



Town of Westford Massachusetts

Town Manager's Newsletter

May 2019



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Important:

Please sign up to receive updates on the latest road construction in town.

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HOUSEHOLD HAZARDOUS WASTE COLLECTION

Saturday, May 18th
9 am – 1 pm Hwy Garage
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APPLE BLOSSOM
Saturday, May 18th
Town Common

MEMORIAL DAY
OBSERVANCE
will be held
Sunday, May 26
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[Strawberries 'N Arts Festival](#)

June 15th, 10am - 4pm



Watch Meetings Online



www.westfordcat.org

Dear Westford residents,

The Board of Selectmen recently congratulated Matthew Anderson of the Boy Scouts of America Troop 159 for earning the rank of Eagle Scout. Selectman Almeida reported she was at the Cultural Council meeting on April 22nd where there were 20 grantees and that the Cultural Council is doing wonderful work.

The Selectmen executed a Purchase and Sale Agreement for a Conservation Restriction on a portion of land at the Salt Box Farm located off Wright Lane and Hildreth Street at their April 23rd meeting.

National Grid Merrimack Valley Arborist, Neil Doran, presented National Grid's new proposed tree cutting program for Westford. The Selectmen requested that National Grid notify abutters to the trees in advance, comply with the Shade Tree Act, coordinate with Chip Barrett, Tree Warden, and return to the June Board of Selectmen meeting for a Public Shade Tree hearing.

Christine Collins, Tax Collector-Treasurer updated the Selectmen on stormwater funding options including possible abatements if a fee is established. The discussion was continued to the May 28th Board of Selectmen meeting when the consultant will be in attendance to discuss the options of fees versus taxation and various opportunities to issue credits.

Ebi Maslaehdan, property owner of 66-68 Boston Road, will be returning to the Board of Selectmen meeting on May 28th to discuss potential code or bylaw violations for the farm stand and greenhouse, and to review his agriculture plan for each parcel (1, 2 and 3).

The Selectmen approved the formation of a 35 Town Farm Road Task Force, to assist with identifying the future use of the building and/or to provide marketing assistance to sell the property. They appointed Roberta McGuire, Nancy Cook, Lynn Cohen, Bob Waskiewicz, Wanda Hall, George Murray, David Gutbrod, Selectman Hazelton and the Fire Chief or his designee. They will report back to the Selectmen at a future meeting.

The Board received a recommendation from the 12 North Main Street Task Force on the next steps for the 12 North Main Street parcel, which included entering a public/private partnership to rehabilitate the property. The Selectmen supported the proposal and the Task Force will report back at a future meeting.

Westford Police Officers Anthony Bernadin and Ian McEnaney recently began a Mountain Bike Patrol program of East Boston Camps. They encountered approximately 15 people with dogs of which, 12 of them did not have their dogs on leash. Both Officers explained our bylaws and the residents put leashes back on their dogs.



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Selectman Almeida announced that the 63 Main Street Task Force is seeking feedback from the public to complete a survey for recommendations and ideas regarding the future use of the residence which was designed in 1893. Also known as the Donald Cameron House, the house is a stately two and one-half story, 10-room Colonial Revival home in Westford Center, with a deep connection to Westford's past. [Click here](#) for more information on the history of 63 Main Street. [Click here](#) for a video of its current condition. The survey is available online at: [63 Main Street Survey](#). The Task Force will also be sharing photos, videos, and chatting with Westford Residents at the following events:

- [Apple Blossom Parade](#) at 63 Main Street, Saturday May 18th from 8:00AM – 12:00PM
- Strategic Planning Retreat at Kimball Farm, Thursday June 13th, from 5:30PM – 8:00PM
- [Strawberry & Arts Festival](#) on the Town Common, Saturday June 15th, from 10:00AM – 4:00PM
- [Farmers Market](#) on the Town Common, Tuesday July 16th from 2:30PM – 6:30PM

The Pedestrian Safety Committee received the Selectmen's support for the design of a sidewalk along Carlisle Road from Route 110 to Liberty Way/Melissa Drive during FY 2020, with funding from the Princeton Westford Apartment Homes (PWAH) Gift Fund Account, and with the project submitted to the Complete Streets Funding Program for construction funding in FY 2021.

The Selectmen approved my request to hold the 2019 Farmers Market on the Town Common on Tuesdays from July 9th through August 27th which will include entertainment and various vendors. For more information on the Westford Farmers Market [click here](#).

