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## WEBSTER TOWN SUPERVISOR

To My Webster Friends,

**Happy New Year!** I'm excited for the prospects that 2022 brings to the Webster Community. I'm excited to build on the teamwork I have seen growing in the past two years amongst the Town Government and citizens, and the teamwork within the various departments of the Town Government. I've always believed in the equation: **Talent + Teamwork = GREAT results!** It's been very satisfying to me to watch this evolve the past 2 years. It becomes contagious within the culture of an organization and community. Let's build on it in 2022!

The January 2022 issue of *WebsterToday* highlights some of the accomplishments in 2021. They're impressive, but they also reflect just how much more work there is to be done in 2022. The only constant in life is change, and the Town of Webster government, and the community as a whole is not immune from that. Change needs

to be approached in a "measured way". If not, you run the risk of "change for the sake of change" which is never good. I'm confident in the foundation that has been built in the past 2 years that the challenges we face in 2022 and beyond will be collaboratively addressed by a team of talented Town Government personnel and citizens.

### Welcome to the Town Board

Please give a big Webster welcome to Ginny Nguyen! If you've ever been around Ginny, you know she is "energy personified". She has been a 30+ years resident of the town where she raised her family and is a proud Blue Star Mother of America. Ginny describes herself as someone with a big heart for community well-being, and is dedicated, passionate, motivated toward serving our community. We look forward to working with Ginny for years to come.

As always, I'd love to hear from you!



**Thomas J. Flaherty**  
Town Supervisor

Sincerely,

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Webster Town Supervisor  
Phone: 585-872-7068  
Email: [supervisor@ci.webster.ny.us](mailto:supervisor@ci.webster.ny.us)

## WEBSTER TOWN BOARD



**Patricia Cataldi**  
Town Councilwoman  
Deputy Supervisor  
12 Years of Service



**William Abbott**  
Town Councilman  
14 Years of Service



**John Cahill**  
Town Councilman  
3 Years of Service



**Ginny Nguyen**  
Town Councilwoman  
Elected in 2021



Tax bills for 2022 Town and County Taxes were mailed on or before December 31, 2021

# 2022 Town & County Tax Bills

by Dorothy M. Maguire, Receiver of Taxes

Tax payments are received at Webster Town Hall, 1000 Ridge Road, from 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., Monday through Friday.

Tax payments may be made in full, by four installments or partial payments. Complete instructions and information concerning payment of installments or full payments is on the back of the bill.

Interest free period ends on February 10, 2022. The due dates for each installment this year are February 10, February 28, March 31, and May 2. When the due date, falls on a Saturday or Sunday the following Monday will be the date payment is due without additional penalties.

If you do not have an escrow account from which your taxes are paid, you should have already received a 2022 Town & County tax bill. If you did not receive a bill in early January, please contact our office immediately so a duplicate bill can be sent to you. You may also retrieve a bill from the Monroe County website at website [www.monroecounty.gov](http://www.monroecounty.gov). Select "View/Pay Taxes Online". Be sure to print the two-page document "Combined Town and County tax bill". It is important to act promptly to avoid possible interest charges. If your bill is misdirected in the mail and you did not receive the bill, penalties cannot be waived.

If your taxes are paid along with your mortgage and held in an escrow account, your lending institution is responsible for payment of your taxes. In this case, if you receive your tax bill, contact your mortgage company and forward the bill to them. If there have been any changes in the status of your mortgage, such as a change in your lending institution, transfer or sale of property, you may want to check with the Webster Tax Office at (585) 872-7064 on the status of your account and where your bill is being directed.

If you wish to receive a receipt, you must provide us with the entire bill with the payment coupons found on page 2 so that we can properly apply your payment. The Coupons are used to post your payment if you pay in full or by installment, so please remit with your payment. If you pay your taxes electronically through your bank, note the full account number on the remittance information or the address. Receipts for escrow accounts are automatically sent by the Town or affiliated agency approximately four to six weeks after receipt of payment from your mortgage company.



