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<https://www.websterwasps.com>

# WEBSTER TOWN SUPERVISOR



**Thomas J. Flaherty**  
Town Supervisor

To my Webster Friends,

**Happy New Year!** 2023 looks to be a great year for our community. I admit my bias after having lived here for 25 years, but I truly believe the Town of Webster is the best place to live in Monroe County and all of Upstate New York!

That belief is founded in facts as Webster's combination of greenspace, the socio-economic make up of its citizens, the school system, and its commerce make it a phenomenal place to live and raise a family. Town Government represents all of Webster's citizens and works every day to provide each of the services our community expects and requires.

Webster is very different today than it was in 1950. This demands that we focus on balancing the great traditions of Webster, from its inception in 1840, with what today's

citizens "want and need" in 2023 and beyond.

The 2023-2024 process of updating the Town's 2008 Comprehensive Plan will give **ALL** Webster citizens the opportunity to participate in shaping their hometown for the next 20 years. Please consider volunteering for this important venture as the opportunities arise.

As always, I would love to hear from you!

Sincerely,

**Tom Flaherty**  
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

## The Webster Senior Center Invites You to Pasta Palooza

Thursday, January 26, 2023  
Seating begins at 4:30 PM & First Course served at 5:00 PM  
with Live Entertainment

3 Course Meal for \$19/Person for ages 55+  
Register for Program 141077 by calling 585-872-7103 by January 19th.  
1350 Chiyoda Drive | Webster, NY 14580





## COMPLETED CONSTRUCTION PROJECTS IN 2022 INCLUDE:

### ④ Road Update (REDI MO. 56)

- Roadway Drainage
- Water Line Relocation
- Fill/Realignment of Roadway
- Installation of Granite Curbing
- Completed Temporary Roadway Striping for 2-Way Traffic



### ④ Floodwall Update (REDI MO. 59 & 78)

- Tree Removals
- Fill Operation (70%)
- Parking Lot Subgrade Stone
- Installation of the MCPW Grinder Pump Manhole

### ④ Park Update

- Fill Operation Complete
- Installation of Stone Walls
- Shade Structure Foundations
- Restroom Facility Utilities and Foundation Work
- Installation of the Multi-Modal Path



# SANDBAR PARK REVITALIZATION CONTINUES

### *An Update from The Town of Webster*

2022 saw the beginning of the revitalization of the Sandbar Park location. Work within the park benefitted greatly from a great “construction season” and all three components of the location are ahead of the established 2022 goals. Listed are several of the significant construction projects completed in 2022.

Work will continue through the winter (when weather permits) and the expectation is that construction will, again, be in full swing starting in the Spring of 2023. Items still to be completed include play area, public restrooms, shade structure, kayak launch, floodwall installation, completed sidewalks, street lighting, removal of power poles through the park, final asphalt topping and road striping.

Webster's Sandbar Park remains closed to public access. The parking areas and walkways are still under construction and public use of the park is not permitted.

The Park will reopen to public use in the Fall of 2023.

This project was prepared with funding provided by the NYS DOS under Title 11 of the Environmental Protection Fund. Funding also provided through the REDI and other sources.

For continued updates be sure to visit the  
Town of Webster website at [ci.webster.ny.us/522/Sandbar-Park-Project](http://ci.webster.ny.us/522/Sandbar-Park-Project)



# Thank you

**JUDGE DAVID T. CORRETORE**



The Honorable Judge Corretore has presided over his last trial for the Town of Webster: he has retired.

As we always say, time flies.

Born and raised in the Village of Webster, Corretore graduated with a Bachelor's Degree from Alma College in Michigan in 1979. Law school immediately followed, and he earned his Juris Doctor degree from Albany Law School in 1982. He was admitted to the New York Bar in 1983. Returning to Webster, Corretore began his own private law practice in 1985. In 1988, he joined the Town of Webster as Webster Justice after working as a deputy town attorney for the Town of Webster. During this time he married his wife, Kelly, with whom he lives in Webster.

