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October is
Breast Cancer
Awareness
Month



Special Town Meeting
Monday, Oct. 16th
7:30PM
At Abbot School Gym

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Breaking
Saturday, Oct. 28, 10AM



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Dear Westford residents,

Please join us at our Special Town Meeting on Monday, October 16th at 7:30PM in the Abbot School gymnasium, 25 Depot Street. Two hundred registered voters are required for the meeting to commence. Those not registered to vote in Westford are welcome to attend as observers. The following is a summary of the 15 articles on the warrant to be voted on. The full text of the warrant is posted at the Town Hall, the Town Clerk's office, the Millennium School, the post offices, J.V. Fletcher Library and online at [the Town's website](#).

Article 1 seeks to appropriate from free cash \$6,141.62 to pay three unpaid bills related to net metering, \$3,500 for one unpaid bill related to the town's People GIS software, and \$925.23 from Water Enterprise Retained Earnings to pay one unpaid bill related to net metering.

Article 2 seeks to supplement the following budgets: Zoning Board of Appeals by \$370.00 for meeting minutes; Building Personal Services by \$21,413.00 to hire a full-time Assistant Building Inspector; Veterans Personal Services by \$2,960 to provide the Veteran's Department with admin support. This article also seeks to reduce the following budget: Westford Public Schools by \$1,060,000 to spread the budgetary increase related to the approved override for teacher's salaries over three fiscal years as promised at town meeting.

Article 3 seeks authorization to transfer \$2,000 from (161) Town Clerk Personal Services to (122) Board of Selectmen Expenses to fund the 2018 Strategic Planning Retreat.

Article 4 seeks to appropriate \$97,865 from free cash to fund the following capital projects: replacement of Fire Prevention Officer's vehicle (\$44,450), purchase of radio repeater for Emergency Management Department (\$11,950), design and bid document preparation for Westford Academy track and perimeter fencing (\$19,375), and the replacement of a dump truck body for the High-way Department (\$22,000).

Article 5 seeks authorization to amend the Pay Classification Plan for non-unionized municipal employees.

Article 6 seeks to amend General Bylaw Chapter 138.1 to update the Recycling Commission's revenue source and allowed expenses authorized under the Bylaw. The spending limit remains unchanged at \$20,000.

Article 7 seeks authorization to transfer the following available funds to reduce the net amount to be raised by taxes for Fiscal Year 2018: \$23,000.84 from fund balance designated for debt exclusion reduction, \$200,000.00 from overlay surplus, and \$241,143.00 from free cash.

Article 8 seeks the Town to accept the provisions of Massachusetts General Law Chapter 59, Section 5(41C) to increase the current exemption of \$1,000 to \$2,000 for qualified residents age 70 and older.

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Article 9 seeks the town to accept the provisions of Massachusetts General Law Chapter 33, Section 59 related to military salary, seniority, and leave allowance for municipal employees.

Article 10 seeks to amend General Bylaw Chapter 124 to change the Title of the Chapter from "Public Consumption of Marijuana" to "Marijuana" and add Section 124.7 to read as follows: "Consistent with G.L. c.94G, § 3(a)(2), all types of non-medical "marijuana establishments" as defined in G.L. c.94G, §1, including marijuana cultivators, independent testing laboratory, marijuana product manufacturers, marijuana retailers or any other types of licensed marijuana-related businesses, shall be prohibited within the Town of Westford."

Article 11 seeks to amend the Town's Zoning Bylaw to reflect the prohibitions in Article 10.

Article 12 seeks to amend the Town's Zoning Bylaw to place a temporary moratorium (prohibition) on recreational marijuana establishments until December 31, 2018 (if Article 10 and 11 fail).

Article 13 seeks to amend the town's Zoning Bylaws to establish rules and regulations related to solar arrays larger than 20,000 square feet in size.

Article 14 seeks to amend the Town's Zoning Bylaws to allow for multiple principal uses on a single lot (proposed to be limited to commercial and industrial zoning).

Article 15 seeks authorization to transfer care, custody, and control of an .81 acre parcel on Acton Road from the Tax Possession Sale Committee to the Conservation Commission.

