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## WEBSTER TOWN SUPERVISOR



**Thomas J. Flaherty**  
Town Supervisor

To My Webster Friends:

One thing I've learned in five+ years as Webster Town Supervisor is that there is never a slow time for Webster Town government. Each of the departments that serve the 45,000 citizens of Webster is in constant motion whether it be the day-to-day services it provides or researching and making changes to ensure that we stay up to date with the ever-changing landscape of society.

To this latter point, the Town government as an organization can't operate in

2025 the same way it did thirty years ago in 1995. To that point, we are constantly planning for the future to support our community and ensure taxpayer dollars are used responsibly and efficiently in providing services. This is why the onset of Comprehensive plan update is such an important endeavor in 2025 as we look to reach our long-term goals. Webster's Comprehensive Plan was last updated in 2008.

I look forward to sharing more information about

the Comprehensive Plan as this project begins and I encourage the community to be involved in the update process, as engagement is a critical piece of the update.

As always, please feel free to call or e-mail me with any questions or concerns.

Sincerely,

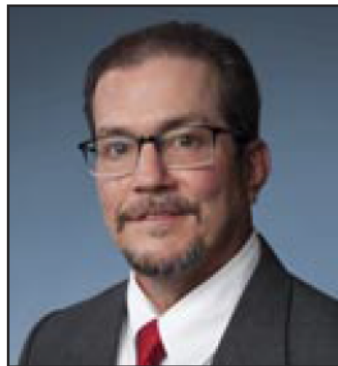
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15 Years of Service



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5 Years of Service



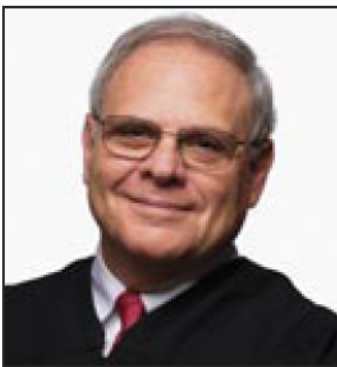
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3 Years of Service



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1 Year of Service



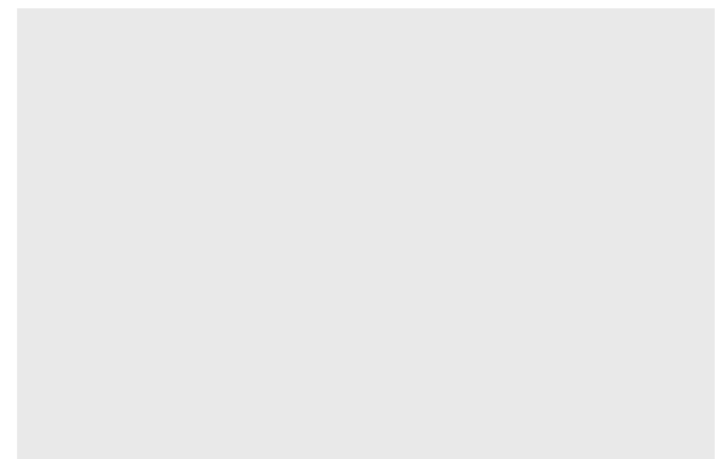
## WEBSTER TOWN JUSTICES



**Thomas J. DiSalvo**  
Town Justice  
Since 2001



**Christine Seppeler**  
Town Justice  
Since 2023



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# SPRINGTIME

## at Webster Parks and Recreation

*By Katie Kovar, Recreation Director*

One of the best quotes about spring is simple: "Spring - A lovely reminder of how beautiful change can be." After a long winter - we crave sun, warmth, a fresh air. We stretch out from underneath our covers and revisit parks, socialize more and find beauty in the blooming flowers and sounds of kids playing outside.

At Webster Parks and Recreation, we embrace the clean calendar - the chance to improve from previous years and try new things. Our parks slowly begin to reopen, get cleaned up. We all feel good coming out from our own hibernation and thrive on finding ways to engage with our community in the spring year.

We are thrilled to announce our 2025 large event offerings beginning this spring. While some events are our favorite repeaters we always promise new elements within them. Summer Celebration this year will bring a new music group - a local favorite - Zac Brown Tribute Band. Webster Night with the Rochester Red Wings will feature more local youth sports groups - and Mud Run...more mud, of course.

We are so appreciative of all you do, Webster, to support and participate in these events! Stay up to date and follow us on FB and IG @WebsterRecreation and, as always, visit our website for information at: [websterny.gov/702/Parks-Recreation](http://websterny.gov/702/Parks-Recreation).

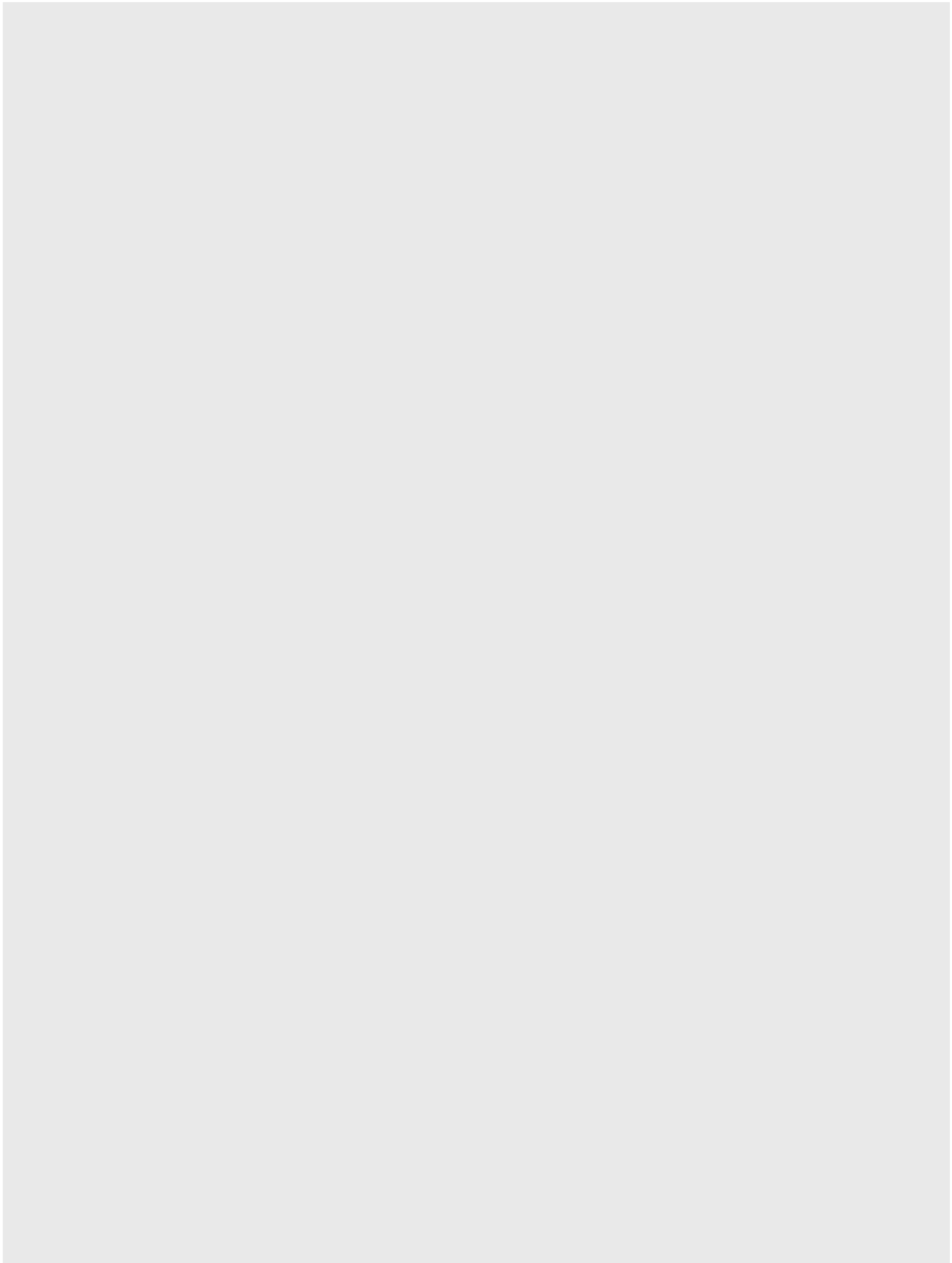
### THE 2025 WEBSTER PARKS & RECREATION Events Calendar

<b>FRIDAY 5/16</b>	<b>FAMILY FUN NIGHT</b> 6:00-8:00 PM @ CHALLENGER MIRACLE FIELD
<b>WEDNESDAY 5/28</b>	<b>NATIONAL (55+) SENIOR FITNESS DAY</b> 10:00 AM - 2:00 PM @ WEBSTER RECREATION CENTER
<b>SATURDAY 6/7</b>	<b>SUMMER CELEBRATION</b> 4:00-10:00 PM @ WEBSTER RECREATION CENTER
<b>FRIDAY 6/13</b>	<b>GOLDEN GALA FOR AGES 55+</b> 3:00-5:00 PM @ WEBSTER RECREATION CENTER
<b>MULTIPLE DATES</b>	<b>MUSIC AT THE ARB</b> 6/9   7/7   8/4 AT 6:30 PM @ WEBSTER ARBORETUM
<b>SATURDAY 7/19</b>	<b>SUMMER SPLASH</b> 3:00-5:00 PM @ FIRST RESPONDERS SPRAY PARK
<b>TUESDAY 8/12</b>	<b>SANDBAR SPLENDOR</b> 5:00-7:00 PM @ SANDBAR PARK
<b>FRIDAY 8/22</b>	<b>WEBSTER NIGHT WITH ROCHESTER RED WINGS</b> 6:45 PM GAME TIME @ INNOVATIVE FIELD
<b>SATURDAY 9/20</b>	<b>MUD RUN</b> TIME TBD @ WEBSTER RECREATION CENTER
<b>SATURDAY 10/25</b>	<b>PUMPKINS ON PARADE</b> 7:00-8:30 PM @ WEBSTER RECREATION CENTER
<b>SUNDAY 10/26</b>	<b>HALLOWEEN FITNESS EVENT</b> TIME TBD @ WEBSTER RECREATION CENTER
<b>SATURDAY 12/13</b>	<b>AFTERNOON WITH SANTA</b> 1:00-3:00 PM @ WEBSTER RECREATION CENTER

ALL DATES & TIMES ARE SUBJECT TO CHANGE!  
FOR MORE UP-TO-DATE INFORMATION VISIT:  
[WEBSTERNY.GOV/609/UPCOMING-EVENTS](http://WEBSTERNY.GOV/609/UPCOMING-EVENTS)

**WEBSTER**  
Parks & Recreation







# WEBSTER HEALTH AND EDUCATION NETWORK

*Impacting the Webster community for 30 years*

The Webster Health and Education Network (WHEN) was established in 1995 and is a leader in the advocacy and promotion of healthy, substance-free behaviors and lifestyles in the Webster community. Because research suggests that the longer youth wait to use drugs and/or alcohol, the less likely it is that they will become addicted later in life, the organization's goal is to collaborate with their community partners to delay, decrease, and prevent substance use among youth.

