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The Webster Township Historical Society is a Michigan non-profit corporation; and, IRS 501 (c) 3 organization, preserving treasures of the Webster community.

Webster Corners Village

The Village is located just north of Farrell Road, in the 5500 block of Webster Church Road, Dexter, Michigan.

Tours of Village buildings can be arranged through e-mail requests to WebsterHistory@charter.net.

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This 1867 gateway to the Village at Webster Corners was built to serve as an apple storage and cider aging barn.

In 1925 Webster's population was 652 persons. A place was needed to hold dances, dinners, reunions, and Webster Farmer's Club meetings.

Ralph & Nellie Williams sold the property to the First Congregational Church Association. Folks pitched in to transform the old barn into a spacious Community Hall.



Crossroads Community Center



Photo Courtesy Bob Springer

Webster Township Historical Society bought Webster Community House, on December 30, 2010. A landmark property, it will serve as the gateway to the Village at Webster Corners.

Renamed the Crossroads Community Center, plans are being formulated to restore the property to its historic role as the social center of the community.

The landmark Crossroads Community Center is being made ready to host family events; be a venue for euchre and checkers; or, a place to grab a cup of hot coffee or glass of chilled cider.

This brochure launches the vision.

The Opportunity & The Challenge

A Google aerial view makes apparent the strategic location of this gateway property where Webster Church and Farrell Roads intersect. *Crossroads Community Center*, on a ½ acre parcel (within the outline), was purchased by Webster Township Historical Society. For seventy-five years, this building was a “Destination Place” for the Webster community.



But, over time it lost its luster, its appeal dwindled. The challenge which the Historical Society now assumes: Restore this landmark to its former prominence as a place for family reunions, receptions and celebrations; make it a place where dance and theatrical productions, and entertainment cue laughter; and, where large comfortable rocking chairs encourage vigorous discussion of hot topics - like the weather. It will again be a place where the 4-H club, Cub Scouts and Flower & Gardening groups can gather. To encourage use; the building will be available at user-friendly fee rates.

When springtime arrives, begin to think of the events and activities you can host over the summer, and throughout next winter. Plus, a right-of-way across the Boy Scout cabin property provides access to our 3.68 acre picnic grounds and collection of nine historic structures. Over the summer expect to see more picnic tables, as well as charcoal grills.

And, as the weather warms, volunteers and contractors will begin a three year program of staged upgrades and improvement. We will be working with a solidly constructed (mortis and tenon –wood pinned frame) two story, 2,800 square foot building; and, the kitchen with a large gas range and hood, is suitable for limited food prep.

Among the foreseen projects to be scheduled and prioritized are: Replace and beef up first floor support structures; insulate and rehabilitate the 1st floor great room; install weather-resistant windows; repaint the exterior; refurbish restrooms with new fixtures and trim; replace the 1950's era folding tables and chairs; install new furnace and AC system; add a handicapped ramp; and – replace the small-sized septic tank and under-performing drain field.

What do we need: Skill, talent and funding. There will be requests for volunteers and donations to achieve the vision. Please respond to the upcoming appeals with your wholehearted support. Join in the effort.

Help *Crossroads Community Center* reclaim its identity as: “A Favorite Webster Destination”.

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