Congratulations to Rebecca Cheney in the Land Use Management Department on her promotion from Assistant Planner to Town Planner, and Samantha Gray on her promotion from Records Supervisor II in the Building Department to Project/Procurement Specialist in Town Manager's office. I am also pleased to welcome our new Facilities Director, Paul Fox.

There are several openings on our local boards and committees, including: 12 North Main Task Force, Affordable Housing Committee, Agricultural Commission, Board of Water Commissioners, Community Center/Mill Works/Recreation Department Task Force, Communications Advisory Committee Constable, Cultural Council, Economic Development Committee, Energy Committee, Healthy Westford Committee, Historical Commission, MBTA Advisory Board, Parkerville Schoolhouse Committee, Parks and Recreation Commission, Pedestrian Safety Committee, Permanent Town Building 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](#) 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 our Strategic Planning Retreat on June 13th at 5:30PM at Kimball Farm, 400 Littleton Road, Westford, MA.

Sincerely,



Jodi Ross
Town Manager

May at the J.V. Fletcher Library



Our programs are generously funded by the Friends of the J.V. Fletcher Library, Inc.

The Friends of the J. V. Library, Inc. June Book Sale is on the horizon: Fri., June 7, Sat., June 8 and Sun., June 9. A Friends Members Only Sale will be held on Friday evening from 6:30 to 9 p.m. A Friends membership (which may be purchased at the door) is necessary for attending the Members Only Sale. The entire public is invited to the all day Saturday sale from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. and to the Sunday half-price extravaganza sale from 2 to 4 p.m. The June Book Sale offers the perfect opportunity to stock up on vacation and summer reading.

Expanding Digital Collections with Overdrive RLA: If you are a fan of downloading e-books and audiobooks through our Overdrive collection, you will be thrilled to know that you now have access to Overdrive collections to other Consortium libraries throughout Massachusetts. The Merrimack Valley Consortium is now part of a Reciprocal Lending Agreement that allows MVLC patrons (including Westford) to borrow titles from the Overdrive collections at the Boston Public Library, Minuteman Library Network, and many other MA Library Consortiums. You can access these collections through the Overdrive App, Libby App, or the MVLC Overdrive homepage by clicking on the "Add a Library" feature. [Read here](#) for more specific directions or contact the Information Desk at 978-399-2304.

Cookbook Club: Thursday, May 16 at 7:00 p.m. The Cookbook Club is dedicated to exploring cookbooks and sampling new recipes. We meet on the third Thursday of the month. Our May pick is *King Solomon's Table* by Joan Nathan. Copies are available for check out at the Main Desk. If you would like to bring a dish from the cookbook (not required to participate), please contact Sarah Regan in Information Services at 978-399-2309. No registration required. [Reading List](#)

Look for the Library's entry in the Apple Blossom Parade on Saturday, May 18. The highly anticipated annual Westford Kiwanis Sponsored Apple Blossom Parade will march along Main Street for the 51st time. Traditionally this is the event where the Library Children's Dept. entry in the Parade "announces" the theme for their upcoming Children's Summer Reading Program. We hope to see you there.

Ukulele Strum Along: Saturday, May 18 at 2:00 p.m. Learn to play by playing! Focusing on 2 and 3 chord songs, this program is for the beginner ukulele player who wants to practice and play music with others. Singing is encouraged. Ukuleles available to borrow, songs projected onto a screen so no music stands or books necessary. This program is open to adults and teens. [Register here](#) or in the Information Services Department to borrow a ukulele, or just drop in with your own.

Monday Mystery Book Club: Monday, May 20 at 10:30 a.m. Wake up your week with a stimulating book discussion! We meet on the fourth Monday morning of each month @ 10:30 a.m. in the Mary Atwood Room. **Please note that in May we are meeting one week early due to the Memorial Day holiday.** Our May selection is *Gorky Park* by Martin Cruz Smith. Copies of the current selection are available for check-out at the Main Desk. New members are always welcome. No registration required. [Reading List](#)

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

Official launch of the Library 2019 StoryWalk® at the Westford Community Garden: Tuesday May 21 at 10:30. Help us hop, skip, walk, jump, and run to each page of our book *Luke and the Little Seed*, by Giuliano Ferri at the Westford Community Garden located at 44 Graniteville Road. After we read around the perimeter of the garden, the children will plant a seed to take home with them. This fun and FREE program celebrates our first anniversary of the library StoryWalk®. *StoryWalk® Project was created by Anne Ferguson of Montpelier, VT and developed in collaboration with Kellogg Hubbard Library.*



