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WEBSTER'S BICENTENNIAL PLAN

Rooted in History, Growing with Purpose

Webster Advances Comprehensive Plan

The Town of Webster is making significant progress on its Comprehensive Plan update. A recent community survey garnered an impressive 1,500 responses—the highest level of participation seen in the state in recent years. Colliers Engineering and Design analyzed the results and presented a summary of key themes to Town Staff and the Comprehensive Plan Steering Committee that was discussed, in detail, at their third meeting, held on September 17.

The insights that were gathered from both the community survey and the Steering Committee during this meeting will play a vital role in shaping Webster's updated vision statement and policy framework of the new plan. As the planning process continues, residents are encouraged to stay engaged and look out for the next public meeting which is expected to take place in Spring 2026.

To learn more about this community-driven initiative and follow its progress, visit our project page: webster2040.com





WEBSTER TOWN SUPERVISOR



Thomas J. Flaherty
Town Supervisor

To My Webster Friends -

Where does the time go? Six years ago, in October 2019, I was campaigning to be the Webster Town Supervisor. Now this is my last Supervisor message in *Webster Today*, as my six years as Supervisor will end on December 31, 2025. I can honestly say this has been one of the most rewarding experiences of my life.

I came into office with a mantra of "work hard and tell the truth." This mantra has been instilled in me from my upbringing, parochial schooling, and professional experience, and at the time of my swearing in, it

had served me well on the road to success. I was told by many that the mantra may not translate to success in politics. I found it to be the exact opposite.

The 45,000 citizens of Webster have responded positively to this philosophy of working hard and telling the truth. It has helped forge my decision-making over the past six years, focused on what was best for the community today and for the future, instead of whether it would help get me reelected. The people of Webster deserve leadership that is focused on doing the right thing, and I encourage this community to not

accept anything less.

As I enter my final quarter in office, I am appreciative of every Webster resident for entrusting me as your Town Supervisor over the past six years.

Thank you.

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

Sincerely,

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WHERE LIFE IS WORTH LIVING

2026 Webster Budget Message

By Tom Flaherty, Town Supervisor

The Town of Webster commenced the 2026 budget season in early May. It's a process that takes six months of the year to complete and it demands a considerable effort by the Town department heads, the Director of Finance and the Town Board. Each department head was instructed to put forth their best effort to minimize the tax levy for the citizens, while providing for the needs within their respective departments. The department heads presented their budgets during the live streamed budget workshops that were held on July 31 and August 7. A public hearing on the 2026 Preliminary Budget will be held on October 16 at 7:30pm.

Since the Town's primary role is to provide services, employee compensation and benefits is the largest portion of the budget. It encompasses 55.4% of net expenditures. Total employee compensation for 2026 is \$17,055,499 versus \$16,377,353 for 2025. This represents a \$678,146 (4.2%) increase. Two new positions were added, which include an assistant assessor and an engineering technician. The two positions have an aggregate compensation cost of \$130,883. However, the cost is partially offset by two part time positions that will not be funded within the 2026 budget.

The employee benefits include contributions to the NYS retirement system, employers share of social security, worker's compensation insurance, medical and dental insurance, health savings account contributions and medical insurance paid on behalf of retired former employees. The budget for 2026 is

\$9,728,100 versus \$8,407,000 for 2025. The 15.8% increase is due mainly to a rise in base wages and escalated NYS Retirement System contribution rates as well as a sharp increase in retiree health insurance costs for Medicare supplemental health insurance.

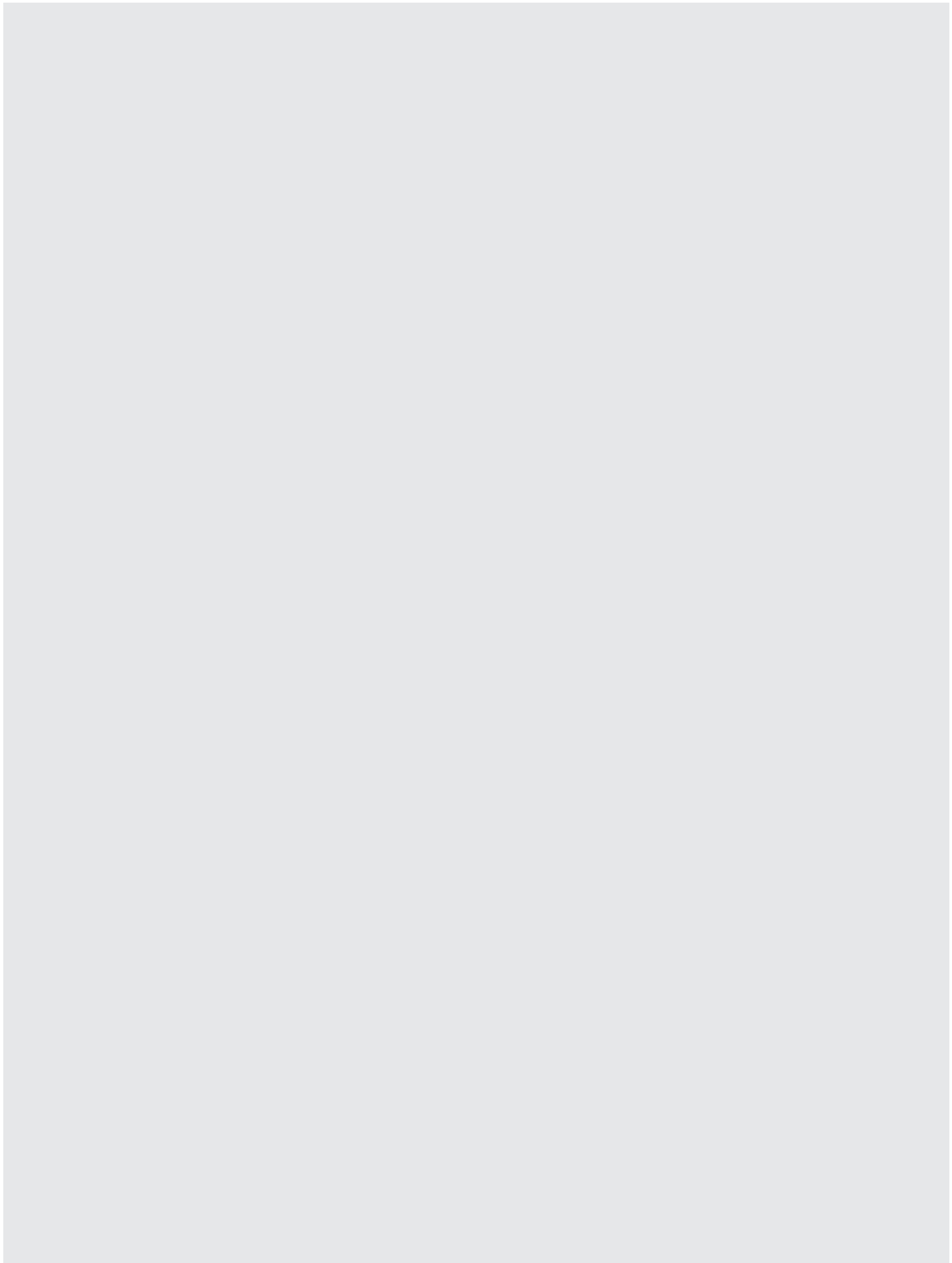
The 2026 budget includes a significant increase in debt service costs. In August of 2025 the Town renewed the 2024 bond anticipation note (BAN) and issued a serial bond. The borrowing totaled \$101,141,000 to fund the Highway Building project (\$24,250,000), Sandbar Park project (\$3,706,000), the Wastewater Treatment Plant Phase II project (\$66,400,000), the Vosburg Pump Station project (\$380,000) and a serial bond for the Tebor to Phillips Road Conveyance Pipe project (\$6,405,000). The BAN is a one-year loan which is based on projected cash flow requirements for each project. The Town's debt sale was very competitive, which resulted in a \$1,276,292 premium paid to the Town and a net interest rate of 2.6662% on the BAN and 4.4529% on the bond. This is thanks to the Town's excellent Aa1 bond rating. When the BAN matures the premium will be recognized as revenue in 2026 which will partially offset the gross interest charge. The bond will be repaid in 9 years and will be reimbursed by Coca Cola fairlife at a rate of 96%. The Town's net debt service payments for 2026 will total \$6,230,728 versus \$5,271,174 for 2025. This represents a \$959,554 (18.2%) increase.

