

VILLAGE FOCUS

BY CAROL KLEM Thank You, Peter Adams

There is always something going on in the village, behind the scenes. There are people making decisions that affect the rest of us for the good of the community. They volunteer their time and talent and rarely do we make mention of them publicly.

One such person is Peter Adams. For 20 years Peter Adams sat on the Webster Village Planning Board – the last 10 as Chairperson. Ten years ago, Gordon Hartley turned over the gavel to Peter and Monday, Jan. 2, 2017, Peter handed over the position of Chairperson to Chris Krawiec.

Mayor John Cahill stopped by the community meeting room to personally thank Peter for his service. “Peter Adams is to be commended for his steadfast dedication and service to the Village of Webster for his 20 plus years on the Planning Board and his leadership therein. Peter has guided this Village and its development by working with developers, Planning Board, Zoning Board and Village Board members. He has done so with calm and respect for all that he has come into contact with.

“His ability to learn and understand the problems connected with community planning, set in motion zoning changes for the public good by contributing time, intelligence, and sensitivity to problems connected with planning.”

Kathy Bills has served through the years on the board with Peter and has been impressed with his professionalism. “He was always prepared,” she said. “He had an easy going attitude that made him approachable - he could casually talk with developers and could give them a few tips. Being the chair is a tough position, she said. “It’s not just one meeting a month, it’s a big job.” Through it all, it was obvious, Kathy said, “Peter loves the village.”

Mayor Cahill continued, “On a personal note, I have learned much from Peter Adams, and I will always appreciate his advice and friendship. Peter Adams is a class act and to know him is to love the guy. Best of luck to you, Peter, and your wife on your retirement, you will be missed!

Peter will be replaced by board member Chris Krawiec.

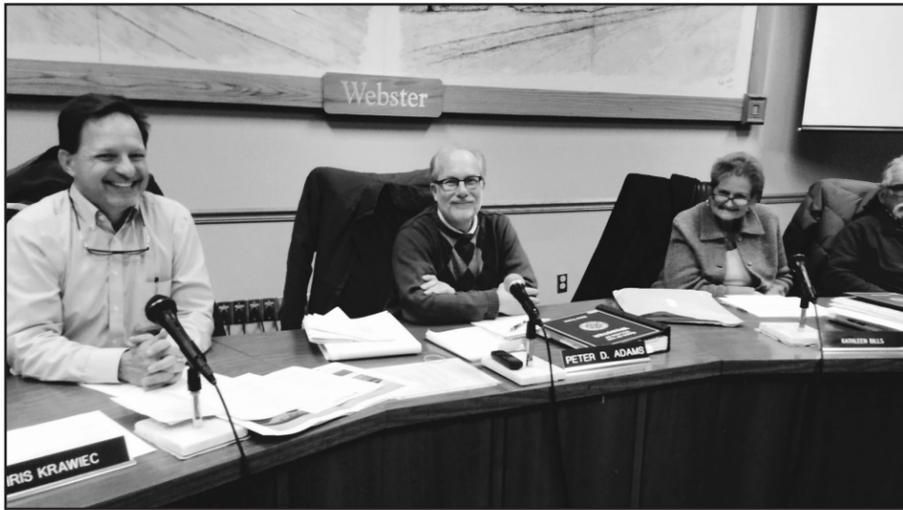
A few facts about the Planning Board

The function of the Planning Board is to advise and regulate. It advises about: Variance Requests, Subdivision Regulations, Zoning Changes, Site Plan Regulation, Capital Budgets, Recreation Studies, and last but not least it determines compliance with the Comprehensive Plan.

According to the village website, the goal of this committee is to:

- Preserve the Historic Village Setting
- Enhance the Village Business District
- Improve signing in the Village
- Improve parking in the Village
- Create a Walk Able Community

Other members of the board are: Kathleen Bills, Peter Bowers, Judy Gurnett, and Chris Krawiec.



Chairperson Peter Adams (center) bid a fond adieu to Planning Board members and the village community after having served the past 20 years on the board. He is flanked on either side by Chairperson-elect Chris Krawiec and Kathy Bills.

Another Adams retires to inspire... grandchildren (and more)

Neighbors on Gordon Park and village people will probably be seeing a lot more of The Adams Family as spring looms hopefully around the corner. About that time of year, walks are in order and I would suppose you will be meeting both Grandma and Grampa Adams together as they are devoting a few days a week to helping with their little grandkids.

I can't imagine being in Nancy Adams' bedroom slippers every morning these days as she hangs with another cup of coffee, lingers over the newspaper, and realizes that she can stay home – do what she likes for the first time. Nancy said that she always worked, since she was 14.

