



April 2018



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Town
Manager

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Important:
Please sign up to
receive updates on the
latest road construction
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Brush Chipping
Saturday, April 21
10:30 am – 4:30 pm
Westford Highway
Garage, 28 North Street

Earth Day
Sunday, April 22

Electronics Recycling
Saturday, May 5
9 am - 1 pm
Westford Highway
Garage, 28 North Street



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Dear Westford residents,

Following the March winter storms, our Highway Department has been hosting storm-related tree limb drop-offs at our Highway facility located at 28 North Street. The final drop off day is Saturday, April 14, 2018, from 8:30am to 4:30pm. This collection is for residents only. Please do not place any yard debris within the right-of-way of the road in front of your house, as this is a safety hazard. If you have questions, please contact the Highway Department at (978) 692-5520.

The Board of Selectmen set the date of June 21, 2018 for our town's 7th annual Strategic Planning Retreat, to be held at Kimball Farm from 5:30pm to 8:30pm. This is a fantastic event where you will learn about current town projects and about the fascinating work by our town boards and committees. The past couple of years we had close to 300 attendees. Besides the terrific presentations and networking with your fellow residents and town staff and officials, we offer a free dinner and ice cream bar. Our town officials and staff look forward to this event every year, and there were many new faces in the crowd last year. More details will be presented as they are finalized.

The Board of Selectmen recently joined a consortium of local and national law firms to assist in the recovery of municipal costs resulting from the opioid crisis in Massachusetts municipalities. The litigation is aimed at recovering damages from pharmaceutical manufacturers and distributors. These damages may include incurred costs for law enforcement, needle exchanges, Narcan, Emergency Medical Services, ambulance trips, treatment services, and more, as well as future mitigation/abatement damages for the foreseeable expenditures of taxpayer dollars for education, prevention, and treatment.

We had a productive Annual Town Meeting on March 24th. Thank you to all who participated. This event is vital to ensuring our town residents are informed and involved as the legislative body of our town. You may find [the results of the meeting](#) on our town's webpage.

Our town election is May 1st, 2018. You may [view the open positions listing](#) and [visit the Town Clerk's webpage](#) for more information.

The Permanent Town Building Committee conducted a tour of the Roudenbush Community Center at 65 Main Street, so officials and others could view the rehabilitation project's progress. Members of the Board of Selectmen, The Roudenbush Community Center, Inc., the Recreation Commissioners, and local residents were guided through the building by Don Mills, lead architect of the project. To see reports and pictures on the status of the construction, project, please check out [the project's webpage](#).

The Board of Selectmen recently recognized the team members and managers on the local Destination Imagination team for their participation in the Global Competition. The team for this project-based learning program consists of elementary and middle school students who will compete against the top-scoring teams from 45 states and 15 countries. Congratulations, and best of luck to our local team!

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After hearing from officials and residents about the amount of litter and trash left behind at certain parks and fields around town, the Board of Selectmen approved changes to our "Carry-In Carry-Out" trash and recycling policy, proposed through the collaboration of efforts between the Parks, Grounds and Recreation Commission and the Recycling Commission. You may read this policy and others on the Board of Selectmen's [webpage for policies](#).

At a recent Selectmen's meeting, the Parks, Grounds and Recreation Commission presented the results of a recreational services community survey that was recently conducted by an external consultant. You may view [their presentation to the Board of Selectmen here](#). The Park, Grounds and Recreation Commission sought input from the board before proceeding with a feasibility study to determine the details of any new facilities.

I enjoy learning about community-initiatives in our town, and recently heard about the students in many of our schools using recycled milk cartons to start seedlings for school gardens. The food grown from these seedlings will be eaten in our school cafeterias and also be used to provide the context for hands-on lessons. Great job to everyone involved, and thanks for helping us to eat cleaner and healthier!



Congratulations to Richard "Chip" Barrett, our Highway Superintendent, for being named a Top Ten Public Works Leader by the American Public Works Association. Chip and his department work diligently to provide us the highest quality roadways, and this honor is well deserved.

