

The Neighborhoods of Westford Connects

These are the geographic neighborhoods in Westford who have taken the bold first step of reaching out to their residents, inviting them to connect by creating a neighborhood directory, and so have begun the ongoing work of building community for the safety and well-being of all their residents. They are recognized here as members of the growing network of connected neighborhoods in Westford, sharing and learning from each other.

The Neighborhoods of Westford Connects are listed in alphabetical order.

The numbering indicates the chronological order in which they were recognized by Westford Connects.

#2 Chicory-Rosebud Neighborhood - 50 homes

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The Chicory/Rosebud neighborhood is a group of 50 homes that are also part of a larger residential community called Hitchin' Post Greens or HPG. The neighborhood is composed of a large circular drive that is Chicory Road and a street called Rosebud Lane which extends in toward the middle of the circle at the top of the hill. It is a beautiful neighborhood with a welcoming sidewalk which is excellent for walking or star-gazing at night. Many neighbors have lived here for 20 years, though some have lived here for less than a year.

#4 Hawk Ridge Neighborhood - 24 homes

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The Hawkridge neighborhood is a group of 24 homes. The association was formed in 2009 and the community is around 5 years old. We have a beautiful community with a very vibrant community spirit. We meet yearly once for a community bbq. We have a community Halloween Parade every year where kids dress up in various fun costumes. We have an active web site and are all connected under a common email group. We meet in the evenings in summer and kids are often seen playing in the open field or seen biking on our private road.

#3 Palace-Crusade Neighborhood – 18 homes

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The Palace-Crusade neighborhood encircles eighteen homes located near the center of Westford. It is a neighborhood of 'Hicks' homes constructed in the 1960's, currently occupied by a diversity of individuals and families who have enjoyed the neighborhood and the town of Westford for anything from one year or less to more than forty years.

#1 Texas Road Neighborhood – 47 homes

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The Texas Road neighborhood is in the Parker Village area of Westford and includes four cul-de-sacs off of Texas Road with 47 homes. Texas Road was originally the "Boston Post Road" connecting Westford and Acton. It was historically an agricultural and wooded area, and a large, open hay field remains today (along with a certified vernal pool), thanks to a trust created in the 1960s by Dick Emmet, Ron Johnson and Dennis McGuire to prevent a gravel operation on what is now the "Audubon Field." Until 1985, the neighborhood was comprised of 13 homes along a dirt road. That year, a 25-acre parcel was sold by the owner, and 27 homes were built by various builders, so the "styles" are varied. In 1986, all 45 owners formed a formal "Neighborhood Association" and



petitioned the Town for betterments – to construct drainage and pave the road and 3 cul-de-sacs. We each contributed \$100 and hired an attorney; we set a new precedent in Town to assess each property owner one share of the betterments, instead of the usual practice of assessment by each property’s road-boundary linear foot. In the late 1990s, another 7 homes were built abutting the Audubon Field. The neighborhood has been very stable; only recently have homes begun to be sold to new families, many with very young children (hooray!). Horses from around the area often are ridden in both directions along the road, mostly to access the hundreds of acres of Town-owned land entered by the Emmet Conservation Land at the farthest end of Texas Road. We have had a neighborhood directory since 1998.