If mailing your payment, list your account number/phone number on your check or money order. Include your payment coupon found on the second page of your bill and send to:

Dorothy M. Maguire  
Receiver of Taxes  
1000 Ridge Road  
Webster, NY 14580



You may also utilize the Town's **Payment Drop Box** located inside the front vestibule of Webster Town Hall, 1000 Ridge Road. It is available 24 hours a day to submit your payment. Place your check/money order payment in an envelope with your phone number. **NO CASH will be accepted.** Payments received after 4:30 p.m. are considered received on the next business day. Please be sure to include your payment coupon found on the second page of your bill to ensure proper processing.



**Charge card and electronic check payments** via the internet are also available through the Monroe County's website [www.monroecounty.gov](http://www.monroecounty.gov). Select "View/Pay Taxes Online". The payment portal is linked to the tax system, so your payment will be posted immediately. Fees will apply.

For questions call the Town of Webster Tax Office at 585-872-7064 or e-mail Dorothy Maguire, Tax Receiver at [dmaguire@ci.webster.ny.us](mailto:dmaguire@ci.webster.ny.us).

# Locating Webster's Early Graves

Two years ago, George Baker, President of Webster Union Cemetery, approached Cherie Wood, Canandaigua Chapter, National Society Daughters of the American Revolution, with a mystery: **"Is there a Revolutionary War Patriot resting in the cemetery?"**

With the help of Webster Town Historian Lynn Barton, research has located four Patriots, plus early settlers and founders. Cherie, a genealogist, has been cleaning and researching each gravestone in the oldest section of the cemetery.

But what about those without stones? Before we remember them, we first have to locate them. This led the Historic Preservation team to Wayne Coleman, President/CEO of On The Mark Locating Services, in Rochester.

Ground Penetrating Radar (GPR) is used to locate underground utilities, but the same technology can be used to detect a burial. Some Webster Union graves are 200 years old. If they aren't recorded soon, they will be lost forever. On The Mark Locating Services has donated their time and resources to find as many unknown graves as possible. Webster history will forever benefit from their generosity.

How does GPR work? A radar beam is sent into the soil at ground level to 12' deep. The technology will often detect a disruption/change in the soil. The team then photographs and records the grave location. These were the people

who founded our town. Their lives must be remembered. Present-day Webster would not exist without their contributions. Future goals include a marker at every located grave. The marker would say "Known But To God".

If you would like to donate towards the purchase of bronze plaques to honor our Revolutionary War Patriots, or markers for the newly located graves, please send your donation to Webster Union Cemetery, PO Box 1513, Webster, NY 14580.



Wayne Coleman of On The Mark Locating Services, and Cemetery President George Baker, discuss a double burial that predates Cemetery records.



## HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT

# Getting Our Community Through the Winter Safely Snow Removal in Webster

A message from the Webster Highway Department

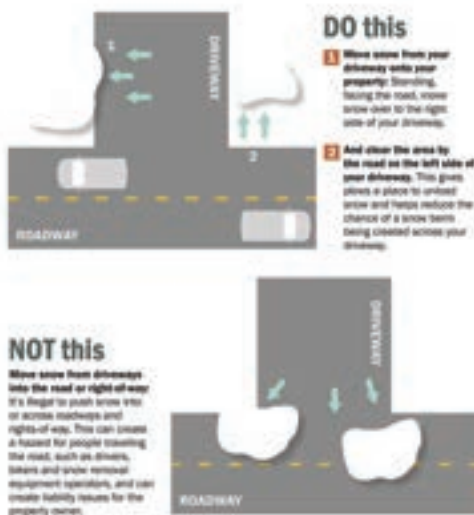
The Town of Webster is responsible for snow and ice control on Town, County and State roads within Webster with the exception of the New York State Expressways. As winter approaches, we want to remind everyone of the necessary rules and regulations that provide for your safety and the safety of the traveling public on main roads and neighborhood streets within the Town during the winter snow and ice season.

Here are some important winter policies for you to be aware of:

### Driveway Clearing

Driveway maintenance is the property owner's responsibility. When clearing your driveway of snow, the snow **shall be kept on your own property**. Any snow pushed, blown or plowed on to any street is a ticketable offense under both

#### DRIVEWAY SNOW REMOVAL



New York State Vehicle and Traffic Law and New York State Highway Law. If your driveway is plowed by a private contractor, both you (as the property owner) and the plow operator may be ticketed. Snow should be pushed to the left side of your driveway (if you are facing your house) so when snowplows go past your house, it will minimize the amount of snow going back into your driveway.