Now she can sit back on her laurels – take a bow for her achievements and breathe in the sweet smell of retirement – as she earned it *summa cum laude*.

Nancy retired as the executive director of the Monroe County Medical Society last month. She had worked in doctor's offices here in Webster Village, the first being with the Late Dr. Ahmed, who convinced her to return to college. His office was in the former Dr. Jenkins house... the Prinzing home on South Avenue.

She ultimately rose to be the executive director of the MCMS and has taken on more jobs than I can list.

She served on boards and committees at the local, state and national levels, including the Board of Directors of the American Association of Medical Society Executives and the Finger Lakes Health Systems Agency, served as board chair of the St. Joseph's

Neighborhood Center, and the Women's Health Partnership. She has earned countless awards including the Medical Executive Lifetime Achievement Award. The American Medical Association cited Adams' creation of a \$3.1 million electronic medical records bureau to help area doctors set up and maintain electronic records systems among her accomplishments.

The AMA also cited Adams' work in setting up pediatric councils around the state. Such councils are a forum for physicians and health insurance carriers to cooperate to ensure good health care for children.

And so she deserves a rest.

But we hope she and Peter get the most out of each day they have together. They have known each other since attending St. Ambrose School, married in St. Ambrose Church in 1974 – have two kids, Dale and Kristen, and two little grandchildren who light up their lives.

They were married at St. Ambrose Church in 1974. Nancy holds a Master of Science in Management from Roberts Wesleyan College.

Here's to their future!

Behind the scenes things are happening

On Main Street for instance, developers will soon be putting the “pedal to the metal” and we will be witnessing some serious changes as the Village Bakery takes over a good part of the northeast quadrant. It will be worth the wait, I'm sure, as restaurant entrepreneur Charlie Fitzsimmons is noted for nothing but the best, and my mouth waters waiting to see some progress.

Also leaving another sad void across

the street (south side of Main Street) but surely improving his already classy salon, Scott Dennis of R Salon will be crossing the street, moving north and taking two floors for his new improved contemporary salon/spa. I am anxious to get the scoop on his latest business/beauty adventure.

According to Mayor John Cahill, Morgan Management is about to finish the last chapter of the million-dollar North Avenue Project. The last stage of the Brownstone-type apartments will add 69 residents to village living.

Maplewood is planning another extension and we can be sure it will be stunning. So life goes on... shops come, shops go, people change, feelings fade, things go wrong, memories remain, we like some, hate others, but life goes on. I prefer to think life is good.

Many reasons to visit Webster Museum

This is indeed a blah time of year when we look for things to do on weekends - places where we can take the kids, or simply stimulate our brains with interesting people and things.

My suggestion is – head to the Webster Museum... there is always something new going on there. (Not to mention that it is a museum, so of course there is old stuff too.)

A fun display that typifies the 1940s and 50s is on display, thanks to Gary Morgan. Like many kids of that era, he built cool cars in his garage on Sherwood Avenue. “He brought in five of his cars,” said Jan Naujokas of the museum. “One of them is made from a magazine rack, another a scrub board; measuring cups, and a rolling pin. Stop by and see the car made from an orange crate, a nail head car, an orange crate scooter, and a Tractor made of a mailbox.

Gary and his Dad were always involved in building and fixing cars.

Gary raced cars all over the United States and at Watkins Glens. “One of his cars, a Camaro with his name and number on it, sold at one of those big car shows for \$300, 000,” Jan said.

Mark your calendar: Gary Morgan will speak about his cars and his racing experiences at 2 p.m. on Saturday, February 11.

Also at the Museum: Boy Scouts

February is Boy Scout Month and the Webster Museum is working on a fitting tribute to honor the Scouts in our community.

The Boy Scouts of America is one of the nation's largest and most prominent values-based youth development organizations, providing programs for young people that build character, trains them in the responsibilities of participating citizenship, and develops personal fitness.

Many, if not all, of Webster's organizations have benefitted from those Scouts whose Eagle projects helped to make our lives – our neighborhoods – better.

We have a wall to honor our Eagle Scouts and have a lot of names but would like to hear more from the scouting community.

President of the Webster Museum Tom Pellett is displaying his collection of badges and carved neck holders.

Please contact the museum if you can add a Scout's name, photo or memorabilia. The Museum is open on Tuesday, Thursday and Saturday from 2-4:30 p.m. Call (585) 265-3308.



Bring the kids to the museum to see how kids had fun years ago using their imagination and lots of stuff from their garages and houses. These cars were made by a Sherwood Drive resident, Gary Morgan, in the 50's. He will be speaking about his experiences on Feb. 11 at 2 p.m.