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## April 17, 2024



### Superintendent Information

[Superintendent's Video Update](#) – 04/11/2024

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### School Committee Information

The [School Committee](#) welcomes parents and community members to attend School Committee meetings held on alternate Monday evenings at 7:00, unless otherwise posted. Please refer to a meeting's agendas and supporting documents via the town's [Document Management System](#)

## Upcoming Events...



### Survey: Will You Attend Annual Town Meeting?

Please complete this survey <https://www.westfordma.gov/CivicAlerts.aspx?AID=1963> to let the Town know if you plan to attend the 4/27/2024 Town Meeting. Thank you for your participation.



### News From The SEPAC: Annual Parent/Caregiver Survey

The Westford SEPAC, in collaboration with Westford Public Schools Office of Special Education and SEL is interested in your feedback as it relates to special education. Our annual survey allows both the SEPAC and the district to self-reflect on current practices, make improvements, and plan for meaningful SEPAC activities.

If you have a child on a 504/IEP, please take a moment to fill out this brief survey, we expect the survey should take less than 10 minutes to fill out. You can access the survey here: [SURVEY](#).



### Westford Curbside Recycling

Do you need help determining what can and can't go into your curbside recycling bin? Check out <https://recyclesmartma.org/>. This website provides many resources and answers many questions. It is managed by Massachusetts Department of Environmental Protection and applies to most communities in MA. This is where the Westford Recycling Commission goes for answers!

The guides are provided in several languages as well:

[Smart Recycling Guide Your go-to reference for recycling in Massachusetts](#)

[Guía de Reciclaje Su referencia para el reciclaje en Massachusetts](#)

[Guia de Reciclagem Sua referência para reciclagem em Massachusetts](#)

[Smart Recycling Guide Mandarin Chinese](#) 明智的回收指南

[Smart Recycling Guide Hindi](#) स्मार्ट रीसाइक्लिंग गाइड

More languages are available [HERE](#).



## **April is Earth Month – Westford Has Lots of Ways to Celebrate!**

Westford Climate Action and our partners are hosting a wide variety of free events in Westford throughout Earth Month this year ~ April 1-30. Join us – there is something for everyone! For more details and the full list, visit our website, [westfordclimateaction.org](http://westfordclimateaction.org)

### **Weekend Walks in April, Led by Members of the Westford Conservation Trust:**

No registration is required for these walks and all walks will run rain or shine. Well-behaved dogs on leash are welcome. For more information about these walks, call the walk leader for each walk you are interested in, or call Marian Harman at 978-692-3907. For maps and descriptions of these areas, check out the Trust's website at [westfordconservationtrust.org](http://westfordconservationtrust.org)

Saturday, April 20, 9-10:30 AM, A Walk at Greystone Pond

Sunday, April 28 1:00 – 2:30 PM, The Stone Arch Bridge

Please see this [Press Release](#) for specifics on each of walks noted above or see this [flyer](#) for **all** of our activities this month.



## **BSA Troop 437 Annual Bike & Spring Sporting Goods Sale - 5/4**

BSA Scout Troop 437's annual Bike & Spring Sporting Goods Sale will be held on the Westford Common, at the corner of Main and Lincoln Streets, on **Saturday May 4 from 9:00 am to 1:00 pm, rain or shine**. Shop gently-used bikes of all sizes and sporting goods, including camping gear, accessories for baseball, lacrosse, tennis, soccer and other warm-weather sports, exercise equipment, boating gear, canoes, kayaks and much more! There will also be a Bake Sale and a Silent Auction. Cash payments are preferred; Venmo is also accepted. Proceeds support Troop camperships and activities. If the Town Meeting is delayed until May 4, the Bike Sale will take place on Sunday, May 5 instead.

Donations and consignments are accepted for the sale. Learn more at <https://www.westfordtroop437.us/bikesale> Email [bikesale@westfordtroop437.us](mailto:bikesale@westfordtroop437.us) with questions or to coordinate a donation dropoff or pickup.



## **What's happening this April at the Library**

Visit this website for April School Break programs at the library: <https://westfordlibrary.org/kids/kids-programs/>

**Thrift Swap: Thursday, April 18th at 2pm.** Celebrate Earth Month by reducing & reusing! Bring any gently used, unwanted items to our pop-up thrift swap in the Meeting Room. Shop and swap - everything is free! Bring any unwanted items: clothes, accessories, books, notebooks, art supplies, posters, board games, puzzles... anything you don't need that others might want! For Grades 6-12. Refreshments will be served, and leftover items will be donated. Registration is appreciated, but drop-ins are welcome.

**Crafternoon (Taylor's Version): Monday, April 22nd at 3:30pm.** Celebrate the release of The Tortured Poets Department with some Swiftie-theme crafts! We'll listen to her discography while we make friendship bracelets, paper rings, lyric posters and other Swiftie art. For Grade 5 and up. Registration is appreciated, but drop-ins are welcome.

