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## WEBSTER TOWN SUPERVISOR



**Thomas J. Flaherty**  
Town Supervisor

To my Webster Friends,

**Summer is here and it's time again to enjoy the great outdoors in Webster!** Whether you like to golf, hike, bike, or just enjoy soaking up the sun, Webster has so many venues from

which to enjoy outdoor activities.

This issue of **Webster Today** is full of useful information for our residents and businesses. I ask you to pay particular attention to news about the **Comprehensive Plan Update** on pages 12-13.

The Webster Town Board made the decision in May 2022 to begin work on updating the Town's Comprehensive Plan; the last Plan update was in 2008. As with anything we do, this update will only be as good as the engagement and input from the Webster community, specifically with respect to the question "What is important to you in the Town, both now and as you look to the future?". I urge you to take the time to fill out the survey and give us your unique feedback.

**Ideally, one adult from every residence and owner from every business in town will fill out a survey.** With your participation, the initiatives detailed in the 2023-2024 Comprehensive Plan update will best represent the "wishes of the Webster people." If you are not an online "link" person, please know that these surveys will also be available in paper form at Town facilities including the Town Hall, Library, and Recreation Center for the remainder of 2022.

As always, I would love to hear from you!

Sincerely,

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Webster Town Supervisor  
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## 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

## Photo Contest **WINNER**

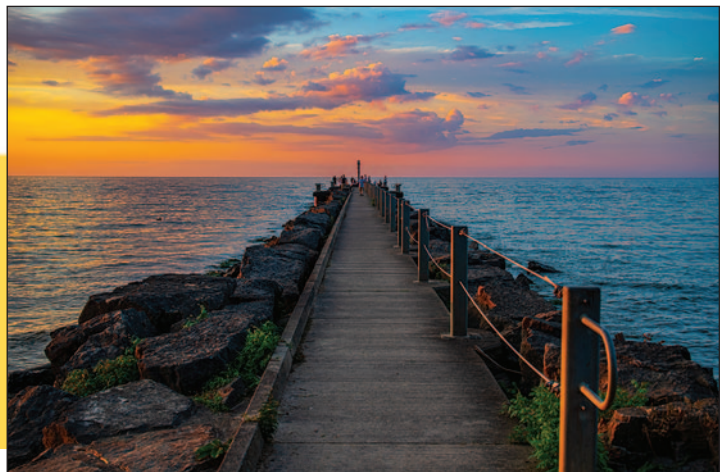
### **Congratulations**

to the winner  
of the 2022 Town of Webster  
Photo Contest:

**Francisco (Frank) Zirilli!**

*"The photo was taken on August 19, 2021 at about 6:48 PM. Webster Park is my favorite spot for capturing the different colors of the sunset, and each sunset is unique. The golden colors of the sunset highlighting the pier makes this photo somewhat unique."*

