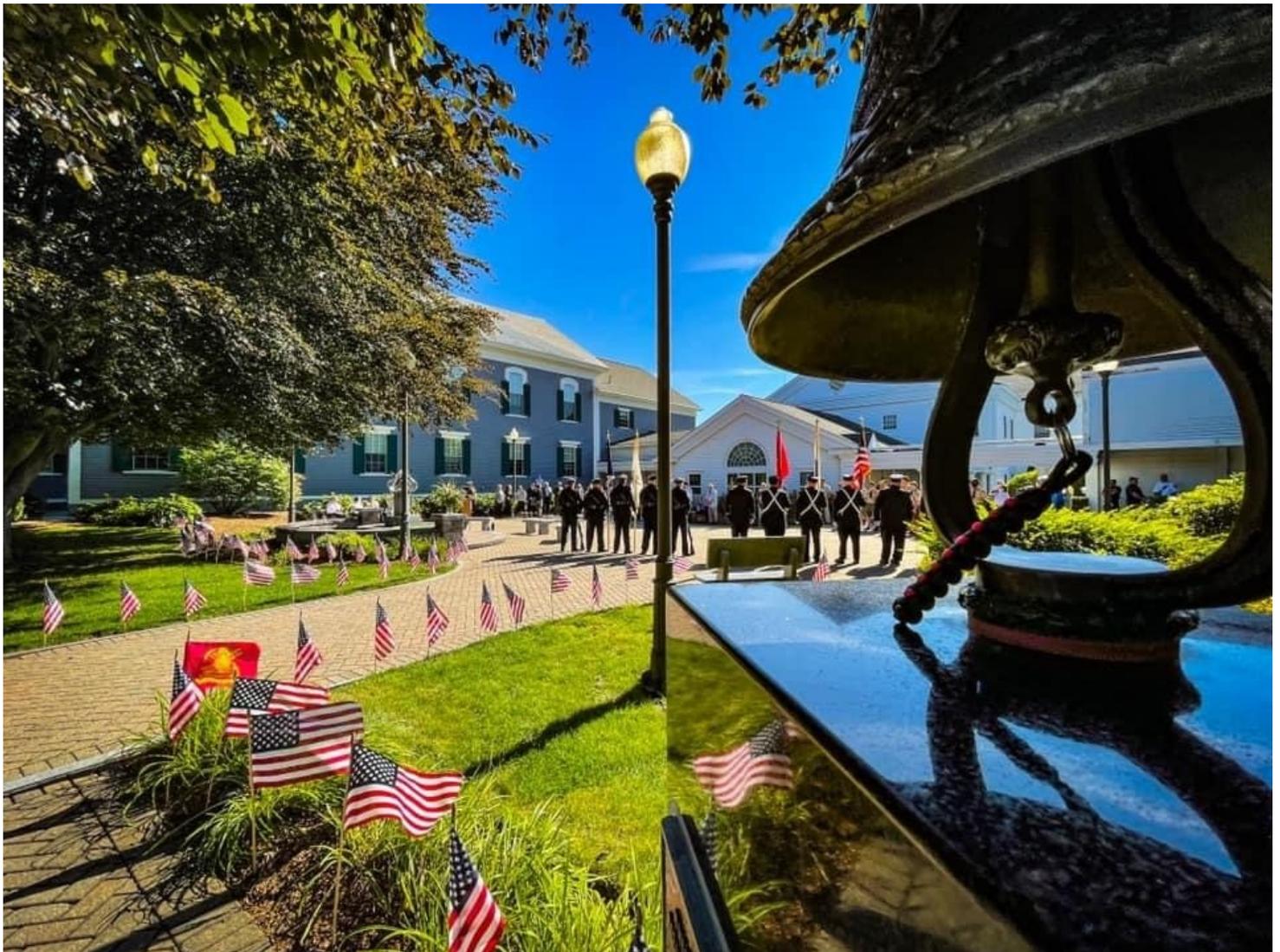
Would you like more detailed information on the Select Board's meetings? Click the following links to access: [Select Board Documents](#) & [Select Board Meeting Videos](#).