Judge Corretore is a member of the Monroe County and New York Magistrate's associations. He has presided over thousands of cases, numerous jury trials, bench trials, suppression hearings, thousands of off-hour arraignments. Judge Corretore has officiated at hundreds of weddings. He has served many times as an Acting Rochester City Court Judge, subbing for City Court Judges on vacation.

"Bottom line...the man is a "class act". As I've gotten to know him personally and professionally the past three years he has demonstrated a unique combination of professionalism, dedication to the bench, humanity, and humor. Dave was "raised right" and his moral compass shines through in all he does, whether people are watching or not. I wish Dave all the best in his retirement. The citizens of Webster are eternally grateful for the 35 years of service Dave gave as Town Justice."

*- Tom Flaherty, Supervisor*

"I have worked for Dave for so long (36 years to be exact) that it will feel empty around here when I come to work. However to quote Dave, 'Jeeze O'Pete!' It is about time he retires and enjoys not being on call, dealing with the constant changes in the law, and has more time for his family. "

*- Marilyn Fordham, Court Clerk*

**We can't thank you enough, Your Honor!** Please join us in wishing Judge Corretore and his family all the best in his well-earned retirement from the Town of Webster!



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## Webster Highway Facility

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# Leading the Way

The Town of Webster takes tremendous pride in providing the highest level of service to its residents. At the Highway Department, decades of employee experience, and the constant drive to utilize the latest techniques the industry has to offer, are the keys to providing top level services.



The Department's staff has developed highly organized operating procedures for all the services they provide and is constantly evaluating equipment needs to ensure snow removal, road maintenance, drainage maintenance, leaf pick-up, and other services are optimized. The procedures and best equipment for the job have evolved greatly over the years. The Department's ability to evolve by identifying and utilizing the equipment and techniques that best serve the Town of Webster specifically, is what allows them to Lead the Way in all aspects of what they do.

In order to continue to Lead the Way, the Highway

facility itself is in need of replacement. The current building has served the department well during its 53-year lifetime, however it no longer allows for the efficient operation that matches the rest of the department's efforts or staff needs. After a great deal of research and planning with industry professionals, as well as internal staff coordination, a new building is currently being designed. The building will be a clear span steel structure sized to hold 30 full size plow trucks and approximately 50 staff members.

More details about the existing and proposed Highway Buildings can be found on the Town's website .

Due to the extreme deterioration of the existing building, it is critical that the new building be ready for construction as soon as possible. Prolonging the replacement of this building runs large financial and operational risks that are avoidable. During the design process, the Town will continue to provide as much information as possible about the project to residents. A presentation on the proposed cost of the project is scheduled for February 2023. Please watch the posted Town Board Agendas for the specific date of this presentation. If you are interested in touring the existing facility to see its current condition for yourself, please go to our website:

**[www.ci.webster.ny.us/84/Highway](http://www.ci.webster.ny.us/84/Highway)**

or call (585) 872-1443 to set up a time.



# WEST WEBSTER HAMLET

# Revitalization Efforts

**Josh Artuso**

*Director of Community Development*

The Town of Webster, County of Monroe and other local agencies have been hard at work developing a comprehensive approach to help revitalize the West Webster Hamlet area, a historic neighborhood on the Town's west side centered around the intersection of Old Ridge and Gravel Roads.

## PLANNING STUDY

The Town officially kicked off a transportation and land use planning study in March 2022 as part of a 100k grant obtained by the Webster Economic Development Alliance (WEDA). The primary objective of this study is to develop a revitalization plan for the West Webster Hamlet that strengthens its identity of place through active transportation and safety improvements, increased connectivity, and the promotion of sustainable development and land use patterns.

The first round of public engagement was conducted through an interactive online project website called Social Pinpoint. That effort garnered over 800 unique visitors who provided comments, feedback and shared their vision for the future of the Hamlet. In late October, a public open house event was held at Liberty Lodge, in which over 70 people attended to provide feedback and vote on preliminary recommendations that were on display. The consultant team is in the process of drafting the plan and the final document is expected to be complete in March 2023.