WHEN continues to grow, with their membership increasing to over 170 since its inception in 1995.

Janine Sanger serves as the Executive Director of WHEN and has led the organization since 2005 when she became the Chemical Abuse Prevention Coordinator for Webster Schools. Her official title changed to Executive Director in 2019, when WHEN received its first grant.

### Does WHEN have community events?

Working closely with the Webster Central School District, Town of

Webster, and several other community resources to support drug education and awareness initiatives, WHEN hosts several events throughout the community that support their mission.

**“It’s a simple step all residents can take to help keep our community safe.”**

**Janine Sanger, WHEN Executive Director**

*on the importance of Drug Take Back Days*

WHEN hosts several events throughout the community that support their mission. WHEN provides evidence-based programming focusing on protective factors: conditions or attributes in individual families and communities that promote the health and well-being of children and families.

They also collaborate with the Town of Webster and Webster Police

Department to implement Webster's DEA National Drug Take Back Days. These events help prevent the misuse of potentially dangerous unused, unwanted, or expired prescription and over-the-counter medications by safely disposing of them. The next Drug Take Back event is right around the corner on **Saturday, April 26** from **10:00am – 2pm** in front of the Webster Justice Court Building, 1002 Ridge Rd.

### Impact Stories

The impact that WHEN has had on the Webster community and beyond is substantial. WHEN has collaborated with the Monroe County IMPACT team to install several Nalox Boxes throughout Webster. These naloxone boxes are available throughout our community in parks, public spaces, and private businesses, and provide access to life-saving naloxone, a generic form of Narcan that rapidly reverses an opioid overdose. WHEN also provides naloxone administration training within Webster through WHEN member Master Sergeant Joseph Seaver and the New York State Counter Drug Task Force.





In addition, WHEN and Webster Central School District recently partnered to display forty-four signs on school property that promote protective factors and encourage health, wellness, and positivity. This school year, WHEN presented a series of parent forums titled, “Navigating the Tween Years” to help equip parents with the resources and knowledge to bolster their children’s resilience as they grow more independent.

### How can I learn more?

WHEN’s website, [whendfcc.org](http://whendfcc.org), has resources for mental health, substance use disorder, nicotine cessation, and more. The website also dispels myths and shares facts about vaping and underage drinking and provides information about certain substances and how parents can talk to their kids about them. Residents may subscribe to WHEN’s monthly e-newsletter, join the organization, or volunteer to learn more and become involved.

The coalition has been awarded federal grants by the White House Office of National Drug Control Policy (ONDCP) in both 2019 and 2024 to provide youth substance use prevention in Webster New York. The Town of Webster is grateful for the work that WHEN does in our community and looks forward to continuing to partner with them into the future.

# WEBSTER PUBLIC LIBRARY: *book sale!*



The Friends of Webster Public Library Book Sale is April 30 through May 3.  
Here's everything you need to know before you go!

The Friends of the Webster Public Library's Book Sale will be held April 30 through May 3. The first day of the sale, April 30 from 4:00 pm - 7:00 pm, is exclusively for Friends Members. A Friends membership is required to attend this Book Sale and Vintage Book Sale. Membership can be purchased at [websterlibrary.org](http://websterlibrary.org) or at the door.

All are welcome to attend the Book Sale on May 1 from 9:00 am - 7:00 pm. Hardcover books will be \$1 each and paperbacks are only 50 cents each. May 2 from 10:00 am - 4:00 pm and May 3 from 10:00 am - 12:00 pm are Bring-Your-Own-Bag Sale days, when you can fill your bag with books for only \$5. All are welcome to attend the BYOB Sale days. Thank you for supporting the Friends of the Webster Public Library!



*Friends of Webster Public Library volunteer helping at a past book sale.*







## SEASONAL UPDATE

*from Webster Highway Department*

**By Pat Stephens, Highway Superintendent**

As spring begins, there are several services you can expect to see our dedicated staff undertaking around Town.

There will be crews repairing any lawn damage caused by our snow and ice removal operations. Our goal is for these repairs to be minimal, but we will address any work needed. This work is not completed until it is very likely that additional plowing operations are no longer needed. This may not coincide with when you choose to complete your own spring yard work; we appreciate your patience.

As a part of our courtesy mailbox repair policy, we will be making any necessary repairs or replacements. Our drivers work hard to avoid any damage of this nature; however, it still happens. If you believe your mailbox is damaged by a Town snow and ice removal operation, contact the Highway Department. Once your information is received, we will review the damage to confirm it was caused by a Town operation and complete a temporary repair as soon as possible. After the mailbox is functional, we plan a permanent

repair, or replacement, for spring. If a replacement is needed, a standard steel mailbox with a wooden post, meeting USPS standards, is provided regardless of the type of box damaged. If you would prefer to handle the damage yourself, we also offer a cash reimbursement of \$25 instead of a repair or standard replacement.

Leaf compost from our fall leaf collection service becomes available for pickup or delivery. When weather conditions allow, a pile of leaf compost will be placed in the Town parking area along Orchard Street near the intersection at Holt Road. Residents may pick up the compost there for free. We also offer delivery of leaf compost or wood chips directly to your home for \$50 per load; the fee is for delivery service. Forms can be found on our website, with orders being taken beginning at the end of March.

Spring snow melt and rain trigger the beginning of our drainage maintenance throughout the Town. This work occurs along common drainageways to prevent flooding and ensure safe travel throughout the Town. This work ranges from pond

outlet cleaning to removal of trees and debris from waterways, to piping and structure replacements. If you spot a drainage backup, please contact the Highway Department to have the situation assessed.

This spring is very special as we will be providing these services from our new state-of-the-art facility on Picture Parkway. The new, energy-efficient facility puts our fleet of main line plow trucks and Highway staff back under one roof. The new 82,000-square-foot facility provides parking for up to 30 trucks, a six-bay maintenance area, a welding and fabrication shop, a sign shop, men's and women's locker rooms, a kitchen and break area for up to fifty staff, and office space for administrative staff. The construction of the streamlined clear span building started in August 2023 and was completed in less than eighteen months while remaining under the original proposed project budget.

You can stay up to date on the programs and services offered by the Webster Highway Department by visiting our website at: <https://websterny.gov/84/Highway>







# SERVICES AND TASKS OF THE *Webster Assessor's Office*

By Donna M. Komor, IAO, Town Assessor

The Assessor's Office is best known for their responsibility of placing value on properties, which will be used to calculate property tax bills throughout the tax year. However, the Webster Assessment Office is also responsible for providing many other services for our community in their daily routine. Here are a few more:

### **Grievance**

Every Assessor is charged with the responsibility of defending the Town against challenges to assessment valuations. This is commonly known as "Grievance" during May, but the challenges may continue to either Small Claims Assessment Review, for qualified properties (at the County court level) or to New York State Supreme Court (usually for commercial and industrial properties). During town-wide revaluations, additional steps are added to the valuation process to ensure that those wishing to question or learn about their assessed values have the opportunity.

### **Staying Updated with Real Estate Sales**

When a property is sold, papers are signed at the closing table, including the Real Property Transfer Report (RP5217). The Assessor's Office receives a copy, along with a copy of the deed, to update the ownership and mailing address in our records. When tax bills are produced by the county, the Assessor's database is used to generate bills with the most

current owner names and mailing addresses on record. If you ever need to change your mailing address, please notify our office in writing and we will notify all taxing jurisdictions (town, county, school, and special districts).

### **Apportionment**

When a property is divided by a special district line, the respective portions of the property must be properly charged for each district. This is one example of apportionment and is the Assessment Office's responsibility. For example, if you have a larger tract of land with a house on it, and the fire district boundary runs through it 500 feet from the road. You will want to pay the appropriate amount of taxes to each fire district. While our fire district tax rates are very similar, in other examples or other towns, it can be a considerable difference in tax amounts. The Assessor allocates the property for proper taxation by the various districts.

### **Subdivision Filings**

While the construction of new houses being built in Webster has decreased, the Assessor still responds to every subdivision filing, no matter how small. The Assessor reviews the subdivision plans for changes to our data. Once approved by all necessary departments, the map is filed by the applicant at the county offices. A copy will be returned to the Assessor with the revised tax map, which we verify

for accuracy. New parcels are created according to the plan for the ensuing tax year, and addresses are assigned. Our office then notifies the emergency personnel, utility companies, and other government agencies, including the US Post Office of the newly assigned addresses. All this must occur before a building permit may be issued for the proposed subdivision.

### **Community Resources**

We are a resource for lawyers, realtors, and appraisers whose jobs require assessment information to assist residents and property owners. We are also focused on public education on the functions of our office and other assessment-related topics, such as revaluations.