I hope to see you at our Special Town Meeting on October 16<sup>th</sup>!

Sincerely,



Jodi Ross  
Town Manager



*September 11th Remembrance Ceremony - photo courtesy David Christiana.*

## September at the J.V. Fletcher Library



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

Please Consult the Library Website and Social Media for any changes to these programs resulting from COVID impact.

**Friends of the Library - Outdoor Browsing Book Sale: Sat., Sept. 18, 10:00 AM – 3:00 PM** Located on the lawn behind the JV Fletcher Library. (Rain date: Sun., Sept. 19) Buy a reusable bag from us for \$10, and fill the bag with your selections from a number of genres! Please wear a mask! The Friends fund programs and performers, provide new equipment and furnishings, and supplement the multi-media collections. Our book sales are the best! For more information, visit: [www.westfordlibraryfriends.org](http://www.westfordlibraryfriends.org)

**Story Time and Book Club Registration:** Online registration for these programs is now open. Please see the website for descriptions of our selection of story times. Book clubs are open to Westford residents and non-resident Friends of the J.V. Fletcher Library. Book clubs are for grades Kindergarten, 1, 2, 3, and 4 and 5 (combined) and meet once a month from 4 to 4:45 p.m. The Non-Fiction Book Club is for kids in grades 3 and 4 and meets once a month on Monday afternoon. The Art Book club is for kids in grade 3 to 5 and meets once a month on a Thursday afternoon.

**Tween and Teen Make and Take Crafternoon: Mon., Sept. 20, 3:30 to 4:30 PM** Join us in the Meeting Room for an Oreo Flavor Taste-Test, and a relaxing galaxy glitter jar craft. Register for this program through the **Library Events Calendar**.

**NEW Chess Club: Sat., Sept. 25 from 1:00 to 3:00 PM** For kids in grades 3 to 5 who are interested in playing chess and who already know the basic moves, or are an advanced player. Drop in and find an opponent (or bring one with you). We provide the game sets, you bring the challenge. Space is limited to 40 players (that is how many sets we have). You are welcome to bring your own pieces if you prefer. This program is generously funded by the Friends of the J.V. Fletcher library. Program takes place in the Meeting Room unless otherwise noted; [register online at www.westfordlibrary.org](http://www.westfordlibrary.org). Caregivers must remain in the building for kids under age 10. This program is for Westford residents and out of town FAMILY-level members of the Friends of the J.V. Fletcher Library.

**Blanchard Middle School Book Club: Sept. 21 and every third Tuesday 2:00 to 3:00 PM:** JV Fletcher YA Librarian, Jess, joins the Blanchard Middle School librarian and students after school in the Learning Commons. We'll discuss a different book each meeting along with related crafts and activities. (Remember to bring your library card to the first meeting!)

**Stony Brook Middle School Book Club: Oct. 6 and every first Wednesday 2:00 to 3:00 PM:** JV Fletcher YA Librarian, Jess, joins the Stony Brook Middle School librarian and students after school in the school library. We'll discuss a different book each meeting along with related crafts and activities. (Remember to bring your library card to the first meeting!)

**Virtual Westford Job Seekers:** The J. V. Fletcher Library's "Westford Job Seekers Network" meets weekly on Wednesdays from 3:00 - 4:30 PM. 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](mailto: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/](http://westfordlibrary.org/events/adult-book-clubs/) for more information, reading lists, and upcoming meeting dates!

**Virtual Qigong Class: every Mon. from 10:30 AM to 11:30 AM** Dvora Eisenstein leads this free recurring Qigong class on Zoom. Qigong is an ancient Chinese health care system integrating slow movements, breathing techniques, and focused intention. Qigong calms your mind, improves your balance, and enhances health. Suitable for all levels of ability and ages. Anyone may join at any time. Hosted and sponsored by the Sunderland Public Library and made available to all Westford residents. To join, use this Zoom link: <https://zoom.us/j/117278043>

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?](#)

### Quick Links to Our Most Popular Services!

- [Book Bundles for Kids, Teens, and Adults](#)
- [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](mailto:westfordlibrary@westfordma.gov).