## 600 RIDGE ROAD

The former Webster Furniture Stripper property at 600 Ridge Road (NW corner of Old Ridge and Gravel Roads) has sat vacant for over 15 years. In 2005, Monroe County placed the property up for auction due to unpaid property taxes. However, due to unknown environmental concerns, no one purchased the property and the County opted not to take title at auction. That cycle has repeated for several years as the building and site has continued to deteriorate.

The Town and County have been working closely together to petition the courts to grant temporary control of the property to the County/Town for the purpose of conducting Phase II environmental testing, which was granted in October 2022. Throughout the month of November, the County's environmental consultants were on site collecting samples for the testing, the results of which are expected in early 2023 and will confirm whether there are contamination issues that will need to be remediated and to what extent.

## RESTORE NY GRANT

The Town, in conjunction with WEDA, is also pursuing a Restore NY Communities grant opportunity for this area through New York State Empire State Development. The purpose of the Restore NY program is to provide municipalities with financial assistance for the revitalization of vacant or abandoned commercial and residential properties and encourages community development and neighborhood growth through the elimination and redevelopment of blighted structures. The Town sent in its letter of intent to apply on November 28, 2022, has identified a list of eligible properties, and intends to submit the formal grant application prior to the January 27<sup>th</sup> deadline.

As we progress through 2023 and beyond, the Town will continue working with our local and state partners to stabilize the Hamlet area through enhanced code enforcement activities, economic development/marketing efforts to potential investors and seeking out State and Federal grant funding to assist with implementation of the recommendations that come out of the plan to help this unique and charming area reach its full potential once again!

**To stay up to date with the progress on efforts to revitalize West Webster Hamlet area, visit**

**[www.ci.webster.ny.us/617/Project-News](http://www.ci.webster.ny.us/617/Project-News).**





# 2022

## The Year in Review

Sandbar Park sign announcing the start of construction



Adam Traub with the Library staff

### JANUARY

- Adam Traub hired as new Library Director
- Ginny Nguyen joins Town Board after being elected in November 2021
- Town acquires 5 acres of greenspace via citizen donation

### FEBRUARY

- Town Board adopts local law giving partial exemption on real estate taxes for Volunteer Firefighters and Volunteer Emergency Medical Technicians (Ambulance staff)

### MARCH

- West Webster Hamlet revitalization project kicks off; \$100,000 grant previously awarded to Town on this

### APRIL

- Sandbar Park construction begins
- North Ponds Park officially changed to Charles E. Sexton Memorial Park



Charles E. Sexton Memorial Park sign dedication with Charles' two sons

### MAY

- Compost/leaf mulch pick up point moved from Town Hall campus to Orchard Street
- 1950-era fence/shed setback regulations per Town code amended to reflect Webster neighborhoods in 2022

### JUNE

- Library fines eliminated for juvenile and young adult library materials
- Tessy Plastics purchases 110 acres and 1.5 million square feet of buildings on the Xerox campus
- Summer celebration had 7 food trucks & 2 bands - approximately 5,000 attended event at Recreation Center on Chiyoda
- Parks and Rec roll out "The Word" - an electronic communication to an initial 1,500 subscribers
- Town Board expands Consolidated Drainage district to include ALL residential homes. Previously, 78% of the homes were in the district

### JULY

- Town awarded \$270,000 DEC Forestry grant to purchase 28+ acres on Herman Road
- Town awards \$350,000 in aggregate of grants from its ARPA funds to 14 Webster-based non-profits



Webster's Water Resource Recovery Facility

### AUGUST

- Town partnered with Joe Obbie Farmers' Market to provide space for a Wednesday Night in the Park Farmers' Market at Charles Sexton Park.