The week of October 8th was declared by the Board of Selectmen as Westford Substance Prevention Week, per the request of Ray Peachey, our town's Substance Abuse Prevention Coordinator. As the opioid epidemic affects so many communities in our country, it is important to recognize efforts to prevent substance abuse, especially in our own town.

The Cameron Senior Center is hosting their annual Harvest Fair on Saturday, October 21st from 9:00AM to 3:00PM at 20 Pleasant Street. Please join us for fun festivities, good food, and camaraderie at this year's fair.

I had the pleasure of joining Governor Charlie Baker at the official reopening of Nashoba Valley Technical High School's Engineering Academy Program. We celebrated all the students working so hard to be productive, creative, and contributing members of our community. I spoke with several students who were excited to share their projects with me. I look forward to learning of the continued achievements of the students, who also partner with several local companies, such as UTC Aerospace.

Although we have been excavating for some time, the official "ground-breaking" for the construction of the new fire station headquarters at 65 Boston Road is scheduled for Saturday, October 28th at 10:00AM.



*Pat Savage and
Town Manager, Jodi Ross*

Staff at Town Hall and other departments will welcome pre-school Trick or Treaters on Halloween, Tuesday, October 31st at 10:00AM to noon. All costumed little ones may join us at the Town Hall, Police Station, Fire Station, and Library, for candy and other treats!

If you have participated in any town recreational activity, enjoyed our parks, or have any loved ones memorialized in our cemeteries, then you have experienced the excellent work of Pat Savage. She will be retiring this month after serving 16 years as Director as our town's Parks, Grounds, Recreation and Cemetery Departments. Pat has overseen the development of our recreational activities, our community's physical fitness, our enjoyment at our local beaches, and our after school program. Thank you Pat for all of your significant contributions.

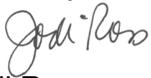
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There are several openings on our local boards and committees, including: Affordable Housing Committee, Agricultural Commission, Commission on Disability, Communications Advisory Committee, Cultural Council, Energy Committee, Historical Commission, Housing Authority, Master Plan Implementation Committee, Parkerville Schoolhouse Committee, Parks and Recreation Commission, Pedestrian Safety Committee, Westford Scholarship and Grant Committee, and others. 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](#) or stop by and fill out a form in the Town Manager's office.

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

I hope to see you at the Special Town Meeting on October 16th!

Sincerely,



Jodi Ross

Westford Community Gardens remembered the "Pumpkin Patch" farmer George Fletcher, by sharing pumpkins harvested with a poem:

With the end of summer and autumn's first frost,
we can't help but think about the one we have lost.

He's no longer here, but his spirit's alive
in the young and the old tending gardens that thrive.
So to honor George Fletcher, this pumpkin we grew.
And, as a thank you, we give it to you.

You built us a fence, you helped us with tilling,
You brought us our water, you handles the billing.
You volunteered time and effort and toil
So each of our gardeners could dig in the soil
and grow healthy foods to bring home to the family
and share their abundance with Westford's food pantry.

Now we have realized our long-standing vision
to carry on Westford's old farming tradition.
So while George is gone we all know he's stilling living
In each one of us who is growing and giving.



Council On Aging - Coming Events

Fall Harvest Fair

The gala 2017 Fall Harvest Fair at Cameron Senior Center will be held Saturday, October 21st from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Admission and parking are free.

Sponsored by Friends of the Cameron Senior Center, this year's fair will be overflowing with handmade crafts and artisan designs from vendors, donors and others. Shoppers will find a variety of quilted and knitted items, wood carvings, jewelry, antiques/vintage items, a "home goods" corner, plants, gift baskets, baked goods, raffles, a silent auction, snack bar with refreshments and more. For information, call 978-692-5523.

Coldwell Banker donates over \$2,300 to the Emergency Fund

Jen Claro, Director of the Cameron COA gladly receives a check to assist older adults experiencing financial hardship with their utility bill this winter. Claro states, "we feel very fortunate to have this community partnership to ensure our older adults safety and well being. Pictures are Ryan Kiley, Cathy Keady, Janet Morano, Kathy Cunningham, Leslie Thomas, Christian Fletcher and Cheryl Major.