I would like to welcome our new Assistant Building Commissioner, Henry Fontaine. Henry comes to us following years of being a building contractor himself, and also serving as Assistant Building Commissioner for many towns. Henry joins us on April 23rd in the Permitting Office.

There are several openings on our local boards and committees, including: 12 North Main Street Task Force, Affordable Housing Committee, Agricultural Commission, Commission on Disability, Communications Advisory Committee, Cultural Council, Energy Committee, Historical Commission, Housing Authority, Parkerville Schoolhouse Committee, Pedestrian Safety Committee, Permanent Town Building Committee, Senior Low-Income Disabled Tax Relief Committee, Westford Scholarship and Grant Committee, Zoning Board of Appeals, 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](#).

Spring is coming!

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Jodi Ross". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Jodi Ross
Town Manager

J.V. Fletcher Library

Check out these programs for Kids, Tweens, and Teens during April vacation week!

Peeps Diorama Competition: Tues., April 17 from 1p.m. to 3p.m. Teen & Tween participants will work together in groups of 2 or 3 and create a Peeps Diorama (or scene). Prizes will be awarded for the top three dioramas and all materials will be provided. Registration required for this free program. Teens and tweens in grades 5 to 12 can register online, by phone, or in person.

Reptiles Rock: Wed., April 18 at 11 a.m. Get up close with a variety of amphibian creatures. Will feature a petting zoo with smaller animals and a special presentation featuring four larger animals, including a large snake and an American alligator. This free program is generously funded by the KDK Memorial Foundation (in honor of Kurt Kelly). Tickets for children ages 5 and up with their caregivers will be available for pick up in the Children's Department starting Monday, April 2.

Stuffed Animal Spa: Thurs., April 19 at 11:00 a.m. Bring your favorite stuffed animal to this drop-in program for a very special spa day that includes a checkup station, a spa treatment, pictures, and a craft project. You will also meet someone from the Lowell Humane Society who will tell you all about collars, micro chipping your pet, what to do if your pet goes missing, or if you find a lost pet.

Food Art Competition: Wed., April 19 at 1:00 p.m. Teen & Tween participants will work on individual Food Art scenes and/or sculptures. Prizes will be awarded for the top three dioramas and all materials will be provided. Teens and tweens in grades 5 to 12 register online, by phone, for this free program.

Upcoming Adult Programs for April!

Cookbook Book Club: Tues., April 17 at 7:00 p.m. The Cookbook Book Club is dedicated to exploring cookbooks and sampling new recipes. Copies of this month's choice, *Arabesque*, by Claudia Roden 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 the Info Dept. at 978-399-2309. No registration required.

Adult Coloring Party: Thurs., April 19 at 7:00 p.m. Are you looking for a relaxing way to spend the evening? Explore the latest trend in relaxation; adult coloring books. Specially designed adult coloring pages and colored pencils will be provided. Free! Drop in.

Ukulele Strum-Along: You Learn to Play by Playing: Saturday, April 21 at 2:00 p.m. Focusing on 2 and 3 chord songs, this program is for the beginner ukulele player who want to play music with others. Singing is encouraged. Ukuleles available to borrow, songs projected onto a screen so no music stands or books necessary. This new program will meet on a monthly basis. Open to adults and teens. Register through our website or the Information Services Department at 978-399-2304.

Mystery Book Club: Mon., April 23 at 10:30 a.m. Wake up your week with a stimulating book discussion! We meet once a month on Monday morning @ 10:30 a.m. in the Mary Atwood Room. Our April selection is "The Bookseller" by Mark Pryor. Copies of the current selection are available for check-out at the Main Desk. New Members are always welcome. No registration required.

Bimonthly Knitting Group: Mon., April 23 at 6:30 p.m. Do you enjoy knitting? Drop in to our informal knitting group. The group meets the second Monday of the month from 3-5 p.m. and the fourth Monday of the month from 6:30-8:30 p.m. This is a drop-in program that is open to all ages. Bring your latest project and share advice and socialize with other knitters.