- Frank Zirilli



# Sandbar Park Progress

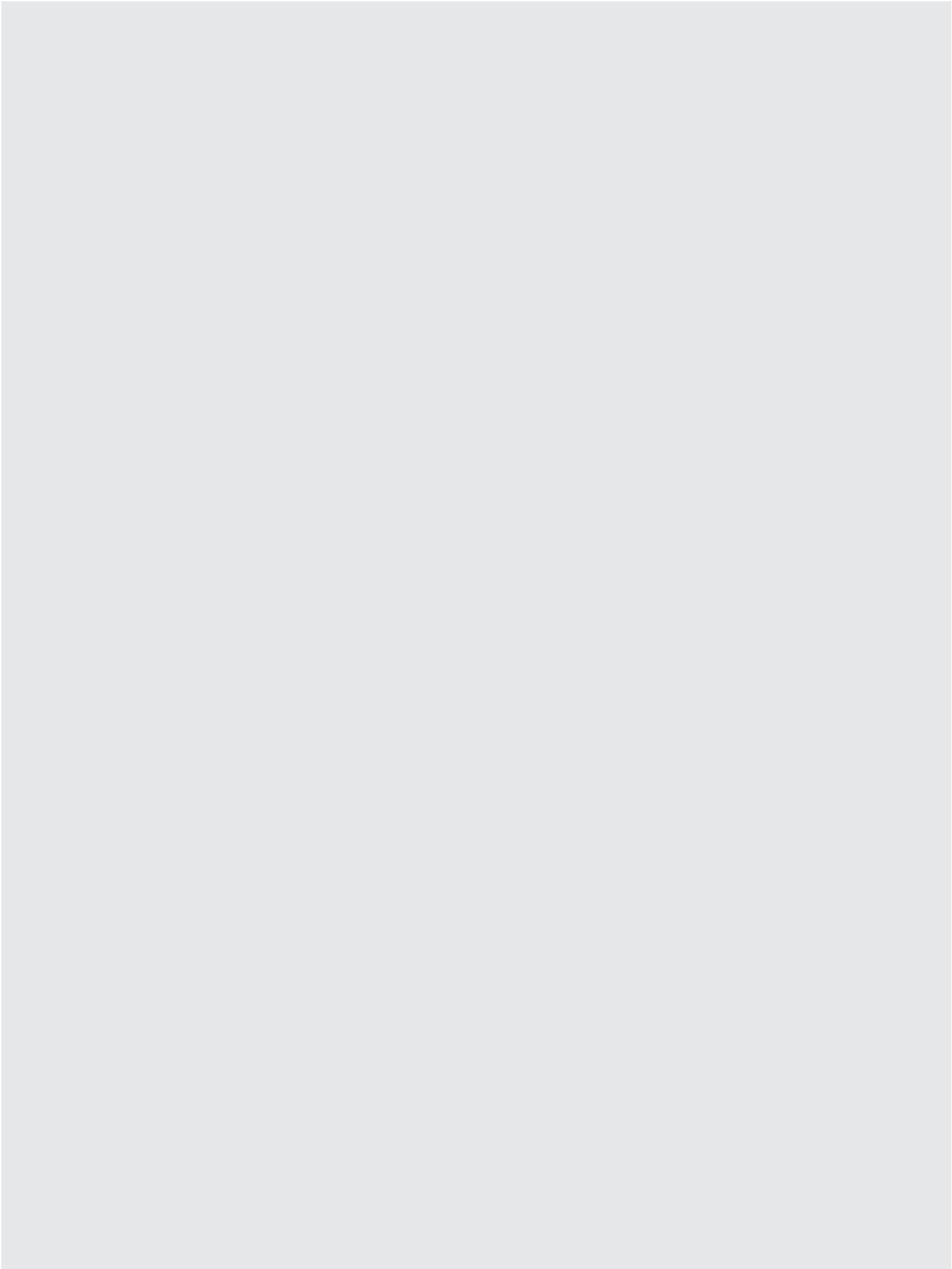


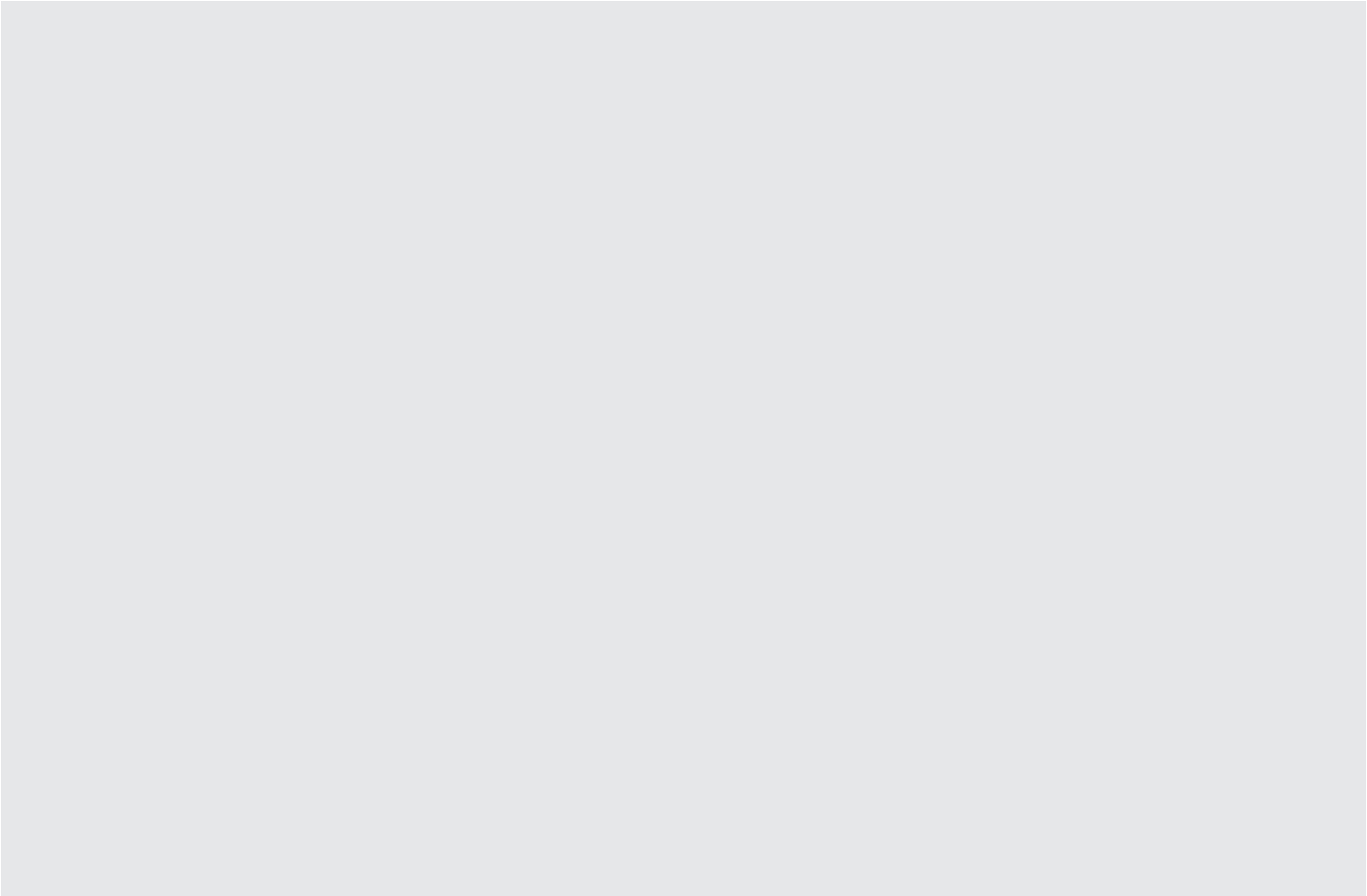
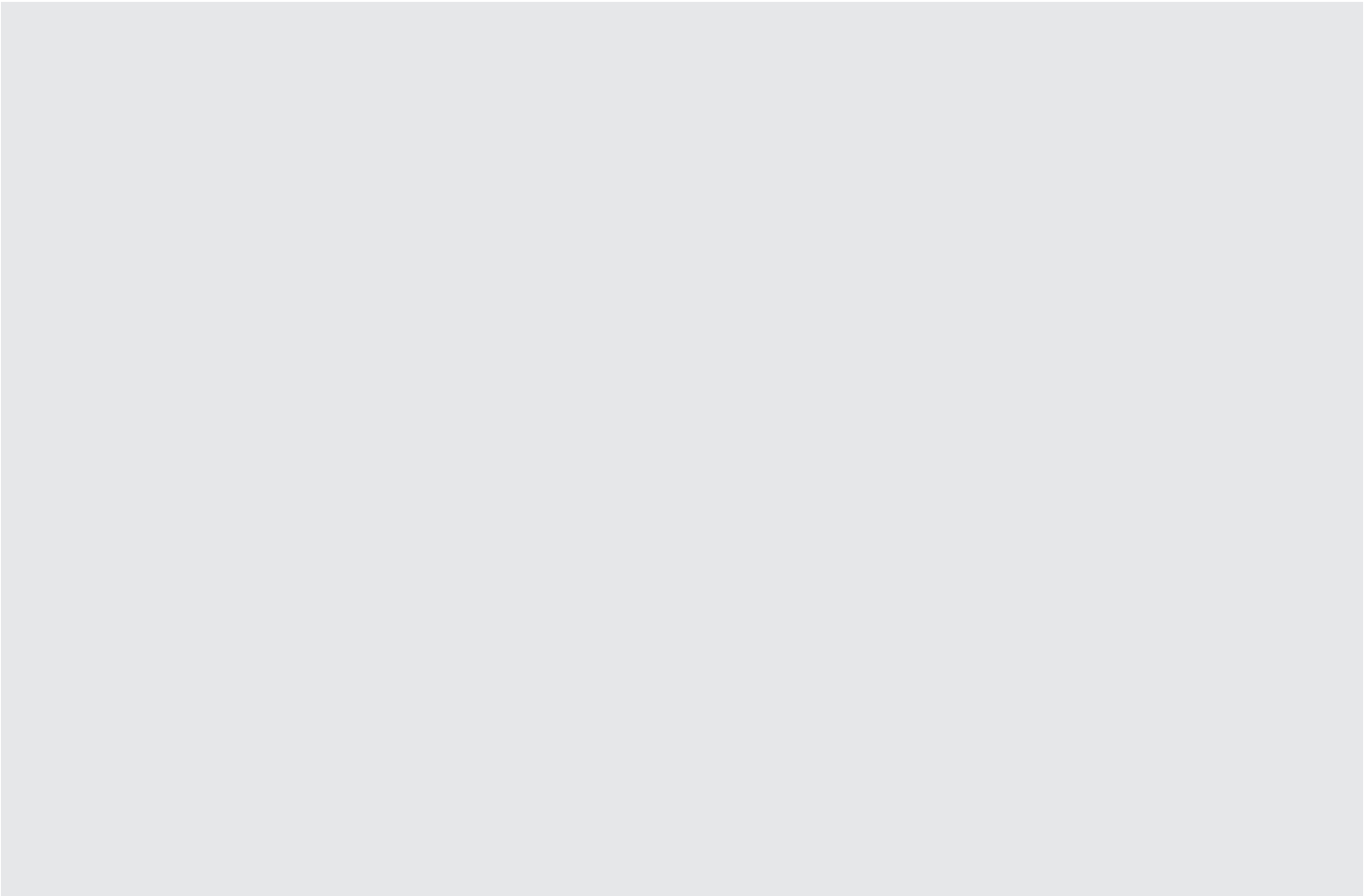
The Town of Webster has been very active on the Sandbar Park revitalization project with significant milestones reached over the past several months.

