

Henrietta Happenings



Winter 2020



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From the Supervisor...

Thankfully, the year 2020 is winding to a close and there are multiple vaccines at the FDA that have achieved greater than 95% coverage against COVID-19. So with the end in sight, hopefully people can hunker down and observe social distancing guidelines for a few more months so we do not needlessly lose people to this deadly virus that has already claimed over 262,000

American lives. I know we are all tired, but please keep in mind that lives are at stake, as are businesses, because as infections soar, it hurts businesses, and with almost a year's worth of impact, many businesses are on the verge of closing permanently. For those who are vulnerable health wise and for those who are vulnerable business wise, I implore everyone to do their part in limiting the spread down the home stretch of this pandemic.

Many governments and municipalities have been adversely affected by the pandemic as well, seeing massive declines in sales tax and other revenues, and Henrietta is certainly one of them. However, unlike many towns in the region, there will **not** be a corresponding hike in property taxes to cover those lost revenues. In fact, for the second year in a row, the Town will not collect one single penny more in property taxes than we did the previous year. Yes, even during this pandemic, **Henrietta taxes will be flat — zero increase.**

This was not an easy achievement. All of our Department Heads and all of the staff working under them worked hard to eliminate costs wherever we could while still delivering the essential services the residents of the Town need from their government. And we accomplished this while largely keeping our Town employees out of the unemployment lines. We did have to cut back on

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From the Supervisor...

seasonal and part-time employees, but we were able to work out a method by which all but one or two individuals were fully employed through it all. And in the process, we were able to complete all of our scheduled paving work, all of our scheduled sewer work, and numerous other projects whose funds were from sources not affected by the pandemic. It also helped that we have continued the Town's practice of budgeting conservatively and maintaining a solid fund balance so that we can weather downturns in the economy like we've seen. Please see the Budget Presentation on pages 4-5 for more details.

The pandemic has affected us in other ways as well. We have postponed many of the major projects that were underway, and others were delayed. For instance, the Local Waterfront Revitalization Plan program was put on hold for roughly half a year but has restarted recently with efforts to create the plans for a riverwalk along the shores of the Genesee from the Riverwood Tech Campus south all the way into the Rush Riverside Refuge. Our Incentive Zoning and Solar Code changes were also delayed but are nearing the start of the Environmental Impact Study phase. The new Town Court building was largely put on hold, however we did decide to contract with an architect firm, Bergmann Associates, to create plans. In the event there are stimulus funds available, I want to have a shovel ready project that can benefit Henrietta. See the Engineering Department on page 11 for more details on the design.

The pandemic also greatly changed our Recreation programming. First, it pretty much canceled our late spring and our summer programming, including our Memorial Day Parade and our Independence Day Celebration. We adapted by creating a Reverse Parade, where residents could drive by the performers, including fireworks, and enjoy entertainment in a pandemic-safe manner, even during the height of the first wave of infections. It was also great for the performers as for many, Henrietta's Reverse Parade was their only paid performance. We repeated this format at Halloween with the Boo Moon Cruise. Both activities received rave reviews from those who participated.

We also did some unusual programming, and continue to do so. We did two major distributions of free masks at the start of the pandemic and have been doing monthly Foodlink distributions ever since. Those distributions will continue into the new year with the next distribution scheduled for Thursday, December 17th from 10:00 AM to Noon in Veteran's Memorial Park. Please visit the Foodlink website for mobile pantries at: https://foodlinkny.org/fight_hunger/mobile-pantries for more information.



Sadly, it is the one-year anniversary of the tragic loss of Deputy Town Supervisor, Peter Minotti. FSI has honored Peter by naming a new plaza, "Minotti Crossings," after Peter and his father. And I have created a scholarship in his name and have been matching, dollar for dollar, any donations to the fund. I still have some money left below my \$50,000 cap, so if you want to help spend my money, and help Henrietta residents in need achieve the dream of an RIT education, then please contact me at supervisor@henrietta.org and I can help guide you through the donation process.



Steve

Town Hall Access During COVID



As we did all year, we will strive to keep Town Hall open during the pandemic. Here is some important information should you need to visit Town Hall to pay taxes, obtain a building permit, or conduct other business.