### SEPTEMBER

- Parks and Rec roll out "The Word" - an electronic communication to an initial 1,500 subscribers
- Town Board expands Consolidated Drainage district to include ALL residential homes. Previously, 78% of the homes were in the district

### OCTOBER

- Monroe County/Town of Webster obtain court ordered temporary control of 600 Ridge Road (Old Furniture Strippers); exterior cleanup of property conducted and Phase 2 environmental testing done in November
- Completed 60% design of the Waste Water Resource Recovery facility; this upgrade will replace equipment at the current Sewer plant on Phillips Road that has exceeded its useful life as well as



Summer Celebration 2022

give the town the ability to create a Class-A fertilizer from its waste output

### NOVEMBER

- 2-plus year Town Code update/cleanup project completed
- Courthouse exterior roof repairs and interior insulation project starts
- The Five Year Parks and Recreation Masterplan update began with Public Input sessions in November, December and an online portal.

### DECEMBER

- Town solicits proposals for consultant services to assist in 2008 Comprehensive Plan update process to be conducted in 2023-2024; over 2,000 citizen surveys completed in the July-December 2022 timeframe to assist in this process



## YOUTH PROGRAMS

### Amerks Reading Power Play!

**Monday, January 23 at 6:30 PM**

Join us as an Amerks player stops by for a storytime, a hockey demonstration, a raffle, and an autograph session with the player and The Moose! A complimentary ticket offer for each youth in attendance will also be provided.

### Preschool Drive-In\*

**Tuesday, January 31 at 10 AM**

**Ages 2-5**

No licenses needed! We will start off the morning in the storyroom decorating our box cars, and then take a drive over to the community room to watch a short movie. Bring your car home to continue the fun!

### Altered Books\*

**Tuesday, February 21 at 2:00pm**

**Ages 7 & up**

Here's your chance to destroy a perfectly good book while creating a new work of art. Taught by artist Laura Jackett, participants start with a normal hardcover book that they will cut, glue, rip, and otherwise desecrate with their artmaking.

*Don't forget our regular weekly storytimes Monday, Wednesday and Thursday mornings!*

**All this and MUCH, MUCH more can be found on our calendar:**  
<https://www.websterlibrary.org/events/calendar/>

## ADULT PROGRAMS

### AARP Tax Prep

Starting on January 3, AARP will be scheduling appointments for February 1 – April 13. You can reach them at 585-678-5260 to make an appointment.

### Tuesday Travelogues\*

**2nd Tuesday of the month**

**2:00-3:00 PM**

**January 10** - Argentina and Chile with Adam Traub

**February 14** - From Northern Croatia with Love with Christine Simons

**March 14** - Ireland and Scotland with Susan DelPozzo

**April 11** - Tulips in Holland, Michigan with Christine Simons

**May 9** - Hawaii with Jason Poole

**June 13** - The Majestic Canadian Rockies with David Schuler

### Sewing 101\*

**Saturday, February 18**

**10:00 AM - 1:00 PM**

An introduction to using a sewing machine.