This budget includes increased wastewater treatment revenue

wastewater treatment revenue from commercial sewer charges and fees for treating high strength organic waste. The two categories are up an aggregate of \$1,935,472 (179.4%) year to year. Even though debt service cost has increased substantially within the Sewer Fund the revenue generated from the wastewater treatment business has outpaced the cost by \$2,460,091 (97.2%) during the past three years.

A large portion of the Town's surplus fund balance (\$6,008,158) has been appropriated to stabilize the 2026 tax levy. The appropriation helps the Town stay in line with its' fund balance policy which has set limits on the amount of surplus that can be held. An average home outside the Village has a \$178,000 assessed value. If it is connected to the sewer system, the aggregate tax bill for an average home outside of the Village of Webster will go up \$28.84 or 2.4%.

Overall, the 2026 budget is fiscally sound even though there is increased debt related to the various capital projects that are in process. The additional costs have been offset by increased revenue and the utilization of surplus funds to stabilize the tax rates. As always, the Town officials are working together to project the Town's financial position into the future so that revenue and expenses can be effectively managed beyond the one-year window of the budget process. We are pleased to say that the Town has been able to stay under the New York State tax cap, while continuing to provide the same level of service to the citizens.





TOWN OF WEBSTER SUMMARY OF 2026 PRELIMINARY BUDGET

<u>OPERATING FUNDS</u>		APPROPRIATIONS	LESS	LESS	2026	2025
		ESTIMATED	ESTIMATED	UNEXPENDED	AMOUNT TO	AMOUNT TO
<u>FUND NAME</u>		<u>EXPENSES *</u>	<u>REVENUES *</u>	<u>BALANCE</u>	<u>BE RAISED</u>	<u>BE RAISED</u>
					<u>BY TAXES</u>	<u>BY TAXES</u>
A	GENERAL - TOWN WIDE	\$25,265,399	\$7,582,836	\$1,150,000	\$16,532,563	\$16,067,599
B	GENERAL - PART TOWN	\$1,949,150	\$1,115,650	\$833,500	\$0	\$0
DA	HIGHWAY - TOWN WIDE	\$2,355,889	\$1,052,250	\$0	\$1,303,639	\$1,169,498
DB	HIGHWAY - PART TOWN	\$7,045,986	\$4,445,986	\$2,600,000	\$0	\$0
TOTAL-OPERATING FUNDS		\$36,616,424	\$14,196,722	\$4,583,500	\$17,836,202	\$17,237,097
Increase 2025 to 2026		\$2,846,336	8.43%		\$599,105	3.48%

Town Wide Funds Cover all 16,894 Parcels in the Town and Part Town Funds Cover the 15,397 Parcels Outside the Village of Webster

TOWN SEWER (Outside the Village with Access to Sanitary Sewers; Capital Units = 15,809 / O & M Units = 15,429)

G	SEWER FUND	CAPITAL	\$6,142,032	\$4,655,483	\$0	\$1,486,549	\$679,167
		O & M	\$5,131,012	\$2,594,568	\$0	\$2,536,444	\$3,224,144
		TOTAL	\$11,273,044	\$7,250,051	\$0	\$4,022,993	\$3,903,311

SPECIAL DISTRICTS & OTHER FUNDS

SD	DRAINAGE DISTRICT	\$791,306	\$31,500	\$50,000	\$709,806	\$787,655
SL	LIGHTING DISTRICTS	\$83,900	\$5,700	\$0	\$78,200	\$35,400
SP	PARK DISTRICTS	\$113,865	\$0	\$0	\$113,865	\$120,279
SS	SEWER DISTRICTS	\$48,801	\$8,300	\$0	\$40,501	\$68,181
SW	WATER DISTRICTS	\$53,576	\$0	\$0	\$53,576	\$58,018
E	PARKLAND TRUST FUND	\$81,000	\$81,000	\$0	\$0	\$0
L	LIBRARY **	\$2,835,740	\$2,835,740	\$0	\$0	\$0
V	DEBT SERVICE FUND	\$1,374,658	\$0	\$1,374,658	\$0	\$0
TOTAL-SPECIAL DIST. & OTHER		\$5,382,846	\$2,962,240	\$1,424,658	\$995,948	\$1,069,533

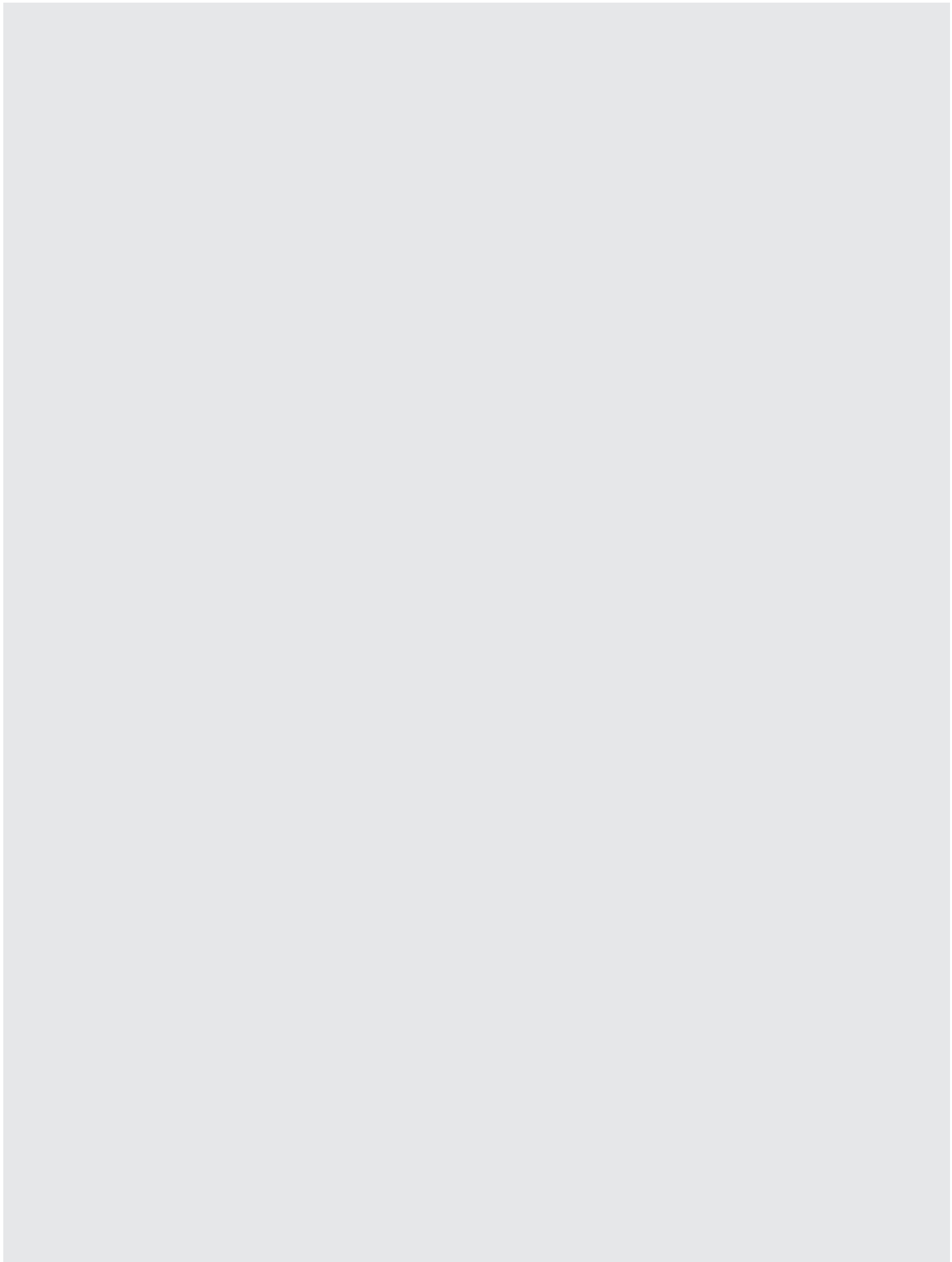
OPERATING, SPECIAL DIST. & OTHER		\$53,272,314	\$24,409,013	\$6,008,158	\$22,855,143	\$22,209,941
Increase 2025 to 2026		\$5,546,880	11.62%		\$645,202	2.91%