ELEGANT CHEF LUNCHEON

Monday, Oct. 23, at 11:30 a.m.

Enjoy this three-course meal prepared and served by the culinary art students from Nashoba Tech's Elegant Chef program. RSVP must be three business days notice at 978-692-5523.

October menu selections:

Three Cheese Lasagna or Rosemary Skewered Shrimp

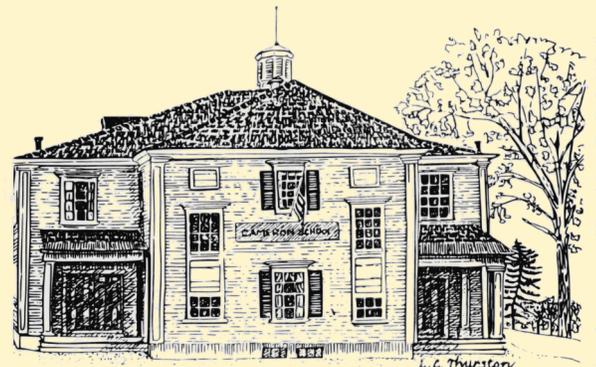
The cost is \$10.

Housing Consultant

Monday, Oct. 23, at 1 p.m.

New monthly service offering at the Cameron. Housing Consultant provides helps to individuals dealing with various housing issues in Westford.

To schedule an appointment call 978-692-5523.



Westford Senior Center

Council On Aging - Coming Events - continued

Pickle Ball Clinic

Come join us on the Cameron pickle ball court and learn all the basics about playing pickle ball from some pickle ball enthusiast and cameron pros.

To register for the clinic please call 978-692-5523

Clinic dates: **Wed., Oct. 25th from 1:30-2:30**
 Thurs., Oct. 26th from 1:30-2:30
 Thurs., Nov. 9th from 2:30-4:00

Pickle Ball equipment is available to be used by all center participants however please see sign out at the front desk or call 978-692-5523. Please note there are times when equipment may be in use so please be flexible or schedule ahead.

Travel with Brenda

Tuesday, Oct. 24, at 10 a.m.

Speak to Breanda Pachucki, Travel Consultant for Tours & More Travel Company and learn about some great travel opportunities. Call to sign up at 978-692-5523.

SANDWICH GENERATION SERIES - WILDLIFE SLIDESHOW

Tuesday, Oct. 24, at 6:00 p.m.

Join us for an evening of Westford Wildlife photos and discussion on Tues. Oct. 24th at 6:00 pm. Doug Pederson, local resident and photographer, will share with us his beautiful slides of local birds, nature, and more. Light refreshments will be served. Please sign up at 978-692-5523.

Diwali

Wednesday, Oct. 25 at 10 a.m.

Diwali is the Hindu festival of lights celebrated every year in autumn. One of the most popular festivals of Hinduism, it spiritually signifies the victory of light over darkness, good over evil, knowledge over ignorance, and hope over despair. Decorations will be provided by the Community Service Art Club at Westford Academy. Come Celebrate with us and enjoy some Indian food. Cost : \$5.00. Call to sign up at 978-692-5523.

RESTAURANT REVIEW ~ Dutch Treat!

Wednesday, Oct. 25, at 11:30 a.m.

the Glenview Restaurant, 248 Princeton St., No. Chelmsford. Please pre-register at 978-692-5523 so we can call the restaurant with a head count for adequate seating. When you arrive, you can check in under "Westford Senior Center". Bon Appétit.

BIRTHDAY CELEBRATION

Thursday, Oct. 26 at 12:30 p.m.