### Learn to Quilt a Tote Bag\*

**Saturday, March 18**

**10:00 AM - 5:00 PM**

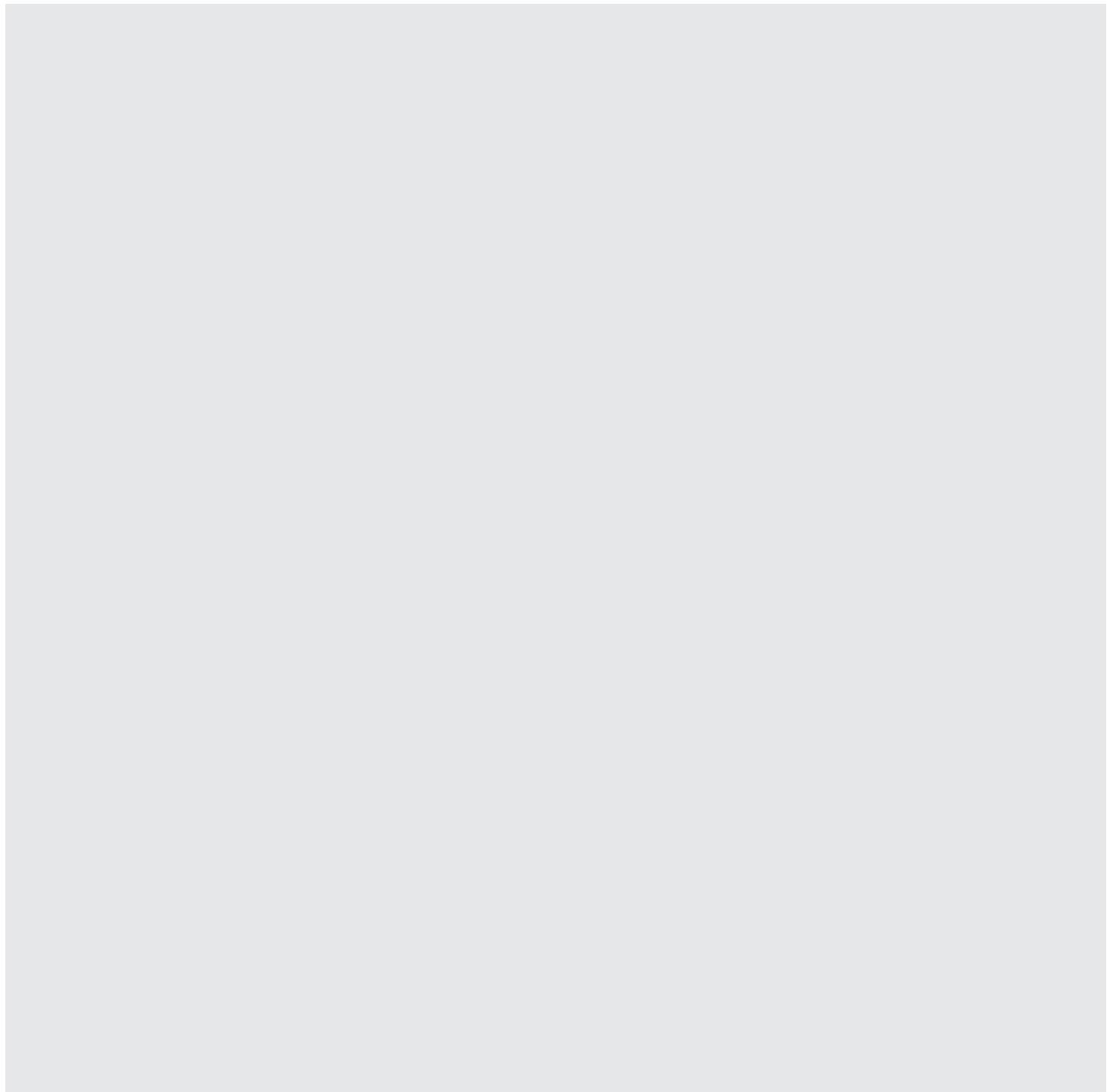
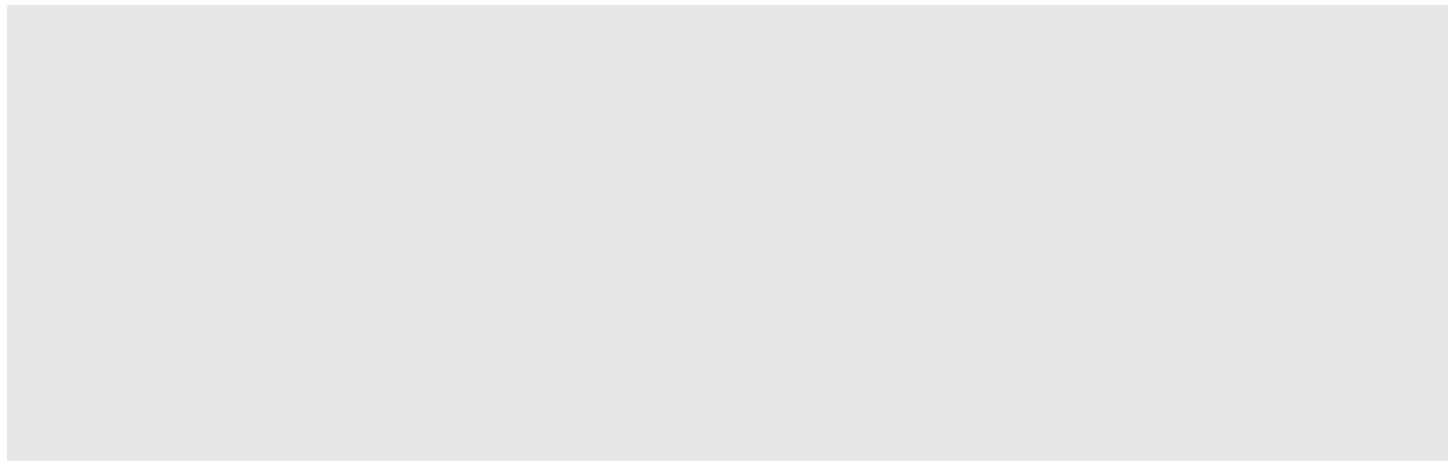
This all-day session takes you through the steps of quilting a tote bag from start to finish!