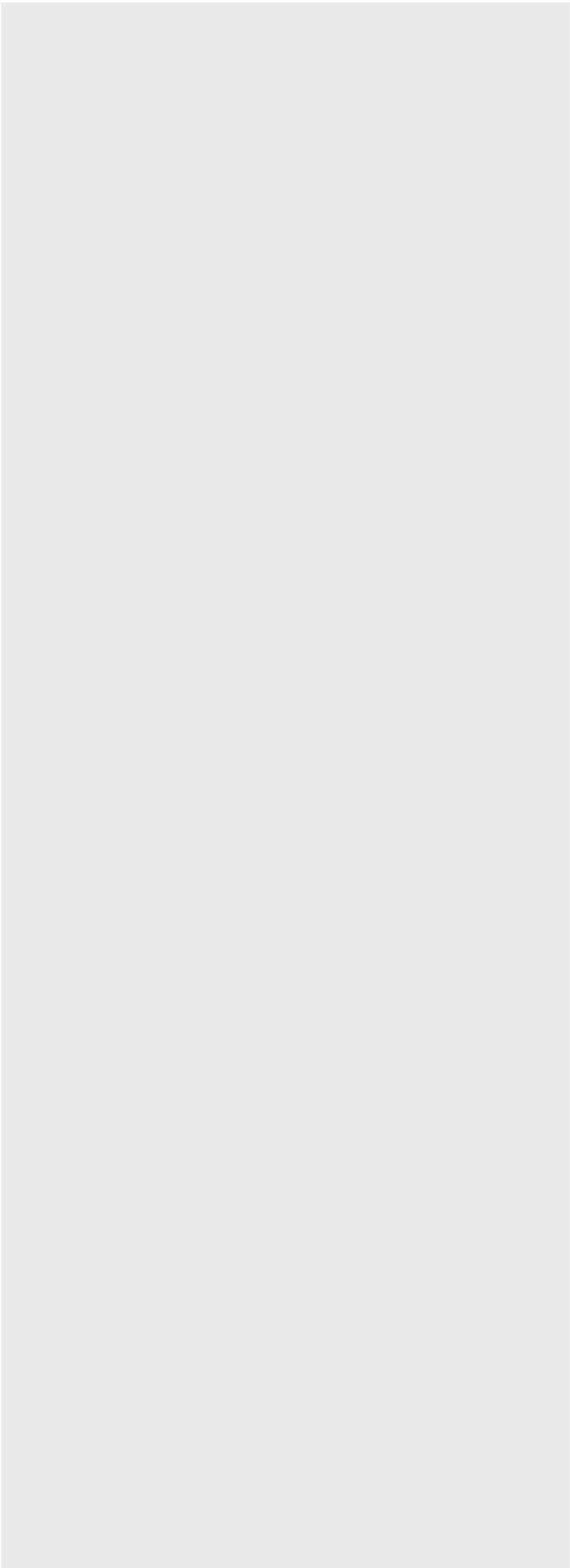
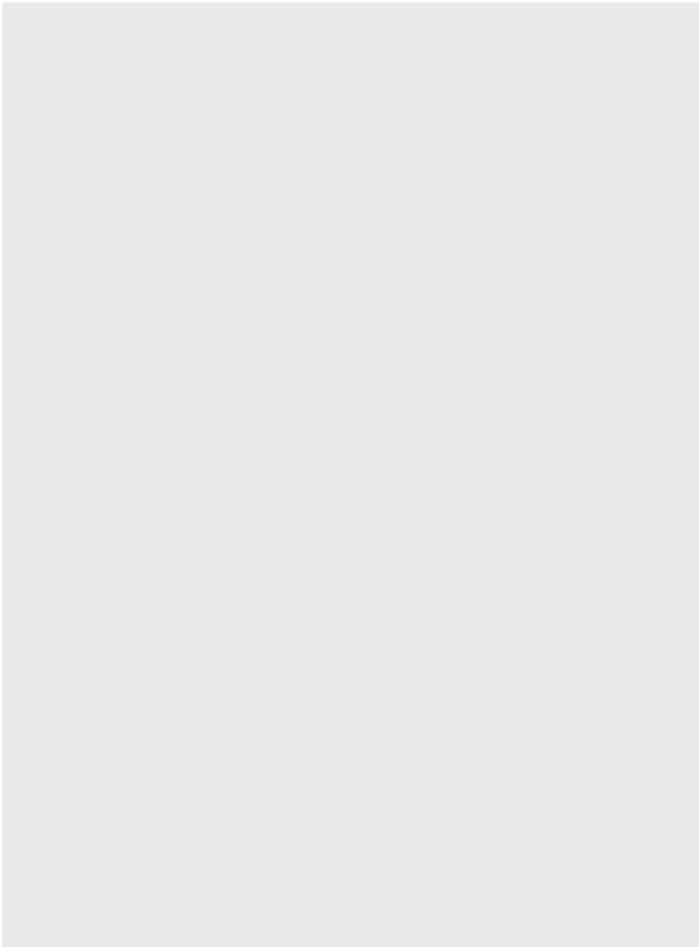
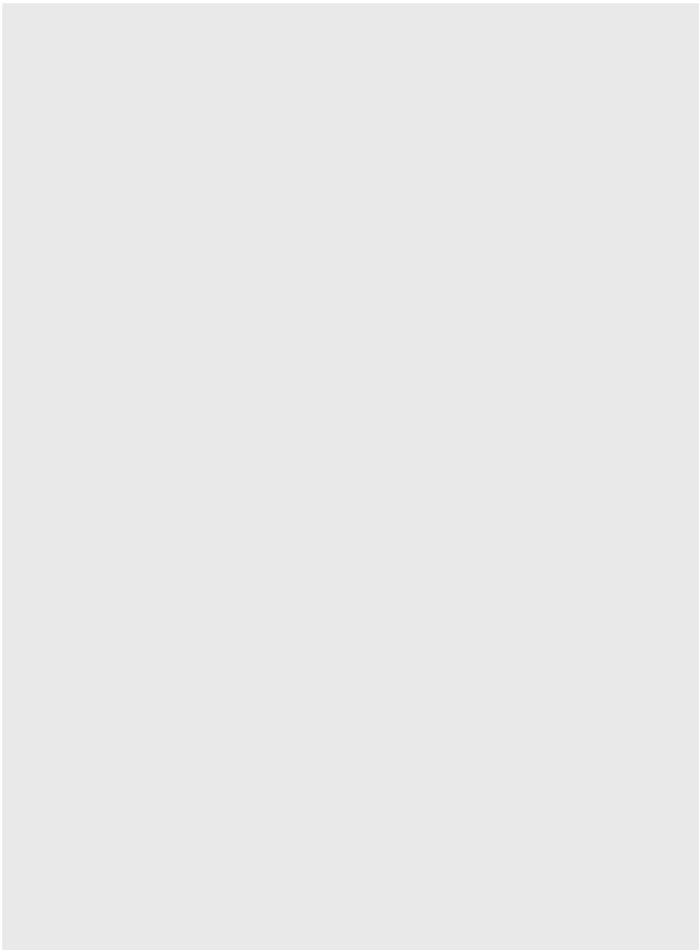
### **Where can you find us?**

We look forward to meeting you! The Webster Assessor's Office is located in Webster Town Hall, 1000 Ridge Road. We are available from 8:30am – 4:30pm, Monday through Friday.

As the Town of Webster embarks on a 2027 townwide revaluation project, the Assessor's Office will be offering and participating in many community outreach events to provide transparency on this complex topic.

For more information on our services and other resources, visit our webpage:  
[websterny.gov/77/Assessment-Office](http://websterny.gov/77/Assessment-Office)

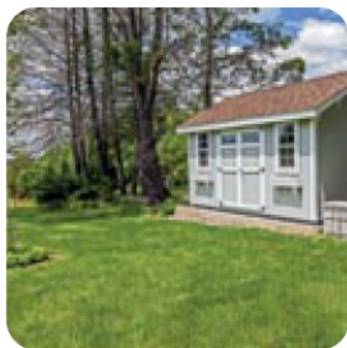






# Does my project require a **BUILDING PERMIT?**

As spring arrives each year, Webster homeowners are excited to tackle new projects, from building a deck to installing a pool, as well as other repairs and home improvements. To ensure everything is in line with local and state regulations, it is important to know which projects require a building permit. Webster's Building Department is here to provide all the information you need to get started!



### **Residential Sheds\***

Residential sheds are any shed constructed or delivered that is 200 square feet or less. These sheds must be in the rear or side yard, and a minimum of five feet from any property line. **Residential sheds require a Building Permit.**

*\* Some restrictions may apply. Please call the Building Department to inquire about your specific project.*