Come Celebrate the October Birthdays! Lunch is prepared by the students of the Elegant Chef restaurant at Nashoba Tech followed by cake and ice cream that will be sponsored by Exit Reality. Please call in advance to register at 978-692-5523. Cost for Birthday celebrants is free and to guests the cost will be \$5. October Meal Choice is ~ Eggplant Parmesan

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

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

J. V. Fletcher Library News

Library Grant Award

The J. V. Fletcher Library is the recipient of a \$10,000 Readers' Advisory Library Services and Technology Act (LSTA) Grant to ensure that Library staff receives the training and education to provide consistent and exemplary Readers' Advisory Services to library patrons. Via presenters' workshops, training, activities and Book Discussion Groups over the course of a year, staff will develop confidence and Readers' Advisory skill-sets in fulfilling "high touch" service responses for our patrons. A critical by-product of this grant will be patron satisfaction with a Library environment in which book discussions, suggestions and recommendations proliferate and are valued.

This grant award is made possible with federal funds provided by the Institute of Museum and Library Services and administered by the Massachusetts Board of Library Commissioners.



Community Preservation Committee

The Community Preservation Committee's (CPC) Annual Needs Assessment Hearing has been scheduled for:

**Tuesday, December 05, 2017 at 7:00 PM
Millennium School, Conference Room B
23 Depot Street Westford, MA 01886**

The Community Preservation Committee (CPC) invites all Town Boards, Committees, and Residents to participate in this open forum to discuss what their priorities are regarding Community Preservation Funds in the following areas: **Open Space, Historic Preservation, Recreation, or Affordable Housing.**

This annual hearing is a great chance to let the CPC know of any potential project ideas you may have, as well as get your questions answered regarding the application process and Annual Town Meeting Timeline.

Everyone is welcome and no confirmation is necessary, however priority will be given to presenters who have scheduled ahead of time.

For additional information or to let us know you will be attending, please contact Jesse Beyer, CPC Administrator at (978) 399-2905 or jbeyer@westfordma.gov

westfordma.gov/392/Community-Preservation-Committee

Superintendents and Chiefs Collaborate

LOWELL – More than 115 school superintendents, police chiefs, fire chiefs and elected officials from Middlesex County joined Middlesex District Attorney Marian at the Superintendents and Chiefs Breakfast. This annual event, held this year at UTEC in Lowell, brings staff from the district attorney's office together with educators, law enforcement and community leaders to collaborate on students' safety, juvenile justice and crime prevention strategies.

"The Superintendents and Chiefs Breakfast presents an important opportunity for bringing together educators, police and fire chiefs as well as legislators to discuss innovative initiatives to intervene with children before they become involved in the justice system," said District Attorney Ryan. "Partnerships like Project CARE, which works to provide mental health services to children who experience trauma, as well as our juvenile diversion program, which offers an alternative to prosecution, are examples of the proactive measures that the Middlesex District Attorney's Office and Middlesex County educators are implementing to keep students safe and healthy."



Left to Right: Eileen Donoghue, State Senator; Everett Olsen, Superintendent, Westford Public Schools; Marian Ryan, District Attorney; Thomas McEnaney, Chief, Westford Police Department; Joseph Targ, Chief, Westford Fire Department

District Attorney Ryan took the opportunity to discuss the work of the Middlesex District Attorney's Office in encouraging students to make safe and healthy decisions, addressing topics including opioid and substance misuse and its impacts on children and adolescents, the Middlesex District Attorney's Office's Juvenile Diversion program, designed to work with first-time juvenile offenders as an alternative to prosecution and educational initiatives like the Cut-it-Out program, a training for cosmetology students, including those at vocational high schools, that educates future aestheticians to recognize the signs of domestic abuse.

League of Women Voters Presents

SHOW ME THE MONEY! UNDERSTANDING WESTFORD'S FINANCES

Wednesday, November 8, 2017

7:30 PM -- 9:00 PM

Millennium School, Conference Room B

23 Depot St Westford

Do you know how State Aid gets allocated? Ever wonder how our tax rate gets established or how budget decisions are made? How do CPC funds get distributed, and what exactly is a Debt Exclusion? Come join us on Wednesday, November 8th for a fun and informative evening as Finance Director Dan O'Donnell and Selectman Elizabeth Almeida explain these terms and walk through Westford's budget process. Get answers to these and other burning questions you may have about the "money"! All are welcome. This event will be simulcast on cable by Westford CAT on the Public channels Comcast 8, Verizon 35, or online at westfordcat.org, and will be rebroadcast at various times on cable.