Life Cycle Gardening: Gardening for a Lifetime with Master Gardener, Betty Sanders: Thurs., April 26 at 7:00 p.m. Plantings don't fit the way you want to live anymore? Reconfiguring your garden for new uses as your family grows and your life and interests change, may be less work than you thought. It's a matter of plant selection and design, and will enhance your enjoyment. Please register.

Health Department

Just One Bite: Lyme and Tick-Borne Illness Awareness and Prevention

The snow cover has melted, the ground is no longer frozen, and ticks are active and biting. With just one bite, a tick can transmit Lyme and other tick-borne illnesses. Ticks are very prevalent in our area and chances are at least one person you know has experienced a tick-borne illness. Although cases continue to rise, it is important to note that tick-borne illnesses are preventable!

Ticks hide in leaves, brush, and shady wooded areas. They are alive and active year round. Nymphs are the size of poppy seeds and are active May through August. Adult ticks are the size of sesame seeds and are active September through May and remain active if the ground is not frozen and there is no snow cover. Female ticks survive the winter and lay over 1,500 eggs in the spring. With all these ticks in the area, how can we prevent getting a tick-borne illness?

The simplest way to protect yourself is to remove a tick before it has a chance to transmit disease-causing pathogens. Ticks can attach anywhere. In particular, they will find spots like: the back of your knee; around waistbands; under armpits; or any other constricted place. Any time after you have been in a tick habitat, you should thoroughly check your entire body and remove attached ticks immediately. Once attached, ticks do not wash off in the shower. Additionally, watch for early signs and symptoms of tick-related illness and be sure to report to your doctor if you have cause for concern. Untreated these diseases can cause a number of health problems, but prevention methods have proven to be effective.

How to Protect Yourself

1. Wear long pants and tuck your shirt into your pants and tuck your pants into your socks.
2. Wear light colors because it makes it easier to see the ticks on you.
3. Wear closed toe shoes.
4. Wear clothes pretreated with Permethrin and spray yourself with tick repellent.
5. Take a shower after walking outdoors and check for ticks daily.
6. Tumble dry your clothes for 20 minutes and the ticks will fall off and die.
7. Call a doctor if you have any symptom or if the tick was attached for more than 24 hours.

How to Protect Your Pets

1. Wear a tick collar or use tick medication year round.
2. Keep your pets out of brush.
3. Check regularly for ticks, and remove ticks with tweezers.

How to Protect Your Yard

1. Keep your grass short.
2. Rake your leaves.
3. Eliminate dark areas.
4. Spray your yard's perimeter with pesticide.

How to Remove a Tick

1. With the tick tweezers, grab the tick by the head as close to the skin as possible, since squeezing its body can push the infected fluid into you.
2. Pull slowly and gently straight up without twisting.
3. Keep the tick in a plastic bag.
4. Bring the tick to the doctor if you show symptoms.
5. Test the tick through tickreport.com to learn the disease causing microbes the tick may be carrying.

Have you seen this tick prevention trail sign? For Kyla Schultz's Girl Scout Gold Award project, Westford students are hanging this sign on trailheads throughout town. In addition, Kyla, Westford Health Director Jeff Stephens, and Dawn Brooks, DVM, Countryside Veterinary Hospital, created a Public Service Announcement with WestfordCAT to raise awareness of tick-borne illness prevention. Here's the PSA link: <https://youtu.be/6fopyFWImWQ>
For more information, please visit <https://westfordma.gov/292/Tick-Borne-Illnesses-Prevention>



Health Department (continued)



Every year since 1970, America has celebrated Earth Day on April 22nd. Many of us participate in events such as clean up events or some even will go to tree planting events. The efforts that many of people put in are commendable and praise worthy, but what happens on the next day? Did we make a difference? Did we do all that we could to be better stewards of our environment? Hopefully the answer is yes. It is important to remember that every day has significance in taking steps to protect our natural resources, and if you're interested in doing so, the Healthy Westford Coalition has a goal for you. Challenge yourself to reduce your carbon footprint and help clean your local environment. Here are some ideas that might get you going.

