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## WEBSTER TOWN SUPERVISOR



**Alex Scialdone**  
Town Supervisor

Hi Webster,

I'd like to reintroduce myself and officially share how honored I am to serve as your new Town Supervisor. I'm excited to work alongside each of you to keep Webster a vibrant and united community. Thank you for the trust you've placed in me; I won't take it for granted.

My wife, our young son, and I are proud to call Webster home. I'm a member of both Webster Rotary and the Webster Community Chest, and I volunteer my time

with the Webster Comfort Care Home in their fundraising efforts.

It's a privilege to give back in a role that allows me to listen, lead, and stand up for every corner of our Town.

I believe that every voice matters. I am here to listen to your concerns, hopes, and ideas. My commitment is to keep Webster's needs front and center, with a firm and steady approach to decision-making that honors both our past and our potential.

Thank you again for the opportunity to serve. I look forward to listening, learning, and building with you because our best days as a community are still ahead.

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## WEBSTER TOWN BOARD



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Town Councilman  
6 Years of Service



**Jennifer Wright**  
Town Councilwoman  
2 Years of Service



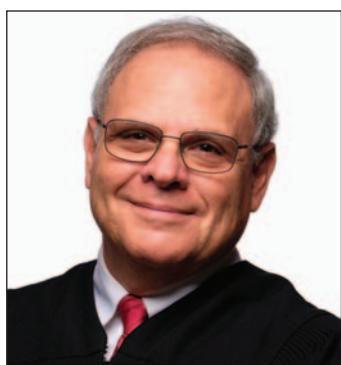
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Elected in 2025



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Town Councilman  
Elected in 2025



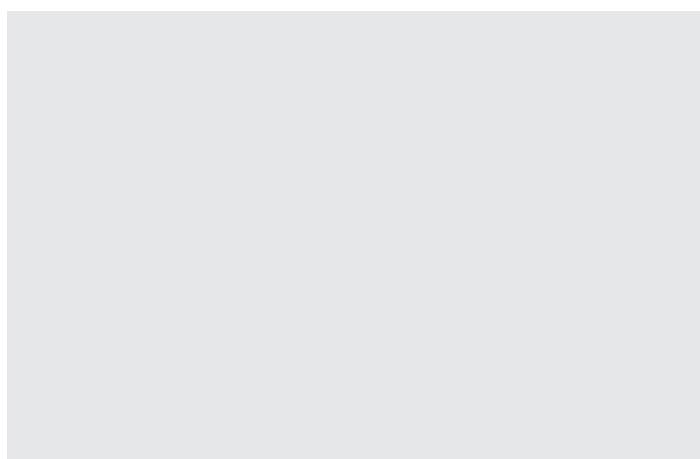
## WEBSTER TOWN JUSTICES



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



**Christine Seppeler**  
Town Justice  
Since 2023



JANUARY - FEBRUARY - MARCH  
**CALENDAR** **pages 10-11**



# PATTI CATALDI

## *Honoring decades of public service*

For nearly twenty-five years, including seventeen with the Town of Webster, Patti Cataldi has been a dedicated force for growth and stability in our community. She has successfully guided us through both prosperous and challenging times. Patti is recognized as a champion of honest public service, a capable deputy, and a voice of reason. Whether you are a stranger or a friend, you will always receive a warm smile, an open mind, and a genuine desire to help from her, no matter where you encounter her. To all of us at the Town of Webster, she embodies these qualities and more.

Patti began her journey in public service at the Village of Webster. She served on the Village Planning Board from 1998 to 2005, and then on the Village Board of Trustees from 2005 to 2009. Her role as a natural leader and advocate became apparent to those she served and marked the beginning of even more years of service.

In January of 2010, residents elected Patti to the Town Board, a role she fulfilled until the end of 2025. During her tenure, she

earned several significant appointments.

These included serving as liaison for the Webster Police Department, Sewer Department, and the Conservation Board. Patti played a key role in overseeing several major projects undertaken by the Town, including the fairlife project and the new wastewater treatment plant project. In 2016, her hard work and commitment to honest public service led to her appointment as Deputy Town Supervisor. She has held this title since then.