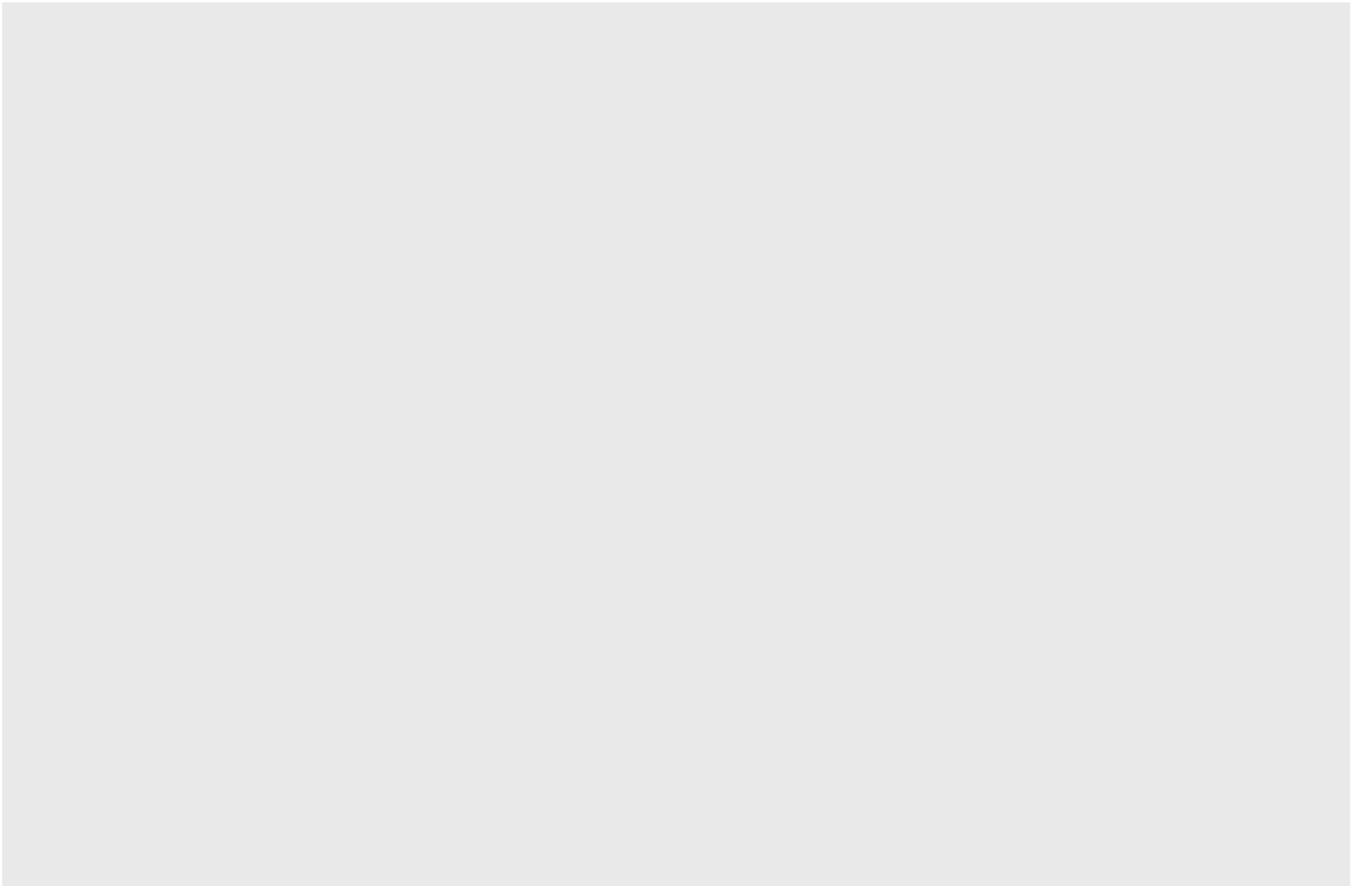
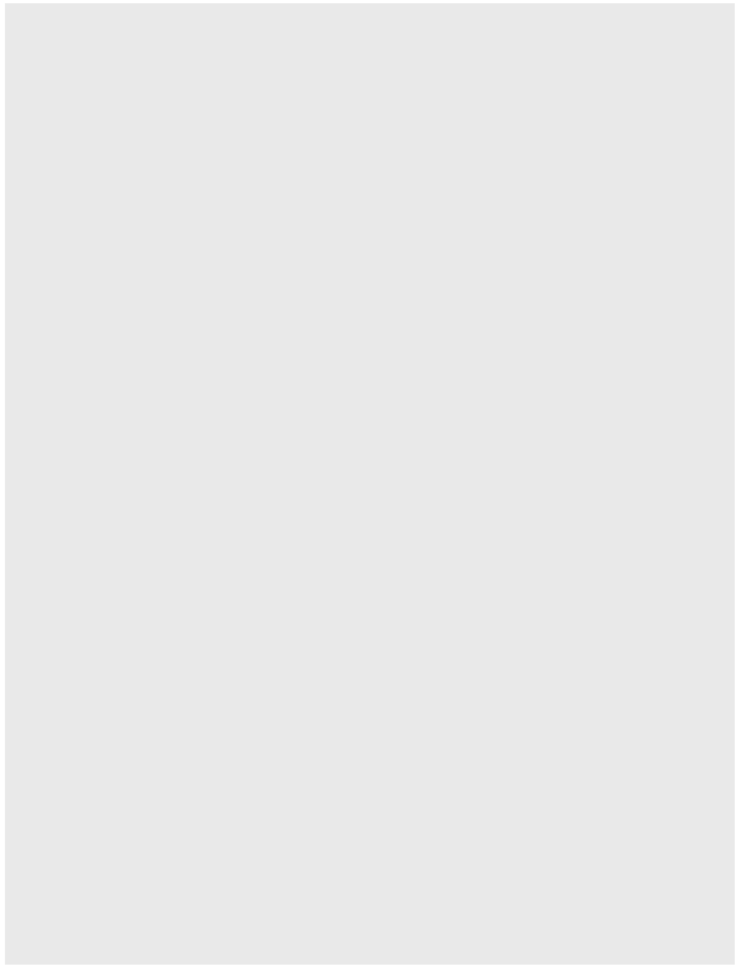
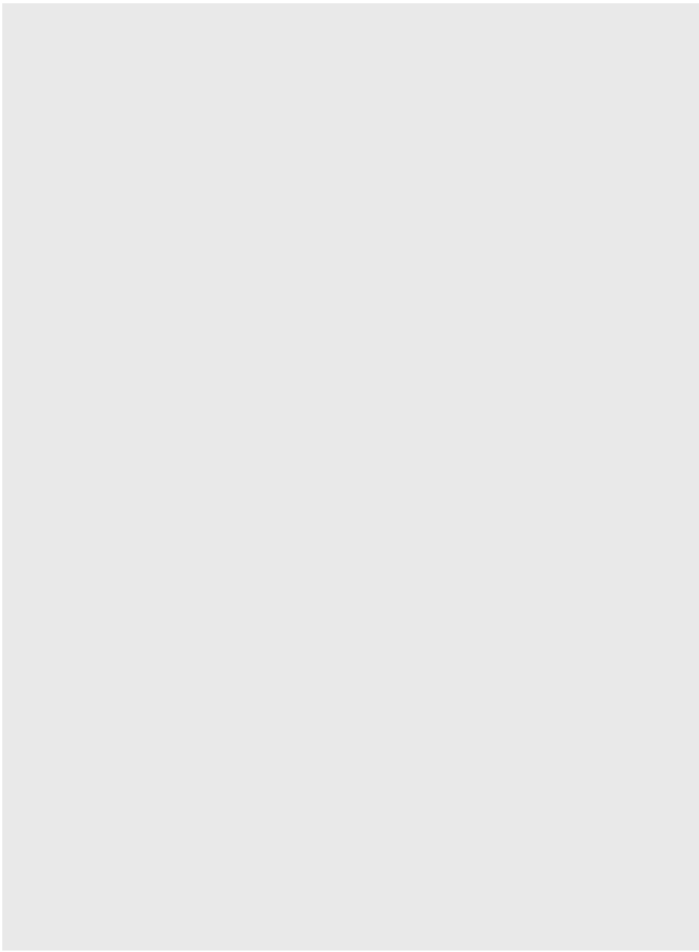
### **Accessory Buildings**

Any outbuilding larger than 200 square feet must follow zoning setbacks for the district the property is located in. Structures must be no larger than 2% of the lot size or 25% of the principal dwelling square footage. **All accessory buildings require a building permit; structures over 500 square feet also require Planning Board approval.**



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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<b>T</b> Town of Webster <b>P</b> Parks & Rec <b>L</b> Library <b>H</b> Holiday/Other <b>S</b> Webster Schools		<b>1</b> <b>APRIL</b> <b>P</b> Summer Program Registration Begins	2	3 <b>T</b> 6:30pm TBW 7:30pm TBM	4	5
6	7	8 <b>T</b> 7:00pm PBM	9	10	11	12 <b>H</b> Passover begins
13	14 <b>S</b> No School <b>P</b> April Break Camp	15 <b>S</b> No School <b>P</b> April Break Camp <b>T</b> 7:00pm ZBM	16 <b>S</b> No School <b>P</b> April Break Camp <b>L</b> 6:30pm Teen Library Club	17 <b>S</b> No School <b>P</b> April Break Camp 12pm: 55+ April Showers Party <b>T</b> 6:30pm TBW 7:30pm TBM	18 <b>S</b> No School <b>P</b> April Break Camp	19 <b>L</b> 10:00am Special Needs Parent Resource Fair
20 <b>H</b> Easter Day (Rec Center Closed)	21 <b>H</b> Earth Day	22	23	24	25 12pm: 55+ Lunch Bunch <b>P</b> to Sogo Japanese	26 <b>P</b> 8am: Helping Heroes Clean-Up Day 10am: Drug Take Back Day with WHEN and WPD: Webster Justice Court Building
27	28	29	30 4:00 pm Friends Members Only Book Sale and Vintage Book Sale <b>L</b>	1 <b>MAY</b> <b>P</b> Summer Programs Start <b>L</b> 9:00 am Book Sale 6:30 pm TBW <b>T</b> 7:30 pm TBM	2 <b>L</b> 10:00am Book Sale - Bag Sale	3 <b>L</b> 10:00am Book Sale - Bag Sale
4	5 <b>P</b> Adult Softball Leagues Begin for Summer	6 <b>T</b> 7:00pm PBM	7	8	9	10 <b>L</b> 10:00am Volunteer Fair
11 <b>H</b> Mother's Day	12	13 <b>T</b> 7:00pm ZBM	14	15 <b>T</b> 6:30pm TBW 7:30pm TBM	16 <b>P</b> 6:00pm: Family Fun Night	17



18	19	20	21	22	23	24
25	26	27	28	29	30	31
	<b>H</b> Memorial Day <b>T</b> Town Offices <b>C</b> CLOSED <b>S</b> No School		<b>P</b> 10:00am: National Senior Fitness Day <b>L</b> 6:30pm Teen Library Club			
1	2	3	4	5	6	7
JUNE		<b>T</b> 7:00pm PBM		<b>T</b> 6:30pm TBW 7:30pm TBM		<b>P</b> 4-10pm: Summer Celebration
8	9	10	11	12	13	14
		<b>T</b> 7:00pm ZBM			<b>P</b> 3-5pm: Golden Gala for Ages 55+	<b>H</b> Flag Day
15	16	17	18	19	20	21
<b>H</b> Father's Day			<b>T</b> 6:30pm TBW 7:30pm TBM	<b>J</b> Juneteenth <b>H</b> Town Offices CLOSED (Rec Center Open) <b>S</b> No School <b>P</b> 6:30pm: Music at the Arb	<b>S</b> Schroeder Graduation	
22	23	24	25	26	27	28
		<b>L</b> 5:30pm Summer Reading Kick-off	<b>P</b> K-5 Summer Camp Begins at Rec Center <b>L</b> 6:30pm Teen Library Club <b>S</b> Thomas Graduation			
29	30	31	Event dates and times may be subject to change and/or cancellation. Parks and Recreation and Library Events MAY REQUIRE REGISTRATION. Visit <a href="http://webstermy.gov">webstermy.gov</a> and <a href="http://websterlibrary.org">websterlibrary.org</a> for registration requirements and updated event information.			
		<b>P</b> K-5 Summer Camp Begins at Mem South	TBW: Town Board Workshop TBM: Town Board Meeting PBM: Planning Board Meeting ZBM: Zoning Board of Appeals Meeting			



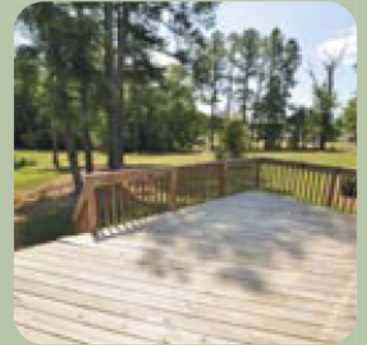
## Fences\*

Fences located in the front yard may not be taller than four feet and must be decorative. Fences that are in the rear and/or side yard may be up to six feet and placed up to the property line. **All fences require a Building Permit.**

*\* Some restrictions may apply. Please call the Building Department to inquire about your specific project.*

## Decks

All platforms, walks, and decks over twelve inches above grade, and new construction or any repair/modification to the substructure framing or posts **require a Building Permit.**

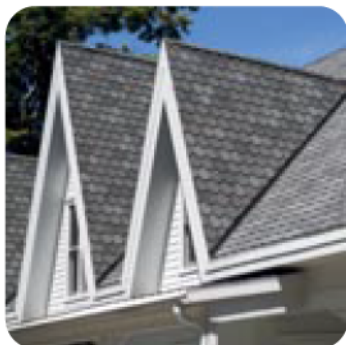


## Swimming Pools and Hot Tubs/Spas

These items must be at least fifteen feet from property lines. Inground, above ground, and temporary swimming pools and hot tub/spas that are capable of holding twenty-four or more inches of water **require a Building Permit.**