- Pick up a pound of trash a week.
- Take the stairs.
- Organize a neighborhood litter pick up.
- Pledge to yourself to fill a reusable water bottle.
- Walk sports fields and find litter.
- Start a Plogging group! (look it up! It's interesting!)
- Coaches, bring reusable water bottles for the team!
- Bring your own shopping bags to the store.
- Reduce fertilizer use on your lawn.
- Plant a garden and grow your own food.
- Compost your food waste.
- Become a "super recycler"
- Host an eco-swap with neighbors.
- Shut your car off if your waiting to pick your children up from school.
- Work to shut lights off and limit air conditioner use.
- Join your local trail and environmental group to lend a hand.
- Use a rain barrel.



There are so many ways that all of us can contribute to a cleaner earth and it can start right at your house. So as the warm weather slowly returns, please think about ways you can give back without even working hard at it. If we all just pick up on piece of trash that we see every day, it wont take long for there to be no trash at all. For additional ideas or programs, check out www.epa.gov or contact the Westford Health Department at 978-692-5509.

Health Department (continued)



Get Ready to Grill Safely

Separate

When shopping, pick up meat, poultry, and seafood last and separate them from other food in your shopping cart and grocery bags.



Chill

Keep meat, poultry, and seafood refrigerated until ready to grill. When transporting, keep below 40°F in an insulated cooler.



Clean

Wash your hands with soap before and after handling raw meat, poultry, and seafood. Wash work surfaces, utensils, and the grill before and after cooking.



Cook

Use a food thermometer to ensure meat is cooked hot enough to kill harmful germs. When smoking, keep temperature inside the smoker at 225°F to 300°F to keep meat at a safe temperature while it cooks.

145°F	beef, pork, lamb, veal, fish
160°F	hamburgers and other ground meat
165°F	poultry



Don't cross-contaminate

Throw out marinades and sauces that have touched raw meat juices. Put cooked meat on a clean plate.



Refrigerate

Divide leftovers into small portions and place in covered, shallow containers. Put in freezer or fridge within two hours of cooking (one hour if above 90°F outside).



Parks and Recreation

Parks and Fields Update

After a long winter and two March Nor'easters, Parks & Recreation is busy assessing field status, and leveraging town resources, to clean and prepare Westford's fields for the spring season. For information regarding field status, call 978-692-5532. [2018 Field Use Permits](#) can be found on the Parks & Recreation page at westfordma.gov.

Westford Parks & Recreation Spring Programs

Westford Parks & Recreation programs abound! Programs like Archery, Cardio Fitness Fun, Qigong on the Beach, Tennis with Marcus Lewis, and Tiny-Tots Soccer. For those who like to drop-by, check out Parks & Rec's drop-in [Volley Ball](#) and [Badminton](#) programs. A full list of spring and summer programs can be found in the [Spring-Summer 2018 Brochure](#) online or visit Programs at westfordrec.com.



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

WPC Session 4, March 5-April 27, is in full swing with some of the highest enrollment numbers ever. For additional support, **WPC Special Programs** provides full-day and full-week coverage during **April Vacation**, April 17-20. Offered are the following activities: tour of TD Garden and Franklin Park Zoo; East Boston Camps Day with an afternoon of magic; the Springfield Museums—from science through Dr. Seuss; and Kimball Farm Day including bumper boat rides, mini golf, and ice cream. To learn more, visit [WPC Special Programs](#) at westfordrec.com.

WPC Session 5, April 30-June 21, is on the horizon and is the last WPC session of the school year. Session 5 will include activities such as Book Making, Bead Mania, Floor Hockey, Math Games, and Outdoor Fun, plus Mantis Boxing, a new program taught by Randy Brown. Homework blocks are always included in the daily curriculum and are supported by each school's site director and staff. *Registration Forms* can be found at 22 Town Farm Road, or visit [About WPC](#) at westfordrec.com. Register at any time.

Westford Partnership for Children (WPC) is a Parks & Recreation sponsored After School Enrichment Program in collaboration with Westford Public Schools. The WPC program for students K-8 provides a safe, stimulating, and fun environment Monday through Friday, from school dismissal until 5:45 p.m.