## Town Clerk's Corner

A Special Town Meeting has been called by the Select Board for Saturday, October 16, 2021 at the Westford Academy Trustees Field beginning at 10:00 am. If you are not yet registered to vote in Westford, the deadline to do so is 8:00 pm on Wednesday, October 6<sup>th</sup>. You may do it in person, by US mail (as long it is postmarked by October 6<sup>th</sup> or sooner) or online at <https://www.sec.state.ma.us/ovr/>. Remember, once you have registered to vote at an address, it is not necessary to re-register unless you move. Any questions, please feel free to contact the Town Clerk's Office at 978-692-5515 or email [townclerk@westfordma.gov](mailto:townclerk@westfordma.gov).

We have a new drop box for ballots, dog license requests, census forms and any other items for the Town Clerk's Office. It is located at the back door to Town Hall on the sidewalk leading to the Police Station. Access is available 24 hours a day. The box is securely locked and tamperproof.

**There is no election in Westford this fall.** Only cities in the commonwealth are having elections. The next election in Westford is the local election on Tuesday, May 3, 2022.



## Westford Climate Action

Earlier this summer, Westford Climate Action staffed a table at the Westford Farmers' Market on the Common. Many people stopped to discuss how to lower their carbon footprint in their home, car, trash and yard. Learn more at [westfordclimateaction.org](http://westfordclimateaction.org)



The winner of the Earth Machine composter is Dana Porter who has lived in Westford for 25 years. He says, "I am happy to have this Earth Machine, because it will be my second composter. I never seem to get to the point where the compost is 'all done' so this way I can turn this summer's material over, cover it with leaves, and begin a new batch in this machine over the winter and spring!" To kitchen waste, Dana adds leaves, newspaper, egg cartons, empty paper roll tubes, and even the "shredded paper bits" that Westford recycling does not allow. Thank you to the Westford Recycling Commission for generously providing the Earth Machine composter using funds from a state grant.



## Cameron Senior Center

*The Cameron Senior Center welcomes adults ages 55+ for daily programs and services.*

*Mission Statement: The Council on Aging promotes physical, emotional and economic well-being of older adults in all realms of community life.*

### Medicare Open Enrollment is coming!

Medicare health and drug plans can make changes each year things like cost, coverage, and what providers and pharmacies are in their networks. October 15th to December 7th is when all people with Medicare can change their Medicare health plans and prescription drug coverage for the following year to better meet their needs. The SHINE (Serving the Health Insurance Needs of Everyone) Program can help you determine the best plan for you through individual meetings with a trained SHINE Counselor. Fred Baumert, our SHINE Counselor (and Westford resident) will start open enrollment appointments the week of Oct. 18th. To schedule an appointment, contact the Cameron Senior Center Front Desk at 978-692-5523. This is a busy time of year, please schedule early. You will be asked to complete a Medication Form prior to your appt. and have your Medicare Card available. At this writing, appointments will be in person and if requested by remote/ telephone only.

### Worried About Paying Your Winter Heat?

Low Income Heat Energy Assistance Program (LIHEAP) may be a financial resource for you. One must complete a Fuel Assistance applications which can be found at the Cameron and meet the household (HH) income eligibility criteria which is as follows: \$40,951 and below for 1 person HH or \$53,551 for two person HH, you may qualify for payments to your heating vendor and a reduced electric rate. Call Alison at 978-399-2325 or Annette at 978-399-2326 for information or to apply.