## Interior Remodel

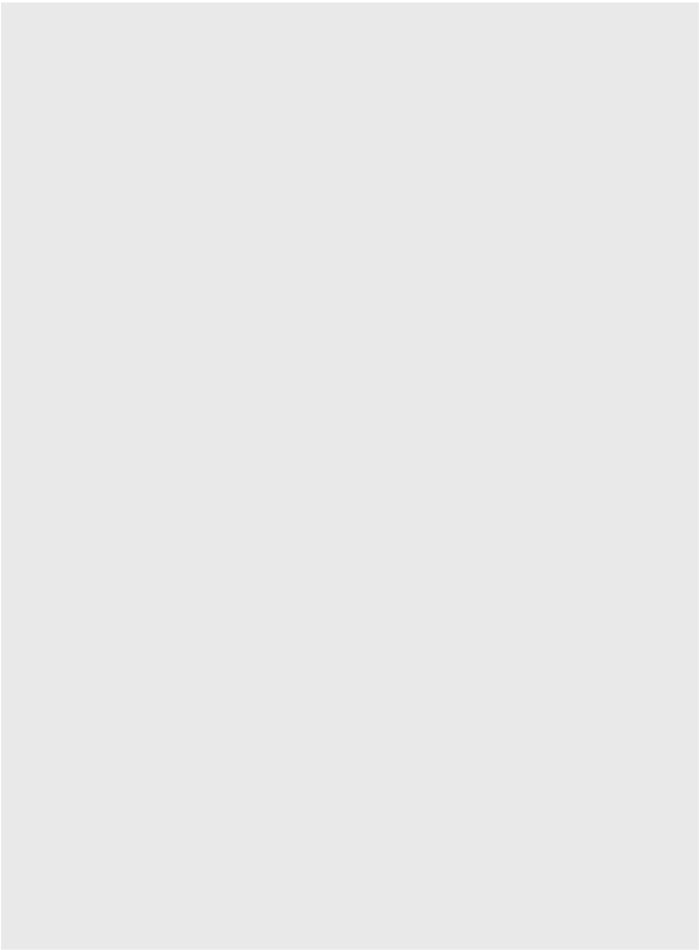
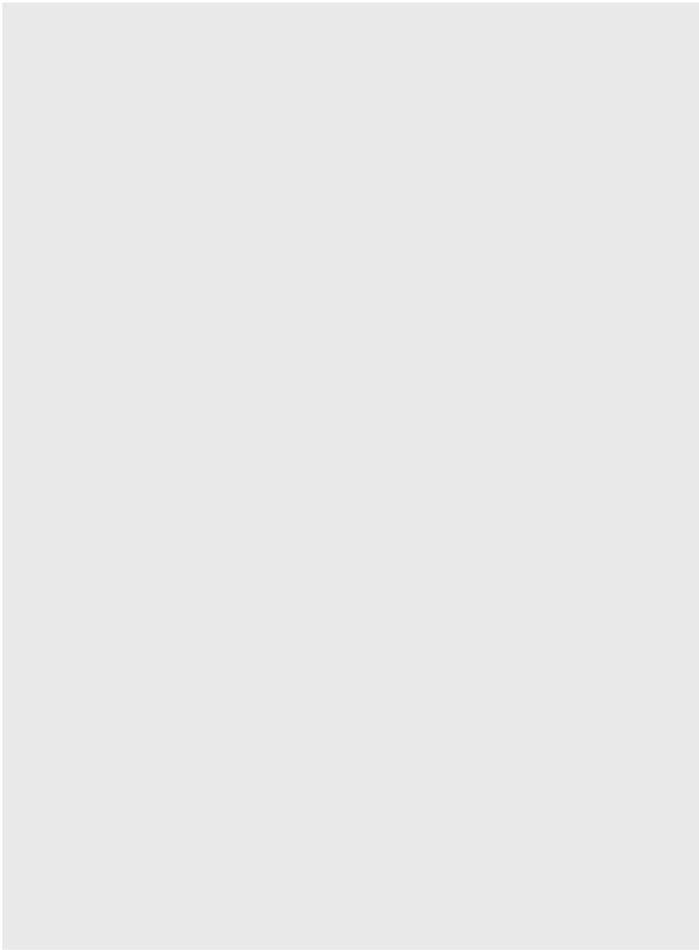
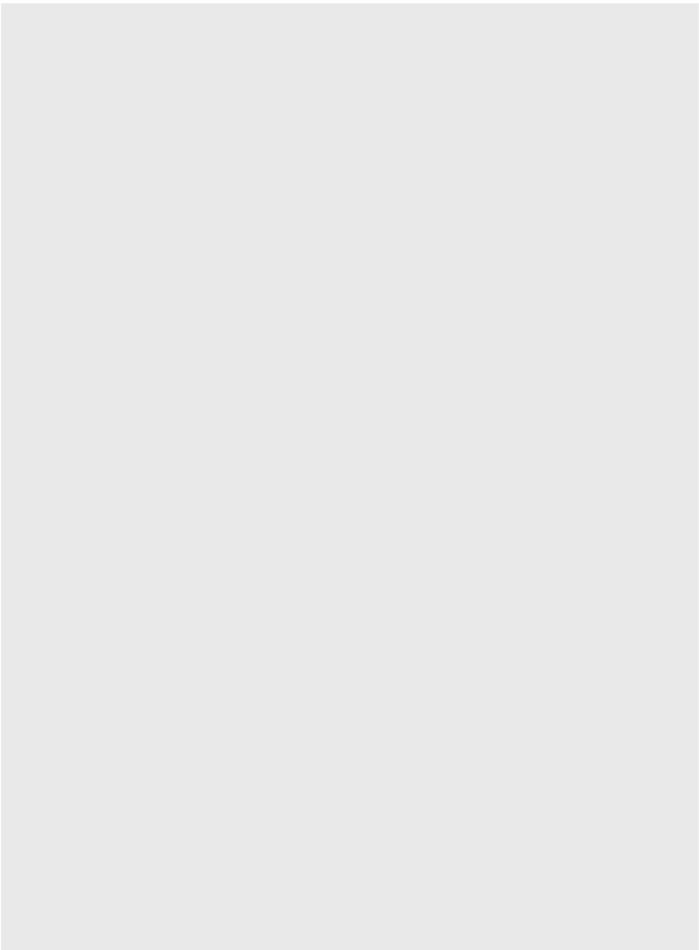
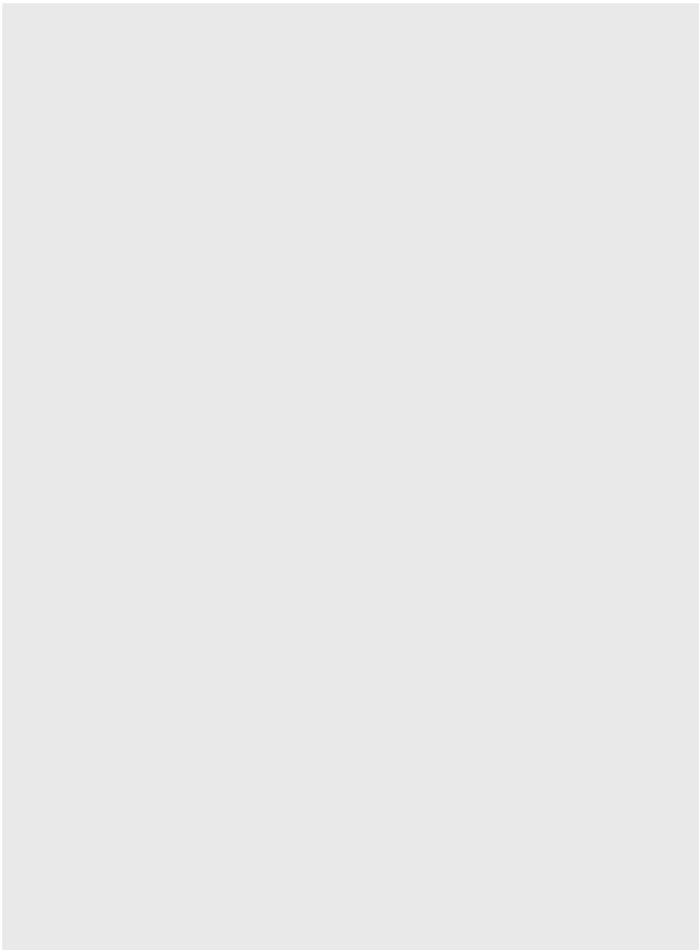
Changing, moving, or repairing any floors, walls, or ceiling that is part of the structural portion of a house **requires a Building Permit.**



## Re-Roof and Roof Repair

Any roof replacement or roof repair of substantial area **requires a Building Permit.**







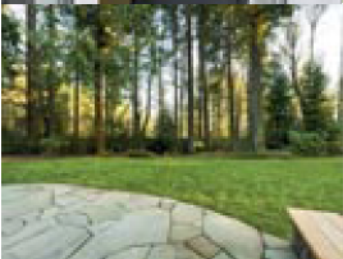
## Solar Panels and Standby Generators

All roof-mounted and freestanding solar panels **require a Building Permit**, along with all other related documents. All automatic/standby generators **require a Building Permit** along with all approvals from energy supplier, and related documents.

## Residential Additions

All additions must follow the zoning requirements and setbacks for the district it is located in.

**Additions require a Building Permit.**



## Which projects do not require a Building Permit?



Playgrounds, swing sets, tree houses, and play houses



Window and door replacement of same size units, siding replacement, and cosmetic work