Over the years, Patti retained the respect and trust of residents throughout Webster. She deeply values the trust placed in her and

has consistently stayed focused on what matters most in public service to the community she loves.

Outside of her public service, Patti worked as a dental hygienist for over 45 years and became involved in various volunteer organizations and causes. These include the Webster Business District, the Chamber of Commerce, and the Breast Cancer Coalition of Rochester (BCCR). She served as Director of the BCCR from 2008 to 2011, and as Board Chair from 2011 to 2021.

Through it all, Patti never compromised her dedication to her family. With over 50 years as a resident of Webster, she chose to raise her daughter, Jessica, here alongside her husband, Dick, emphasizing the personal nature of her mission in every endeavor she pursued. Patti is a powerful example of why our town is “where life is worth living.” We are excited for her next adventures and wish her the best in the years ahead.

Thank you, Patti, for your hard work. You have left a remarkable legacy across all of Webster.





# 2027 REVALUATION PROJECT:

## How will the Revaluation Affect Tax Rate?

One common erroneous comparison people often unknowingly make is to compare tax rates in one jurisdiction to another, say town to town, or school district to school district, without looking a bit deeper. If you have been following the revaluation news in Webster, you are probably aware that our assessed values are currently WELL below the current market value. Since tax rates are directly and inversely related to the tax jurisdiction's assessed values, low assessed values generate a higher tax rate, and vice versa. To understand this relationship let's take a closer look at how a tax rate is calculated and forecast the impact the revaluation will have on the tax rates in Webster.

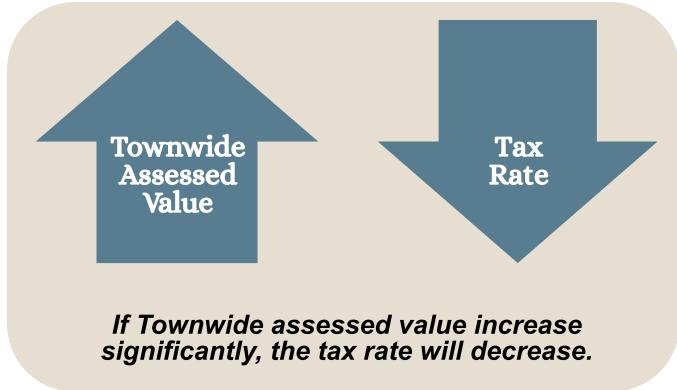
For this discussion, we will consider Town properties. The Town of Webster's tax rate in January 2025 was \$5.39. Tax rates are expressed at a rate per 1,000 of assessed value, or at a millage rate. This is sometimes written as \$5.39/m. Right away you see that it is "dollars per." Similar to the cost per square foot of a new construction, it is achieved by division. For example, consider the garage estimates below:

Cost of garage		Size		Cost per sq. ft.
\$16,800	÷	400	=	\$42
\$16,800	÷	576	=	\$29

Notice, if this garage is larger, but costs the same, the price per square foot decreases. Swap out the garage in this example for the town tax equation and the principle is the same. This example works because the Town can only collect the levy, which is limited in its growth by certain statutes, commonly called the tax cap.

To calculate the tax rate, two things are needed: the amount to be collected from the taxpayers to balance the town budget (after considering all other sources of income), called the tax levy; and, the assessed value (taxable) for the Town. The levy/assessed value - the tax rate. And just like in the example above for the garage,

if the value ("size") of the Town increases significantly, the resulting rate ("dollars per") must decrease.



Since the assessments are SO much lower than the current market value, we are anticipating that they will at least double. And since everyone's assessment will be increasing similarly and as dramatically, the math will be equally dramatic in decreasing fashion. As an isolated variable, the doubling of the value of the town (expressed in assessed value), will cause the rate ("dollars per") to be cut in half. This assumes that the levy and all other variables are stable, but let's look closer at this isolated variable.

The chart on the following page compares the actual 2026 tax rate calculation for Webster with how the same budget applied to current assessments translated or equalized to 100% would affect the tax rate.