* The estimated expenses and revenues include interfund transfers in the amount of \$4,910,994.

** The Library Fund is incorporated into the General Fund Town Wide amount to be raised by taxes.

TAX RATE ESTIMATES

	<u>2026</u>	<u>2025</u>	<u>\$ Increase</u>	<u>% Increase</u>
VILLAGE PROPERTY	\$5.52	\$5.39	0.1289	2.39%
TOWN OUTSIDE VILLAGE	\$5.52	\$5.39	0.1289	2.39%
SEWER RENT (CAPITAL + O & M)	\$258.43	\$252.73	\$5.70	2.25%
SEWER O & M	\$164.40	\$209.45	Operation of Collection System & Treatment Plant Capital Plant Improvements, Equipment and Debt	
SEWER CAPITAL	\$94.03	\$43.28		
TOTAL	\$258.43	\$252.73		
DRAINAGE DISTRICT - LEVY PER UNIT	\$709,806	20,253 Units	\$35.05	\$39.05





2027 REVALUATION PROJECT:

How to prepare for 2027... today

By Donna Komor, IAO, Town Assessor

The Town of Webster is entering into its first townwide revaluation, or reassessment, project in over twenty years. Revaluations are so often met with skepticism, misunderstanding, and anxiety; however, this is usually unnecessary. The Town is committed to working with the community throughout this process to help overcome any fears and ensure this process is as smooth as possible.

While the results of the Revaluation project will not be seen until about two years from now in 2027, there are still ways to prepare for the future... starting now!

Familiarize yourself

One of the best ways to prepare for the 2027 revaluation is to familiarize yourself with terminology, your current assessment, and the current real estate market. Key terms and their definitions can be found on our revaluation webpage, under resources.

Today's market includes the sale that will be used to value all properties in 2027. Even a casual review of the market from time to time can help you become familiar with where the Webster real estate market is today.

This may help lessen the "sticker shock" of a revaluation. There are

several online sites that can be helpful in finding properties similar to yours and their selling prices.

The aim is to put your new assessment in line with the market. The sale date period to be used is July 1, 2023, through June 30, 2026. Sales with unusual circumstances, such as foreclosures, death of an owner, divorce-forced sales, etc. will not be used for this project.

Review exemptions

If you missed our Exemption and Inventory Workshop on September 25, there is still time to review the exemptions, or discounts, you are eligible to receive on your school and/or property tax bills.

Exemptions are available for permanently disabled persons, seniors, veterans, clergy, volunteer firefighters and ambulance workers, and for new construction on business projects. The application and qualification deadline to affect September 2026 school tax bill and future tax bills is March 1, 2026.

To learn more about exemptions and see which ones you may qualify for, visit our website: websterny.gov/79/exemptions.

Verify the inventory

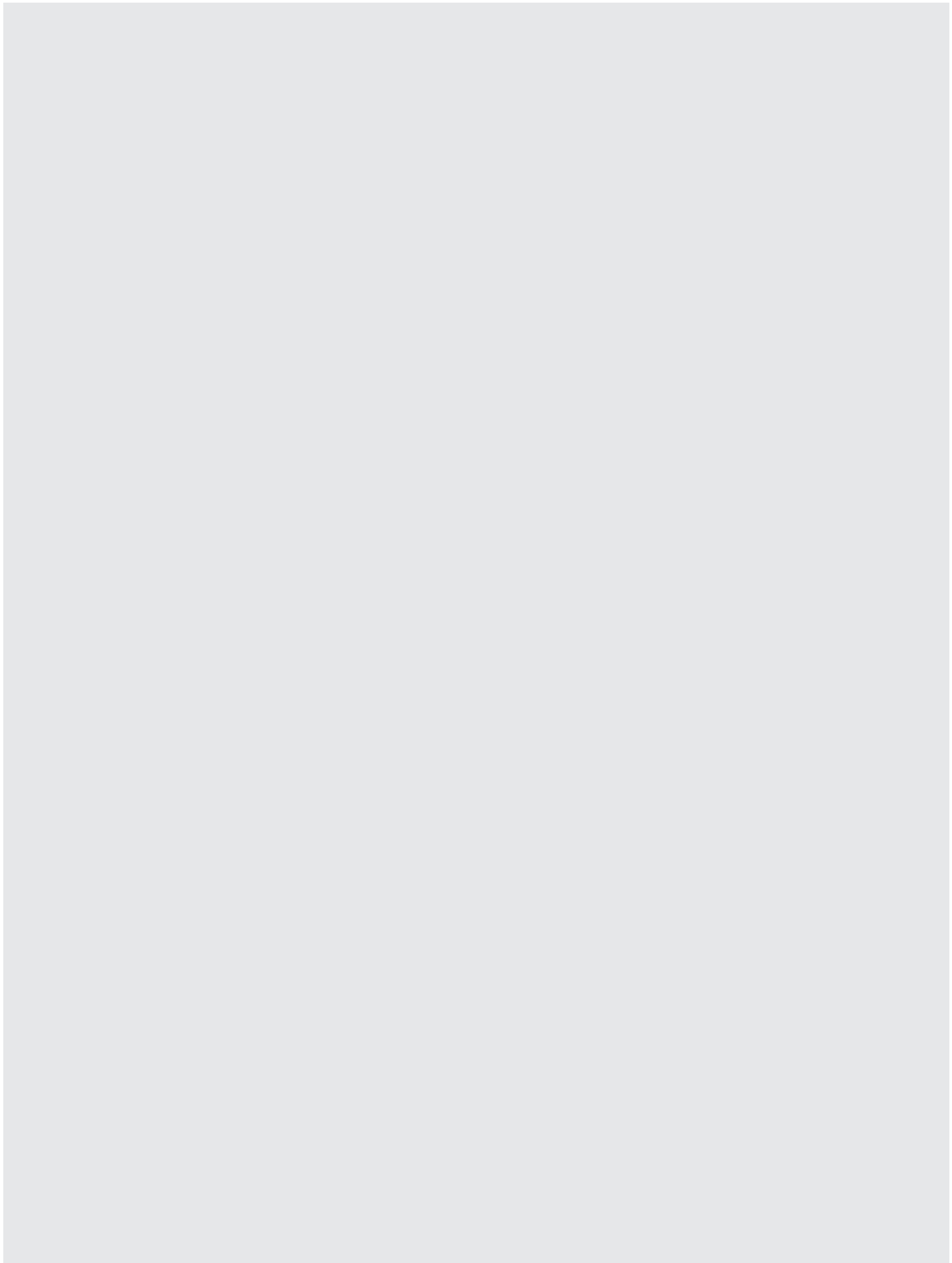
The final way to prepare for the upcoming 2027 Revaluation is to verify the inventory on file for your property at the Webster Assessment Office.