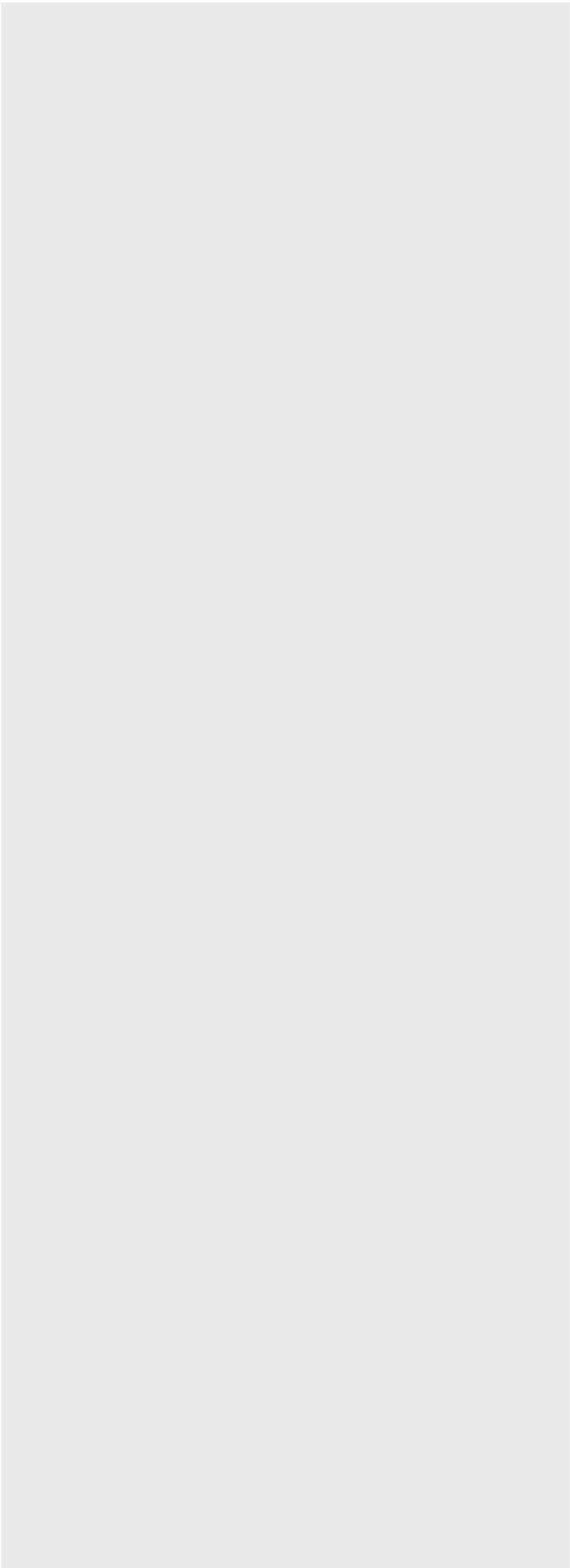
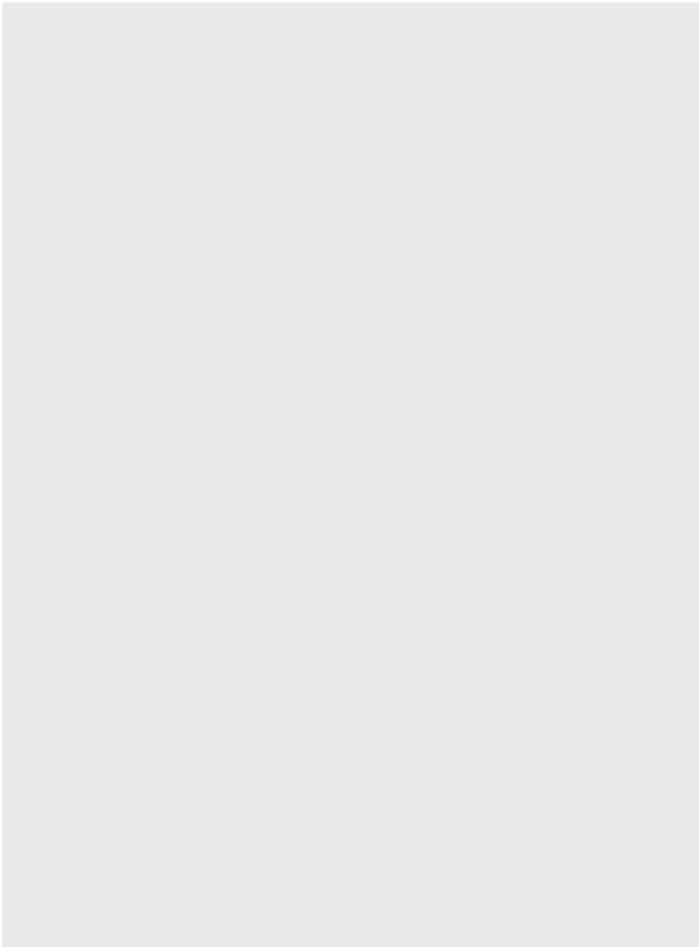
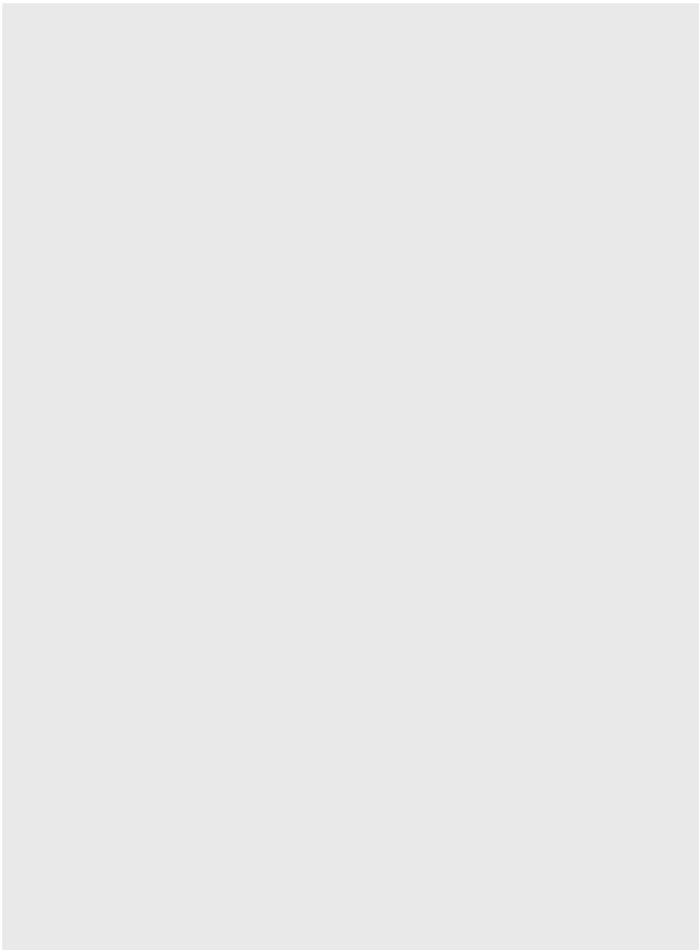


Patios, platforms, and walks less than twelve inches above grade

Knowing which home improvement projects require a building permit and associated inspections is crucial for safety and compliance with local regulations.

For more information or guidance on obtaining permit, contact the Webster Building Department at [building@websterny.gov](mailto:building@websterny.gov) or 585-872-7036. We are happy to help ensure your project meets all necessary requirements.







## SPRINGTIME Wildlife Reminders

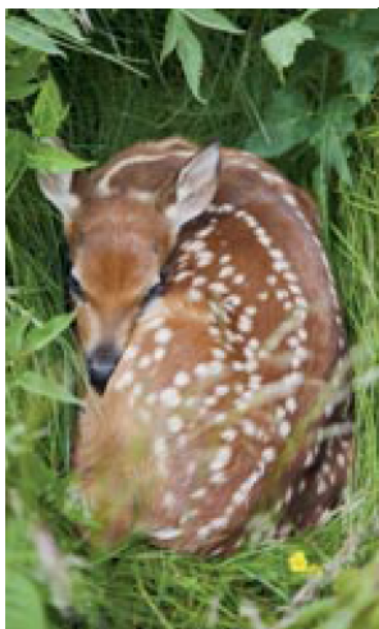
### Birds

Nesting seasons for most birds are in the spring and summer. If you come across a baby bird out of its nest, it is important to determine if the bird is a hatchling, nestling, or fledgling.

A **hatchling** is recently hatched from the egg. Typically, if a hatchling is on the ground, it is likely that it has fallen out of the nest due to weather or another nest disturbance. If you find a hatchling on the ground, they need help, since they are unable to fend for themselves and will likely die without assistance.

A **nestling** is slightly older than a hatchling but is still not capable of being on its own. If you find a nestling on the ground, they will need help as they are vulnerable to weather, predators, and malnourishment.

A **fledgling** is older than a nestling. They are still learning to fly and are often found on the ground hopping and flitting around after a failed flight attempt. If you find a fledgling on the ground, it is likely that they do not need rescuing.



### Deer

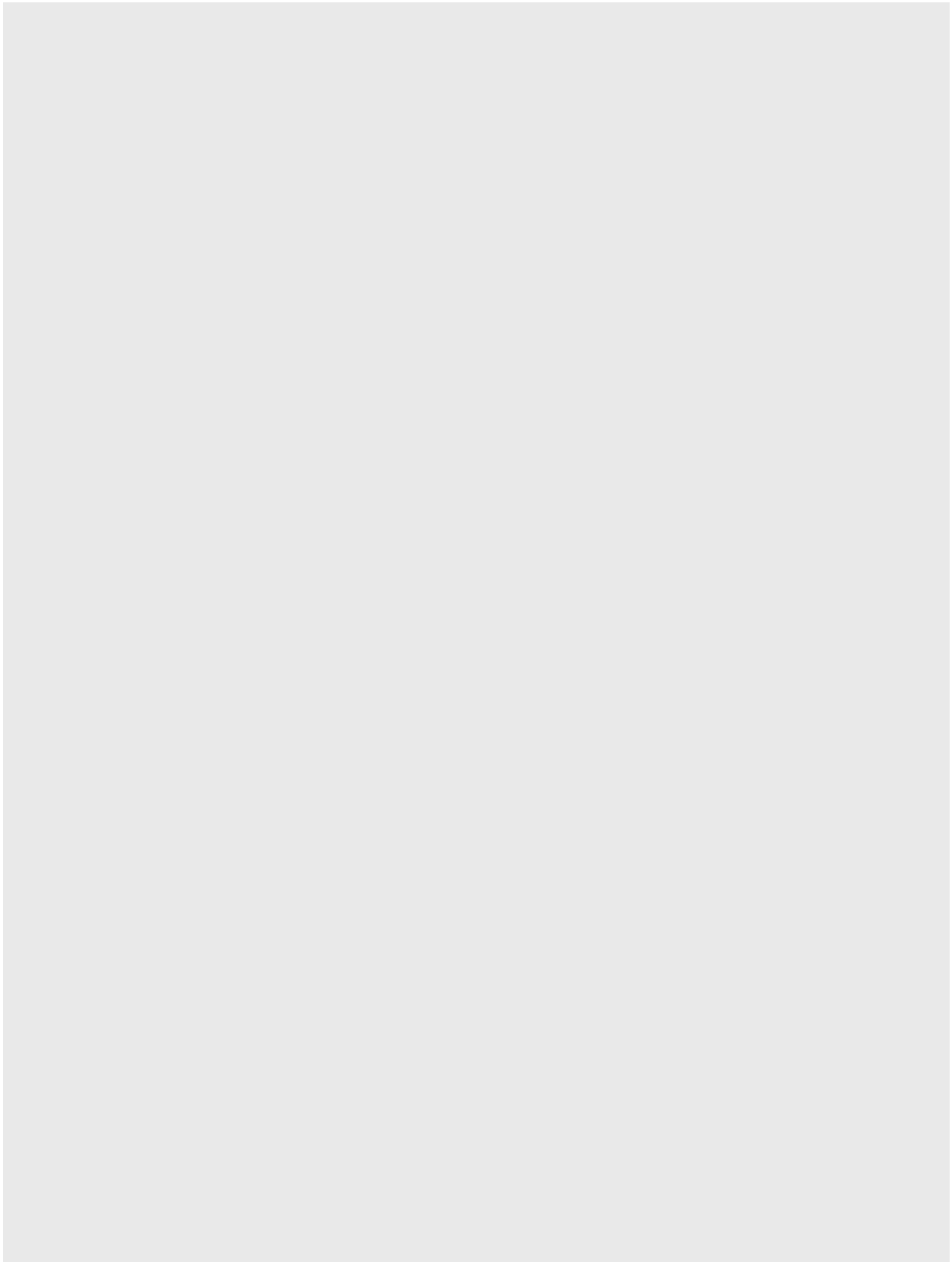
Most deer species give birth in the spring! Mother deer (does) leave **fawns** alone for several reasons, including to rest, eat, and hide from predators. It is illegal to take a fawn from the wild.