### Yoga for Anxiety\*

**Saturdays, January 7, 14, 21, & 28**

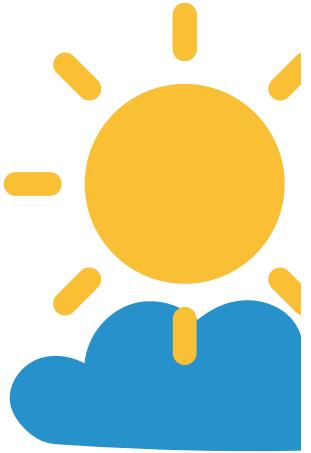
**1:00-2:00 PM**

Join Marlee from Align Integrative Wellness in a **4-week series** of therapeutic yoga focusing on reducing anxiety by down-regulating the nervous system. All levels welcome.





# 2023 Summer CAMP



THROUGH WEBSTER PARKS & RECREATION  
WITH MULTIPLE OPTIONS FROM JUNE THROUGH AUGUST

**REGISTRATION OPEN NOW!**

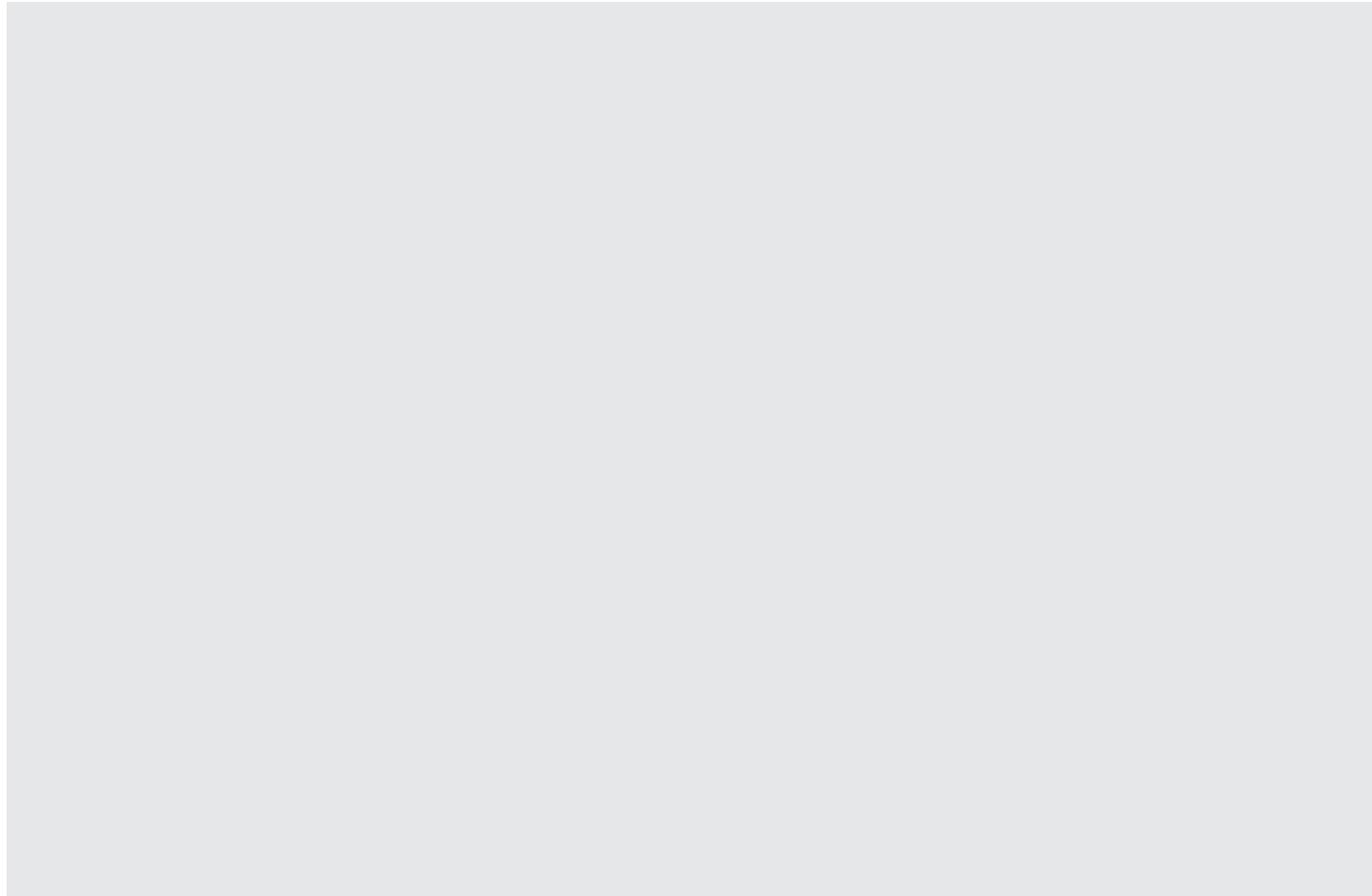
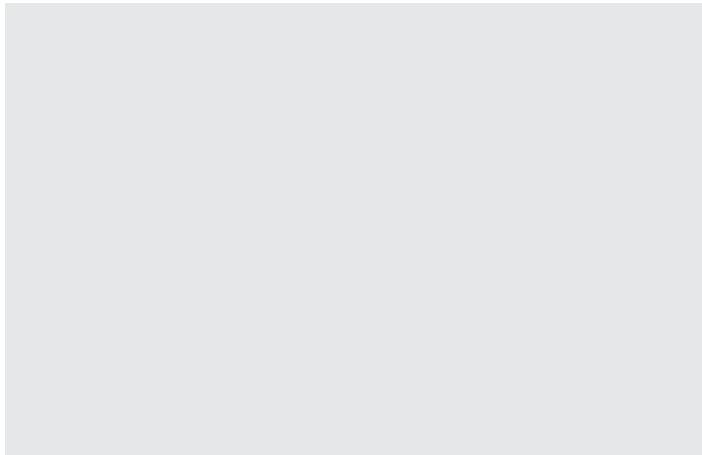
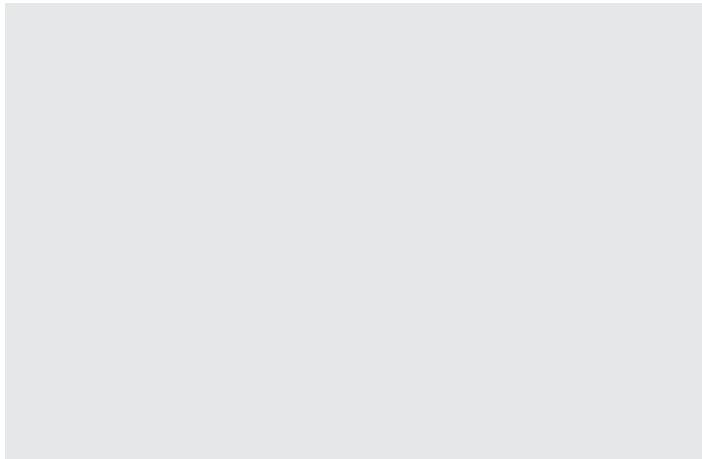
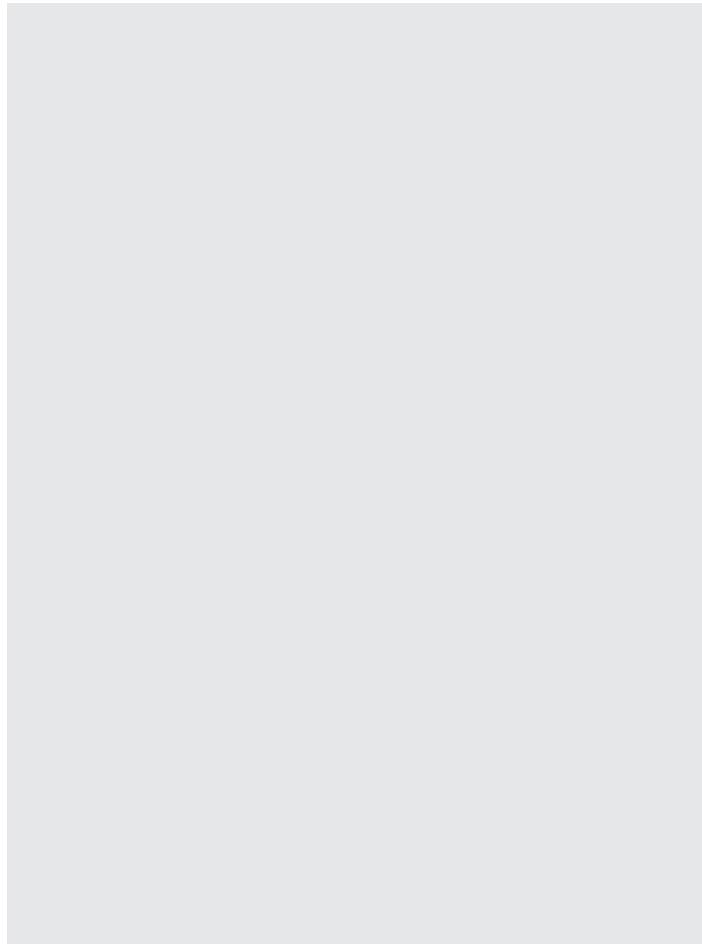