### Highway and Road Salting

Our Highway Department follows the "Sensible Salting" Guidelines established by the County of Monroe, in conjunction with the Environmental Management Council. This policy requires us to use only enough salt to make our highways safe for motorists but requires you to reduce your driving speed according to conditions. **We adjust roadway treatment to the conditions based on traffic volumes, temperature and time of day. We ask you to do the same.**

Our highway trucks back up at almost every single intersection. Giving them the room to maneuver enhances the overall operations, thus safer roads quicker, so please be courteous.

### Mailboxes

It is the Town's policy to repair mailboxes that are damaged by town plows during snow plowing operations, or to replace them with a standard rural mailbox and post. Since there is no legal authority which grants an owner



the right to place a mailbox along a public road in the right-of-way, our repairs and replacement are done as a courtesy. The one-piece plastic post/box combinations or any type of custom mailboxes will be replaced with our standard post and box. If you have an expensive and/or decorative mailbox and/or post, it may be worth considering the option of storing it for the winter and replacing it with an inexpensive assembly.

### Winter Parking

In order to facilitate snow removal and to eliminate potential hazards, the parking of vehicles on all highways, shoulders, or within three feet of the road is prohibited between the hours of 12:00 AM and 7:00 AM from November 1st to April 15th. Vehicles in violation of this ordinance are subject to a parking ticket. Violators or vehicles that prevent plowing of a street will be towed and the vehicle's owner will be responsible for all towing and storage charges.

### Roadway Delineation

The Highway Department delineates the edges of the roadway where needed at the discretion of the driver for each route. If you feel the need to delineate the edge of the roadway further at your property, please use fiberglass delineation stakes and be aware that in large snow accumulation situations the stakes may be covered or broken by snow removal activities.

# SENIOR CENTER AT WEBSTER PARKS & RECREATION



The Webster Senior Center is dedicated to supporting and enhancing the lives of seniors 50 years and older by providing programs and services that promote active, independent, and healthy lifestyles.



Whether you are seeking friendship, exercise, educational programs or recreational and leisure activities, the Webster Senior Center is one place that is committed to providing these opportunities for residents of the Town of Webster.

We welcome you to check out the various programs and activities we offer in the Webster Parks and Recreation Program Guide which is available online and at The Recreation Center. You are also invited to stop by the Webster Senior Center to see our facilities firsthand, and we encourage you to share your ideas about what we can do to enrich your experience with us.

## SENIOR CENTER HIGHLIGHTS



Healthy nutritious lunch served daily and planned by a registered dietician from Monroe County.



Recreation suited to older adult fitness such as Chair Yoga, TheraBand, Silver&Fit, Sun Tai-Chi, and more!



Talks on Tuesdays bring older adults a wide range of topics to enrich and inspire while meeting interesting people along the way.



Themed luncheon parties celebrate fun occasions with friends.

## SENIOR CENTER SERVICES



**Meal & nutrition programs**

**Information and assistance**



**Health, fitness, and wellness programs**

**Transportation services**



**Eldersource supportive social services**

**Volunteer opportunities**



**Social and recreational activities**

**Educational and arts programs**



**For more program information contact Daphne Geoca at 585-872-7103 x7105  
or visit <https://www.ci.webster.ny.us/104/Parks-Recreation>**



# All Dogs Must Be Licensed



## Why License Your Dog?

**1. IT'S THE LAW:** New York State Agriculture & Markets Law, Article 7, requires that dogs in New York State be licensed and wear their dog license tag.

**2. EASY IDENTIFICATION:** When wearing a license tag, dogs are easier to identify, enabling them to be reunited with their owner faster. A license is a lost dog's ticket home.

**3. HEALTH & SAFETY:** By requiring that a dog have valid rabies vaccination prior to licensing, a dog license helps to control and prevent the spread of rabies.