No-Knead Bread Making with Denali Delmar: Thursday, May 30 at 6:30 p.m. Craisin pecan bread? Asiago cheese bread? Anadama bread? Join us to sample these delicious breads while veteran baker Denali Delmar shows how you can easily make these and other crusty artisan loaves. Denali has simplified the New York Times no-knead method to three steps. No mess and no kneading at all. Come learn to make Denali's "no-knead miracle bread" — it's miraculous how easy it is to make! FREE! Ages 14 and up. [Register here](#) or call Information Services at 978-399-2304.

Maximizing Social Security with T. Jack Wang: Saturday, June 1 at 10:30 a.m. It's one of the most important yet complicated decisions you have to make — how and when you claim your Social Security benefits. Avoid mistakes that can cost you tens or hundreds of thousands of dollars. Financial coach T. Jack Wang will review the rules, strategies, and even touch on Medicare costs and eligibility. Understanding your Social Security options and lifetime benefits is critical in helping you make informed claiming decisions. FREE! Ages 14 and up. [Register here](#) or call Information Services at 978-399-2304.

Westford Job Seekers Network meets weekly on Wednesdays from 2 to 4:30 p.m. For more information call Dina Kanabar at 978-399-2308, dkanabar@westfordma.gov.

English Conversation Circle: every Wed. at 10:30 a.m. Practice your English conversation skills and meet new friends in a relaxed and friendly environment. Registration is not required. If you have any questions, please call Sarah Regan at 978-399-2309.

BookBrowse: Looking for your next great read? Find it at ["BookBrowse"](#) your guide to exceptional books! Search for book information by theme, read-alikes, book club resources, articles and reviews, and much more! This exciting new database can be accessed from the library or from home with your Westford Library card number.



Please visit <http://www.westfordlibrary.org> for more information about the library and our upcoming programs.

Agricultural Commission

The Commission is proud to announce the opening of Westford Community Apiary. Located at the Day Field where the Community Garden grows, Westford Community Apiary members installed two colonies of bees on April 21st with more to come later this month. Westford may be the first town in Massachusetts with a Community Apiary.

Westford Agricultural Commission is also happy to announce all our garden plots for the 2019 growing season have all been accounted for and the plants are starting to take off. One feature at the garden that is new this year is a Sun Shade Shelter built by Boy Scout Quinn LaCon as part of his Eagle Scout project. We thank Quinn and all our volunteers that make the Community Garden such a special place.



Memorial Day 2019

Town wide celebration of Memorial Day will be held on Sunday, May 26th. Ceremonies will be conducted at Freedom Park @ 9 AM, Forge Village monument @ 9:15 AM, Graniteville monument on North Main St @ 9:45 and then at Nab Lake, Byrne Ave. dam at 10:30. On the Town Common, the reading of the Honor Rolls will begin at 10:45 AM.



Culminating the village ceremonies will be a parade starting at noon from the Roudenbush Community Center to the Town Common where various tributes will be given.

Veterans who would like to participate should meet at the Cameron Senior Center at 8 AM on Sunday. All are encouraged to commemorate our US servicemen and servicewomen who have died in defense of our country on this holiday weekend. Join us if you can.

All veterans and Memorial Day event participants are invited for a luncheon at the Frederick S. Healy American Legion Post #159 at 2 Cross St. immediately following the service on the Town Common.

An "event guide" containing parade routes and times will be located on the town website, <http://westfordma.gov/veterans>.

US flags to be placed on veterans graves in May

American Legion Post #159 members will be putting the US flags up in the weeks prior to Memorial Day. We will do our best to make sure that every veteran's grave is properly marked.



Sometimes a flag will be misplaced or unintentionally omitted, please let the Veterans Service Officer know if a flag is missing, we will try and put one in place prior to Memorial Day. The Town of Westford's Military Burial Index can be found at:

<https://data.westfordma.gov/vets/>

The flat bronze markers are provided by the VA at no cost, more information on obtaining them can be found at http://www.cem.va.gov/hm_hm.asp or by calling/emailing the Veterans Services department. (978) 392-1170 or veterans@westfordma.gov

Conservation

Our Recently Purchased Conservation Property



Pink Lady Slippers

Looking for a new place to walk this spring? Check out the 46-acre Adams property located between Lowell Street and Providence Road recently purchased by the Town. This property is sandwiched between the Cider Mill and the Laughton Farm and can be accessed from either of these properties.