Do you have your own questions about the town's budget process? Asking them ahead of time is a great way to make sure we're prepared with the answers for you! You can submit questions at the League's web site: lww.westford.org/

The League of Women Voters of Westford is a nonpartisan political organization of women and men that encourages the informed and active participation of citizens in government. The League does not support or oppose any candidate or political party.

Health Department News (continued)

Flu Clinics

Westford Health Department is holding a High-Dose Fluzone, Flu Clinic for seniors 65 or older on Wednesday, October 11, 2017 at 12:30 p.m. to 3:30 p.m. at Franco American Club. Walk-In Only.

[Insurance Form](#): Please download, fill in and bring to the flu clinic.

View the [MIS Immunization Information Sheet here](#).

View the [Vaccine Information Statement here](#).



Seniors 65 & Older

Wednesday, October 11:

- 12:30 p.m. - 3:30 p.m. High-Dose Fluzone ONLY for 65 Older@ Franco American Club. Walk-In.
- 12:30 p.m. - 1:30 p.m. A - H
- 1:30 p.m. - 2:30 p.m. I - Q
- 2:30 p.m.- 3:30 p.m. R - Z

Homebound Individuals

Homebound individuals, who require a home visit, should contact the Health Department at 978-692-5509 to schedule an appointment. The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) recommends the high-dose flu vaccine called Fluzone for seniors 65 years and older. This year's vaccine is Fluzone High-Dose is formulated to contain the following recommended for the 2016-17 influenza trivalent vaccines used in the United States contain an A/California/7/2009 (H1N1)pdm 09-like virus,an A/Hong Kong/4801/2014 (H3N2)-like virus, and B/Brisbane/60/2008-like virus (B/Victoria lineage).

Regular Flu Clinics

- Wednesday, October 18: 6pm - 8pm Millennium School - Walk In
- Wednesday, October 25: 6pm - 8pm Millennium School - Walk In

Friday, October 27th: 10am - Noon. JV Fletcher Library - Walk In

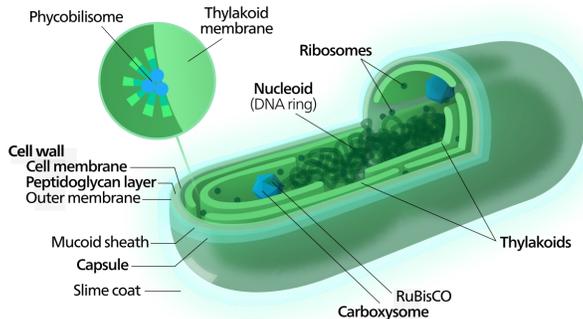
These vaccines will not prevent illness caused by other viruses. It takes up to 2 weeks or more for protection to develop after the vaccine. Protection lasts about a year. Anyone with an allergy to egg cannot receive this vaccine at one of our public clinics.

Annual influenza vaccine is recommended for everyone 6 months of age and older. Everyone, regardless of prior vaccination, will need to be revaccinated to be protected this year.

Health Department News (continued)

Blue Green Algae Sightings in Westford

Recently, there was a late-season cyanobacteria (blue-green algae) bloom at Keyes Pond this year. Blue-green algae is naturally occurring, but it can be harmful to humans and to pets if the organisms are found at high enough concentrations in the water.



If a cyanobacteria bloom is in progress on in a lake or pond, swimming or ingesting the water could be harmful. Cyanobacteria can cause skin rashes in sensitive individuals and, if ingested, can cause people and pets to become very ill. Illness is caused by substances called cyanotoxins. Cyanotoxins are located in the cells of the organisms. If humans are exposed to cyanotoxins, either by drinking contaminated water, inhaling it, coming into physical contact with it, or eating contaminated fish, it could

affect the liver (hepatotoxins), the nervous system (neurotoxins), and the skin (dermatotoxins).