## What Dogs Must Be Licensed?

**EVERY** dog owned or harbored in New York State for longer than 30 days must be licensed.

The **ONLY** license exceptions are as follows:

- Dogs under 4 months of age not running at large.
- If a non-resident brings a dog into New York State for less than 30 days and the dog is licensed according to the resident state's licensing laws.
- Dogs confined to the premises of any public or private hospital, research institution or a Class A Dealer with a certificate of exemption from the Commissioner..

## How to License Your Dog

Apply for a dog license at the Webster

Town Clerk's Office by bringing in the proper paperwork from your dog's veterinarian. **The annual fee for licensing an unaltered dog is \$20.00 and \$10.00 for a spayed or neutered dog payable with cash or check.**

After the application and appropriate certificates are filed and the license fee has been paid, the license will be valid for one year from date of issue. Each dog is assigned a permanent official identification (ID) number and issued a metal ID tag which is to be attached to the dog's collar and worn at all times.

If you have questions concerning a new or renewal license, please call the Town Clerk's Office at 585-872-7057.

## RABIES VACCINATION

All dogs 4 months or older must have proof of a rabies vaccination showing the date of vaccination and whether it is a 1-year or 3-year vaccine OR a certificate from a licensed veterinarian stating why the life of the dog would be endangered by the vaccine.

## SPAY/NEUTER (if applicable)

If the dog is spayed or neutered, a certificate from a licensed veterinarian must be presented at the time of licensing. Spay/neuter is not required, however it does reduce the cost of the license.

Registrations must be renewed annually to remain compliant.



# Webster 2021: The Year in Review

2021 was a busy year for the Town. The beginning of the new year seems an appropriate time to reflect on the changes we made, the growth we experienced, to recognize key personnel changes and to remember one we lost unexpectedly.



**Webster Police:** Officers with new full body cameras.



**Webster Summer Celebration:** event and fireworks display.



Gathering resident input on Town plans.



**Webster Parks and Recreation:** staff celebrate the 10th Birthday of the Recreation facility.



**Greenspace:** Image of an existing Town property and a newly acquired adjacent property.

JAN

## **POLICE CHIEF RETIRES**

Joe Regier retires as Webster Police Department chief and Dennis Kohlmeier succeeded him in April.

FEB

## **ELECTRONIC TOWN MEETINGS**

Electronic Town Meetings (ETMS) started up again. Co-hosted by Barry Howard from Webster Chamber of Commerce Town Supervisor Tom Flaherty.

## **FULL BODY CAMERAS**

Webster Police Department goes to "Full Body Cameras".

## **WEEKLY NEWSLETTER**

Weekly Newsletter is rolled out. It is posted on the Town Website and has the option for citizens to have it e-mailed to them.

## **HIGHWAY SUPERINTENDENT RETIRES**

Joe Herbst retires as Highway Superintendent, and Patrick Stephens hired in April as his successor.

APR

## **NEW TOWN ENGINEER HIRED**

Mary Herington hired as Town Engineer.

MAY

## **GREENSPACE ACQUIRED**

Town begins to acquire greenspace around Town via purchase and donations; 30 acres in total have been obtained.

JUN

## **SANDBAR PARK OPEN HOUSES**

Four open houses were conducted in June 2022 for the proposed Sandbar Park project, with over 500 people attending.

## **SUMMER CELEBRATION**

Summer Celebration in June 2021 has 5,000 attendees.

## **VOTING LOCATION CHANGES**

Webster early voting venue moved from Rec Center to Library for primaries in June and general election in November.

## **\$90,000 GRANT SECURED**

\$90,000 grant obtained to look at revitalizing West Webster Hamlet at corner of Ridge and Gravel. Citizen committee formed to give vision and direction to such revitalization.

JUL

## **CITIZENS COMMITTEE FORMED**

A volunteer citizens committee was formed in July to help structure the Request for Proposal related to the restaurant/bar to be located at Sandbar Park where Bayside Pub is currently located.

## **\$100,000 GRANT INITIATIVE**

Applied for \$100,000 grant for anticipated start date of January 2022 to update the 2008 Comprehensive Plan.

## **BUILDING INSPECTOR RETIRES**

Building Inspector Rod Potter retires. Nick Mooney is promoted to Rod's successor.

AUG

Nick previously had been in the Town's Code Enforcement department and Animal Control.