To compare rates between towns whose rates are also expressed as being at 100% assessment, the rate is \$2.65. This is the reason one cannot compare tax rates between jurisdictions without understanding or compensating for the level of assessment. Similarly, Webster Central School District's 2025 tax rate of \$28.70 (at 48%) is actually \$13.77 at 100%. Notice, the rate, for both tax jurisdictions, is directly and inversely related to the level of the district's assessments. Higher assessments equals lower tax rates; lower assessments equal higher tax rates, such as in Webster's current circumstance.

	Assessments at this Percent of Market Value	Town Levy (\$)		Assessed value (taxable)		Tax Rate/m (Rounded)
2026 Actual	48%	17,836,202	÷	3,230,117.594	=	\$5.52
Equalized	100%	17,836,202	÷	6,729,411.654	=	\$2.65

For those who understand it well, it is no secret that there are many variables affecting the taxes that appear on the individual bills, including exemptions. Since the Town's expenses and levy vary from year to year, we know the math shown is just a demonstration of this principle in play. **The point is, someone who fears that taxes will double are projecting that the levy will also double; that is NOT going to happen!** And now you can confidently explain why not.

Below, find a few terms selected from our Revaluation webpage that you will want to remember as we watch the revaluation unfold. Start to familiarize yourself with these terms THIS budget year, for the Town, Village, County and School, and watch the interplay of these figures in action!

**Assessed Value:** The value placed on real property for the purpose of distributing taxes. See also Taxable Value.

**Tax Levy:** The amount of money to be raised by tax bills, after accounting for all other sources of income.

**Tax Rate / Millage Rate:** Expressed in "dollars per thousand", the tax rate, or millage rate, is determined by dividing the tax levy by the taxable value of the taxing jurisdiction, then dividing by 1,000.

**Taxable Value:** The value used for the calculation of taxes. It may be equal to or less than the assessed value if exemptions are applied to the property. See also Assessed Value.

For more terms and other resources, visit our webpage [websterny.gov/874/2027-Townwide-Revaluation-Project](http://websterny.gov/874/2027-Townwide-Revaluation-Project)



# HONORING

## Beverly Geier

By Jay Verna, Fitness Coordinator at Webster Parks & Recreation

For more than half a century, Beverly Geier, or Bev as she's known to most, has been a driving force behind health and wellness in the Webster community. This past year, her remarkable contributions were recognized with Lifetime Achievement Awards from both Genesee Valley Parks and Recreation Society (GVRPS) and New York State Recreation and Park Society (NYSRPS), honoring more than 50 years of dedication to fitness education and community well-being.



Bev began her teaching career with Webster Parks and Recreation in the early 1970s, a time when community fitness was just beginning to gain popularity. Throughout her career, she has led a variety of classes—including 55+ Senior Fitness, Swedish Fitness, and Silver & Fit—helping older adults stay strong, flexible, and socially connected. Known for her motivating yet nurturing approach, Bev has made exercise fun, inclusive, and accessible for participants of all ages and abilities.

Reflecting on the honor, Bev shared her gratitude and perspective on the evolution of fitness over the years:

*"Thank you—this award is very unexpected and most appreciated. My involvement in the fitness field has been an amazing gift. When my career began, the field of recreational fitness was quite limited. There were few opportunities for group activities, particularly for girls and women. Times have changed, and there is now a broad range of available options. I am grateful to have been involved during those years of change."*

*"My involvement in the fitness field has been an amazing gift."*



In early 2025, GVRPS recognized Bev with its Lifetime Achievement Award. Later in the year, NYSRPS presented her with its highest individual honor at the organization's annual meeting and awards banquet.



Even after decades of teaching, Bev's passion for promoting movement and healthy living has never waned. Her influence extends far beyond her classrooms—shaping the lives of countless students and inspiring new generations of instructors and fitness professionals to follow in her footsteps.

As the community celebrates Bev Geier's extraordinary achievements, she stands as a true pioneer in the field of recreational fitness—an inspiring example of how dedication, compassion, and perseverance can make a lasting impact on the health and happiness of others.

Congratulations, Beverly Geier!





Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<b>D</b> Town of Webster <b>P</b> Parks & Recreation <b>L</b> Library <b>H</b> Holiday/Other <b>S</b> Webster Schools <b>G</b> Webster Comfort Care Home				<b>JANUARY</b> 1  <b>H</b> <i>All Town Offices CLOSED</i> <b>S</b> <i>NO SCHOOL</i>	<b>1</b> 7:00pm: Organizational Meeting <b>S</b> <i>NO SCHOOL</i>	2
4	5	6	7	<b>1</b> 6:30pm: Town Board Workshop <b>1</b> 7:30pm: Town Board Meeting	8	9
				<b>1</b> 2:00pm: Monthly Genealogy Series: Starting Your Family Tree		10  <b>1</b> 11:00am-1:00pm: Webster Area Preschool Fair
			11	<b>1</b> 7:00pm: Planning Board Meeting	12	13  <b>1</b> 2:00pm: Zoning Board Meeting
				<b>1</b> 2:00pm: Monthly Genealogy Series: Starting Your Family Tree	14	15  <b>P</b> 5:00-9:00pm Parents Night Out for Kids
					16	17
						23  <b>1</b> 1:00pm: Town Board Workshop <b>1</b> 7:30pm: Town Board Meeting
					24	<b>1</b> 1:00pm: The Geologic History of NYS
			18	<b>M</b> Martin Luther King Jr Day <b>H</b> <i>Town Offices CLOSED</i> <b>R</b> <i>Rec Center OPEN Normal Hours</i> <b>S</b> <i>NO SCHOOL</i>	19	20  <b>1</b> 1:00pm: Film Festival: <i>Around The World</i> by Greg Langen
					21	22  <b>1</b> 6:30pm: Town Board Workshop <b>1</b> 7:30pm: Town Board Meeting
					25	26  <b>1</b> 2:00pm: Webster Business Series: Evan Schutt from Schutt's
					27	28  <b>1</b> 9:00am-8:00pm: Jigsaw Puzzle Exchange
					29	30  <b>P</b> Candy Bar BINGO 6-7:15PM
					31	
						7  <b>1</b> 10:00am-4:00pm: Take Your Child to the Library Day
						14  <b>2</b> 10:00am: Valentine's Day Dance for Kids <b>P</b> 5:00-9:00pm Parents Night Out for Kids
					11	12  <b>1</b> 6:30pm: Town Board Workshop <b>1</b> 7:30pm: Town Board Meeting
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15	H President's Day Town Offices CLOSED Rec Center OPEN Normal Hours S NO SCHOOL	16	17	18
	P Feb Break Camp S NO SCHOOL	P Feb Break Camp S NO SCHOOL	P Feb Break Camp S NO SCHOOL	P Feb Break Camp S NO SCHOOL
22	23	24	25	26
				P 6:30-8:30pm Lego Family Showdown
MARCH	1	2	3	4
				P 10:00am-4:00pm: 5 Mobile Mammogram Center Visits I 6:30pm: Town Board Workshop I 7:30pm: Town Board Meeting
8	9	10	11	12
15	16	17	18	19
		P 55+ St. Patrick's Day Lunch Party CLOVER		P Feb Break Camp S NO SCHOOL
22	23	24	25	26
				S PK-5 Parent Conferences: 1/2 Day School
29	30	31		P Conference Day Camp



Event dates and times may be subject to change and/or cancellation. Parks and Recreation and Library Events **MAY REQUIRE REGISTRATION**. Visit [websterlibrary.org](http://websterlibrary.org) for registration requirements and updated event information.

Town meeting dates can be found at [websterty.gov/calendar](http://websterty.gov/calendar).

# 2025: Year in Review

## January

- Supervisor Flaherty visits with residents at Marquis at the Woods to provide town updates and answer questions.
- Robert Slye retires from the Webster Police Department following years of service to the Town of Webster since 1999.

## February

- Bev Geier retires from the Town of Webster after nearly fifty-five years of service to the community through fitness instruction at Webster Parks and Recreation.
- The gym in the Webster Recreation Center receives an upgrade to its lighting to better illuminate the high-use space.
- Town officials attend the NYS Association of Towns annual meeting & conference in NYC.

## March

- Exterior construction begins on the roof of the Webster Public Library.
- Elayne from Scouting America Troop 425 visits with Supervisor Flaherty to learn about and discuss issues of importance to the Town of Webster.
- Bev Geier receives the GVRPS Lifetime Achievement Award at the local conference.