It's Coming...

Think summer! Start planning now. **Summer Weekly Program Registration Forms** for children ages 4-16 are available online with detailed program descriptions for **Summer Beach Party; Destination Exploration; Kids Club; Ready, Set, Go!; Leadership; and Venture Out** – Parks & Recreation's new program for middle schoolers. To learn more, visit [About Summer Weekly Programs](#) at westfordrec.com.

Think waterfront too! Parks & Recreation has hired new **Waterfront Director, Jacqueline Dagle**. Jacqueline has several years of experience managing summer programs and life guards here in Westford. Parks & Recreation is actively **recruiting experienced life guards** as well. Interested individuals should call Westford Parks & Recreation at 978-692-5532.

Visit: 22 Town Farm Road, Westford MA

Call: 978-692-5532

Learn more and register online: westfordrec.com

Town Clerk's Corner

2018 ANNUAL TOWN CENSUS

Please take a look around for your census form, many have not been turned in. If you're not sure if you have turned it in, please call our office and we would be glad to check for you.

PRECINCT

IMPORTANT LEGAL DOCUMENT
2018
ANNUAL CENSUS FORM
TOWN OF WESTFORD
Patricia Dubey
Town Clerk/Registrar
Business hours of The Town Clerk are:
MONDAY - FRIDAY 8:00 AM to 4:00 PM

General Laws of Massachusetts mandate an annual street listing of residents as of January 1 of each year. Please update and correct the information provided by adding, deleting or making changes below the printed information. For assistance, call the TOWN CLERK'S OFFICE at (978) 692-5515 or email us at townclerk@westfordma.gov

FOR RESIDENT(S) AT: _____

← IF THIS ADDRESS IS INCORRECT
MAKE CORRECTIONS BELOW:

**** DOG LICENSE RENEWAL IS INCLUDED WITH THIS FORM ****

WARNING: IF YOU FAIL TO RESPOND TO THIS MAILING YOUR VOTING STATUS SHALL REVERT TO INACTIVE

THIS FORM DOES NOT REGISTER YOU TO VOTE OR CHANGE YOUR PARTY

NAME	GENDER M/F	DATE OF BIRTH MM/DD/YYYY	OCCUPATION	POL. PARTY	MOVED/ DECEASED	CITIZEN (IF NOT U.S.)	VETERAN or Spouse of deceased Vet

- DETAILED INSTRUCTIONS ARE LOCATED ON THE BACK OF THIS FORM
ALONG WITH DOG LICENSING / RENEWAL INFORMATION

MOVED?? Let us know!
Check the 'MOVED' column above, then add the New Address onto the blank lines near top of form.

X

SIGNATURE OF RESPONDENT Date

Signed under the Penalties of Perjury as prescribed by M.G.L. Chapter 56 §4.

PHONE UNLISTED

Town Clerk's Corner (Continued)

ANNUAL TOWN ELECTION – MAY 1, 2018

ABSENTEE BALLOT
ANNUAL TOWN ELECTION
TOWN OF WESTFORD
TUESDAY, MAY 1, 2018

Patricia L. Dubey
TOWN CLERK

INSTRUCTIONS TO VOTER:
A. To vote, fill in the OVAL to the right of your choice like this:
B. Follow the directions as to the number of candidates to be marked for each office.
C. To vote for a person whose name is not printed on the ballot, write the candidate's name in the blank provided and fill in the oval.

