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Webster Wins 2 "Best Of" Awards

WATERBURY, Conn., April 20, 2012 – Webster Bank has earned two "Best of Hartford" Readers Choice Awards. Webster was named "#1 Community Bank" by Hartford Magazine and "Best Local Bank" by the Hartford Advocate.

"We are honored to be recognized by the readers of Hartford Magazine and the Hartford Advocate," said Jerry Plush, president and COO of Webster Bank. "These awards are based on readers' opinions, which we truly value as a relationship-based bank."

For Hartford Magazine, over 126,000 votes were cast in more than 150 categories. For more than a quarter century, the readers of the Hartford Advocate have voted for the Best of Hartford. This year, more votes were counted than ever before. Both annual polls are a way for newcomers to the area to learn what the locals like, and serves as a valuable reference tool for others.

The honors were announced at two receptions in Hartford on April 18 and 19. The complete "Best of" lists are in the April 19th edition of the Advocate and the May edition of Hartford Magazine.

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