If you encounter a fawn, keep your distance. Fawns have the best chance of surviving if they are left alone, as they perceive humans as predators and will not return to their fawn if people are nearby. When fawns are approached, they lower their heads, lie very still, and take fewer normal breaths, as natural defenses. They are not sick or injured.

If a fawn shows any of the **five Cs**, contact a licensed wildlife rehabilitator immediately:

- Crying
- Cold
- Coming toward you (approaching people)
- Covered with blood/insects
- Caught by a dog or cat

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# Dinner For Two

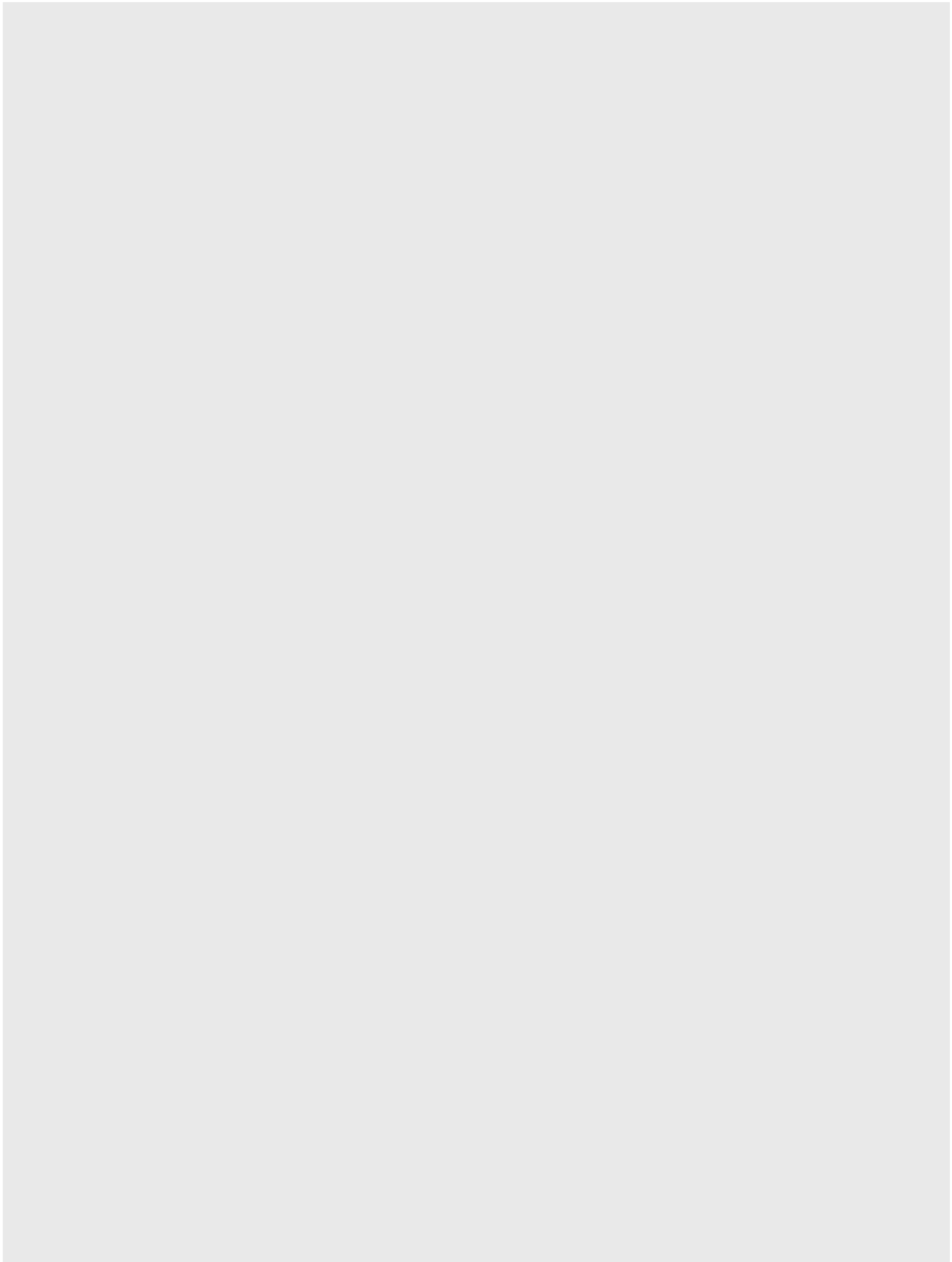
"A female Bluebird on the left and male Bluebird on the right."

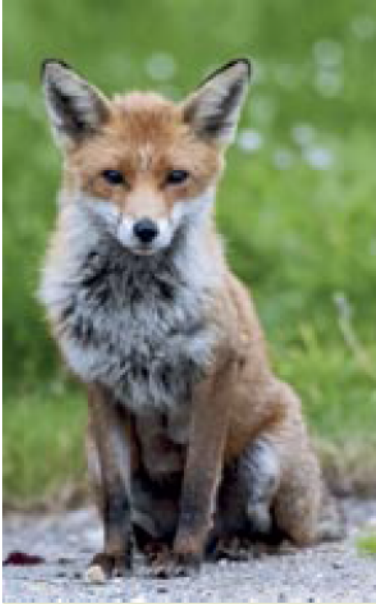
Photograph by  
Chuck Durand of Webster

**Thanks To  
All Who  
Have  
Submitted  
Photos!**

Please keep sending them...grab your camera, cell phone, or tablet and capture a visitor from the wilds of Webster. Email your photo with a brief description to: [communications@websterny.gov](mailto:communications@websterny.gov).

Be sure to look for the next **Backyard Wildlife in Webster** photo in the July issue of *Webster Today*, which will be mailed to you between July 8-10.





## Foxes

Fox pups are usually born in March or April. Fox parents often move their young to new dens every few weeks to protect them from predators. Foxes are largely active during dawn and dusk hours but are also nocturnal. It is not uncommon to see foxes foraging during the day. Foxes tend to be opportunistic feeders, consuming small mammals, birds, eggs, insects, and poultry.

Foxes adapt to urban and suburban areas. They are afraid of humans and will typically avoid them unless habituated or sick. Do not feed foxes or try to domesticate them. If you or your pet is bitten by a fox, call your doctor, veterinarian, or local Health Department immediately.

Decks and outbuildings with crawl spaces should be secured to prevent foxes from establishing dens under them. If foxes make a den in one of these spaces, allow them to stay until the young are two months old and begin accompanying the adults on hunts, if possible. If you need the foxes to move sooner, then you can encourage them to move out using repellents, such as soap shavings, vinegar, commercial fox repellants, or coyote urine.

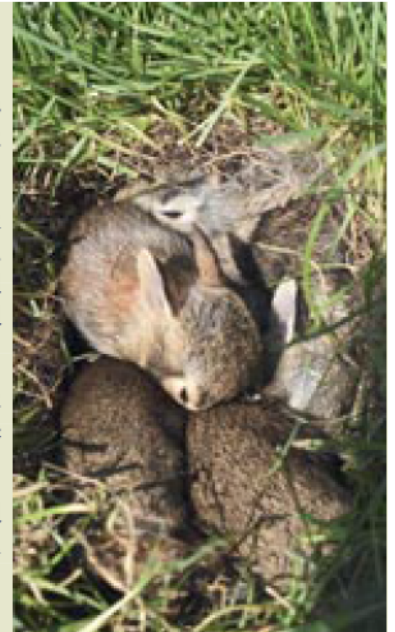
## Rabbits

Cottontail rabbits generally nest from March through September. Average litter size is 4-5 baby rabbits and rabbits have about 3-4 litters per season! A baby rabbit has the best chance of survival if cared for by its mother.

Rabbit nests are found in shallow depressions on the ground (cottontails do not burrow), covered with soft grasses and lined with tufts of the mother rabbit's fur. Mother rabbits do not want to draw attention to their nests so it is rare that you will see mothers coming and going from a nest. Mother rabbits feed their young at dusk and dawn.

If there is a rabbit nest in your yard, please exercise caution while mowing. Do not attempt to mow within ten feet of a rabbit's nest if there are babies present. Plastic lattice laundry baskets may be placed over a nest during mowing to protect it.

Rabbits are a sensitive and high-stress species. Never chase a rabbit to capture it and handle it as little as possible. Do not give food or water to injured or orphaned rabbits, as they have sensitive stomachs.