### Caregiver Movie Series continues....

All are welcome to join us for the September 29<sup>th</sup> showing-**Away from Her** (2006)-Caring for a spouse with dementia-a couple copes with the wife's diagnosis of Alzheimer's disease and her growing affection for another nursing home patient. After viewing we will enjoy some light refreshments together and engage in a time of sharing with our Town Social Worker, Alison Christopher and Annette Cerullo, Outreach Coordinator.

We hope you can join us! Please call 978-692-5523 to register.

### Hot Dogs, Hamburgers and Bingo Night

Thursday, September 23rd – 4:45-6:00PM dinner and BINGO 6:30PM Thursday night BINGO partially returns for the summer! Chef Mike is ready to whip up his famous hot dinner which includes a grilled dog and bun, chips, drink and dessert for \$3.00. Simply pay for your dinner at the front desk when you arrive. BINGO follows at 7PM.



Westford Senior Center

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## Cameron Senior Center

### Eviction Help:

The CDC Federal Eviction Moratorium ended on Thursday, August 26, 2021. However, the end of the moratorium does not mean you will be immediately evicted if you are behind on rent. Only a court can order someone to leave their home.

In Massachusetts, if you have a pending application for emergency rental assistance, your eviction case can be paused. If you or someone you know is having trouble paying rent, financial assistance is available. Apply for rental assistance today. For legal help, visit the COVID Eviction Legal Help Project. For information on community mediation, visit [www.resolutionma.org](http://www.resolutionma.org). You can also call 2-1-1 for referrals available in multiple languages.

### ALL Invited!! September 29th Birthday luncheon

Join us at *noontime* as one of our own chef's, William "Bill" Vullo grills his favorite Italian Sausage sandwiches (with optional onions and peppers) served with Caesar salad and beverage. Dessert will of course be birthday cake and ice cream. Don't forget if you're a September birthday celebrant your lunch is complimentary.

Non-birthday participants cost-\$5



### Men's Breakfast is BACK!

Monday, October 4<sup>th</sup> at 8AM

Topic: Genealogy

Speakers: *Patti Mason and Bob Oliphant*

You can't beat this breakfast which includes many of our favorite breakfast chefs: **Marcel Lacombe, Bob Benoit, John Lasna, Dave Anderson** who prepare eggs, sausage, bacon, and special "Marcel" potatoes with sides that include toast, fresh pastries and fruit cups. If you have any suggestions for upcoming speakers, please speak with Ken Hyle.

Please RSVP to 978-692-5523.

### Calling ALL Town Residents: Do you need a ride to town meeting?

Now you can Register Online! Transportation provided to all residents who need a ride to Annual Town Meeting on Saturday, October 17th, 2021 at Abbott School. Transportation to and from the Monday, October 18th Special Town Meeting at the Abbott school will be available via the Cameron Senior Center's Transportation Department, by way of their COA vans. If you need transportation to Town Meeting, please call 978-399-2322, or check the transportation website for online transportation request options at the following link: <https://www.westfordma.gov/1433/Town-Meeting-Transportation>

To learn more about the Cameron Senior Center programs and services please visit:  
[www.westfordma.gov/coa](http://www.westfordma.gov/coa),  
[www.facebook.com/Cameron Senior Center/](https://www.facebook.com/Cameron-Senior-Center/)  
[www.youtube.com/channel/UCaNqAZb3tw8EYYQ5bEe7XXg](https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCaNqAZb3tw8EYYQ5bEe7XXg)

or simply call 978-692-5523.

To view the complete Council On Aging Newsletter please visit our website:

[www.westfordma.gov/coa](http://www.westfordma.gov/coa) and  
click on [Newsletters](#).

2021 September 11th Remembrance



Photo courtesy David Christiana



Select Board Chair, Andrea Peraner-Sweet  
Photo Courtesy of Judy Ramirez



David Christiana, sculptor of Westford's 911 Memorial; Nancy Cook; Ryan Cobleigh, Veterans Service Office / Veterans Agent

## From the Town Moderator

**Special Town Meeting has been rescheduled to Saturday, October 16, 2021 on the Westford Academy field** – for the safety of all, the Meeting will be held outdoors, starting at 1:00 pm - mark your calendar and SAVE THE DATE.