A warming climate is a major factor contributing to cyanobacterial blooms. Blooms occur when there is enough sun, the water is warm, stagnant or slow moving and if there are enough nutrients such as phosphorus and nitrogen present in the waterbody. The blooms are more common during late summer or early fall. Current nutrient pollution is also exacerbating the problem, increasing the number of cyanobacterial blooms that occur. Residents should be extremely careful when fertilizing lawns near water bodies as this is a major factor in the outbreak of cyanobacterial blooms in local waters.

Typically, Cyanobacteria blooms have a green "pea soup" appearance (photo on right).

Sometimes the water might have a brown, cloudy, coffee-like appearance as was the case at Keyes Pond this year.

Blue-green algae blooms are most typical at the end of summer. If a bloom occurs late in the season the best course of action can be to wait it out. The cyanobacteria need warm water and warm weather to survive. As the days get shorter and the weather gets colder the water temperature in our local ponds become cooler. The populations of cyanobacteria cannot survive in cold water and die out in the winter.



If a blue-green algal bloom occurs earlier in the summer (late June, July, and early to mid-August) treatment of the pond with copper sulfate or another herbicide might be needed.

If you think there might be an algal bloom occurring in your water body please contact the Westford Health Department at 978-692-5509 or the Conservation Commission for assistance. The instances of cyanobacterial blooms should be over for this year but it is important to keep an eye open for next year. The earlier a bloom is detected; the less herbicide is needed to treat the problem.

Health Department News (continued)

THE IMPORTANCE OF PROPER VENTILATION SYSTEM MAINTENANCE

Colder weather is approaching and soon we will be forced to fire up our heating systems once again! In The picture above was taken at a friend's house in November of 2015. For the purpose of this story, I shall call him "Tom". Tom has a newer boiler and newer heating system in a recently built home. He gets it serviced from a reputable company in Central Massachusetts, and Tom has parts changed when needed. Recently Tom was coming home and he detected an odor in his house. He called his heating contractor and they inspected the entire venting system. What you are seeing in this picture is a piece of vent pipe that collapsed and began to cause fumes to back up into the house. The odor was not terrible, but if Tom chose to ignore it, he and his family could have easily been overcome by Carbon Monoxide gas. Tom was fortunate to have other issues that caused the odor, but if he had decided to ignore it, the outcome could have been fatal.



The purpose of this story to remind every land lord and home owner, to NOT just service your boiler or furnace, but to make sure your service provider is checking each and every part of the venting system! An inspection of the total system and proper maintenance could save your life!

Additionally, this is a great time to make sure your smoke detectors and carbon monoxide detectors are working. CO can cause harmful health effects by reducing oxygen delivery to the body's organs (like the heart and brain) and tissues. At extremely high levels, CO can cause death.

Exposure to CO can reduce the oxygen-carrying capacity of the blood. People with several types of heart disease already have a reduced capacity for pumping oxygenated blood to the heart, which can cause them to experience myocardial ischemia (reduced oxygen to the heart), often accompanied by chest pain (angina), when exercising or under increased stress. For these people, short-term CO exposure further affects their body's already compromised ability to respond to the increased oxygen demands of exercise or exertion.

Find more on Carbon Monoxide Safety here:

www.mass.gov/eopss/agencies/dfs/osfm/pubed/fs-topics/carbon-monoxide-safety.html

Parks & Recreation

Director Pat Savage – Next Steps!

Pat Savage, Director of Westford Parks, Recreation and Cemetery, retired on October 13. “She is leaving us with very big shoes to fill,” claimed Westford Town Manager, Jodi Ross.

Pat Joined the Town of Westford in February of 2002, becoming the first to direct a newly expanded Department of Parks, Recreation and Cemetery. As the new Director, Pat was tasked with cost recovery for town assets, such as Westford’s fields, as well as the development and management of a recreation enterprise fund. As part of that effort, Pat managed field maintenance, permitting, and facilitation of sports user group agreements, providing the community with fee-based field usage for soccer, baseball, cricket, and more.