As construction in this area continues, we ask for your cooperation and assistance in keeping it a safe environment for the residents, business owners and construction workers. Here are several of the milestones thus far:

- Sandbar Park closed to the public April 18, 2022.
- A groundbreaking ceremony took place on April 26, 2022. Representatives from various agencies from New York state, Monroe County, and the Town officially broke ground on the Sandbar Park Expansion and Improvement Project.
- Removal of selective trees and overgrown vegetation on both sides of Lake Road. The design plans for Sandbar Park include the re-planting of numerous trees and plants to enhance the natural location.
- Removal of Bayside restaurant. The Town completed the Expression of Interest process for potential restaurant operators.
- One lane operation of Lake Road. Lake Road has been limited to one lane traffic in the Sandbar Park section only. Local businesses on Lake Road located West of Sandbar Park remain in operation during the construction. The road work has a completion date of November 1, 2022, at which time the road will be paved and striped for traffic.

*The Town is excited for the improvements to the Sandbar Park area, and we are eagerly looking forward to having an attractive destination for all of Webster to enjoy.*







*Webster Highway Department employees late 1960s*

## Facility Concept Plan Completed

# Highway Department's Evolution as it Serves Our Growing Webster Community

The Town of Webster Highway Department has operated out of its current facility, located on Picture Parkway off Hard Road, since 1969. The original 12-stall garage with two mechanics bays, a state-of-the-art paint booth, parts storage, break room, locker rooms and administrative offices was sized for the 18 staff members and 12 trucks that existed at that time. Through meticulous upkeep and some remodeling by the multi-trade craftsmen who have worked at the department over the years, the building is still in use today, despite the department's growth to more than twice that number of staff and trucks.

The evolution of the facility to what it is today has involved several expansions and additions over the years. Within the first 10 years, a pitched roof had to be added because of excessive leaks in the original flat roof. In the 1980s the existing salt storage barn was added. In the 1990s the Clifford E. Jones Building was added, as well as 4 additional truck stalls to the main building. As the Town continued to grow in the 2000s the Cliff Jones Building was expanded twice. Since 2010 there has been a third and fourth expansion of the Cliff Jones Building, as well as additions to the Salt Barn to incorporate the storage racks for the removable truck salters. The only thing that has remained constant throughout these expansions is that each one has cost more than the last due to continued increases in material and labor costs.

Despite the many efforts listed above, and several other smaller upgrades over the years, the facility has reached the end of its useful life. In addition to structural deficiencies, the original building lacks adequate space for the now 40 employees (undersized restrooms, locker rooms, break area and equipment storage). The existing facility and the many additions have been maximized to the fullest potential imaginable. A new facility to house the department staff and large fleet of equipment used to provide clear, safe roadways and proper drainage throughout the Town is needed.

The growth of the department is directly related to the growth of the Town and its population. Since 1980, the Town population has increased by more than 15,000 residents, which has necessitated more than 50 miles of new Town roads as well as new stormwater facilities and drainageways. Currently, there is potential for the Town to grow by as many as another 20,000 residents. The new facility will need to take this into account in order to ensure the essential services that the department provides can continue at the highest level possible for years to come. A feasibility study and concept plan for a new facility on the existing Highway Department campus has been completed. For the most up to date information on this topic go to the Town's website at [www.ci.webster.ny.us/84/Highway](http://www.ci.webster.ny.us/84/Highway).



*Webster Highway Department facility 1969*



*Webster Highway Department facility 2022*

## Highway is responsible for the maintenance of:

- 404 lane miles of roadway within the Town, including 275 lane miles of Town roads, 105 lane miles of County roads and 24 lane miles of State roads
- Drainage, including 103 water management facilities, approximately 1,100 miles of storm sewers, more than 77 miles of creeks & streams, over 3,000 catch basins

## The Department also provides:

- Fall leaf pick-up, townwide
- Mowing, sweeping, paving and chip seal operations for Town, County & State roadways
- Snow & ice removal for Town, County & State roadways

# WEBSTER PARKS & RECREATION 2022

# MUD RUN

*Run through the mud... Just for fun!*

**AT THE WEBSTER RECREATION CENTER  
OBSTACLE COURSE & FITNESS TRAIL**

**SATURDAY 9.  
17.  
22. 10:00 AM START**

*Bigger and better than last year!*

**FAMILY FRIENDLY: AGES 5 +**

**\$5 INCLUDES SWAG, MUD, FUN & FOOD**

**NON-COMPETITIVE, ADAPTIVE 1 MILE RUN**

**REGISTER FOR PROGRAM # 301201**



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**WEBSTER, NY 14580**

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# GREAT BOOKS ...AND SO MUCH MORE

All programs in person unless noted. Library programming continues on pages 10-11

## ADULT PROGRAMMING FOR JULY & AUGUST

### Tuesday Movie Matinee - *Death on the Nile*

**Tuesday, July 12, 1:00 - 4:00 PM**

Join us for a movie on the big screen in our Community Room! This week's film is *Death on the Nile* (2022) with an all-star cast including Tom Bateman, Annette Bening, Kenneth Branagh. Run time 127 min. T-coil hearing loop now available!

### Webster Arboretum Tour

**Tuesday, July 19, 7:00 - 8:00 PM**

Meet us at the Webster Arboretum at Kent Park, 1700 Schlegel Road; for an extensive tour that will include the themed gardens, arborvitae maze, pond, trails and MORE! Registration required.