Data verification is the first step in placing an accurate value on your property. The best valuation results will be derived from accurate inventory. Correcting your inventory before the valuation process is critical to ensuring the conversations about your value are about your property's value, not about the data. Visit our revaluation project page and select 'Verify Property Data' on the menu ribbon to get started.

As this milestone project progresses, the Town of Webster will work with the community to provide informative resources to help prepare for 2027. Use the URL or QR code below to visit the 2027 Revaluation project page and learn more.



websterny.gov/874/2027-Townwide-Revaluation-Project



Leaf Collection Reminders

Each fall, Webster Highway Department conducts leaf collection, **available for all residents**. Please keep the following reminders in mind to ensure another successful leaf season!

Reminder 1:

Please place leaves at the end of your lawn, not in roadways or gutters. Gutters must be kept clear of leaves and debris to maintain proper drainage of water from roadways.

Reminder 2:

Our leaf collection vehicles are only equipped to collect leaves. Please do not mix any twigs, branches, or other debris in with your leaves.

Reminder 3:

Leaf collection is weather-dependent. Visit our website to look up the Zone map and find updates on where Highway crews will be!



WEBSTER PUBLIC LIBRARY

FUPL Booksale

The Friends of the Webster Public Library's Book Sale will be held Wednesday, October 22 through Saturday, October 25. The first day of the sale, October 22 from 4:00 - 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 or at the door.

All are welcome to attend the Book Sale on October 23 from 9:00 am - 7:00 pm. Hardcover books will be \$1 each and paperbacks are only 50 cents each. October 24 from 10:00 am - 4:00 pm and October 25 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. Proceeds from the sale support the library. Thank you for your support!



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
T Town of Webster P Parks & Rec L Library H Holiday/Other S Webster Schools	TBW : Town Board Workshop TBM : Town Board Meeting PBM : Planning Board Meeting ZBM : Zoning Board of Appeals Meeting		OCTOBER 1	2 T 6:30pm: TBW 7:30pm: TBM	3	4
5	6	7 T 7:00pm: PBM	8	9	10 S No School	11
12	13 H Columbus Day Town Offices CLOSED S No School	14	15	16	17 P 5:00 pm 55+ Golden Gala Event L 5:30 - 7:30pm: Library Trick-or-Treat	18 L 1:00pm: Celebration of Diwali P 5:00 pm Parents Night Out
19	20	21	22 L Friends of WPL Book Sale 4:00pm: Members-only book sale and vinatage book sale	23	24	25 L 1:30pm: Rochester City Ballet's <i>The Nutcracker</i> preview
26 P Halloween Fitness Event	27	28	29 L 6:00pm: Tween Halloween Night	30	P 6:00-7:30 pm Pumpkin Carving	P 7:00-8:30 pm Pumpkins on Parade NOVEMBER 1
2 Set Clocks back 1 hour for Daylight Savings 	3 H Election Day	4	5	6 T 6:30pm: TBW 7:30pm: TBM	7	8 L 10:00am - 1:00pm Vintage Book Sale P 10:30 am Family Scavenger Hunt with Friends of Webster Trails
9 P WBA Program Begins for Gr 1-6	10	11 H Veterans Day Town Offices CLOSED S No School	12	13	14 P 5:30 pm 55+ Murder Mystery Dinner	15

16	17	18	19	20	21	22
		<p>L 6:30pm: Author Talk: Shipwrecks of Lake Ontario by Jim Kennard</p> <p>T 7:00pm PBM</p>		<p>S ½ Day PT Conferences</p> <p>P Conference Day Camps 10am-5 pm</p> <p>T 6:30pm TBW 7:30pm TBM</p>	<p>S ½ Day PT Conferences</p> <p>P Conference Day Camps 10am-5 pm</p> <p>L 6:00pm: Library Campout for Families</p>	<p>P 5:00 pm Parents Night Out</p>
23	24	25	26	27	28	29
	<p>S ½ Day PT Conferences</p> <p>P Conference Day Camps 10am-5 pm</p>	<p>T 7:00pm ZBM</p>		<p>H Thanksgiving Day Town Offices CLOSED</p>	<p>H Day after Thanksgiving Town Offices CLOSED</p>	
30	1	2	3	4	5	6
	<p>DECEMBER</p> <p>L 1:00pm: Holiday Harp Concert</p>	<p>L 12:00pm: GC&M: Yuletide in the Country</p> <p>T 7:00pm PBM</p>		<p>T 6:30pm TBW 7:30pm TBM</p>		
7	8	9	10	11	12	13
		<p>T 7:00pm ZBM</p>				<p>P 1:00-3:00 pm An Afternoon with Santa</p> <p>L 2:30pm: ROC City Ringers</p>
14	15	16	17	18	19	20
<p>H Hanukkah begins</p>				<p>T 6:30pm: TBW 7:30pm: TBM</p>		<p>P 5:00 pm Parents Night Out</p>
21	22	23	24	25	26	27
	<p>S No School</p>		<p>H Christmas Eve</p>	<p>H Christmas Day Town Offices CLOSED</p>	<p>H Kwanzaa begins</p>	
28	29	30	31	<p>Event dates and times may be subject to change and/or cancellation. Parks & Recreation and Library Events MAY REQUIRE REGISTRATION. Visit webstermy.gov and websterlibrary.org for registration requirements and updated event information.</p>		
	<p>S No School</p> <p>P Holiday Break Camp 8am-5 pm</p>		<p>H New Year's Eve</p>			

2026 WEBSTER BUDGET

by the numbers

By Paul Adams, Director of Finance

The Town of Webster's annual budget process involves a meticulous review of the finances to ensure Town services are being delivered to our community in a responsible manner. As in the recent past the 2026 budget underscores the Town of Webster's commitment to investing in infrastructure, supporting economic growth, and funding quality-of-life services. Providing top-notch services to the taxpayers is a priority which truly makes the Town of Webster a place where life is worth living.