If you take a walk through this woodland now you will experience spring in its glory. Notice the carpet of bright green herbaceous plants and newly budding leaves. Look for the flowers of the Low (and High) Bush Blueberry, Star Flower, Canada Mayflower, Bellwort and Pink Lady Slipper on the forest floor. Ferns are unfolding their fiddleheads. The emerging new leaves of the hickories (Shagbark and Pignut) look like flowers with their pale pink and orangish bud scales and the new growth of the pines adds a granny smith green to the color palate of the woods.



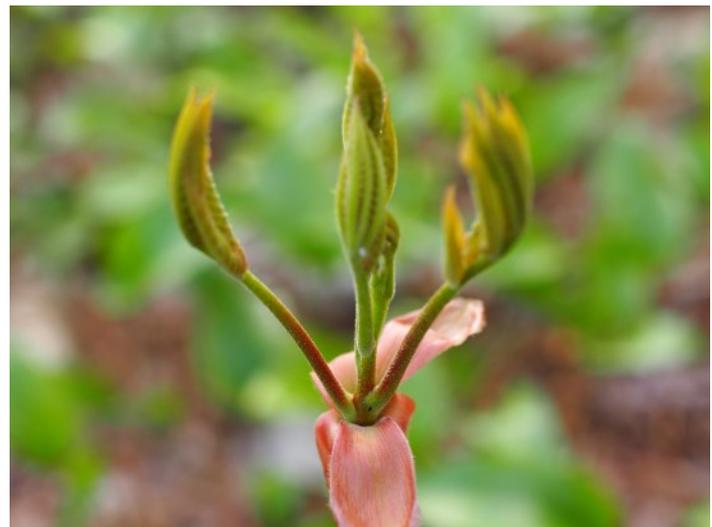
Cinnamon Fern - Fiddlehead

If your walk takes you past the isolated pools of water in these woods stop to look for tadpoles, water beetles and you might spy fairy shrimp – inch-long pinkish crustaceans swimming upside down in the water. You've probably been hearing songs of the spring peepers for a few weeks but if you listen carefully you might catch the trilling song

made by the American Toad and the Grey Tree Frog can be heard now too.

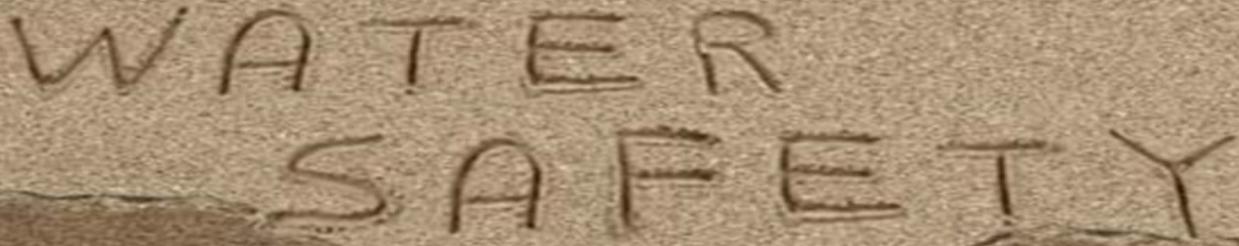
The spring migration of warblers is in full swing with Pine Warbler and Ovenbirds fairly constant in these woods. Woodpeckers are banging away on the trees and before the oak leaves fully form you might see the bright orange of the Baltimore Oriole or the vibrant red of the Scarlet Tanager, look high up in the tree canopy for glimpses of these bright birds. Even during the day you might hear Barred Owls calling their “who cooks for you, who cooks for you all ?” Westford has over 165 miles of trails to enjoy in every season and lots to see and hear in the forests.