### Summer Reading Book Discussion - *Deep*

**Wednesday, July 20, 11:00 AM - 12:00 PM**

This year's Summer Reading encourages us to open our minds to *Oceans of Possibilities*! Join Library Assistant, Mary Ann Kwiatkowski, for a discussion of the book: *Deep; Freediving, Renegade Science, and What the Ocean Tells Us about Ourselves* by James Nestor. Copies of the book will be available at the checkout desk starting June 21. The book is also available to read on your computer, phone, or tablet using Hoopla. Registration requested.

### Tuesday Movie Matinee - *Licorice Pizza*

**Tuesday, July 26, 1:00 - 4:00 PM**

Join us for a movie on the big screen in our Community Room! Today's film is *Licorice Pizza* (2021) starring Alana Haim, Cooper Hoffman, Sean Penn, Tom Waits, Bradley Cooper. Running time 133 minutes. Hearing loop now available!

### Summer Sky: Star Gazing Outside, After Hours at the Library!

**Tuesday, July 26, 8:30 - 10:00 PM**

Join us outside the library for this after-hours star gazing party! Gaylon Arnold, local star expert will tell us about the night sky, and we will have the opportunity to look through his giant telescope! Park in the library parking lot and then meet in the front of the building. Registration required.

### Life's a Beach: Make Your Own Beach Craft!

**Thursday, July 28, 3:30 - 5:00 PM**

Come in and make a beach of your own in a cup or planter and savor summer all year long! We'll provide a choice of planters, bowls, or mugs, but if you have a favorite feel free to bring your own. Registration required.

### Tie-dye a Silk Scarf

**Thursday, August 18, 10:00 AM - 12:00 PM**

Adults love to tie-dye too! Come and make a designer, one-of-a-kind silk scarf. All materials are provided. There is a \$5 materials fee payable at the Information Desk by Monday, August 15. We are only able to take cash currently, so please bring exact change. Thank you! Registration required.

### Summer Reading Book Discussion

*The Light Between Oceans*

**Wednesday, August 24, 2:00 - 3:00 PM**

This year's Summer Reading encourages us to open our minds to *Oceans of Possibilities*! Join Librarian Susan Del Pozzo for a discussion of the book: *The Light Between Oceans* by M.L. Stedman. Copies of the book will be available at the checkout desk starting June 21. Registration is requested for the Book Discussion.

### Oceans of Possibilities Film Fest

August 2 - Jaws (124 min)  
August 9 - Cast Away (143 minutes)  
August 16 - Oceans 8 (120 minutes)

August 23 - All is Lost (106 minutes)  
August 30 - Light Between Oceans (132 minutes)

## FAMILY/ALL AGES PROGRAMMING JULY & AUGUST

### Tie Dye!

**Friday, July 15, 2:00 - 3:30 PM**

Bring a white t-shirt, pillowcase, socks etc... to tie dye! Don't forget to wear clothes you don't mind getting color splashed on! All ages are welcome. Please register each participant individually!

### Sand Art!

**Friday, August 19, 2:00 - 3:30 PM**

Come and create some beachy sand art with us! All ages are welcome. Please register each participant individually!

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. Looking forward to seeing you here at the Webster Public Library!

\*Registration is required for some WPL programs; please register online and check out our other events on our website at:

<https://www.websterlibrary.org/events/calendar>

**SUMMER READING** Join us for this year's Summer Reading Program for ALL AGES! This year's theme is all about **Oceans of Possibilities**. Whether you participate virtually or in-person, the same great prizes and fun await you. The more minutes you read (or listen), the more you earn! Go to [websterpubliclibraryny12.readsquared.com](http://websterpubliclibraryny12.readsquared.com) to participate virtually or download the Readsquared app! To participate in-person: Stop by the library anytime we're open and pick up a Summer Reading bookmark to get started!

# LIBRARY YOUTH PROGRAMMING FOR JULY & AUGUST

## Wee Ones Storytime

**Every Monday morning, 10:00 - 10:20 AM**

Join us for a short storytime full of rhymes, songs, and books for your little one! Registration is required to keep the groups small. Recommended for birth-2 years old.

## Storytime at Harmony Park

**Every Wednesday morning, 9:30 - 10:00 AM**

During the summer of 2022, we will be hosting outdoor storytime's featuring the very talented members of the Webster Public Library Youth Department every Wednesday morning! They will take place at the Harmony Park Amphitheater on 10 Foster Drive (off Phillips Rd) in the Village of Webster. Storytimes are geared to children ages 0-6, but all are welcome! NOTE: Please call the information desk at 872-7075 x3 at 9am for information about storytime cancellations due to weather.

## Family/All Ages Storytime

**Every Thursday morning, 9:00 - 9:30 AM**

Join us for stories, songs, and rhymes at the library! We are holding them in the large space in front of the reference desk so we can spread out as much as possible. This storytime is geared to children ages 0-5, but all are welcome! No registration required.

## Toddler Time

**Every Thursday morning, 10:00 - 10:30 AM**

Join us for a short storytime full of rhymes, songs, and books for your toddler! Registration is required to keep the groups small. Recommended for 1-4 years old.

## Shark Week: Shark Games!

**Monday, July 18, 2:00 - 4:00 PM**

Join us for an afternoon of games based on your favorite finned predator! We will take over the storytime room with games of all sizes, for all ages!

## Shark Week: Shark Storytime!

**Tuesday, July 19, 10:00 - 10:45 AM**

Let's sing songs, read books, and create crafts all about SHARKS! Ages 5 and under are welcome to join us, registration is required.

## Shark Week: Sharknado Fun!

**Thursday, July 21, 2:00 - 3:00 PM**

Let's get messy at the library making shark slime and sharknado bottles! Children and teens entering grades 3-8 are welcome, registration required.

## Shark Week: Shark Movies!

**Friday, July 22, 10:00 AM - 4:00 PM**

We will be playing shark movies on our big screen all day long. Stop in anytime!

## Preschool Dance Party!

**Tuesday, July 5, 10:00 - 10:30 AM**

**Tuesday, August 2, 10:00 - 10:30 AM**

All ages are welcome to join us while we sing and dance along to the best tunes from our library's music collection! Registration required.

## An Afternoon with Pirates and Mermaids

**Thursday, August 11, 2:00 - 3:30 PM**

Calling all scallywags and sea maidens! Join us for an afternoon of sea stories and sea shanties. Meet our very own, Luca the Mermaid, and make your own starfish wands and pirate hats. Registration required.

## Under the Sea

**Tuesday, August 16, 10:00 - 11:00 AM**

Join us for a storytime all about the world under the sea! We will read books and sing songs about all of our favorite ocean creatures; and even create our very own mini aquarium! Ages 5 and under are welcome to join us, registration required.