## April

- The Town of Webster 2040 Comprehensive Plan update project officially kicks off, titled *Webster's Bicentennial Plan: Rooted in History, Growing with Purpose*.
- The Public Employer Risk Management Association (PERMA) recognizes Chief Operator of Sewer Department, Rick Kenealy, and Director of Personnel Brayton Connard for coordinating the DEC's approval of fifty courses for wastewater plant operators.
- Town of Webster hosts a ribbon-cutting on the new Barry A. Deane Highway Facility.
- Webster Parks and Recreation hosts 1<sup>st</sup> Annual Helping Heroes Day in honor of former employee, Tom Smock, cleaning yards of multiple homes in and around Webster.



## May

- The Pen Pal Program with the 55+ community and students from Autumn Lane Elementary connect in person after writing one another since September 2024.
- Webster Sewer Department hosts Anaerobic Digestion and Biogas Safety Training in partnership with New York Water Environment Association (NYWEA).
- Jim Dellavilla resigns from the Girls North Coast Basketball Program after coaching for more than 25 years.

## June

- Webster Parks and Recreation begins hosting summer food trucks at Sandbar Park.
- Summer Celebration is held at the Webster Recreation Center with record-breaking numbers, new music groups, and family activities. Approximately 9,000 people in attendance for music, food, and fun.

## July

- The Friends of Webster Trails and Webster Parks and Recreation begin construction on the Hojack Trail to improve the trail's surface.
- Lieutenant Jeff Webster retires from the Webster Police Department following years of dedicated service keeping residents safe.

## August

- The Town of Webster and Friends of Webster Trails officially cut the ribbon on Herman Road Forever Wild Forest.
- The Town of Webster partners with Monroe County to host a free rabies vaccination clinic at the new Webster Highway Department.

## September

- Webster Parks and Recreation adds a new shuttle bus to improve access to 55+ community members.
- Webster Highway Department partners with Monroe County to host a Household Hazardous Waste Disposal event.





## October

- Barbara Dodge awarded NYS Assessor's Association 2025 President's Award.
- Webster Parks and Recreation hosts Pumpkins on Parade, featuring over 600 carved pumpkins lit up along a mile-long path for community members.

## November

- Webster Parks and Recreation hosts Member Appreciation Month, recognizing the fitness memberships and visitors to the department.
- Bev Geier receives the NYSRPS Lifetime Achievement Award at the NY State Conference.

## December

- Afternoon with Santa is held at the Webster Recreation Center, with hundreds of visitors to see Santa Claus.
- Supervisor Tom Flaherty, Deputy Supervisor Patti Cataldi, and Councilwoman Ginny Nguyen are honored for their service to the Webster community.

# WEBSTER PUBLIC LIBRARY

## Webster Area Preschool Fair



Looking for a preschool for your little one? Come to Webster Public Library's Webster Area Preschool Fair on Saturday, January 10 between 11:00 am to 1:00 pm. Representatives from preschools will be available to chat and provide information about their programs. The preschools in attendance are located in Webster or a surrounding township and/or have a number of Webster students already in attendance.

**Bringing a little one with you?** Join us for a preschool-themed storytime at 10:30 am and make a craft anytime from 11:00 am – 4:00 pm! No registration required for any event – just stop in.



## JOIN THE WEBSTER TEAM

Stay in the know about Webster job openings by visiting our website!



Use this QR code or visit [websterny.gov/jobs](http://websterny.gov/jobs) to see all job openings, learn more about open positions, and sign up for job alerts!





# SUMMER CAMP 2026!

**New Registration Date:**  
**FEbruary 2, 2026**

Join Webster Parks & Recreation for a summer of ultimate adventures for your preschooler all the way up to your middle schooler! Special visitors, field trips, playgrounds, splash parks and more— it's time to make memories that last a lifetime



## PRESCHOOL CAMP

Games, Crafts, Themes, Outdoor Play and more at the Liberty Lodge! This camp welcomes kids ages 3-5 who have not entered Kindergarten & who are fully potty trained for a short day of fun activities!



## PLAYGROUND CAMP

A safe, fun, and active camp for ages 5-9. Each day we will be using the playground & playing games on the enclosed turf field at Miracle Field, hike & play water games and lead activities! Now extended to 5 weeks!