## **LAND ACQUISITION OUTREACH**

Adhoc Green space committee, Friends of Webster Trails and Town team up to contact landowners to see if they have any interest in donating or selling their property to the Town.

## **CODE ENFORCEMENT HIRING**

Erik Smegelsky hired in the Code Enforcement department.

## **BUILDING INSPECTOR HIRING**

Kyle Rader hired as Town's Assistant Building Inspector.

SEP

## **PASSING OF RAJA SEKCHARAN**

Beloved Deputy Town Attorney Raja Sekharan passed away.

OCT

## **PHASE 2 SEWER APPROVED**

Town Board approves \$31 million phase 2 of the Phillips Road Sewer plant

## **GREENLIGHT BASE**

Town works with Greenlight to put in base at Rec Center that will open up East Webster to being eligible for their service in January 2022.

NOV

## **PUMPKINS ON PARADE**

2000 people walked the trail at Webster Recreation and enjoyed the 600 Halloween pumpkins on display.

## **HIGHWAY GARAGE STUDY**

Town Board approves MRB to do a facility feasibility study for a new Highway Garage on

the 8 acres the town purchased from the county that is across from the current 50+ year old Highway garage.

## **SANDBAR PARK APPROVAL**

Sandbar Park project approved by Town Board for \$9.5 million. REDI grants of \$2.8 million and applied for CFA grants to help to offset costs.

## **10-YEAR ANNIVERSARY**

Webster Recreation Center on Chiyoda celebrates 10th Anniversary.

## **NEW TOWN COUNCILWOMAN**

Ginny Nguyen elected to Town Board Ginny's family emigrated from Vietnam to the United States in the 1970s.

## **EMS PROVIDER NAMED**

Town Board names WEMS/NEQALS as the EMS provider #1 in the 911 queue for January 2022

## **BARRY DEANE RETIRES**

Barry Deane retires from the Town Board in December 2021 after 50 years of service to the town.

## **CHRISTMAS PARADE**

Christmas Parade in the Village reinitiated in December 2021.

## **TOWN RECEIVES \$2.28M IN GRANTS**

Town receives \$2,282,859 in CFA grants for Sandbar Park Improvements.

## **COLD WAR VET TAX EXEMPTION**

Cold War Veteran exemption for Real Estate Taxes adopted by Town Board in December. Will take effect on Town Tax bills in January 2023 (tentative).

## **AN EVENING WITH SANTA**

1000 people attended an evening with Santa at Webster Parks & Recreation. Participants enjoyed holiday games, crafts, and pictures with Santa.

## **LIBRARY DIRECTOR RETIRES**

Terri Bennett announces her retirement as Library Director in December and Adam Traub is hired as her successor, beginning in January 2022.

## **TOWN OPTS OUT**

Town Board "opts out" of all sales of recreational marijuana including both retail dispensaries and lounges.

## **XEROX CAMPUS PURCHASED**

Tessy purchases 110 acres and 1.7 million square feet of buildings on the Xerox campus in December (tentative).

## **TOWN AWARDED \$4.1M**

ARPA announces that Town of Webster is awarded \$4.1 million. Town receives 1st installment in May for \$2.05 million. Utilization of funds has not been decided on yet by Town Board.



The poster features a winter scene with snow-covered mountains, evergreen trees, and people enjoying outdoor activities. A person is skiing, another is walking a dog, and others are playing in the snow. The background is a dark blue sky with falling snow.

**WEBSTER**  
Parks & Recreation

*Winter  
at the  
Webster Parks*

NEWLY EXPANDED OUTDOOR ICE & HOCKEY  
SKATING RINK WITH FREE OPEN SKATE!

WINTER HIKING & SNOWSHOEING AT  
ANY OF OUR WEBSTER PARKS!

NEW! GROOMED CROSS COUNTRY PATHS  
OPEN AT WEBSTER REC CENTER!

FLOWED WALKING PATHS AT  
NORTH PONDS PARK & CHIYODA TRAILS!

FOR MORE INFORMATION VISIT OUR WEBSITE OR CALL US AT 585.872.7103

SNOW MUCH FUN!



# SANDBAR PARK UPDATE



## ➔ September 2021



The Town displayed the Sandbar Park project at Town Hall during the school tax drop off period, approximately 3,000 residents had an opportunity to see the plans and designs of the Sandbar Park improvements.