## Building Characters for Comics with Brian Yanish

**Wednesday, August 17 6:00 - 7:00 pm**

Brian Yanish, creator of the series **Shark and Bot**, will be holding a comics workshop designed to give students an introduction to creating a dynamic character and using that character to concept a 4-panel mini comic. In it, he talks about his working process and different techniques in comics from his graphic novel **Shark and Bot**. He provides a character-building worksheet for students to design a character that they would like to create a comic about and works with attendees to create a 4-panel mini comic! Registration is required. Attendees must be at least 7 years old.

## Ocean Movies!

**Friday, August 26, 10:00 AM - 4:00 PM**

We will be playing ocean-themed movies on our big screen all day long. Stop in anytime!

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# TEEN PROGRAMMING FOR JULY & AUGUST

## **Make it Monday:**

### **Painted Sand Dollars and Shells**

**Monday, July 11, 6:00 – 7:00 PM**

Join us for a monthly craft night! Tonight, we will be painting sand dollars and shells! Teens (grades 4 -12) and adults are welcome to join us. Registration is required. All supplies will be provided.

## **Teen Advisory Board**

**Wednesday, July 20, 6:30 – 8:00 PM**

Are you in grades 6 -12? Do you like books, games, crafts, sharing your ideas, taking surveys, food, or just hanging out with your friends? Do you want to become more involved in your library and your community? If so, this group is for you! Registration is required.

## **DIY Aquatic Terrariums**

**Thursday, July 28, 11:00 AM – 12:00 PM**

Come make ocean terrariums with us! All supplies and

instructions will be provided. Teens entering grades 4-12 welcome. Registration is required.

## **Ocean Camp Series**

### **Seashell Keychains & Shell Creatures**

Wednesday, August 3, 2:00 – 3:30 PM

### **Shark Tooth & Sand Bottle Charm Jewelry**

Wednesday, August 10, 2:00 – 3:30 PM

### **Ocean Slime & Kinetic Sand**

Wednesday, August 17, 2:00 – 3:30 PM

### **Aquarium Jars & Shell Painting**

Wednesday, August 24, 2:00 – 3:30 PM

The Summer reading theme for 2022 is **Oceans of Possibilities** and we're celebrating it with a 4-week Ocean Camp! Join us for fun, ocean-themed crafts, and activities throughout the month of August.

Please register for each session individually. Youth entering grades 4-12 are welcome to attend!

## **Make it Monday:**

### **Beach Terrariums**

**Monday, August 8, 6:00 – 7:00 PM**

Join us for a monthly craft night! Tonight, we will be making beach terrariums!

Teens (grades 4 -12) and adults are welcome to join us. Registration is required. All supplies will be provided.

## **Teen Advisory Board**

**Wednesday, August 24, 6:30 – 8:00 PM**

Are you in grades 6 -12? Do you like books, games, crafts, sharing your ideas, taking surveys, food, or just hanging out with your friends? Do you want to become more involved in your library and your community? If so, this group is for you! Registration is required.



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The Town Of Webster Needs YOU As We Begin Developing

# A New Comprehensive Plan

The Webster Town Board recently indicated its support for the advancement of a new Comprehensive Plan to guide future growth and policy initiatives; the last Plan update was in 2008. In the second half of 2022, the Town will begin organizing the Plan update process, which will include the hiring of professional planning consultants, plus extensive public engagement.



## What is a Comprehensive Plan?

- ✓ Expresses a community's long-term vision, goals and objectives
- ✓ Establishes policies and strategies for future growth, development and protection of community assets
- ✓ Informs land use regulations and local decision making
- ✓ Prioritizes capital improvement and infrastructure projects
- ✓ Functions as a basis for updating the Town's Zoning Ordinance and Official Zoning Map

### Benefits of an up-to-date comprehensive plan

"Among the most important powers and duties granted by the legislature to a town government is the authority and responsibility to undertake town comprehensive planning and to regulate land use for the purpose of protecting the public health, safety and general welfare of its citizens."

NYS Town Law Section 272-a

- 1 - Provides municipal officials with an understanding of historical trends, present conditions, and an opportunity to thoughtfully plan for future growth
- 2 - Provides for a balanced economic and community development strategy based on the community's physical, environmental and social conditions
- 3 - Provides guidance for public and private sector investments
- 4 - Helps attract grant funding opportunities for project implementation



**In advance of this effort, the Town Board is asking Webster residents about their priorities for the future of our community. Surveys are available on the Town website at:**


**[www.ci.webster.ny.us](http://www.ci.webster.ny.us)**

Hard copies may be picked up, completed and dropped off at the Town Hall, Library and Recreation Center.

This is an important opportunity to share your perspectives and influence the decision-making process that will guide the development of your town for the next 10-20 years.

# Webster Parks & Recreation Department to partner with Special Olympics New York

Webster Parks and Recreation is excited to announce a partnership with Special Olympics New York, a group with whom we hold similar values. It is the mission of Special Olympics New York to provide year-round sports training and athletic competition in a variety of Olympic-style sports for children and adults with intellectual disabilities, giving them continuing opportunities to develop physical fitness, demonstrate courage, experience joy and participate in a sharing of gifts, skills and friendship with their families, other Special Olympics athletes and the community. Pre-pandemic, Special Olympics NY served around 67,000 athletes; over 4,000 locally in the Genesee Region."

**"Behind every successful athlete is a great coach."**  **Special Olympics**  
New York

It is our goal to continue this mission locally in Webster, New York and in our surrounding communities by offering opportunities both independent of, and in conjunction with, Special Olympics New York. Our goal is to launch our first Special Olympics Club, offering various activities and sports, in January of 2023...but we can't do it alone.

*We are seeking individuals who may be interested in volunteering to coach. Athletic experience is not necessary and each coach will receive thorough training from Special Olympics New York with regular support from Webster Parks and Recreation!*

Coaches are influencers, role models, and character-builders. They teach the skills — and the spirit — that defines every true athlete. Special Olympics New York coaches go even further as they help athletes with intellectual disabilities discover the champion within, to nurture their strengths and celebrate their abilities, teaching athletes to be brave and determined, despite the odds against them. Join us...you will be inspired.



Interested? Email Webster Parks and Recreation Director, Katie Kovar at [kkovar@ci.webster.ny.us](mailto:kkovar@ci.webster.ny.us) for more information about volunteering!

**Special  
Olympics**  
New York



**Become a  
Coach**

# In Honor of Charles E. Sexton



**O**n April 22, 2022 the Town of Webster officially renamed North Ponds Park the Charles E. Sexton Memorial Park. The renaming of one of Webster's most well-known Town parks was a permanent and meaningful way to remember a man who was dedicated to the Town he served.

Charles served as the Town of Webster's first Recreation Director. He retired in 1996 after 34 years of service to his community. Charles was a US Army Veteran and longtime member and volunteer at Holy Trinity Church. Charles was a tremendous figure in the community who worked tirelessly for the residents of Webster and this honor will ensure his legacy of service and commitment are never forgotten.