More information on walks can be found at www.westfordma.gov/1059/Land-Stewardship-and-Trails or www.westfordconservationtrust.org/trails



Hickory

Health Department



WATER
SAFETY

Tips for people of all ages to stay safe in and around water

As we move into the summer season, many of us will be opening pools and going to our public beaches. Swimming is a fun activity and a great way to keep cool during the hot summer months, but it's important to know how to stay safe in and around water. Drowning is swift and silent — there may be little splashing or cries for help. It can take as few as 20 seconds to sink below the water and only minutes to drown, but you can stay safe by following these tips — whether around a pond, lake, river, ocean, or pool. Here are some tips provided by Mass.gov

- Make sure you know how to swim. If you can't swim, keep to shallow areas or use a U.S. Coast Guard-guard approved life jacket. For a list of places offering swim lessons, view our [Learn to Swim!](#) resources.
- Swim with a buddy, never alone, even if you are a very good swimmer.
- Swim in designated areas, with a lifeguard present.
- Swim sober: avoid drugs and alcohol to stay alert in the water.
- Do not dive or jump into water that is not at least 12 feet deep. Enter the water feet-first, never dive head-first into a river, lake or pond. You could severely injure your head and neck and drown.
- Do not swim during a storm or when there is lightning.
- Don't swim in an area with strong moving currents in the water. Depth, currents, underwater debris and water temperature change constantly in rivers, lakes, and ponds. Yesterday's safe swimming spot might have hidden dangers today.
- Keep a cell-phone handy and know where you are in case you need to call for help. When in a boat, wear a US Coast Guard approved life jacket.

Learn CPR

The Red Cross offers a wide selection of CPR/AED, first aid, lifeguarding, swimming and water safety, caregiving, disaster response and emergency preparedness training. [Find information on classes.](#)

For more information, call the State at (617) 624-6060.

Health Department (Continued)

Is it Time to Inspect and Pump Your System?

Westford is a unique community in the fact that there is no central sewer system in Town. This means that almost all the water we pump out of our town or private wells, is discharged back into the ground, mainly through your septic system. Your septic system is a vital part of our local ecosystem. Its job is to treat water and recharge groundwater through proper filtration. If it is properly maintained, it will provide years of reliable service! The Westford Health Department would like to remind you to review your septic system records and check to see when you pumped your system last. If its been more than a couple years, you may need to have it serviced. Below are several tips on things you should never put into your system.



Never ever...

1. Flush semi or non-biodegradable items into septic tank, including paper towels, newspapers, writing paper, rags, disposable diapers, or cat litter.
2. Wash down sides of septic tank when it is pumped. The remaining slime contains bacteria which will be needed to digest the wastewater.
3. Flush large amounts of chlorine bleach or lye products into the septic tank. However, normal household use will not harm the bacteria.
4. Pour used motor oil (or any oil for that matter) into the septic tank.
5. Discharge brine (salt water) waste from self-regenerating water softeners to the septic tank. The high salt concentrations will clog the soil pores.
6. Connect roof drains and yard drains to septic tanks. Extra water will flood the tank and the leach field.
7. Construct leach field in close proximity to another leach field. The soil will become too saturated and both systems will fail.
8. Plant small or medium-sized trees within ten feet of leach fields, or large-sized trees within 20 feet of leach fields. (Roots will clog the pipelines).
9. Plant vegetation which requires excessive amounts of water on top of the leach field.
Drive vehicles or place heavy objects, such as portable swimming pools or sheds over septic tanks and leach fields.

If you have questions regarding you system or you need additional information, please contact the Health Department at 978-621-4940 or check out the web page at:

<https://www.westfordma.gov/215/Health-Department>

For a list licensed system inspectors in Massachusetts check out <http://neiwpc.org/our-programs/wastewater/mass-title-5/listings-of-approved-system-inspectors-and-soil-evaluators/>

Cameron Senior Center

Cameron Senior Center Announcements: JOIN US!

If you are age 55 and over and would like to join us for the below activities (or have other transportation needs) and require transportation call Chuck Dutton our transportation dispatcher at 978-692-5523. Our van transportation is a donation-based service for older adults age and disabled and please remember we request a 48-hour notice.

Cameron Senior Center Friends Fundraising with - **PIZZA PALOOZA for ALL AGES!**

Wednesday, June 12, 2019 5-9PM

Buffet includes: salads, pizza, pasta, meatballs, grilled chicken, cheese fries / nachos and ice cream sundae bar.

Pricing \$9.99 kids 11 and under, \$11.99 ages 12-16, \$14.99 ages 17 and up and \$11.99 seniors (not inc. tax, tip and beverages)

At the Backstage Lounge & Bistro at O'Neil Cinema
(The Point, Littleton, MA.)