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FOR MORE INFO: 585-872-7103  
[HTTPS://WWW.CI.WEBSTER.NY.US/212/SUMMER-CAMPS](https://www.ci.webster.ny.us/212/summer-camps)









# THE LOOSEY GOOSEY

PICKLEBALL TOURNAMENT CHALLENGE

**Saturday, March 4, 2023**  
**\$20 Per Person/Session**  
**Webster Rec Center Gym**

• • •

**9 AM: Program # 134012-A**  
**1 PM: Program #134012-B**

**\*Please only register for one session\***

**ROUND ROBIN**  
**LUCK OF THE DRAW FORMAT**

THE LOOSEY GOOSEY LUCK-OF-THE-DRAW RECREATIONAL PICKLEBALL CHALLENGE!

This is for our beginners and low-level intermediate players and is simply a fun format where everybody will play with random player drawings. Each “game” will be played and timed for 10 minutes. The number of points you and your partner score will be individually recorded and tallied. After each game, players will redraw and will once again have a different partner and opponent. The person who has the most points at the end of the session will be the “winner”! Pizza and water included!

**For Questions contact 585-872-7103**  
**for Traci (x7112) or Julie (x7102)**

1350 Chiyoda Drive | Webster, NY 14580





# get your GLOW ON



**FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 10, 2023 FROM 6-8 PM**

*No Registration | Free | Open to the Public*

Webster Recreation Center  
1350 Chiyoda Drive | Webster, NY 14580



# CONGRATULATIONS!

The Webster Cyclones 10U-Newtown team played in the MyHockey Rochester Winter Classic tournament December 9-11, 2022, going 4-0 and winning the championship game in overtime!

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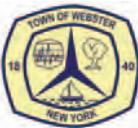
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## **WE WANT YOUR BACKYARD ANIMAL PHOTOS**

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

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

**Email your best photo to:**  
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