The Town entrusted Charles to start a recreation program that has stood the test of time. The first programs were offered to the community in 1962 and today's department continues to expand on the foundation and vision that he created. Many of the early programs started by Charles are still in operation including senior

activities, youth summer camps and fitness programs. The creation and development of North Ponds Park was a significant highlight for Charles and one area that provided him with great pride and importance.

The Town held a ceremony to recognize the official name change and the community response was indicative of the impact Charles had on the community. The park was full of friends, former coworkers, former employees, and family members from as far as California. As the speakers shared their own stories about Charles, it was clear that each person had been influenced in a different way by him, and they were all better people for having worked for and with him.

A new sign has been installed at the park's entrance to celebrate the new name. In time, the community will gain a familiarity with the new name and North Ponds will become part of the past. The Charles E. Sexton Memorial Park will be recognized as the destination-park of Webster.

# the Word

## FROM WEBSTER PARKS & REC



Webster Parks and Recreation is proud to announce a new communication method to keep you informed - electronically, of course!

We recently implemented a electronic email system that will be used to communicate to subscribers on a monthly basis as well as relay any important announcements, upcoming events or other pertinent information in a quick and efficient manner. The information will encompass a variety of topics for all age groups that are both timely and relevant.

The goal is to release our first newsletter before our Fall Programs begin, sometime in August of 2022. In the meantime we are looking for you to sign up!

Subscribing to "The Word from Webster Parks and Rec" is EASY! Simply visit our website at:

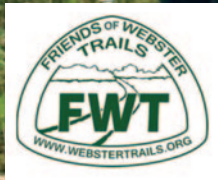
<https://www.ci.webster.ny.us/104/Parks-Recreation> OR

scan the QR code below and find the link to "Subscribe to The Word"! Call us anytime at 585.872.7103 option 0 with comments or questions!

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# Friends of Webster Trails



## About Us

Friends of Webster Trails (FWT) is a non-profit 501(c)(3) organization enthusiastically serving as the volunteer arm of the Webster Parks and Recreation Department. FWT was established in 1997; our only activity was to maintain the Hojack Trail. With the Town's acquisition of open space, FWT has now built 20+ miles of trails in the Whiting Road Nature Preserve, Gosnell Big Woods Preserve, Four Mile Creek Preserve and other properties. These trails provide a place to hike, cycle, run, cross-country ski, and snowshoe.

## What We Do

### Build Trails

FWT relies on volunteers! Trails are monitored by Trail Stewards who take care of light maintenance. Bigger jobs and improvements are addressed at our monthly workdays during the warmer months. As new properties are being acquired by or donated to the Town, FWT is there. We clear brush and work the land to provide a safe path. In many instances there is need to build structures such as walkways, bridges, kiosks, benches, and platforms. FWT also coordinates with our local Boy and Girl scouts, with financing scout projects and offering guidance as required.

### Fight Invasives

We have a Habitat Committee whose maintenance work includes working to remove non-native, and invasive plants. The committee identifies issues, conducts research, provides guidance, and proposes solutions.

### Plan for the Future

FWT established the ReTree program which aims to maintain, restore, and add to our forested areas. Kicking off in 2022 our Re-Tree Program has built a nursery for seedling trees!

### Join Us

Please come out and enjoy the trails and consider joining FWT and participating in our activities. Take a hike with us, join the Habitat Committee, help plant some trees, and build a new Trail. Use the contact tab of our website to get more information.

## Upcoming Events

### Trail Workdays

July 16 – Four Mile Creek Preserve  
August 20 – Whiting Road Nature Preserve  
Sept 17 – TBD

### Monthly Board Meeting

Second Monday of each month, 7pm  
at the Parks and Rec Building

### Monthly Hikes

Location and times vary; find information at:

<http://webstertrails.org>  
[www.facebook.com/FWTWebster](https://www.facebook.com/FWTWebster)  
[www.meetup.com/friends-of-webster-trails-meetup-group](https://www.meetup.com/friends-of-webster-trails-meetup-group)



ReTree Nursery



Theme Hikes: Hidden Gem Hike



Monthly FWT Hike



Multi-Use Trail maintained by FWT



# The Role of Engineering in the Town of Webster

**W**elcome to the Engineering Department at the Town of Webster!

This department is managed by NYS licensed engineer and Town resident, Mary Herington. In addition to the Town Engineer, the department currently staffs an Engineering Assistant and a shared Clerk with the Department of Community Development. The department will be growing soon by filling two positions, the vacant technical assistant position and recently posted position of Assistant Town Engineer.

You may be asking yourself, what is the role of the Engineering Department for the Town of Webster? The main functions of the department include but are not limited to: Implementing the Municipal Separate Storm Sewer System (MS4) program; New Development Review and Inspection; Capital Project Management and Review; Geographic Information Mapping (GIS); Records and Mapping for Developments, as well as processing Fill and Excavation permits. Besides these main functions of the department, we also work with other departments (Sewer, Highway, Parks and Recreation and Library) in collaboration for Town projects including maintenance and improvement of the Town Buildings.

To provide greater context to the role of Engineering, further explanation of some of the department's responsibilities are below:

## **Municipal Separate Storm Sewer System (MS4) program**

The MS4 program is a requirement of the New York State Department of Environmental Conservation (NYSDEC) and focuses on maintaining and improving the waterways within a community. This means protecting creeks and streams from construction runoff, ensuring pollutants are not entering the storm sewer system via runoff (such as fuel spills mixing with rainwater) or cross connections (for example, sanitary connected to storm sewer), maintaining stormwater ponds and filtration systems and keeping diligent records of

the program requirements. The boots-on-the-ground maintenance is supported by our talented Highway Department.

## **New Development Review and Inspection**

New development, whether commercial, industrial, or residential, is reviewed by Town departments, including Engineering. The Engineering Department reviews these projects for adherence to standards, utility design, storm water design, constructibility, and the ability to maintain the proposed. This review occurs prior to construction, and during, when the Engineering Department performs onsite inspections for storm sewer installation, road construction, building connections to sanitary and storm sewers, and overall grading conformance.