<p>SELECTMAN FOR THREE YEARS Vote for ONE</p> <p>MARK D. KOST 7 Grassy Lane <input type="radio"/> <small>Candidate for No-election</small></p> <p style="text-align: center;">DO NOT VOTE IN THIS SPACE. USE BLANK LINE BELOW FOR WRITE-IN.</p> <p>_____ <input type="radio"/> <small>WRITE-IN SPACE ONLY</small></p> <hr/> <p>BOARD OF HEALTH FOR THREE YEARS Vote for ONE</p> <p>JOANNE E. BELANGER 6 Maple Ave Drive <input type="radio"/> <small>Candidate for No-election</small></p> <p style="text-align: center;">DO NOT VOTE IN THIS SPACE. USE BLANK LINE BELOW FOR WRITE-IN.</p> <p>_____ <input type="radio"/> <small>WRITE-IN SPACE ONLY</small></p> <hr/> <p>HOUSING AUTHORITY FOR FIVE YEAR Vote for ONE</p> <p>_____ <input type="radio"/> <small>WRITE-IN SPACE ONLY</small></p> <hr/> <p>LIBRARY TRUSTEES FOR THREE YEARS Vote for TWO</p> <p>MARIANNE C. FLECKNER 229 N. Almeria Circle <input type="radio"/> <small>Candidate for No-election</small></p> <p>SUSAN M. FLINT 7 Swanton Lane <input type="radio"/> <small>Candidate for No-election</small></p> <p style="text-align: center;">DO NOT VOTE IN THIS SPACE. USE BLANK LINE BELOW FOR WRITE-IN.</p> <p>_____ <input type="radio"/> <small>WRITE-IN SPACE ONLY</small></p> <p>_____ <input type="radio"/> <small>WRITE-IN SPACE ONLY</small></p>	<p>PLANNING BOARD FOR FIVE YEARS Vote for ONE</p> <p>DARRIN H. WIZST 1 Norman Way <input type="radio"/> <small>Candidate for No-election</small></p> <p style="text-align: center;">DO NOT VOTE IN THIS SPACE. USE BLANK LINE BELOW FOR WRITE-IN.</p> <p>_____ <input type="radio"/> <small>WRITE-IN SPACE ONLY</small></p> <hr/> <p>SCHOOL COMMITTEE FOR THREE YEARS Vote for THREE</p> <p>AVERY ROCKWELL ADAM 87 Providence Road <input type="radio"/> <small>Candidate for No-election</small></p> <p>CHRISTOPHER P. SANDERS 4 North Bear Lane <input type="radio"/> <small>Candidate for No-election</small></p> <p>ALICIA D. MALLON 104 Plain Road <input type="radio"/> <small>Candidate for No-election</small></p> <p>MINGQUAN ZHENG 3 Joyce Circle <input type="radio"/> <small>Candidate for No-election</small></p> <p style="text-align: center;">DO NOT VOTE IN THIS SPACE. USE BLANK LINE BELOW FOR WRITE-IN.</p> <p>_____ <input type="radio"/> <small>WRITE-IN SPACE ONLY</small></p> <p>_____ <input type="radio"/> <small>WRITE-IN SPACE ONLY</small></p> <p>_____ <input type="radio"/> <small>WRITE-IN SPACE ONLY</small></p> <hr/> <p>SCHOOL COMMITTEE FOR ONE YEAR VACANCY Vote for ONE</p> <p>_____ <input type="radio"/> <small>WRITE-IN SPACE ONLY</small></p> <p>_____ <input type="radio"/> <small>WRITE-IN SPACE ONLY</small></p>
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Town Clerk's Corner (Continued)

DOG LICENSING

There are many dogs that still have not been licensed this year. Please contact the Town Clerk's office 978-692-5515 regarding the status of your 2018 Dog License.

Remember, licensing your dog happens every year from December 1st until March 31st. After March 31st a \$25 late fee applies.

You Know It's
Against the Law
to Walk Around
Without a
License!



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Recycling Commission



An Alert from the Westford Recycling Commission

Plastic bags of any kind are NOT acceptable in recycling bins and totes. Any and all recycling taken in plastic bags will be discarded as trash and will incur additional trash costs for the town. Contamination is costly.

Four MINI Household Hazardous Waste Days in Lowell

Saturdays, May 12, July 14, September 8, and November 17 are MINI Household Hazardous Waste Days in Lowell in 2018. Open to non-residents who pre-register. Required registration opens a month before the event. Check online for dates, acceptable items, and fees (cash only). Note that non-residents will have additional costs for some items.
<https://www.lowellma.gov/1073/miniHHWD>.