Over time, Pat established a variety of effective programs that supported community needs, while addressing cost recovery goals towards realizing a self-sustaining enterprise fund. The offerings included the flagship program, Westford Partnership for Children (WPC). Pat, along with the previous Assistant Director, Sandra

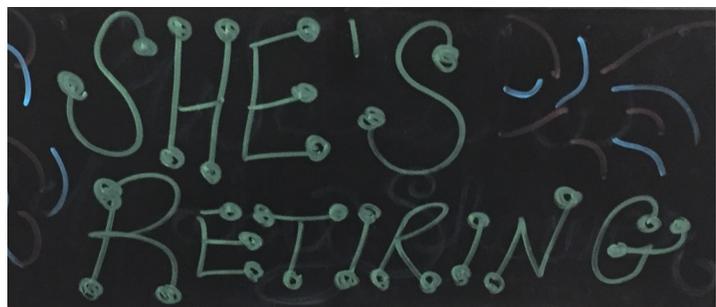


Pat with Town Manager, Jodi Ross

Habe, forged a partnership with Westford Public Schools to create a safe and pragmatic program for parents in need of an affordable, high-quality after school enrichment program. Initially starting with the Abbot Elementary School, the WPC program was so successful that it expanded to all of Westford’s elementary schools. Soon after, Blanchard and Stony Brook schools sought out WPC to take over their existing Middle School program. That program, now known as the WPC Middle School Rec Club, is tailored for students in grades 6 through 8. The WPC program serves eight public schools in Westford, and Session One of 2017 is experiencing the highest enrollment numbers ever. **(Continued on next page)**



Pat with Westford’s Town Moderator, Susan Spuhler



Parks & Recreation

Director Pat Savage – Next Steps! (Continued)

For summer coverage, Pat supervised the creation and growth of Parks & Recreation summer weekly programs, expanding programs such as Kids Club, for ages 4 to 13, and creating new programs such as Leadership, an innovative “counselor in training” program that focuses on children entering grades 9 through 11.

Pat's background made her uniquely qualified for her Director role in Westford, as a recreation expert, a coach of basketball, field hockey, softball, and volleyball, and an athlete playing a range of sports including softball, volleyball, and golf. During her career at Mount Ida College, “Professor Savage” taught Physical Education and Recreation majors, and was hired as the Program Director for the Department of Recreation Services, culminating in a promotion to Department Head of Physical Education, Recreation, and Leisure Services. While at Mount Ida, Pat was recognized as the National Junior College Athletic New England Regional Coach of the Year for volleyball, and was in the Mount Ida College Athletic Hall of Fame for her role bringing the athletic department from NJCAA to NCAA Division 3 status. From Mount Ida, Pat acquired seven years of hands-on experience as Recreation Supervisor in Newton, MA followed by eight years as the Director of Recreation for the Town of Sudbury, MA.



Christopher Yule with Pat

The Westford position for Director of Parks, Recreation and Cemetery offered Pat the responsibility and authority to manage a more complex department, a challenge she met with resolve and passion. Throughout her career as Director, Pat kept costs in check, and operations running smoothly – she also made sure that families in the community were well served: “You can’t put a price tag on a child’s smile,” Pat noted during a recent discussion with her staff.

We will miss Pat, and wish her the very best as she moves forward in this next phase of her journey.

Parks & Recreation

Westford Partnership for Children (WPC) After School Enrichment for Grades K-8

WPC Session 2 is on the horizon, starting on October 30 and running through December 22. This session offers a variety of activities, such as **Chess Wizards, American Sign Language, Intro to STEM with Lego®, Marcus Lewis Tennis, Empow Studio (Tech/Art/Play), No-Bake Cooking**, along with favorites like Dodge Ball, Knitting, Capture the Flag, Puppet Making & Story Telling, and Creative Science.

Register for WPC at any point during a session. *Registration Forms* can be found at 22 Town Farm Road, or visit westfordrec.com.