**Sweet Reads Book Club: Tuesday, April 30th at 6:30pm.** Join us for a discussion of *Mirror to Mirror* by Rajani LaRocca. We'll talk about the book and enjoy an on-theme dessert. Copies of the book are available at the library's Main Desk. For Grade 6 and up.



## **Community Wellness and Health Department Offerings**

Through ARPA funding we are still reviewing/accepting applications for the Fiscal Year 2023-2024 for \$400 per child for the Recreation Department After School Program until June 2024. Eligibility for this program is income and Westford residency based. The information on the application will be used to determine your family's eligibility for assistance based on your present gross household income that falls at or below 300% of the federal poverty level (the following income eligibility chart is located on page 3 of the application). Applications should be emailed to Regional Community Health and Wellness Coordinator, Brittany Nash at [bnash@westfordma.gov](mailto:bnash@westfordma.gov) or hand-delivered to the Westford Town Hall, Health Department Attn: Brittany Nash. Applications are funded on a first-come, first basis. For any questions please email [bnash@westfordma.gov](mailto:bnash@westfordma.gov) or call Brittany Nash at (978) 399-2564. **The application can be found here: [ARPA financial Assistance for After School Care Costs Application](#)** Keep in mind we are only accepting applications for after school care costs at this time. Look out for the new fiscal year 2024-2025 application coming this May in which you can apply for Kids Club Summer or After School Care Costs.

### **FREE Youth Mental Health First Aid Training:**

The Youth Mental Health First Aid training teaches adults how to identify, understand, and respond to signs of mental health and substance use challenges among children and adolescents from ages 12-18. Date: This training was split into two days April 29<sup>th</sup> and April 30<sup>th</sup> you must attend both days. Time: 10:00-1:00PM Location: J.V. Fletcher Library, Meeting Room, 50 Main Street, Westford, MA 01886 Roughly 1.5 hours of online pre-work needs to be completed before the in-person training. Register by emailing: Brittany Nash: [bnash@westfordma.gov](mailto:bnash@westfordma.gov) Click here to view the flyer: [YMHA Flyer](#)



## **Westford Recreation News**

### **Rec's After School Enrichment Program, Grades K-5**

REGISTER for both Session 4 AND Session 5 at any time. Our experienced and caring staff leads activities from Build and Design to Sports Mixer fun. Locations: Abbot, Crisafulli, Day, Miller, Nabnasset, and Robinson schools. M-F, from school dismissal to 6:00 p.m. Flexible scheduling options. [About WPC - westfordrec.com](https://westfordrec.com).

### **Rec's Special Programs: Spring Vacation, April 16-19 – Register soon**

Do one day, do all! Featuring: APEX Entertainment, Franklin Park Zoo, EcoTarium, and Animal Adventures. Surrounding communities welcome. Early arrival. Extended day. [Special Programs - westfordrec.com](https://westfordrec.com).

### **NEW IN MAY: On the Mark Archery for Youth and Adults**

Experience the thrill of traditional recurve archery. YOUTH: build confidence and self-esteem. ADULTS: Relax, unwind after work. Small group training is led by a team of certified USA Archery instructors in a safe and fun environment. Equipment provided. [Programs - westfordma.myrec.com](https://westfordma.myrec.com).

### **Recreation Seasonal Programs with More to Come**

APRIL: Soccer Shots for ages 2-5, Marcus Lewis Tennis, Bollywood Dance, Nitehawks Track & Field, and Pickleball. MAY: Archery, Youth Chess. JUNE: Fast Skills Football ages 8 to 13. JULY: NEW Brazilian Youth Soccer Summer Clinic - promote confidence and motivation, for ages 7 to 14. PLUS Speed and Agility with D.J. Brock, Flag Football and more. [Programs - westfordma.myrec.com](https://westfordma.myrec.com).

### **Westford Recreation Summer Weekly Programs – Summer’s Coming**

Swimming, Arts & Crafts, Wingaersheek Beach, Canobie Lake Park, and more. Nine weeks of flexible full-week programs with early arrival and extended day options: Kids Club, Destination Exploration, and Summer Beach Party at D.E. [Summer Weekly Programs - westfordrec.com](https://westfordrec.com).

### **Annual Town Meeting Childcare, April 27, 2024 – REGISTER by April 25**

Westford Recreation is offering free childcare at the Annual Town Meeting. Location: Westford Academy. Must register by Thursday, April 25. No Drop-ins. *Register or learn more at* [Annual Town Meeting Childcare -westfordma.myrec.com](https://westfordma.myrec.com)



### **Westford Boosters Fundraising Event**

Help support the Westford Boosters - on sale now until **April 30**, purchase chocolates or candy bars. Please see this [flyer](#) for the QR code. Items are shipped directly to you.

*We invite you to request postings that comply with our [notification regulation](#) by sending requests to the Superintendent's office at [cmucci@westfordk12.us](mailto:cmucci@westfordk12.us)*