

Winter 2010 - The Town Common Skating Rink is Open for the season. Here are the guidelines for its use:

## **WESTFORD ICE RINK - FAQs**

### **How do I know if the rink is open for skating?**

Check the board in front (Common Rd side). If the green sign is posted, you may skate. If the red sign is posted, the rink is closed.

### **What if the sign is red but the surface looks skate-able?**

Do not skate and do not assume we have forgotten to update the sign. Maintaining an outdoor rink is a tricky endeavor involving consideration of weather and ambient temperature over a period of time. Repairing a damaged surface can take days, even weeks.

### **What are the rink hours?**

When the sign is green, the rink is open morning until night (11pm), seven days a week. There are lights for night skating. Turn the dial on or off to activate the lights. The lights are on a timer and will not stay on past 11pm. Please no skating or loitering after 11pm.

### **Is hockey allowed?**

Tuesday nights are "Hockey Night in Westford," when the ice is reserved for pick-up games. This is not a suitable time for casual skaters to enjoy the rink. Hockey players must share the ice all other times.

### **What about broomball?**

Wednesday nights are "Broomball Night in Westford," when the ice is reserved for pick-up broomball games. This is not a suitable time for casual skaters to enjoy the rink.

### **Can I reserve the rink for private use?**

No. This is a community ice rink and we do not schedule it for private use. However, private groups often take a chance and use it successfully by avoiding high usage times (weekend days, vacations days, and Tuesday & Wednesday nights).

### **Who maintains the rink?**

Community volunteers maintain the rink for the Westford Rec Dept. This involves frequent shoveling, snow blowing and watering the ice. Please do your part by staying off the ice when the red sign is posted and by keeping the rink clean. There is a garbage can for trash and a blue bin for recycling.

### **There are shovels left at the rink - can anyone shovel?**

As long as the green sign is posted, anyone may use the shovels to clear the ice surface. Please do NOT leave piles of snow around the inside perimeter as this deteriorates the ice surface.

### **When are the Broomball tournaments this year?**

The Youth Tournament (grades 1-8) is Saturday, February 27. The Adult Tournament is Friday night, March 5th and Saturday (all day), March 6th.