Remember, any registered voter can and should attend Town Meeting. Not registered – no problem! You have until October 6 to get down to the Town Clerk's office and take care of that. **Town Meeting is not for any special group of people, it's for everyone.** And no preparation is required, you can just show up, listen and vote. This will be a short one, we expect to be done in approximately two hours. See you there.

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## Westford Clean Energy and Sustainability Committee Update

### Massachusetts Department of Energy and Environmental Affairs Awards Municipal Vulnerability Preparedness Program Action Grant to Westford

Congratulations to Jeff Morrisette and the Land Use Management Department for securing this \$79,200 grant to complete a Westford Tree and Invasive Species Inventory and Management Plan with Tree Planting Plan over the next two years. Thanks also to the other town departments who will be supporting this project. The Clean Energy and Sustainability Committee is excited about this initiative to protect and enhance Westford's ability to sequester carbon and decrease the impacts of climate change on the town. We will keep you posted on this project in the months to come.

### Have you filled out the Westford Survey on Climate Change?

If not, [please take a few minutes to do so now](#). Help shape our town's strategy to achieving net zero greenhouse gas emissions. This survey will help guide the Net Zero Roadmap committee as we plan for renewable and sustainable practices.

[Learn more about our Net Zero Plan here.](#)

Thank you for your participation and commitment to a better Westford.



## Healthy Westford Committee

### A New Bike Rack Initiative

Cycling is great exercise and an environmentally sustainable transportation alternative to driving. Several of Westford's town facilities have installed bike racks – including the Library, Roudenbush, most of the schools, Edwards Beach, and a new bike rack at Forge Pond Beach (see photo). A number of stores and other businesses also have bike racks.



The Healthy Westford Committee is interested in determining if members of the Westford community would like bike racks in other locations. If you have any suggestions, please contact the Healthy Westford Committee chair Bill Harman ([harmanwh@gmail.com](mailto:harmanwh@gmail.com)).

<https://westfordma.gov/708/Healthy-Westford-Committee>





## Stormwater Billing Update

The Westford Water Department will start processing stormwater billing and collections beginning October 2021. The FY22 bills are scheduled to be mailed out mid-October.

If you use your bank's online bill pay, please be sure to create a *new bill payee* with the new billing name & address below, along with your new stormwater account number. You will find your account number on your October bill. This will help us process your payment quickly and accurately.

### New billing name & address to use for stormwater payments:

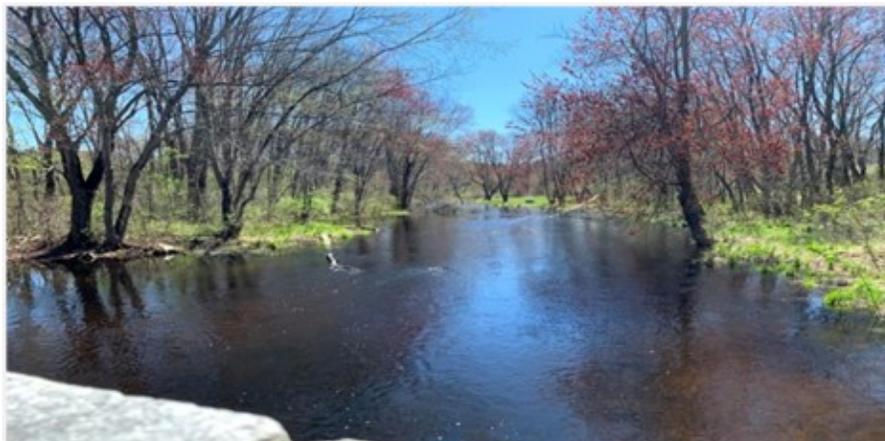
  
Westford Stormwater  
60 Forge Village Rd  
Westford MA 01886

***(Don't forget to include your new stormwater account number!)***

To our water customers, please note that your **stormwater bill cannot be combined with your water bill as one payment.** These two bills must be paid separately since they are two different accounts.