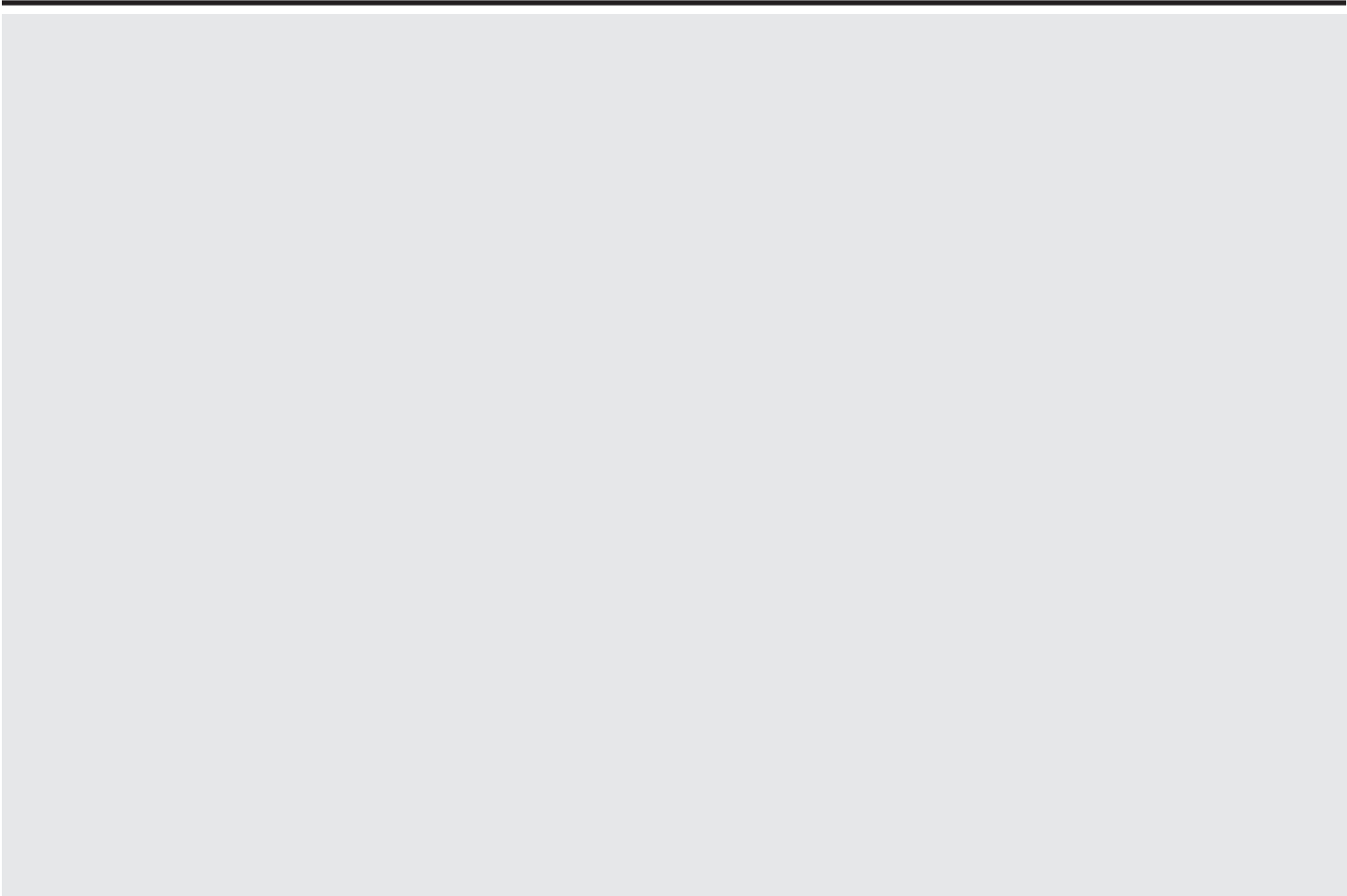
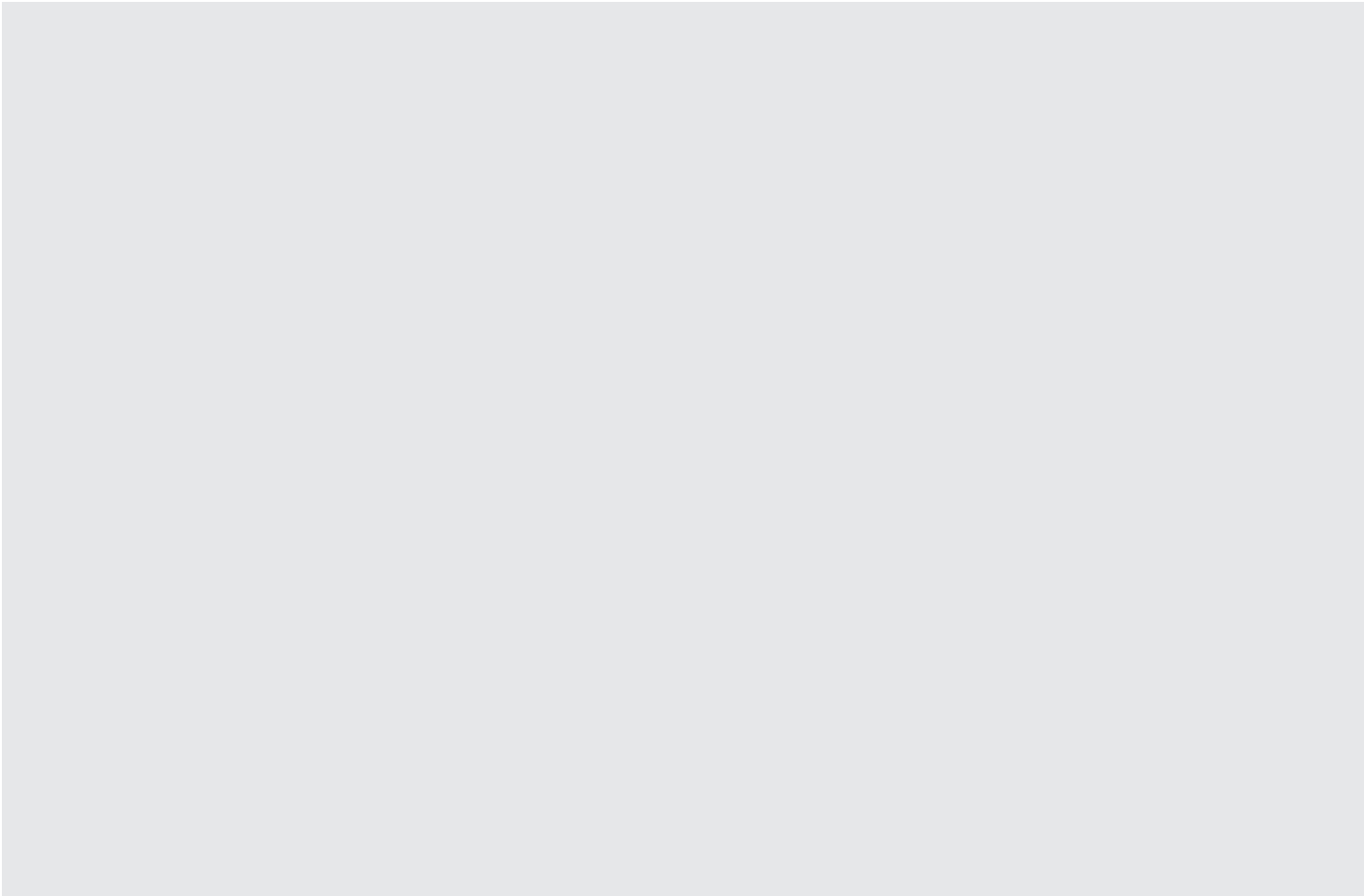
## **Capital Project Management and Review**

The Sandbar Waterfront Park Improvement Project is currently being managed by Herington with help from Highway Superintendent, Pat Stephens; Director of Community Development, Josh Artuso; and Commissioner of Parks and Recreation, Chris Bilow. This dynamic project includes road, flood wall, and park construction elements. It is also supported by the Town's Consultants from Campus Construction, Bayer Landscape Architecture, and Passero Associates.