Protecting Taxpayers

The Town of Webster works diligently to ensure that taxpayer dollars are being used responsibly to fund necessary expenditures and plan for the future. The 2026 budget protects taxpayers by remaining under the New York State tax cap.

There is a slight rise in the Town tax rate, with a net increase of \$0.13 from \$5.39 to \$5.52. Overall, the tax rate has remained relatively stable since 2020. Taxpayers will also see that there is an increase of \$5.70 in sewer rent charges, from \$252.73 to \$258.43.

As Supervisor Flaherty mentioned in his budget message, this means that the aggregate tax bill for an average house (assessed value of \$178,000) outside of the Village of Webster will increase 2.4%.

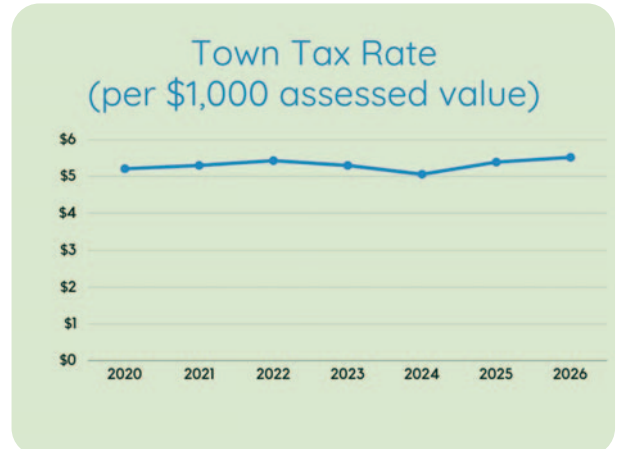


Fig. 1: The Town's tax rate has remained relatively stable across the past seven budget years.

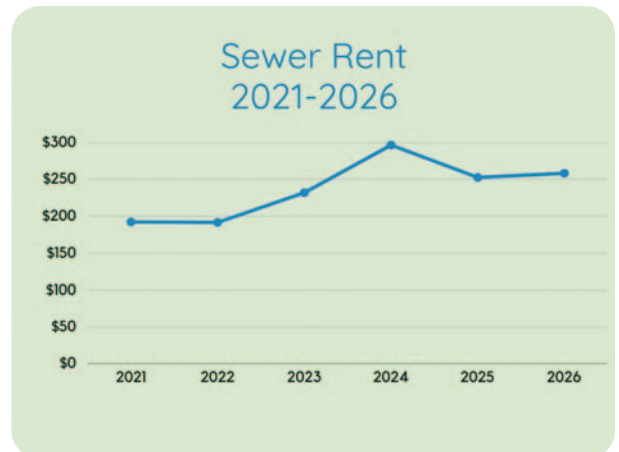
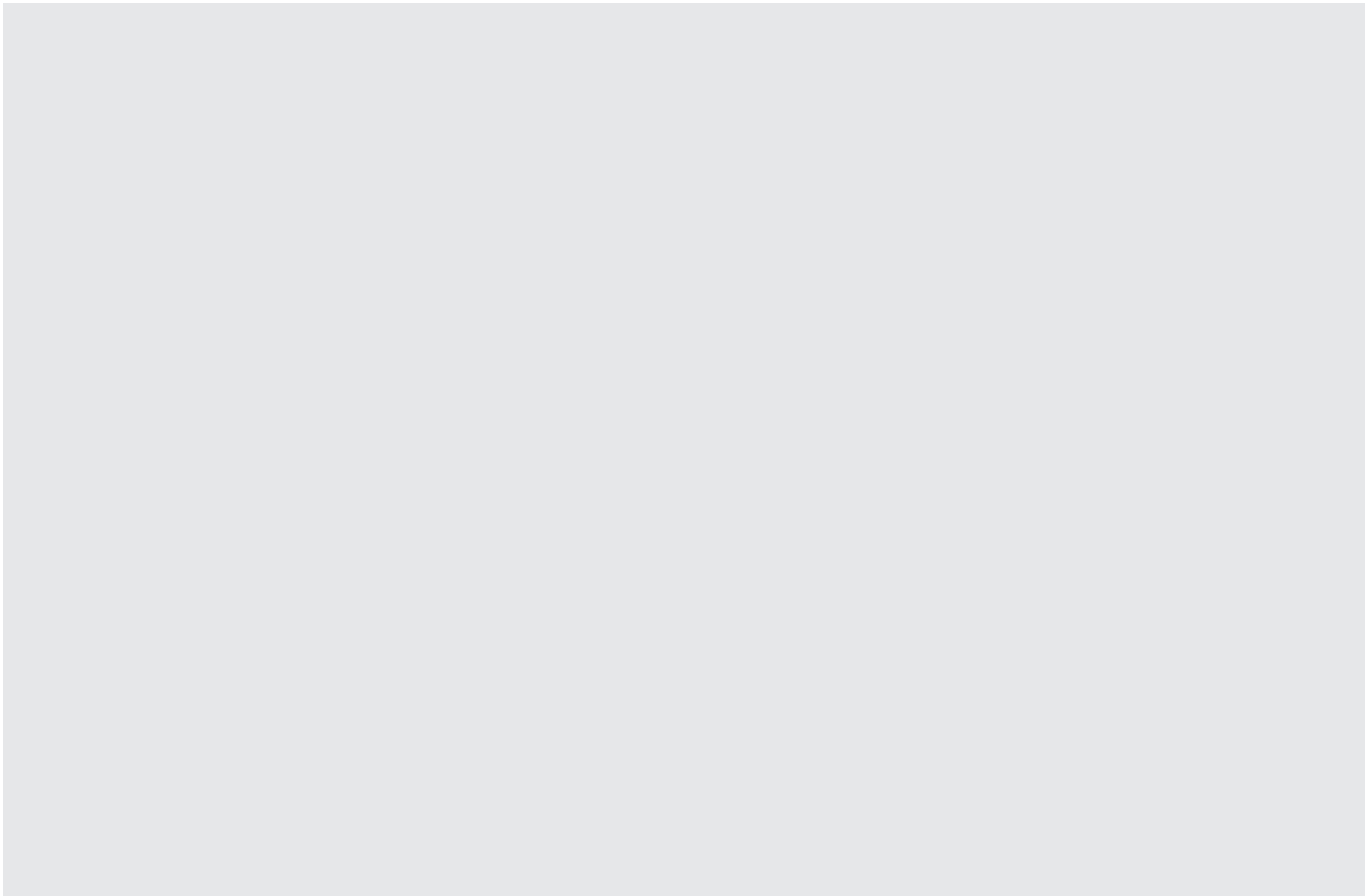
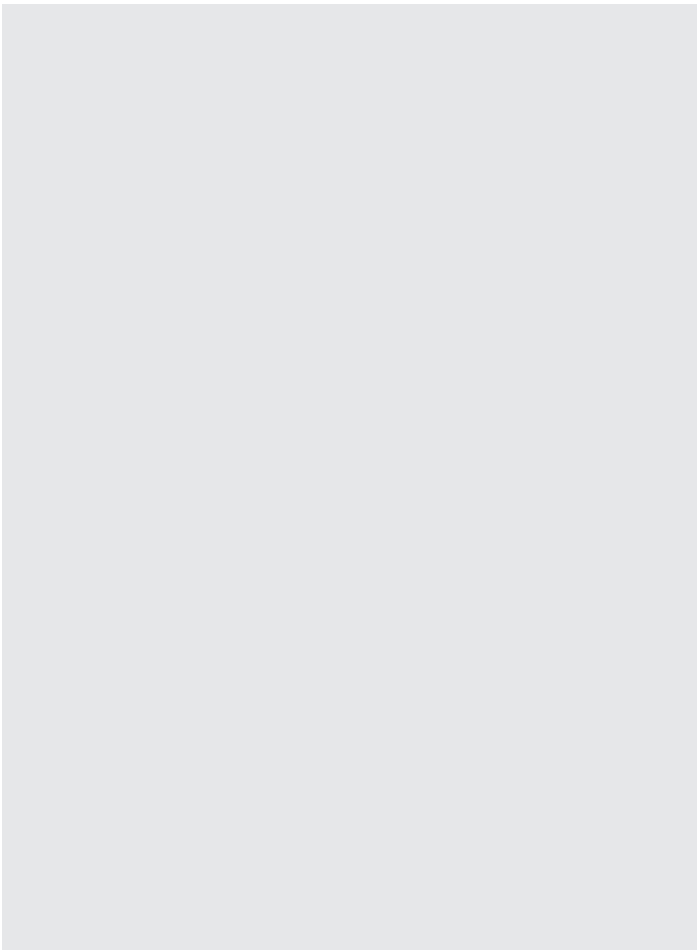
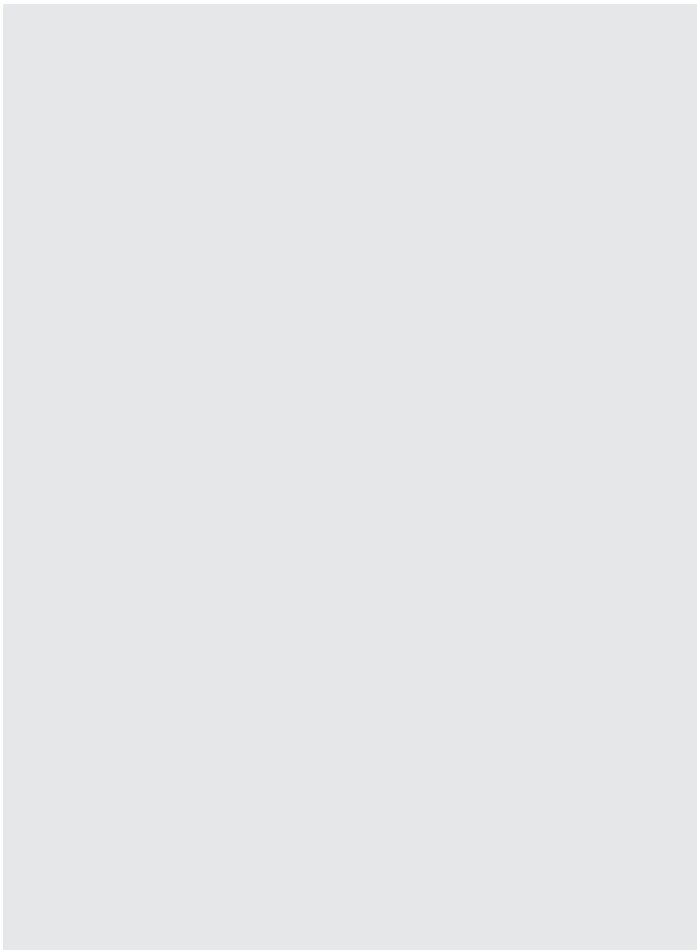