Another convenient way to pay your stormwater bill online is via the Town's website using City Hall Systems <https://epay.cityhallsystems.com>. Here you can use eCheck, credit and debit cards. It's a safe and easy way to pay your bill!

Thank you for your patience and support while we make this transition. Please feel free to contact us with any questions at 978.692.2900 -or- [stormwater@westfordma.gov](mailto:stormwater@westfordma.gov) .



## Recycling Commission

### The Earth Machine

Composting is one way to keep kitchen scraps out of the waste stream. It saves Westford money and helps your garden. Dana Porter was the winner of an Earth Machine composter in a drawing at the Farmers' Market in August at the Westford Climate Action (WCA) table. Dana has lived in Westford for 25 years. He says, "I am happy to have this Earth Machine, because it will be my second composter. I never seem to get to the point where the compost is 'all done' so this way I can turn this summer's material over, cover it with leaves, and begin a new batch in this machine over the winter and spring!" To kitchen waste, Dana adds leaves, newspaper, egg cartons, empty paper roll tubes, and even shredded paper that Westford recycling does not allow.



WCA thanked the Westford Recycling Commission for generously providing the Earth Machine composter. A state grant helps to subsidize the cost of composters for Westford residents. To obtain an Earth Machine for \$25, call Denise at 978-692-6986.

### Electronics & More Collection, September 25, 2021, 9 am –1 pm, Westford Highway Garage, 28 North Street

This is a fee-based collection FOR WESTFORD RESIDENTS ONLY. Westford utilizes the services of Northeast Materials Handling of Ayer, Massachusetts. CASH OR CHECK ONLY (checks must be made out to "Northeast Material Handling, Inc"). The Town of Westford receives no proceeds from this event.

For traffic safety reasons, entry to the access road off of North Street will not be allowed until 8:45 AM. Residents arriving prior to 8:45 will be turned away.

\*\*Important Covid-19 protocol: Residents are required to stay in their vehicles and wear masks. The Northeast Materials' staff will take the items from the vehicle for them and collect fees from the driver's side window.

**\*\*\* WE DO NOT ACCEPT TOY PLASTICS, AT ALL \*\*\***

For a list of acceptable Items: some free and some chargeable, visit [www.westfordma.gov/recycling](http://www.westfordma.gov/recycling) and click on 'Electronics & More'. If you have any questions about what is acceptable, please feel free to call 978-772-4545 or email: [Francine@liquidatedstuff.com](mailto:Francine@liquidatedstuff.com)

### BRUSH CHIPPING, Saturday, October 2, 2021, 10:30 am – 4:30 pm, Westford Highway Garage, 28 North Street

Important Covid-19 protocol: Residents are required to wear masks and social distance. Please unload your brush as directed by the Highway Department personnel. Deposit your \$10 check, payable to the Town of Westford, in the marked container.

Proof of Westford residency required.

Accepted: Brush and branches up to 3 inches in diameter and 10 feet in length. Must be average residential brush categories and reasonable amounts: A load ranges from a trunk to pickup truck -----volume, includes tow behind a full trailer.

Not accepted: Building materials (e.g., fences, boards), land clearing materials and debris (e.g., roots, bushes, anything mixed with poison ivy), grass, and leaves.

Cost: \$10 per load, checks only, payable to the Town of Westford, deposited in the marked container.

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## Recycling Commission (Continued)

### Plastic Bags and Wraps Collection September 13 - November 14, 2021, in Westford

The Westford Rotary Club is collecting PLASTIC BAGS and WRAPS to participate in the Recycling Challenge by TREX. The collection goal was 500 pounds but more than 3000 pounds has been collected to date. Trex Outdoor Furniture will turn the collected plastic into benches that will be placed at locations in Westford – one for every 500 pounds. Westford saves money by keeping plastics out of the trash.