As Town Engineer for just over a year, Herington is still amazed by the variety of experiences each workday brings. Each day goes by fast and allows her to collaborate with the other highly skilled Town Staff. The Engineering Department aims to provide the best service to the Community of Webster, which Herington feels lucky to call home!

If you would like to get in touch, Mary Herington can be reached via phone (585) 872-7027 or email at [mherington@ci.webster.ny.us](mailto:mherington@ci.webster.ny.us).





# 14581 West Webster? Where Is It?

Many are only vaguely aware that a small hamlet west of the village of Webster has existed for many decades. The business district was created around the intersection of Old Ridge Road and Gravel Road where the former Jade Palace/Heritage House was located across from former Schlegel's Meat Market that, in more recent years, became the furniture strippers store.

There is much rich history in that corridor that includes the several miles of Old Ridge Road and beyond. The Webster Museum has recently created a retrospective of the hamlet. A montage of old and new photographs pinpoint long forgotten and current sites on vintage maps. Check out the former 14581 Zip Code map and view quaint photos of historic sites extending along the Bay to the Lake.

A special exhibit of the Empire Drive-in will bring back memories! Who recalls in-car propane heaters for rent during colder nights as you watched movies? Check one out along with the window-hung speakers.

Distinctive photos of West Webster schools, churches and historic properties with accompanying history will pique the community's interest and bring back fond memories for some. All exhibits will be in place until November.



Plan to visit the museum at 18 Lampham Park on days it is open: Tuesday, Thursday and Saturday from 2:00-4:30 PM. The museum has no entry fee but donations are gratefully accepted. View future planned events at

**[webstermuseum.org](http://webstermuseum.org)**

# The Town of Webster and the Webster Economic Development Alliance Want Your Input on the Future of the West Webster Hamlet!



West Webster Revitalization Plan Study Area boundaries.



The West Webster Fire Department's Cornet Band stands proudly before the newly constructed building at 602 Ridge Road in 1883; the building was most recently occupied by Jade Palace.

The Town of Webster is seeking to strengthen the identity of the West Webster Hamlet as a neighborhood center. In late 2021, the Town was awarded transportation planning funds to be used toward the development of a revitalization strategy for portions of the community centered on the Hamlet Four-Corners at Ridge Road and Gravel Road. Secured by the Webster Economic Development Alliance on behalf of the Town, financial assistance for the Study is being provided by the Federal Highway Administration and Federal Transit Administration through the Genesee Transportation Council.

The results of this \$100,000 planning effort will identify recommendations to strengthen the Hamlet's sense of place, identify improvements for transportation and pedestrian safety, increased connectivity, and the promotion of sustainable development along both Ridge Road and the adjacent Empire Boulevard corridor.

The planning process began in March 2022 with the hiring of Ingalls Planning & Design as lead urban planning consultants to facilitate strategy development. The 12-month process includes several opportunities for public engagement, including citizen advisory group meetings, public open house sessions, and an online Public Engagement website. More information on future engagement opportunities will be distributed throughout 2022.

**Residents, businesses, and property owners are all encouraged to visit the following website to learn more about the project and to provide their feedback on future revitalization efforts for the Hamlet.**

**<https://ingallsplanning.mysocialpinpoint.com/webster-hamlet-plan/>**

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# Webster's Joe Obbie Farmers' Market

**NEW THIS SEASON!!!**

## **An Evening in the Park**

We are excited to bring this "destination" event to the residents of Webster and surrounding towns.

Charles E. Sexton Memorial Park (exit 250 off Rt 104)  
Every Wednesday - July through August from 4 -8:00 p.m.

**Come visit! Enjoy the fun!**

Shop our farmers' market vendors! Fresh fruits and veggies, honey, maple syrup, homemade baked goods, jams, meats, eggs and an assortment of quality handcrafted items.

Try a tasty treat from an assortment of local food trucks! And... catch up with friends while enjoying the musical entertainment!

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**Join Us Every Saturday through October**

## **Webster's Joe Obbie Farmers' Market**

**Webster Towne Center**

1028 Ridge Road (at Holt Road) in Webster, New York  
near the gazebo

Saturdays from 8:30 am - 1:00 pm

**2022 Season: Now through October 29**

Visit our website at [www.websterfarmersmarket.com](http://www.websterfarmersmarket.com)  
and Like us on **FACEBOOK**: webster's joe obbie farmers' market, inc.

# **THE WEBSTER FIREMAN'S CARNIVAL IS BACK FOR 2022!**

**Wednesday, July 13th: The Breakfast Club playing from 8-11pm**

**Thursday July 14th: Our Annual Parade on Main Street, North of  
40 playing from 8-11PM**

**Beer, Clams,  
Hot Dogs,  
Hamburgers,  
Sausage,  
and Fried  
Dough**



**Rides, Games,  
Gambling and  
Entertainment  
Each Night!**

**Every Night**

**Friday July 15th: Stateline playing from 8-11PM**

**Saturday July 16th: Kids Parade starts at noon, Knight Patrol  
playing from 8pm to Midnight, Fireworks at Midnight**

**Check out our Facebook page "Webster Fireman's Carnival"  
or NEJFD.org for the most up to date info and times!**

**JOIN US JULY 13, 14, 15 AND 16TH!**

**AT OUR CARNIVAL GROUNDS**

**172 SANFORD STREET, WEBSTER**



The front cover photo displays the newly installed sign announcing the renamed Charles E. Sexton Memorial Park.

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Town of Webster  
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## Revitalization Planned For West Webster Hamlet

Residents, businesses, and property owners are all encouraged to learn more about the project and to provide their feedback on future revitalization efforts for the Hamlet. **See more inside on page 21.**



## Comprehensive Plan to be Updated

The Town of Webster needs your input as we begin the process of updating our Comprehensive Plan, the first update since 2008. **See more inside on pages 12-13.**

**Surveys are available on the Town website at:**  
**[www.ci.webster.ny.us](http://www.ci.webster.ny.us)**