Fig. 2: Sewer rent charges will see an increase of just \$5.70 in 2026.

	2026	2025
Town Property Taxes	\$982.56	\$959.42
Sewer O&M and Capital Charge	258.43	252.73
Totals	\$1,240.99	\$1,212.15

Fig. 3: The average taxpayer will see an increase of just 2.4% in their Town taxes.



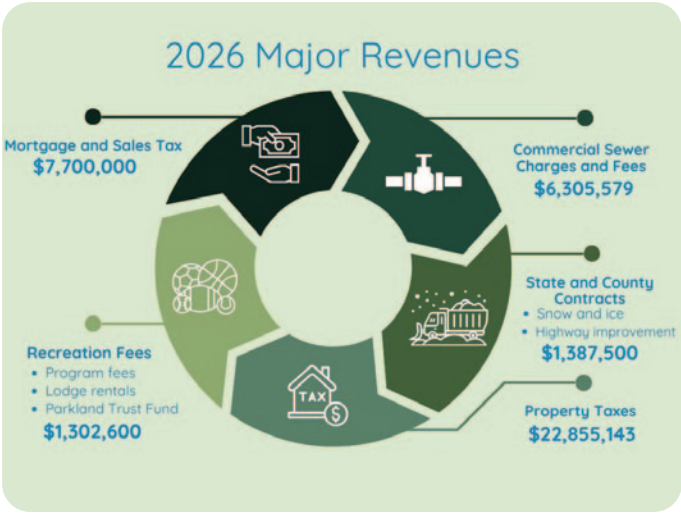


Fig. 4 (left): The Town of Webster’s anticipated major revenues for 2026.
Fig. 5 (right): The Town of Webster’s anticipated expenditures for 2026.



Investing in Infrastructure

Timely investments in infrastructure equate to long-term cost savings. The 2026 Budget contains significant investments within our Town for maintenance and improvements to our Wastewater Treatment Plant, provisions for equipment to maintain town roads, construction of the new highway building, and park improvements.

The 2026 budget also includes an additional investment of \$400,000 into the Sewer Capital Reserve. This is significant, as this fund will support future sewer plant repairs and asset renewal.

Supporting Economic Growth

Economic growth and investing in our community continue to be a top priority for the Town of Webster. This can be seen in many aspects of our town government which is supported by the 2026 budget.

The upgrades to the Wastewater Treatment Plant to transform it into a Water Resource Recovery Facility is already generating significant revenue that will continue to grow in the future. This will

have a substantial impact on taxpayers’ wallets. These upgrades also foster an environment that will continue to attract businesses to our community.

The 2026 budget also supports community planning initiatives like the update of the Town of Webster’s Comprehensive Plan. This initiative is critical to establishing the vision for the future of Webster.

Funding Quality of Life Services

The Town of Webster is dedicated to delivering high quality services to our community. Throughout Town, residents and visitors can be found enjoying these offerings and amenities through our town parks, recreation programming, library programs, and services like the fall leaf pick up or material delivery/pick up through the Highway Department. The 2026 budget continues to fund and expand these beloved and relied upon amenities.

From delivering services to fostering economic growth to investing in infrastructure, the Town of Webster’s 2026 budget supports residents and has the best interests of taxpayers in mind.

Interested in learning more about the 2026 Webster Town Budget?

More information and the line-by-line Town Budget can be found on our website by visiting websterny.gov/253/Detailed-Budget or using the QR code to the right.



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THE WOMEN'S CLUB OF WEBSTER

Celebrating Sixty Years in Town

For sixty years, the Women's Club of Webster has been a steadfast and community-driven presence that promotes the most vital aims of the Town of Webster. It started with five women fueled by a call to service and quickly grew into something bigger. The Women's Club became official on June 15, 1965. By September of that year, they hosted twenty-seven members at their first meeting. Their founders — Beverly Ashcroft, Ruth Jacque, Betty Picard, Marjorie Spear, and Nancy Thomas — recognized the importance of "friendship through service." These words became their foundation.