BRUSH CHIPPING

Saturday, April 21, 2018, 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.

ELECTRONICS & MUCH MORE Collection

Saturday, May 5, 2018, 9 am – 1 pm
Westford Highway Garage, 28 North Street

The Westford Recycling Commission holds two Electronics Recycling events each year in Westford, one in the spring and one in the fall. The events are held from 9:00 AM to 1:00 PM at the Westford Highway Garage at 28 North Street, Westford, MA.

Westford utilizes the services of Northeast Materials Handling of Ayer, Massachusetts. This is a fee-based collection OPEN TO ALL. CASH OR CHECK ONLY (checks should be made out to "Northeast Materials Handling"). The Town of Westford receives no proceeds from this event.

The following are accepted FREE OF CHARGE:

No plastic toys.

- Appliances: Small, anything that plugs into an electrical socket:(irons, hair dryers, toasters, electric toothbrushes, hand mixers, blenders – no glass, etc.)
- Refrigerators, washers, dryers, Air Conditioners / Dehumidifiers, Microwave Ovens, etc.
- Snow Blowers, Lawn Mowers - must be emptied of gas and oil
- Cell Phones and Telephones (Home & Office)
- Computers and towers (CPUs), Laptops, keyboards
- Smoke/Carbon Monoxide detectors
- Home Electronics & Related Appliances (DVD, DVR, Stereos, etc.)
- Printers, Copiers and fax machines
- Network equipment, Modems, Servers, Switches and Routers
- Flat Screen Computer Monitors - if recycled **WITH** a computer
- Bicycles
- Grills
- Light Fixtures
- Radios and Scanners
- Wire, Filing cabinets, Metal desks
- Chargers, Batteries (NiCAD, Lithium and Rechargeable **ONLY**)
- Ink and Toner Cartridges
- Fire extinguishers (empty)
- Game Consoles
- Propane tanks (empty)
- Printed circuit boards
- Battery operated tools and Power tools

Visit www.westfordma.gov/recycling for answers to your recycling and trash disposal questions.

Cameron Happenings: all residents age 60+ are welcome

“GAY NINETIES CELEBRATION!”

Sponsors: Friends of the Cameron, Emerson Hospital and Westford Rotary Club

The Westford Council on Aging is pleased to announce our annual Gay Nineties Celebration on Tuesday, May 22nd from 10:30 AM – 2:30 PM at the Franco American Club.



In celebration of Older Americans Month, this event honors those Westford elders who are ninety years of age and older. The afternoon will include a catered lunch served around 11:30 AM with entertainment by the Justin Meyer Trio. [Advanced registration is necessary, at 978-692-5523 before May 11th.](tel:978-692-5523) If you were born in 1928 or earlier, please indicate your birth year when registering so you can be acknowledged. Our honored Westford guests age 90 and over are welcome to bring two guests; they will be seated at your table. [Both the honoree and their two guests attend free of charge.](#)

The cost for all other guests will be \$15 if you are not a member of the Friends of Cameron and \$10 if you are a Friends member. Transportation is available.

Tax Work applications are available at the Cameron Senior Center

Please apply if you are interested in participating in this program to work in a Town department (136 hours) in exchange for \$1500.00 (minus federally mandated deductions) reduction in your FY 2019 real estate tax bill. You must submit a NEW application if you are interested in being placed this year, even if you have participated in the past. We will be placing first time applicants first, and using a lottery to place repeat applicants if necessary. Applicants must be 60+ years old, own and occupy the property for which Westford taxes are paid. Only one member of a household is eligible. Applications must be submitted to the Cameron Senior Center by May 4th. The lottery will take place May 18th at 11 am at the Cameron Senior Center. You do not need to be present at the lottery but are welcome if you would like to attend. If you have any questions about the program please contact Alison Christopher at 978-399-2325.

Volunteer Appreciation Brunch Sponsored by Whole Foods and Executive Office of Elder Affairs

Your Cameron staff are looking forward to celebrating our fantastic volunteers on Friday, April 27th at 11AM at the Cameron. If you share your time with the Cameron helping with special events, handyman, fitness monitor, AARP tax returns, SHINE, grocery shopper, Friendly Visitor, Administrative support and/or anything else Katie may ask you to volunteer with please RSVP to 978-692-5523. Seating capacity is 90 so sign up quickly!