## ➔ October 2021



The Town held a Public Meeting at the Webster Thomas High School Auditorium on October 28, 2021 for the community. During this meeting community members were able to provide input on the project.

## ➔ November 2021



The Town Board passed two resolutions (totaling \$9.5 million) at the November 4, 2021 Town Board meeting. The \$9.5 million is a combination of a resolution for \$5.5 million dollars dedicated for park improvements and a \$4 million dollar resolution specific to flood mitigation work.



## REVITALIZING SANDBAR PARK

The Sandbar Park project has been moving along steadily. In December of 2021 a "Request for Expression of Interest" document was advertised for potential operators of the future bar/restaurant facility located at Sandbar Park. This document was created with the assistance of an advisory committee consisting of Webster residents and staff.

Additionally, the Town of Webster received notice from New York State that they were awarded \$2,282,859 in CFA grants for the Sandbar Park project.

With the additional grant funds secured the total amount of grant funding is as follows:



**\$2,491,100**  
2019 Grant Funds  
Secured



**\$324,000**  
Parkland Trust  
Fund



**\$2,282,859**  
2021 CFA Grant Fund  
Secured

In total \$5,097,959 has been secured by the Town which will be directly applied to the \$9.5 million in bonds approved in November 2021. These secured funds will result in the Town having to utilize approximately \$4.4 million in serial bonds for the Sandbar Park improvements and flood mitigation work.

The project continue to progress as we enter 2022. For continued updates be sure to visit the Town of Webster website at [ci.webster.ny.us/522/Sandbar-Park-Project](https://ci.webster.ny.us/522/Sandbar-Park-Project)





# 2022 Summer CAMP

**Registration  
Open NOW!**

A 10% discount  
will be applied if  
registered before May 1st!



**Pre-school Camp**  
**K-5 Camp**  
**6-8 Trip Camp**

outdoor games,  
treasure hunts, trips  
story telling, play,  
carnival games,  
crafts, interactive  
games, and so much  
**MORE.**

1350 Chiyoda Drive | Webster, NY 14580 | 585.872.7103

## Keeping Webster Residents Well-Informed Important Program Information

by Donna M. Komor, IAO, Assessor



### **New Appointment Process for Renewable Exemption Holders (Limited-income Seniors, Limited-income Disabled, Non-profit, Clergy, Agricultural)**

In an effort to protect everyone, the Webster Assessment Office continues to practice social distancing. Due to our small lobby/waiting area, we need to know if and when you are coming to our office. We are taking your in-person renewal applications by appointment only this year. You may also opt to return it via mail with copies of the required documentation. We will have made all of our calls inviting you to an appointment date. If you have an exemption which requires you to submit an application annually and have not heard from us for your appointment or received your paperwork, please give us a call at 585-872-7051. Likewise, if you are applying for any exemption for the first time, we strongly encourage you to call for staff availability.



### **I'm turning 65 soon. When should I apply for the Enhanced STAR benefits?**

First you must determine if you are in the EXEMPTION version of the program, or in the CREDIT version. The exemption program is a discounted school tax bill. The credit recipients receive a typical school tax bill, but also receive a check from New York State around the time the bill is due for the value of the STAR benefits. All homeowners who purchased their homes after August 2015 (and any who volunteered to switch from the exemption program) will be in the check program. The check recipients will automatically be upgraded to the Enhanced STAR benefits when you are eligible. However, the exemption program recipients must file once more in our office, provide proof of age and proof of income to be upgraded. Afterwards, the State will continue to approve your eligibility. For exemption program recipients the answer to the above question is: If you (or your spouse, if married) will turn 65 by or on December 31, 2022, be sure to apply for your upgrade before March 1, 2022. For more STAR information, visit: <https://www.tax.ny.gov/star/>