## Turtles

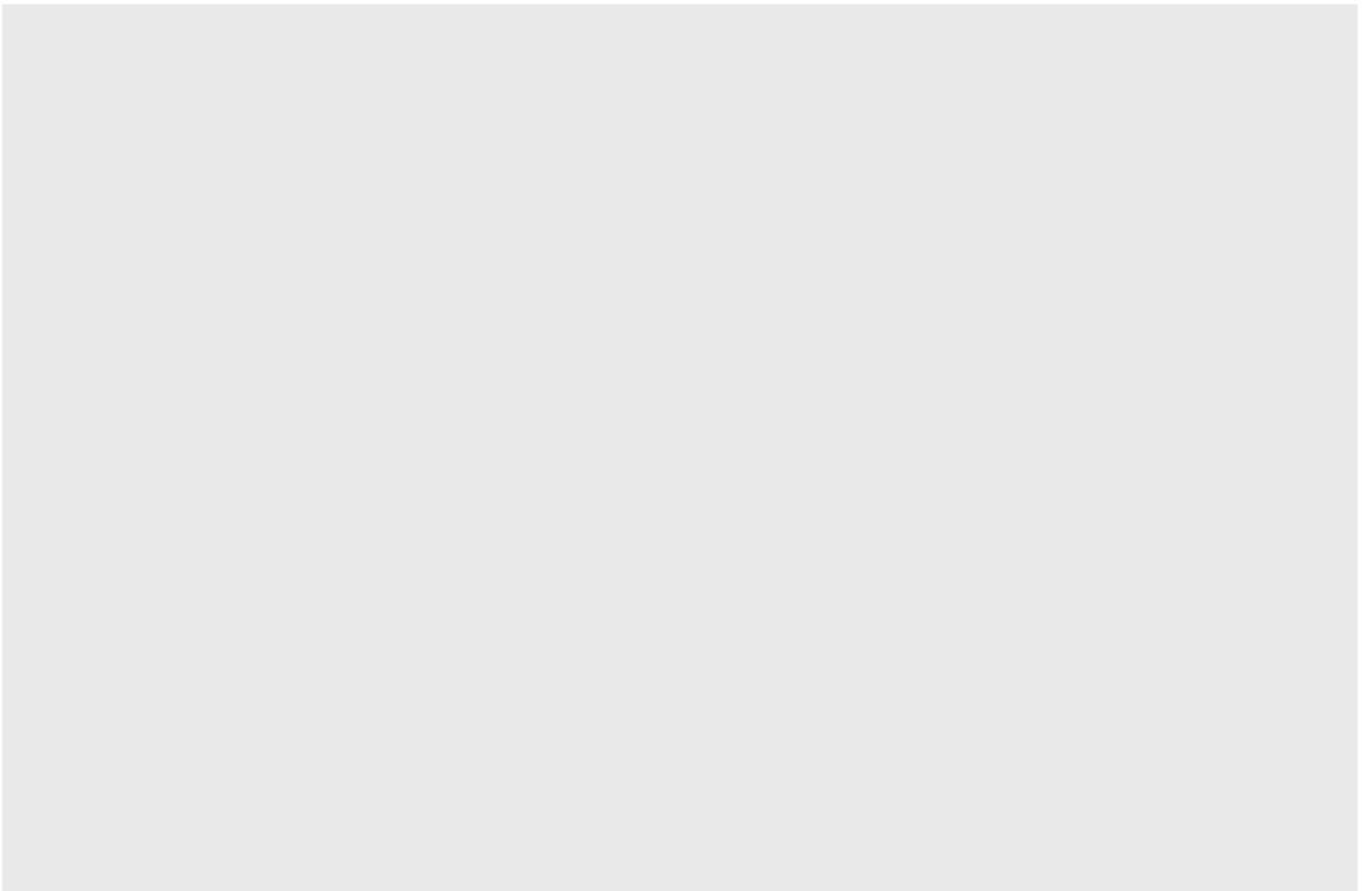
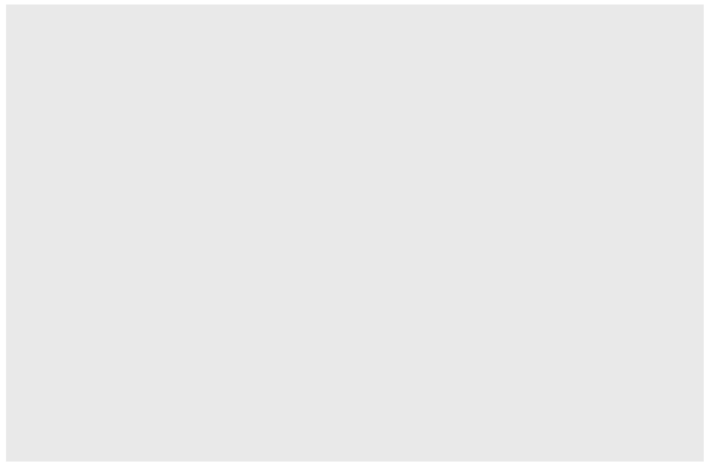
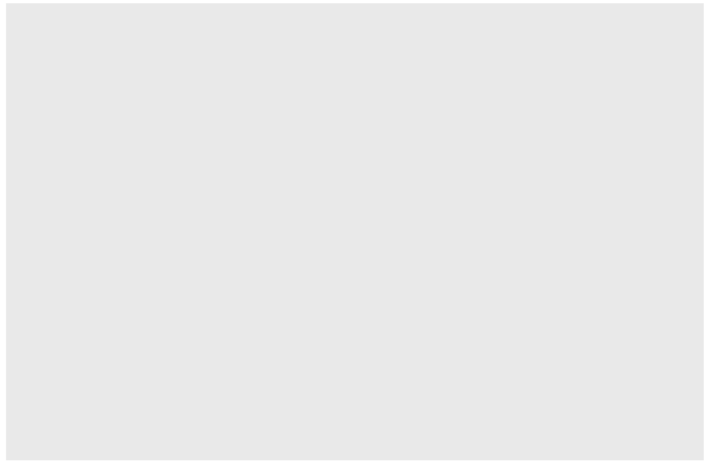
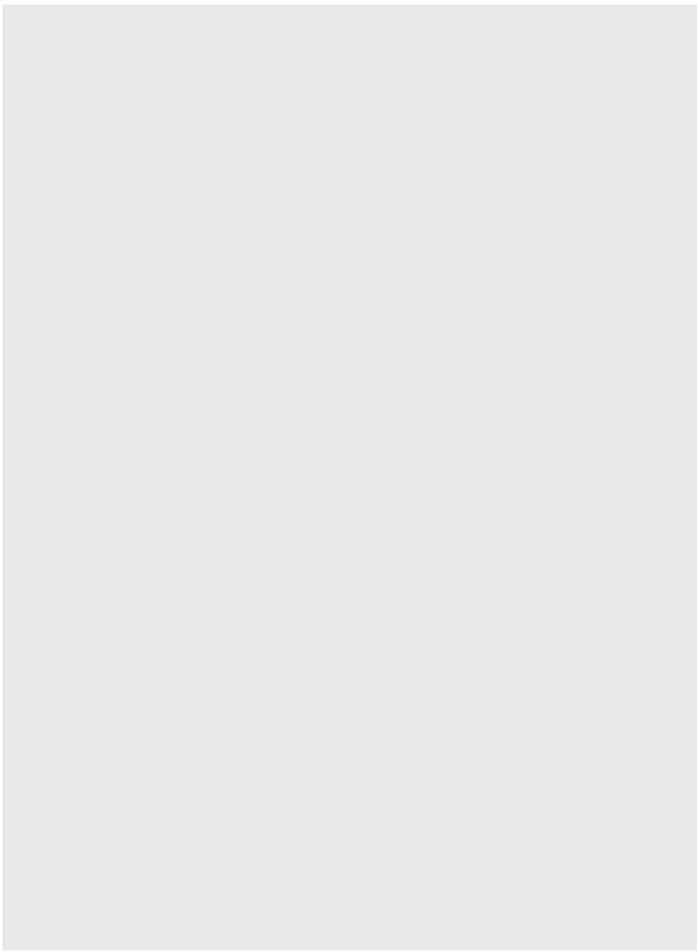
In May and June, be on alert for turtles crossing the street. In New York, thousands of turtles are killed each year as a result of being struck by vehicles as they migrate to their nesting areas. All species of land turtles native to New York State are declining.

If you see a turtle on the road, please observe the following precautions:

- Do not swerve suddenly or leave your lane of traffic, but take care to avoid hitting turtles.
- If you see a turtle in the road or shoulder and you are able to safely stop your vehicle and approach the turtle, please consider moving it to the shoulder on the side of the road in the direction it is facing.
- If moving a turtle, pick it up by the sides of its shell. Picking up a turtle by its tail may frighten or injure it.
- Do not take the turtle home with you. All turtles native to New York are protected by law and cannot be collected without a permit.

Learn more about seasonal wildlife reminders: [websterny.gov/692/Wildlife](http://websterny.gov/692/Wildlife)





# 2025 Summer CELEBRATION



**SATURDAY, JUNE 7TH • 4-10PM**

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*As spring weather returns to Webster, we look forward to heading out to events that highlight the season ahead. The Webster Arboretum, located in the Town of Webster's Kent Park, hosts several events that are open to the public. Learn more about these upcoming events below.*

**April 29, 7:00 pm**  
**Orioles and Hummingbirds**

Presented by Liz Magnanti, the owner of The Bird House in Pittsford, NY. Orioles and Hummingbirds spend their winters in Central and South America and migrate back to North America in the spring for breeding season. Learn all about these beautiful birds and how to attract them to your backyard! The presentation will take place in the Curry Building.

**May 16, 6:30 pm**  
**Lilacs**

Presented by Karen Napoli, Master Gardeners from Monroe County and gardener at The Webster Arboretum. Learn about various lilac species, as well as the care and pruning of the lilac. This presentation will take place outside -rain or shine.

**May 10, 8:00 am - 12:00 pm**  
**Spring Plant Sale**

The Webster Arboretum Association will be hosting their 25th annual spring plant sale on Saturday, May 10. Many unique plants and vendors will be available to help design the garden of your dreams.

**June 17, 7:00 pm**  
**Composting 102**

Presented by Master Gardener Wendy Mendola. Get started or learn new methods to compost your food and garden debris through an interactive discussion. The presentation will take place in the Curry Building.

*Events are hosted by the Webster Arboretum Association and are subject to change. Registration is recommended. Learn more at [thewebsterarboretum.org](http://thewebsterarboretum.org).*



6/19 **JOSH KETCHUM**  
7/17 **CHELSEY BARRY**  
WITH MARK CELLURA MUSIC  
8/14 **THE STRING BROTHERS**

*All performances begin at 6:30 PM and are free and open to the public. Snacks will be available for purchase from Webster Arboretum Association. Bring a chair, blanket and beverage!*

## WE WANT YOUR BACKYARD ANIMAL PHOTOS

Wildlife abounds in Webster and we would like to share a photo in an upcoming edition of *Webster Today*.

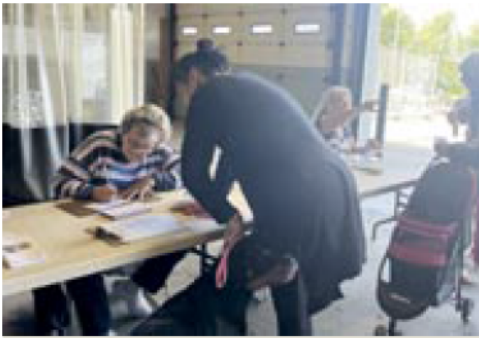


Get out your camera and capture (from a safe distance) your favorite fox, pheasant, deer or bear, or any other four-legged or winged visitor to your yard.

**Email your best photo to:**  
**[communications@websterny.gov](mailto:communications@websterny.gov)**

**See page 24 for this issue's photo**





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# HELPING HEROES CLEAN UP DAY

HONORING THOMAS SMOCK

## SATURDAY, APRIL 26

HAVE AN OLDER NEIGHBOR IN NEED OF YARD  
CLEAN UP? WOULD YOU LIKE TO VOLUNTEER?

**CALL 585-872-7103**

This event will bring the community together honoring a man who was active in the volunteer world of Webster, NY. Please call if you know of an older neighbor who lives alone and is in need of yard clean up. We also need VOLUNTEERS who want to assist with light spring clean up (raking, weeding, and spreading mulch if needed).

[www.websterny.gov/702/parks-recreation](http://www.websterny.gov/702/parks-recreation)



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## Q& Is the Town of Webster doing a town-wide revaluation in 2027?

**A** Yes, the Town of Webster is preparing for a 2027 revaluation. That last time all properties were reviewed to cause assessments to match the property's market value was 2004. This means the current assessments reflect the market values of properties from 2004. The market has changed significantly over the past two decades. In fact, the statistics and current assessments indicate that the real estate market has doubled in value. It is time to freshen that up, so your assessed value is understandable at a glance.

A revaluation is a big undertaking, but it won't be a big secret! Watch for opportunities to learn more about the concept and process of revaluations in the months ahead. The project will take thirty months from the contract date (January 2025) to completion (July 2027). Along the way, taxpayers will be invited to participate in various forums to ask questions and educate themselves on the process. The Town encourages you to join us on this journey as we provide information, educational outreach, and access to resources that explain the revaluation process, and answer questions about how it will impact our community!