Cameron Center Events Continued...

Pool Trusts presented by Karen Johnson, Elder Attorney at Law

Is it possible to qualify for Medicaid/MassHealth to help pay your expensive long-term care costs even if you have more than \$2000 in assets? YES, you can by setting aside a Pooled Trusts. To learn more please join Karen Johnson from 5:30-7:00PM on April 24th at the Cameron. RSVP to 978-692-5523.

**COA Van Trip:
Historical guided tour of Lexington and Concord with
Abigail by Gail: A colonial experience.**

Tuesday April 24 at 9:30 a.m.
Dutch treat Lunch at The Colonial Inn.
Trip cost-\$30 and RSVP to 978-692-5523, seats are limited.



Vine to Wine Delight Trip with Fox Tours

Depart from Franco club at 8:15AM on Wednesday, May 16th and travel west along the Mohawk trail Kringle candle store and then to Honora Vineyards for a day of wine tasting and touring of the grounds and a delicious lunch at their restaurant. RSVP 978-692-5523 and cost \$89PP all gratuities included.

Veterans Luncheon

Hosted by Legion Post#159 and our favorite Veteran Agent Terry Stader on Thursday, March 22nd at 12:30. A tasty lunch will be catered by the Elegant Chef and entertainment to follow. Spouses are welcome please RSVP to 978-692-5523.

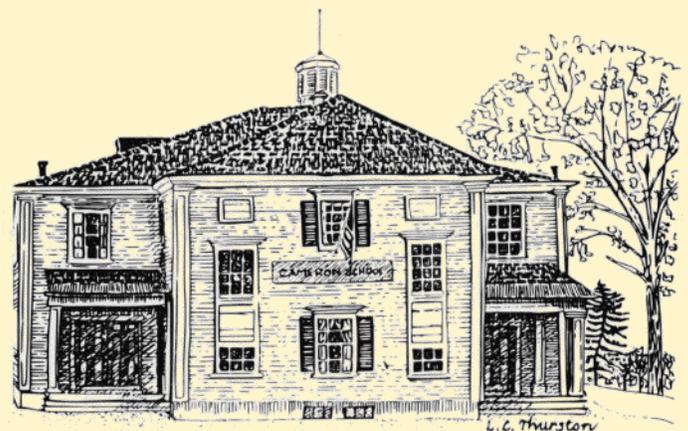


Friends of the Cameron Senior Center Annual Meeting

Thursday, May 3, 2018 at 10AM in the computer room.

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Westford Senior Center

Westford School Sciences



Next week, students in Westford's upper elementary schools will plant their school gardens using seedlings started in the classroom.

While planting, they will be reinforcing academic concepts they've learned earlier in the year. Third graders will review weather principles, fourth graders will review plant structures and the fifth graders will explore earth systems - specifically, how the simple act of taking care of their school garden effects the earth's biosphere, the atmosphere, and hydrosphere.

On March 21st, students from Worcester Poly Tech interviewed representatives from the Engineering Department, Water Department and the School Department about Westford's award winning Living Lab Program at the Norman E. Day School. The Living Lab provides every fifth grade student with hands on lessons and experience with the environmental impacts of stormwater and teaches students how to be responsible stewards of our natural resources.

The WPI students are working with the Statewide Municipal Stormwater Coalition to produce a stormwater curriculum that can be used at other schools around the state. Here in Westford, students are shown what the town does to protect our natural resources, like the Reed Brook, which flows right by the Day School. The lesson includes a look into the storm drain system and the nearby rain garden that was planted by fifth grade students from the Day School back in 2009.



Pictured from left to right are WPI students Connor Sakowich, Sam Malafronte and Michelle Hull, along with Town Engineer Paul Starratt, Mark Warren from the Water Department and Elaine Santelmann, K-5 Science/Social Studies Curriculum Coordinator.