### **Town Board Considers Local Law to Allow Veteran Benefits for Cold War Veterans**

The Town Board held a public hearing on December 16, 2021 for comment on a consideration that would allow Cold War Veterans to receive a partial real property tax exemption against the Town portion of their tax bills. It is already in effect for the County portion of the tax bills, for those who have applied and qualified. These veterans will NOT need to re-apply to have the benefit extended to their Town taxes. We will make sure it is applied to your January 2023 tax bill, unless you qualify for greater benefits due to the announcement below. **HOWEVER**, if you have not yet applied, be sure to do so before March 1, 2022 for the most immediate benefit. After March 1, we will gladly accept your application for the following year. For more information and an application visit: <http://www.ci.webster.ny.us/79/Exemptions>



### **New York State Changes Start Date for Vietnam Period of War AGAIN - to November 1, 1955**

This change puts the New York State definition of the dates of the Vietnam War in agreement with the recently updated federal laws. As a result, we are in the process of reviewing the existing Cold War Veteran exemptions in our files to see if you might now qualify for the Alternative Veteran Exemption benefits period of war instead. Those who served between November 1, 1955 and February 28, 1961 were previously allocated to Cold War status but are now eligible (based on these dates) for the Alternative Veteran Exemption. Since they are separate programs with separate applications, if we find your dates of service to qualify for this more generous benefit we will send you an application by mid-January. Please return the completed application to our office by March 1, 2022 to give us ample time to verify your eligibility to switch and to upgrade your benefits. If you have any questions, call us at 585-872-7051.

To stay on top of breaking news subscribe to the Town's Newsletter and "All Town-Wide News & Updates" among other options at: <http://www.ci.webster.ny.us/list.aspx>

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## GREAT BOOKS ...AND SO MUCH MORE

### JANUARY EVENTS FOR ADULTS

Tuesday January

#### **BuJo-Bullet Journaling** **11**

Ever heard the term "bullet journal" and wondered what that could possibly mean? A bullet journal is a cross between a planner, a to-do list, a diary, and anything in between. **6:30-8:00 PM**

#### **Make A Scrapbook Brag Book** **18**

Tuesday January

Create a small photo brag book out of craft paper and a CD case. All materials provided except your photos! Either bring along a selection of printed photos, or come make a book and print your photos later. Advice and printing suggestions will be provided. **2:00-4:00 PM**