Wednesday night is senior night \$7.00 movie tickets before or after Pizza Palooza.

Reserve ahead at 978-692-5523 (Transportation provided free if needed call 978-399-2322)
Raffles and drawings **15% of proceeds go to support the friends of the Cameron Senior Center



ORGANIC VEGETABLE DISTRIBUTION

May 16th through September

We are excited to have our relationship with [Gaining Grounds of Concord](#) once again offering their organic produce to all Westford residents that meet income guidelines. (Fuel assistance criteria). To participate one must sign an income attestation on the day of produce pick up. This distribution is held at the Westford Housing Authority at 65 Tadmuck road in the Community Center. Because this program is so desirable people often arrive early so we will pass out numbers starting at 12:30. The freshly picked and organic vegetables will be distributed at 1:00. Any questions call Annette at 978-399-2326.

Cameron is on the web

Visit our website at www.westfordma.gov/coa

To receive our monthly newsletter notification via email, go to the town website and click on "Notify Me" then type in your email address to sign in then under "Agenda center" Click on Council on Aging.

Veterans Breakfast at the Forge Village Restaurant

Thursday, June 13th at 7:00 a.m.- 9:00 a.m.

Westford Veterans and their spouse are invited for a complimentary buffet breakfast thanks to our community sponsors: **American Legion Post 159 and Forge Village Restaurant**. Please RSVP to 978-692-5523.

To view the complete Council On Aging
Newsletter please visit our website:
www.westfordma.gov/coa and click on [Newsletters](#).

Cameron Senior Center (Continued)

PLANNING FOR MEDICARE - Countdown to age 65!

May 23, 2019 6:00 PM

Join us Thursday, May 23rd at 6:00 pm for a free seminar about when and how to enroll in Medicare, avoiding fees, Medicare Parts, Medigap plans and drug plans. [Heather Hurd](#), a Blue Cross Blue Shield Representative will be leading this class to help make this process feel less confusing. Come with your questions and please sign up by 5/20 at 978-692-5523.

Lunch with Martha

Friday, May 31st at 12 p.m.

Come have lunch with Martha Brockway, our newest staff member! Martha has been our volunteer coordinator since November. She joined us after working for 39 years at the Social Security Administration. Come get to know Martha - ask her a Social Security question, learn about volunteer opportunities, or just enjoy a light lunch! [RSVP-978-692-5523](#).



Genealogy Series...

Learn more about your Family Heritage

May 16, 23, 30, 6:00 -7:30pm

Genealogists: Dave Welsh, Bob Oliphant & Patti Mason

Do you want to learn more about your family history and how to do research? A trio of local Westford genealogists will discuss different aspects of genealogy for the beginner and for intermediate genealogists over 3 weeks. Dave Welsh will

address getting started with family research; Bob Oliphant will discuss federal census records and will describe how to do foreign language genealogy (French Canadian, Italian, Swedish); and Patti Mason will discuss the wealth of sources available on the internet as well as some lesser-used sources. The Group will show samples of Genealogy to help you get started with your own search. Time will be given to assist with individual questions and research – during class or later. Cost: \$10* non-members/M.I.L.E.S. Members \$15*
*Registration cost will be donated to the Cameron Senior Center Program



Westford Senior Center

Recycling Commission

NOTICE: May 27, 2019 (Memorial Day), is a holiday for trash and recycling. Pickups will be made one day later than usual.

Alerts from the Westford Recycling Commission

PLASTIC BAGS, empty or filled, are **NOT** acceptable in recycling bins and totes.

TANGLERS - Cords, coat hangers, light strings, plastic 6-pack rings, garden hoses, wires, strings, ribbons, and chains - **are prohibited** from recycling bins and totes.

CAPS and LIDS – Replace caps and lids on clean bottles, jars, and cans or toss lids in the trash. **Do not discard them separately in recycling.**

PLASTIC YOGURT CUPS – Toss cups in recycle bin. Put aluminum lids in the trash.

BLACK PLASTIC TAKE - OUT CONTAINERS - Put this item in your trash. Clear plastic lids can be rinsed and recycled.

HOUSEHOLD HAZARDOUS WASTE COLLECTION

Saturday, May 18, 2019, 9 am – 1 pm

Westford Highway Garage, 28 North Street

Fee: \$30 per car. Checks preferred, payable to the Town of Westford.