Today, those words live on as the group's timeless motto. The Women's Club has built upon that original foundation, now boasting about seventy members of all ages and backgrounds. Each one of them shares a collective passion for involvement and charity. It is from that drive that we see the sincere impact of their work.

Volunteerism from members is an essential aspect of the Women's Club. Each year, more than a dozen local

agencies count themselves among the beneficiaries of their volunteer hours and efforts. Recognizable charitable and educational pillars of our Town and beyond, including the Webster Public Library, the Webster Museum, Webster Community Chest, Hope House, Challenger Miracle Field, the YMCA, and many more, are included in the list.



The cultural, civic, educational, and social causes of Webster and Monroe County receive financial support from the Women's Club annually through three major fundraisers. They include a card party, a holiday cookie sale at the Webster Public Library, and a fashion show. So much success has

come from these fundraisers that the Club has donated more than \$37,000 to local non-profit organizations in the past five years alone. Participation in other service projects also contributes to the group's lengthy resume of selflessness. Chief among those projects is providing cookies for two Red Cross blood drives, food and toiletry donations from members to benefit Webster Hope, 50/50 raffles to benefit the Veterans Outreach Center, and other community projects like making cards for service members.

An impact on this scale does not occur by happenstance, however. It takes effort and, of course, friendship. Social events like luncheon meetings, held on the third Thursday of each month, and monthly card parties keep the group well-organized and connected. Dedication to kinship culminated in a celebration of its 60th anniversary on July 23, 2025. Over 100 attendees discussed the continued influence of the Women's Club, visited with past and current members, and conversed with representatives of some of the numerous local organizations that receive the Club's support.



Since its inception, the Women's Club of Webster has had a profound impact on Webster and Monroe County. Their work is not only felt by the causes and lives they directly touch, but also by the average resident who can recognize what selfless service looks like in each member. On behalf of the Town of Webster, we extend sincere thanks and wishes for continued success and a long and bright future for the Women's Club of Webster.

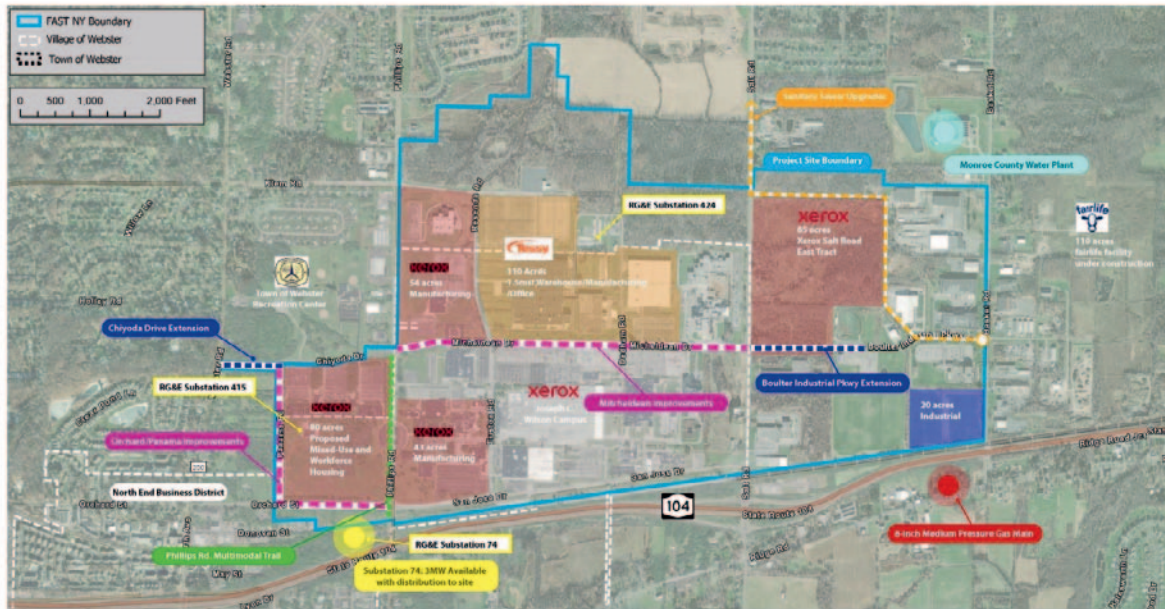
Visit their Facebook page to learn more, or contact them if you wish to join in the fun and make a tangible difference in Webster! facebook.com/womensclubwebster

Left, top: Women's Club of Webster officers at the club's installation ceremony in June 2025. L-R: Corresponding Secretary Peg Berry, Board Secretary Marge Martellotta, Second Vice President Judi Gerew, First Vice President Missy Rosenberry, President Diana Holzwasser. Not pictured: Treasurer Barb Kassnoff.

Left, bottom: 60th Anniversary party held in June 2025 at the Webster Arboretum.

Header image: Club members at the annual Card Party in November 2024. The Card Party is one of the club's three major fundraisers.





ECONOMIC VITALITY IN WEBSTER

Progress on the Xerox campus

On August 19, Governor Kathy Hochul announced that the Webster Economic Alliance (WEDA) is receiving \$9.8 million grant through Empire State Development's (ESD) FAST NY Shovel-Ready Grant program. The Webster Town Board authorized the application for this grant in late March, and the grant application was submitted for in early April 2025.

This program provides grants for pre-development activities and infrastructure investments to develop sites to attract many eligible industries. The submitted application was through FAST NY's Track C, specific to infrastructure improvements. Through this track, grants are awarded to improve the shovel-readiness of existing, mature sites by funding infrastructure improvements such as water, sewer, transportation, electricity, gas, and other capital-eligible site improvement costs.

The grant funding will be used to make significant improvements in the area of the Xerox campus and surrounding, including improvements to the roads that make up the skeleton of the campus (Orchard, Panama, and Mitcheldean), extension of Chiyoda Drive and Boulter Industrial Parkway, upgrades to the sanitary sewer conveyance pipe near Basket Road and Salt Road, and provide electrical engineering master planning for future or eventual electric power

upgrades to the Xerox campus. This process will pave the way for Xerox to sell off acreage in subdividable parcels that can be developed into sites for large businesses to locate their facilities. This project maximizes the almost 300 acres of property in that area for development.

From here, the Town of Webster will continue working with WEDA and the Village of Webster within WEDA's agreement with ESD. WEDA will serve as the administrator of the grant, working collaboratively with the Town and Village to implement their respective aspects of the project.

In concert with this grant, Xerox has applied to the Village of Webster and Town of Webster Governments to move municipal lines on the campus. These moves will make sure that Village/Town line borders do not go through the middle of a subdividable 20, 40, 80+ acre parcel Xerox seeks to sell off. This municipal line movement will result in the Village picking up approximately twenty-five acres on the West campus (land south of Chiyoda Drive and the Webster Recreation Center) and the Town picking up approximately twenty-five acres east of Phillips Road.

The tentative plan is to have a joint Village Board of Trustees and Town

Board member public hearing on Tuesday, October 21, at the Village Board Room. Resolutions that will be considered at various Village and Town board meetings over the next month will set this public hearing.