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Wednesday January

#### **Libby Tips & Tricks** **19**

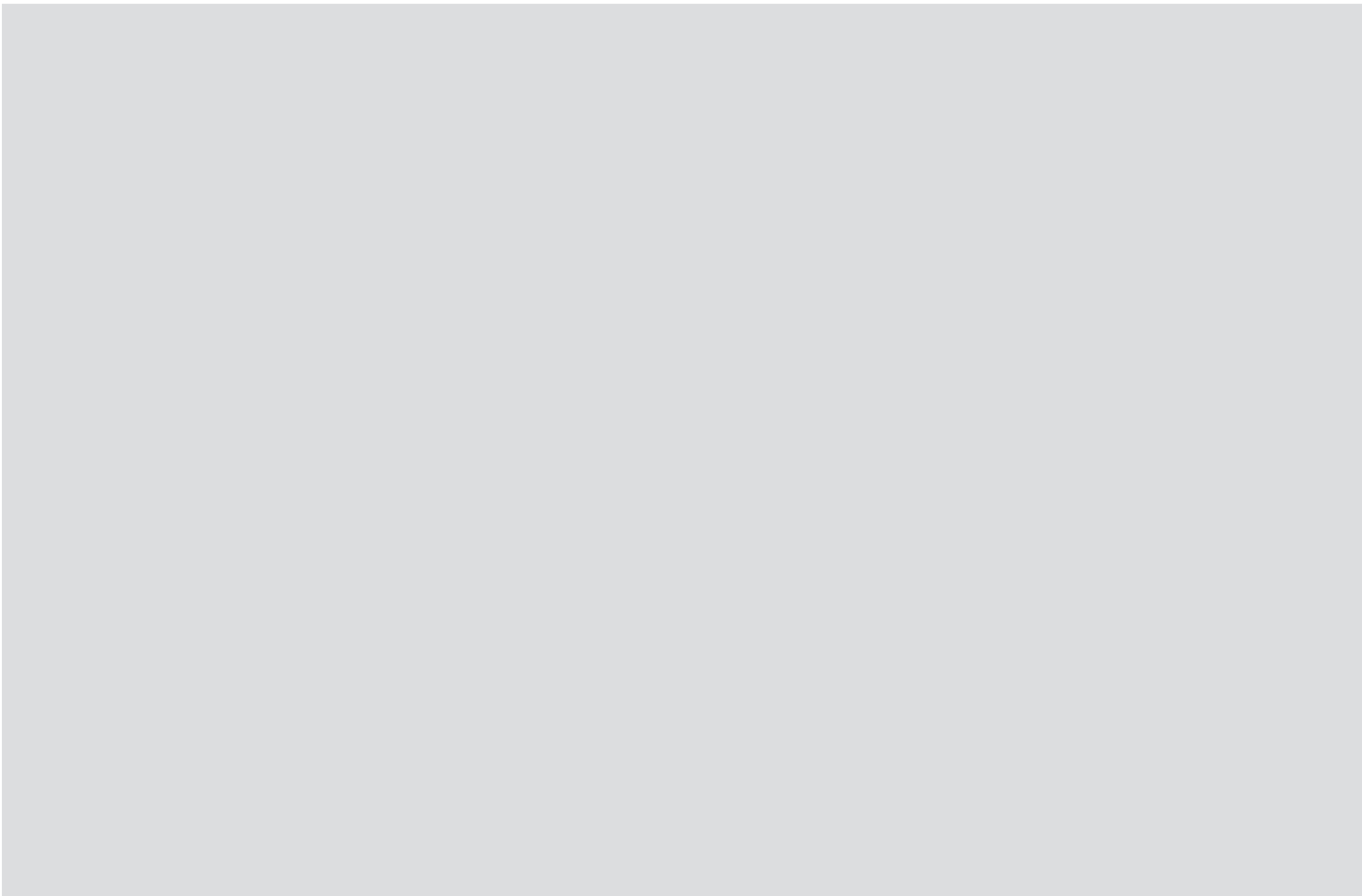
Need help in understanding how to use ebooks and audiobooks with Libby? Do you have questions or just want to learn some tricks that you might not know about? Join Jenny Paxson for an in-person presentation on different things that Libby has to offer. **3:00-4:00 PM**

Tuesday January

#### **Chair Yoga** **25**

Marissa Bland is a Chair Yoga Instructor who uses her background as an Occupational Therapist to ensure class is safe and accessible to all. Chair yoga provides each person with the individual support they need while practicing asana and breath work to further their yoga practice. Chair yoga is perfect for those with limited mobility of balance issues, those recovering from injury, or those with chronic pain. **7:00-8:00 PM**

**For more information and to register, please go to [www.websterlibrary.org](http://www.websterlibrary.org), click on Events and choose the program you wish to register for.**





# FOUR *by* FOUR

## JOIN THE COMMUNITY ART PROJECT *with* WEBSTER PARKS AND RECREATION

Program #101208-A : \$2 per 4x4 canvas square

Pick up your blank canvas art square anytime between January 1 & February 1, 2022. Bring it home to decorate and design! Once completed return your art square to the Webster Recreation Center. Each square will be hung side by side on a large wall - to make one art piece!

*Together the community will create a collaborative art piece to be on permanent display at the Webster Recreation Center!*

**NOTE:** All canvas squares must be returned by Tuesday, March 1, 2022, must be completely dry, not have any objects protruding from the sides and not have any objects further than an inch off the front!



# CL<sup>VER</sup> and CL<sup>UES</sup>

Participate in a self guided family friendly scavenger hunt  
anytime between March 1, 2022 & March 17, 2022!

Visit the WHEN Website at [whendfcc.org](http://whendfcc.org) to receive your first clue beginning March 1, 2022. From there the hunt for **CL<sup>VER</sup> and CL<sup>UES</sup>** will begin by visiting multiple spots around the Town of Webster gathering letters at each location that will decode a final message promoting healthy choices.

Once completed, the decoded message can be submitted to Webster Parks and Recreation for the chance to win a prize! The hunt will run continuously until March 17, 2022.

May the luck of the Irish be with you today and always!





*The front cover photo of a barn in town on Webster Road, taken in January 2021.*

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## 2022 Town & County Tax Bills Have Been Mailed



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## All Dogs in Webster Must Be Licensed



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