## K-5 DAY CAMP

For kids in grades K-5 a full day of camp at 2 site locations options! Come to enjoy a variety of outdoor activities and meet new friends! Campers must bring a snack, lunch, water bottle, and wear sneakers and sunscreen every day.



## TRIP CAMP

Each Monday-Thursday 4-day weekly session includes a variety of exciting destinations for kids in grades 5 through 8! All admission fees, transportation and activities are included in the weekly rate.

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# WEBSTER COMFORT CARE HOME

## Care for a Loved One Matters

The emotional burden that comes from losing a terminally ill loved one often intensifies during their final months. Constant worry about providing not only health care but also comfort can be overwhelming for any family. It is during these dark times that Webster Comfort Care Home (WCCH) invites you to join them.

WCCH began, like many projects, with a conversation around the kitchen table. Over time, the vision for a comfort care home in Webster became a reality. This promise of a vital service brought together a community of over 200 individuals, churches, businesses, and organizations that generously contributed their time, resources, and financial support to the project. A warm and welcoming home was created to help ease residents through their final days as a result of this collaborative effort.

Although nothing can fully ease the pain of loss, it is important to those experiencing it that a terminally ill loved one is cared for with dignity during their departure. Residents and families are not asked or expected to pay for the services they receive at the Home. At WCCH, these services are tailored to meet

residents' needs while providing comfort to families during this difficult time. Their mission is to deliver quality care around the clock in a warm, welcoming environment. They also understand better than most the significance of a peaceful, relaxed atmosphere, and are supported by a dedicated team of staff and volunteers committed to providing this care.



Caregivers work in pairs to provide personal care to residents during four-hour shifts. Responsibilities include administering pain relief and managing symptoms, as well as interacting with residents' families and friends. These caregivers serve as friendly faces within the community, ensuring that the Home remains a warm and comfortable environment.

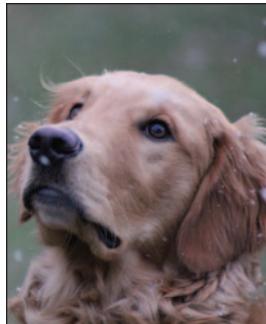
WCCH also provides a variety of services delivered by many current volunteers aged 16 to 88. The property

features beautifully manicured gardens and green spaces that create a serene atmosphere, all maintained by a team of volunteers. Meal preparation ensures that residents and their families are well-fed, including meals donated by community families. Fundraising is another crucial activity driven by volunteers. Without government funding or insurance reimbursement, contributions and community involvement are essential to operations.

Since its establishment in 2003, WCCH's legacy of service has directly benefited over 530 individuals and their family members. They have created an environment that values the lives of those preparing for the final journey, recognizing that care is not "one size fits all."

The Town of Webster is fortunate to have our neighbors at WCCH to care for our friends, family, and loved ones. We are appreciative of the work they do and the service they provide to the Webster community.

There are a variety of ways to help out WCCH, volunteer, and make a difference. Visit [webstercomfortcare.org](http://webstercomfortcare.org) for more information!



**The Front Cover:**

Webster dog enjoying  
the snow in winter  
2025.

*photo by Webster Resident  
Zac Strege*

Town of Webster  
1000 Ridge Road  
Webster, NY 14580



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## **ATTENTION WEBSTER HOMEOWNERS: You May Be Eligible for One or More Property Tax Exemptions at Your Primary Residence**

**(Exemption: A reduction of taxes found directly on your tax bill.)**

**APPLY BY MARCH 1, 2026**

### **Common Exemptions**

**Veteran:** Non-reservist, period of war or peacetime

**Disabled with limited income:**\* Doctor certification required

**Senior with limited income:**\* Age 65 by December 31, 2026

\*Currently accepting 2024 income

**Benefits are in addition to your STAR benefits!**

Renew income-related exemptions annually at the local Assessment Office. Forms and proof of qualifications required.

**Don't Delay! Deadline is March 1, 2026  
for September 2026-June 2027 tax bills!**

For more information contact the Assessor's Office at:

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<https://www.websterny.gov/79/Exemptions>