Due to a specific Village law, 18-1804, a referendum vote of the approximately 3,300 registered voters who live in the Village of Webster has been tentatively scheduled for Tuesday, December 16. This vote would be for the Village voter to "OK" the reduction of Village land by the twenty-five acres that will be given to the Town East of Phillips Road. Critical to the Village voter decision on this are the two following things: Understanding this is part of a big plan that also has the Village obtaining twenty-five acres west of Phillips Road, and that maximum voter turnout at the December 16 vote is desirable.

This project is a milestone in what will continue to be economic opportunity and growth for the Town of Webster. The Town of Webster looks forward to seeing the area in the northeast portion of Town develop. We are fortunate to have a great partner in WEDA as the Town of Webster continues to foster economic vitality and make our community a place where life is worth living.

WEBSTER PARKS & RECREATION

UPCOMING EVENT SCHEDULE

FALL & WINTER 2025-2026



1:00 PM **B-I-N-G-O NIGHT TO SUPPORT** *making spirits bright*
19
 OCTOBER Help to purchase large wish list items for families! This includes 10 BINGO Games with 3 boards each plus raffle & door prizes! Tickets required <https://bit.ly/msb-bingo>



7:00-8:30 PM **PUMPKINS ON PARADE**
25
 OCTOBER A mile long path of carved pumpkins ending with music, cider & donuts, photo booth and a bonfire! This event is free and open to the community! Also register for our carving party on 10/23!



1:00-3:00 PM **AN AFTERNOON WITH SANTA**
13
 DECEMBER Visit Santa, enjoy music and dancing plus cookies and activities! Come anytime during the event - Santa will see everyone. Free and open to the community!



BUFFALO BILLS HYPE PARTY 2026
TBD Backyard games, tailgate food, trivia, shopping, music and a hey-ey-ey whole lotta ENERGY! Event time based on playoff schedule! Free and open to the community!

MORE INFORMATION WEBSTERNY.GOV/609/UPCOMING-EVENTS



AGING GRACEFULLY

AT WEBSTER PARKS AND RECREATION

BY DAPHNE GEOCA, 55+ COORDINATOR AT WEBSTER PARKS & RECREATION

With fall arriving, we here at Webster Parks and Recreation are excited about the vibrant leaves and cozy sweater weather! But don't worry, it's not the end of sunshine and fun just yet! As someone once said, "Autumn... the year's last, loveliest smile." We've had so many joyful moments at the Webster Recreation Center, and we can't wait to share more smiles with our wonderful older adults.

We are most excited to announce the arrival of our new transportation **BUS**! Thanks to the American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA), we're thrilled to announce an upgrade to our transportation service with a larger, better-equipped shuttle BUS. We are pleased to provide shuttle service to and from the homes of our older Webster residents to connect you with the many programs. This bus can pick you up from your home and bring you in to enjoy lunch, programming or even just simple socializing! In addition we provide restaurant outings, grocery shopping days and other "field trips" to great local destinations.

OUR NEW BUS!



Our 55+ Department has many regularly scheduled options including Talks on Tuesday - a great program that brings in weekly guest speakers, as well as educational Technology Workshops. Some things we are most excited about include our **Golden Gala** on October 17th. This new evening program will have dancing, appetizers and corsages - courtesy of our friends at Kittleberger. We would love to see you dressed up for a night out with friends! Our **Murder Mystery Dinner** is also taking place on November 14th - something new for us ...with a twist of mystery! This fall & winter, we will also be hosting field trips to the Memorial Art Gallery, Strong Museum, and a tour of Historic Homes in Webster.

If you'd like to learn more, visit our website or contact us via phone for more information! You can also sign up to receive our **55+ Newsletter** (which includes the monthly menu & programs) - via email or via USPS mail!

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MAKING SPIRITS *Bright(er)!...again!*



What is Making Spirits Bright?

Making Spirits Bright (MSB) is an all-volunteer, referral-based, adopt-a-family program, which provides holiday joy to deserving families in need located in the greater Rochester region. The organization has assisted nearly 600 families since 2014. Most MSB families live in Webster and Rochester, however their reach has extended throughout the greater Rochester region. Due to capacity, they only support families living in Monroe County.

How can I help?

There are several ways to give to Making Sprits Bright. You can adopt a family, adopt an individual, purchase from the community list, organize a donation drive, make a monetary donation or wrap gifts.

This year, Webster Parks and Recreation will be hosting *another* month long **donation drive at the Webster Recreation Center - located at 1350 Chiyoda Drive, Webster NY 14580**. This drive will take place **from October 12th and run through November 15th**. This will allow Webster residents to drop off items needed by MSB. There will be a large bin in the recreation center vestibule which is open Monday through Saturday until 9 PM and Sunday until 6 PM.

Additionally, there will be an awesome **B-I-N-G-O** fundraiser that will allow MSB to purchase larger ticket items on families wish lists. The event will take place on Sunday, October 19, 2025 at 1 PM at the Webster Recreation Center. Register for this event online at: <https://bit.ly/msb-bingo> or by scanning the QR code below!

"Making Spirits Bright has been such a staple in the Webster community for the last 10 years, assisting more than 500 families in need," says Jamie Buss, Director at Making Spirits Bright. "The support, compassion and generosity we've received from our Webster community, from organizing collection drives and adopting families, has been impactful beyond measure."



making spirits bright

For more information on Making Spirits Bright you can email: thegoodnessinitiative@gmail.com and for questions about the drive at Webster Parks and Recreation email Recreation Director, Katie Kovar, at kkovar@websterny.gov

Most Needed Items:

PERSONAL CARE ITEMS

- Dove body wash/bar soap - men's & women's (sensitive, if possible)
- Dove shampoo - men's & women's
- Dove conditioner
- Dove unscented body lotion
- Dove deodorant - men's & women's
- Multi-pack tampons
- Maxi pads with wings
- Children's 3-in-1 shampoo, conditioner or body wash
- Liquid hand soap
- Large tubes of toothpaste
- Soft toothbrushes (multi-packs)
- Kids' toothpaste
- Kids' toothbrushes
- Baby wash
- Baby lotion
- Razors - men's & women's

CLEANING SUPPLIES

- Lysol all-purpose cleaning spray
- Lysol toilet bowl cleaner
- Toilet brushes
- Scrubbing sponges
- Dish soap
- Laundry detergent
 - (unscented, if possible)
- Baking soda

GIFT CARDS (\$25 VALUES ARE PREFERABLE, BUT PLEASE WRITE DOLLAR AMOUNT ON EACH CARD)

- Aldi
- Amazon
- Price Rite
- Target
- TJ Maxx
- Tops
- Walmart
- Gas cards

MISCELLANEOUS NEEDS

- Manual can openers
- Waterproof, snow gloves (all sizes)
- Pillows
- Kids' socks - bulk packs (all sizes)
- Men's & Women's socks - bulk packs
- Kids' underwear - bulk packs (all sizes)
- Women's underwear - bulk packs (all sizes)
- Men's underwear - boxers or boxer briefs (all sizes)

HOLIDAY ITEMS

- Gift wrap (large rolls are preferable)
- Gift bags (all sizes)
- Gift boxes (all sizes)
- Gift tags (sticker sheets are preferable)
- Lighted Christmas trees (new in box)



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Webster Residents are Invited to Attend the

Preliminary Budget Public Hearing

2026 **BUDGET**

Thursday, October 16 at 7:30 PM
Town Board Meeting Room, Court Building
1002 Ridge Road, Webster

You may also watch the public hearing live via the Town of Webster's official YouTube channel or recorded on the Town's website.