Westford residents only. Proof of residency is required (driver's license, phone bill, etc.). Fee: \$30/car. New payment policy - CHECKS PREFERRED, payable to the Town of Westford. Residents are encouraged to work with neighbors to consolidate volume to share costs. Residents received a detailed mailing of what is and is not acceptable.

For an online flyer: <https://www.westfordma.gov/DocumentCenter/View/7956/Westford-Haz-Waste-Flyer-2019?bidId>

Empty. Clean. Dry. The new way to recycle.

EMPTY - remove food or product residue.

CLEAN - rinse or wash empty containers.

DRY - let containers dry before placing in your recycling bin or toter.

For questions on what is and what is not recyclable, go to the **Recyclopedia**: <https://recyclesmartma.org/>. Bookmark this page!

Are **Black Plastic take-out trays recyclable?** The **Recyclopedia** says "Put this item in your trash bin." Clear plastic lids can be rinsed and recycled.

Please visit www.westfordma.gov/recycling for your recycling and trash questions.

Reduce! Reuse! Repurpose! Recycle!



What is the Westford Cultural Council?

The Westford Cultural Council (WCC) is responsible for disbursing funds received from the Massachusetts Cultural Council (MCC) to local cultural and artistic activities. Each year, the Council reviews proposals and grants funds to local applications for a variety of projects that benefit Westford citizens.

The WCC is part of a network of 329 Local Cultural Councils (LCC) serving at 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 MCC, a state agency, which then allocates funds to each community.

Among the 19 projects funded during the 2018-2019 grant cycle are:

- The Westford ColorFest, run by Westford's GVV School
- Musicians and educational vendors at the Middlesex County 4-H Fair
- A Westford Community Compost project for a trommel screen
- The "Road to Westford" interactive rug at the Westford Museum
- Free Friday Night Fun at the Discovery Museum in Acton

For a complete list, please visit: <https://www.mass-culture.org/Westford>

Follow us on Instagram, Facebook, and Twitter!
Find out more about the events we've funded as well as other cultural happenings in the community by following our social media accounts!



[@WestfordCulturalCouncil](https://www.facebook.com/WestfordCulturalCouncil)



[@WestfordCulture](https://twitter.com/WestfordCulture)



[@WestfordCultural](https://www.instagram.com/WestfordCultural)

Be Heard! You can help determine funding priorities for 2019-2020!

MCC requires the WCC to set its annual funding priorities before the start of each year's grant cycle in September. We're looking for Westford residents of all ages to help us set our priorities for the 2019-2020 grant cycle, and we're looking to learn more about the community we serve. You can help by filling out our [Westford Cultural Council Community Input Survey](#).

Logo Contest for High School and College Students: \$200 Award!

The WCC is looking for a new logo, and we're looking to our artistic high school and college community to help us out! The winner will receive a \$200 award!

How the Logo will be Used:

The logo will become the property of the Westford Cultural Council and be used on the WCC website, social media accounts, press releases, and other promotional materials.

Logo Design Contest Rules:

- All current high school and college students who are residents of Westford are eligible to participate.
- The logo submission must be in .PNG file format. Any software program may be used to create the design.
- The logo MUST include "Westford" and "Cultural Council" in the logo design.
- The logo should be versatile enough to be used on a website, brochures, stationary, press releases, etc. Make sure the logo is recognizable when resized and will look good in black and white.
- No copyrighted or trademarked images should be included in submissions.
- Logo designs must be submitted to Westford Cultural Council no later than 6:00 p.m. Friday, May 31, 2019.

Voting Process:

The members of the Westford Cultural Council will determine the winning logo design. All entries will be judged based on the following criteria:

- Artwork's relevance and clarity in design
- Overall creativity and concept
- Visual appeal / impact

Entry Information:

The logo design should be electronically submitted on an 8.5x11" page along with the following information:

- Contact Information
 - ◆ Name
 - ◆ Westford mailing address
 - ◆ Email address
- Grade and School Name
- Information about the Logo Design (Description of what the logo signifies or the meaning behind your design)

Questions? Want to learn more? Contact us.

Want to learn more?

- Visit the [Westford Cultural Council](#) web page, where we announce major events (like grant cycles)
- Email us at WestfordCulturalCouncil@gmail.com.

Submissions should be emailed to WestfordCulturalCouncil@gmail.com by 6:00pm on Friday, May 31, 2019.

Winners will be notified by August 31, 2019.