Westford Drop Off locations for plastic bags and wraps:  
PLEASE USE WESTFORD ROTARY TREX BOXES ONLY

- Roudenbush Community Center, 65 Main St. (side door).
- Brookside Convenience Store, 64 Brookside Rd. (inside store).
- Cameron Senior Center, 20 Pleasant St. (front porch).

Items to collect for the Bags to Benches Challenge include:

- Single use plastic grocery bags
- Bread bags
- Plastic overwrap for toilet paper, napkins, paper towels, and diapers
- Plastic overwrap on bulk items in cases (ex: water bottles, snacks)
- Plastic retail bags (with hard plastic and string handles removed)
- Clean, dry plastic food storage bags (ex: Ziploc bags)
- Polyethylene film labeled #2 or #4
- Stretch wrap
- Produce bags
- Dry cleaning bags
- Newspaper sleeves and bags
- Plastic cereal box liners
- Plastic shipping envelopes, bubble wrap, and air pillows (deflate, remove labels)

### Shred Event, October 2, 2021, 9 am - 12 noon, 160 Littleton Rd., "Westford Valley Marketplace" parking lot

Held by the Rotary Club of Westford. Documents are shredded safely and securely on site. \$10 per banker box (cash or check). Boxes are returned for personal recycling.

Please visit [www.westfordma.gov/recycling](http://www.westfordma.gov/recycling)  
for your recycling and trash questions.  
**Reduce! Reuse! Repurpose! Recycle!**



# Westford Water Department

Mark Warren, Interim Superintendent

Board of Water Commissioners: Hugh C. Maguire • Titus Palmer • Chauncey Chu • Tim Hall, Alternate



## Westford Water Department PFAS6 Update

Back in July an elevated level of the regulated contaminant PFAS6 (the sum of 6 per and polyfluoroalkyl substances) was detected at our Forge Village Water Treatment Plant (WTP). The Massachusetts Department of Environmental Protection (MassDEP) maximum contaminant level (MCL) is 20.0 parts per trillion (ppt), and the concentration detected at the Forge Village WTP in July was 20.6 ppt. Upon testing our 9 individual groundwater source wells/wellfields it was discovered that the Country Road 2 well showed elevated PFAS6 levels. Consequently, this well was immediately removed from service, and remains offline.

Our August monthly monitoring results have been received and are reported in the below table. The Forge Village WTP PFAS6 level fell from 20.6 ppt in July to 6.3 ppt in August – with the Country Road 2 well offline.

The Westford Water Department is currently investigating the source of the elevated PFAS6 levels at the Country Road 2 well, and will continue monthly monitoring of both the Forge Village and Nutting Road WTPs. Please visit the Westford Water Department website at [www.westfordma.gov/water](http://www.westfordma.gov/water) for any updates and reporting of monthly PFAS6 results.

### PFAS6 Results for Forge Village Water Treatment Plant

Quarterly Compliance Period	Monitoring Period	PFAS6 Result (ng/L)	*Quarterly Average (ng/L)	PFAS6 MCL (ng/L)
Quarter 2, 2021	April	12.7	15	20
	May	13.5		
	June	19.5		
Quarter 3, 2021	July	20.6	---	20
	August	6.3		
	September	---		

\* Quarterly averages are calculated by adding the three-monthly sample results from within the quarter and dividing by three. If any sample result would cause the quarterly average to exceed the MCL, the PFAS6 MCL has been violated.

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### PFAS6 Results for Nutting Road Water Treatment Plant

Quarterly Compliance Period	Monitoring Period	PFAS6 Result (ng/L)	*Quarterly Average (ng/L)	PFAS6 MCL (ng/L)
Quarter 2, 2021	April	14.2	16	20
	May	17.4		
	June	16.1		
Quarter 3, 2021	July	17.8	---	20
	August	17.2		
	September	---		

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