



“Community Leadership”

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Chad Norton President of the Friends of Wildlife and Vice President of the Anglers Association of Onondaga was presented with the “Outstanding Community Service Award” by the Syracuse Rotary Club for his outstanding work at Webster Pond.



George Matthews elected MAPA President



Friends of Wildlife thanks Meachem Area Parks Association for its significant continuous help in developing Webster Ponds back trail. On the brink of the award presentation George was elected as President of

the Association again. Anglers Association and Friends of Wildlife hope to continue such a wonderful relationship with a great group and friend.

Special points of interest:

- New Members
- Donations
- Suggestions
- Environmental News

“Silent Auction”

Friends of Wildlife will be hosting a Silent Auction at Webster Pond May 16th, 2015. The auction is for raising funds to build restrooms with plumbing and a visitor center. Both will be built to fit aesthetically with the environmental surroundings of the pond. This project was approved by the Anglers board for Friends to proceed.

If anyone would like to donate items or knows of a business that would be willing please contact Chad, all donations are tax deductible. Please make project donations payable to Friends of Wildlife and send it to the above address. You may also donate via the web at friendsatwebsterpond.org using your credit card or in person at the pond

CHIEFS GAME NIGHTS TO BENEFIT WEBSTER POND



The Friends of Wildlife will be hosting two game nights at the Chiefs NBT Stadium.

August 13th will be the first night which is dollar night. All concessions are a dollar each.

August 15th is the second night which will have fireworks following the game.

Gannon Ice cream, Green Hills grocery and MS Unlimited are the sponsors making these fun filled family nights possi-

ble. Tickets will be available at the pond for \$4.00 each. A raffle ticket will be given for each child ticket sold. If 300 tickets are sold for the event a raffle will be held for one child to throw the first pitch.

Join us in supporting Webster Pond. Funds raised will be used to build public restrooms and a new visitor center.



“Trash for Ash” Town of VanBuren



Chad and Mike Riley attended a public meeting in the town of Van Buren to support the trash for ash proposal from OCRRA. If the U.S. doubled its rate of recycling there would still be hundreds of millions of tons of post-recycled, post-composted solid waste. In the hierarchy of the waste triangle landfilling is the last resort. Let's use the best available

technology to work together as neighbors to solve waste management issues. Support ash for trash and reduce, reuse, recycle and recover not landfill.

Friends of Wildlife officially a 501(c)3 organization to help the local Wildlife with a safe place to live or stop during their travels.



Friends of Wildlife is officially a 501(C)3 organization with tax exempt status. We will continue to support the Anglers to further the development of Webster Pond. Our help will give the wildlife in the area or traveling through a safe resting place. The species list is long and many are returning to the

pond knowing they are safe. Come down frequently to view the many birds as the species list changes with the migration. Enjoy a family day out feeding them and walk down the new back trail which is disabled accessible. Get an anglers membership and fish for the big one. Donations are wel-

come to help further our cause and tax deductible. Come see the mallards, swans, geese, scaup, merganser and wood ducks plus many more.

Fish Stocking at the Pond

Carpenters Brook Fish Hatchery will be stocking Webster Pond April 6th. The Anglers will be purchasing 750 trout to facilitate life in the pond and make the fishing program a success. Volunteers welcome to help.

To join the fishing program come to the pond and sign up.

The junior program is \$10 for a year with a banquet and trophy awarded for the largest fish.

The Adult program is \$15 for a year.

Follow NYS fishing regulations for licensing.



Projects in the works

Now that the trail is complete with the back pond open for viewing it is the goal of Friends to build an observation deck that will be disabled accessible. To see things from a different perspective can alter the experience. We are starting to raise funds for restrooms and a visitors center. Join in and help to raise the funds to provide

this valuable resource to our community. Photos not actual design.



New members, member donations and suggestions

New members are welcome to come speak with Caroline, Chad or Mike at the Pond about membership and activities you can donate to. Any suggestions you have will be welcome and reviewed by "Friends". Our mission is to support and maintain Webster Pond by supporting the An-

glers Association of Onondaga. Please come down and join in the volunteer work to help a beautiful wildlife sanctuary remain open to the public.



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Welcome to Webster's Pond
"Nature's Best Kept Secret"



Organization

Upcoming Events

- Develop a plan for a new visitors center and public restrooms with running water
- Silent auction to raise funds for the building of the restrooms and visitors center on May 16th 2015.
- NBT baseball nights August 13th and 14th to support Webster Pond brought to you by Friends of Wildlife, Green Hills grocery, Gannon Ice cream and MS Unlimited
- April 4th the Anglers Association of Onondaga Junior fishing program opens
- On June 2nd the Veterans from the local VA hospital and surrounding area can come down to the Pond to enjoy a day of fishing and barbeque. Sponsored by Anglers and Friends with cooking by Galloway Catering.

Environmental News



There are many environmental concerns going on in CNY. Here are a few;

- ◆ The Cuomo Administration has unveiled its plan to invest \$900 million in the New York Parks system by 2020 with 110 million in 2015-16 years.
- ◆ Williams Beach in Cicero will be closed this summer due to algae bloom.
- ◆ February deemed one of the coldest months in history in CNY.
- ◆ The SUNY College of Environmental Science and Forestry (ESF) has earned a place among the top universities in America for 2015. ESF is ranked number 30 among the nation's top public universities in U.S. News' 2015 edition of Best Colleges.