Spooky fun in Salem with the WPC Special Program on October 10th (Professional Development Day Full-day Coverage)

WPC offered a fantastic "seasonal" visit to Salem, MA with upwards of 40 students in tow. Grades K-2 students started the day with a visit to the New England Pirate Museum, while grades 3-5 and 6-8 explored the Salem Witch Museum. Later in the day, all students headed to the Salem Wax Museum to learn about the history of Salem's seafarers and witch trials. After a picnic lunch on Salem Wharf, students finished up with a tour of the House of Seven Gables as well as the birthplace of Nathaniel Hawthorne.

Westford Parks & Recreation After School Enrichment Program for K-8, provides a safe, stimulating, and fun environment Monday through Friday, from school dismissal until 5:45 p.m. WPC has proudly served eight Westford Public Schools for over ten years. To learn more about WPC, visit About WPC on westfordrec.com. Westford Partnership for Children (WPC) is a Parks & Recreation sponsored After School Enrichment Program in collaboration with Westford Public Schools.

FYI: Upcoming Parks & Recreation Programs

SQUIRTS AND YOUTH:

Intro to STEAM

(Science, Technology, Engineering, Art, Math):

Ages 2.5-4, Session 2 start date: October 18.

*No-Bake Cooking for Little Chefs:

Ages 3-5, Session 2 start date: October 30.

Golf – Junior Indoor Lessons:

Session 2 classes start in early November,

Tuesday and Saturday options.

ADULTS:

Cardio and Fitness Fun:

Session 2 start date: November 1.

CPR, AED, and First Aid:

Next two training dates: October 25, November 15, December 6,
January 18, February 15, and March 15.

Essentrics®:

Release, Rebalance, and Restore and Stretch and Tone Combination.

Session 2 classes start in early November, Tuesday and Friday options.

Golf (Indoor) for Adults:

Session 2 classes start in early November, Tuesday and Saturday options.

***New Program**

No-Bake Cooking for Little Chefs:

Turn your squirt into a little chef with this beginner NO-BAKE cooking class. Children learn how to have fun in the kitchen, mixing and chopping, as they create and enjoy easy recipes that require no baking. Watch your child build self-confidence while creating delightful dishes that they will share with each other at the end of each class. Please notify Parks & Recreation of any food allergies prior to the start of class.



Visit "Programs" on westfordrec.com for more details, or call Westford Parks & Recreation at 978-692-5532.

Recycling Commission - Fall Dates

BRUSH CHIPPING

Saturday, October 14, 2017, 10:30 am – 4:30 pm
Westford Highway Garage, 28 North Street

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 preferred, payable to the Town of Westford.

STYROFOAM Collection

Saturday, October 14, 2017, 9 am – 2 pm
Westford Highway Garage, 28 North Street
LOWER PARKING LOT

Time: 9:00 am to 2:00 pm or until the truck is full. Westford residents only.

A donation is requested to cover cost of transportation to Uxbridge, MA.

Styrofoam should be rinsed and free of food debris and delivered in a clear plastic bag. No spongy foam. Meat trays are accepted if stamped # 6. Packing peanuts are accepted if they snap in half. Styrofoam coolers and rigid Styrofoam are also accepted.

Sponsored by the Green Team, First Parish Church United, Westford, MA.

Ayer Recycle Your Reusables Day

Saturday, October 21, 2017, 9 a.m. – 2 p.m.

Ayer-Shirley Regional Middle School

Please see information details at www.westfordma.gov/recycling

REDUCE, REUSE, and RECYCLE



Recycling Commission - Fall Dates - Continued



COLLECTION LEAF!

**SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 4TH &
DECEMBER 2ND - 2017**

The cost is \$1.25 per bag with a minimum charge of \$20.00 per pick up and a minimum of 50 people must sign up.

CALL THE TOWN CLERK'S OFFICE AT 978-692-5515 TO REGISTER.

Place your leaves, grass clippings and pine needles only into paper leaf bags and have them at the curb by 7 AM on the collection day.

REMEMBER - Leaves will not be picked up if they are not in PAPER LEAF BAGS.



ATTACH A CHECK PAYABLE TO "ACME WASTE SYSTEMS" TO ONE OF YOUR LEAF BAGS ON COLLECTION DAY.