- If you are running a temperature or have any other symptoms, please do NOT visit Town Hall. Instead, conduct your business through one of our drop boxes or by phone, email, or on the web.
- If you are going to visit Town Hall, you MUST wear a mask while inside the building.
- We have made the lobby doorways dedicated entrances and exits so as to minimize cross traffic.
- During busy times, a Town employee will greet you, ensure you are masked, and scan your temperature — if your temperature is over 100° you will not be permitted into Town Hall.
- When waiting in line, please maintain 6' separation between parties. Stickers have been placed in the lobby to help gauge the distance. Also, please wait outside the inner doorway until called.
- If the County moves to higher pandemic conditions, such as orange or red, we may switch to conducting business only through the service window or through drop boxes.
- During slower times, you may need to ring the doorbell outside the inner doors to get service.
- When waiting to enter the inner service areas, please stand clear of the doors as they open automatically. A sticker shows the swing of the door.
- An external secure drop box has been installed just to the east of the eastern exit. It is available 24-hours a day and may be used for tax payments and other business. All deposits received after business hours will be collected and time stamped at 9:00 AM the next business day.
- An internal drop box has been installed just inside the western entrance and may be used during normal Town Hall office hours.
- There are carts inside the lobby for dropping off or picking up drawings from either the Engineering or Building departments.
- **As the situation may change as the pandemic progresses, please visit our web page, email us at TownClerk@Henrietta.org, or call 585-359-7035 to get the latest updates on our service.**

2021 Final Budget



2020 YEAR IN REVIEW

As we are all too aware, 2020 was an unusual and problematic year. It not only affected all the residents and businesses in the Town, it also had a strong negative effect on the Town Government, including loss of revenues, increased cleaning expenses, the need to cut expenses dramatically, and an overall greater level of stress for employees. Through the hard work of Department Heads and the people working under them, Henrietta Town Government weathered it very successfully thanks to quick management decisions, full buy-in from our employees, fiscally responsible budgeting, and maintaining healthy fund balances. We also took advantage of other government financial assistance wherever we could.

2020 PROJECTED EXPENSES & REVENUES TO BUDGET

Fund	Expenses	Revenues
General	\$ 1,725,000 under	\$ 1,500,000 under
Highway	\$ 320,000 under	\$ 9,000 under
Library	\$ 175,000 under	\$ 35,000 under
Drainage	\$ 200,000 under	\$ 7,600 over
Sewer	\$ 150,000 under	\$ 4,000 over

Sales Tax, Recreation Fees, and Building Fees revenues saw a large decline due to COVID and we expect them to decline even further this fourth quarter. We were able to offset that by postponing major projects and implementing other cost saving measures.

2020 COMMUNITY EVENTS



While most of our normal events were canceled, we did hold numerous community events, including mask give aways, food distributions, and pandemic-safe events such as our Reverse Parades.

PLANNING FOR 2021

As we expect 2021 to begin how 2020 ended, we are still postponing major projects and keeping expenses lower than normal; however, a lot of work still needs to be done and worn equipment still needs to be replaced. We have continued the expansion of the Highway Department with the goal of one day having two plowing crews so we can clear the side roads at the same time we clear the main roads. Today, we have to be clearing one or the other. We are also expanding our Facilities & Grounds Department as the amount of park space and public land we must maintain continues to increase.

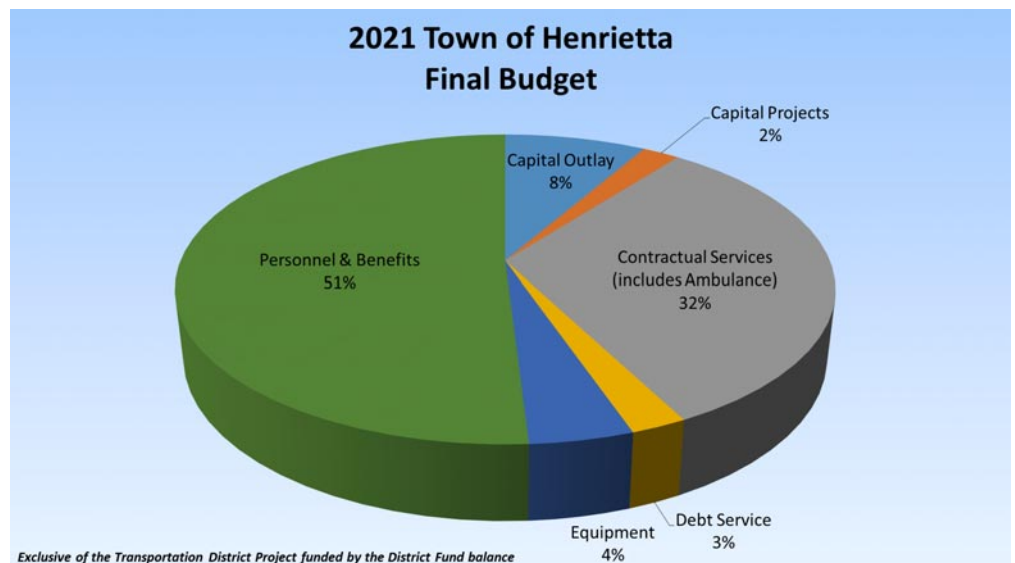
Budget Categories

Personnel & Benefits:	51%
Capital Outlay:	8%
Capital Projects:	2%
Contractual Services: ¹	32%
Debt Service: ²	3%
Equipment:	4%

¹ Includes Ambulance

² Bond payments for Library

Does not include costs for the Transportation District Project paid for by the District Fund balance

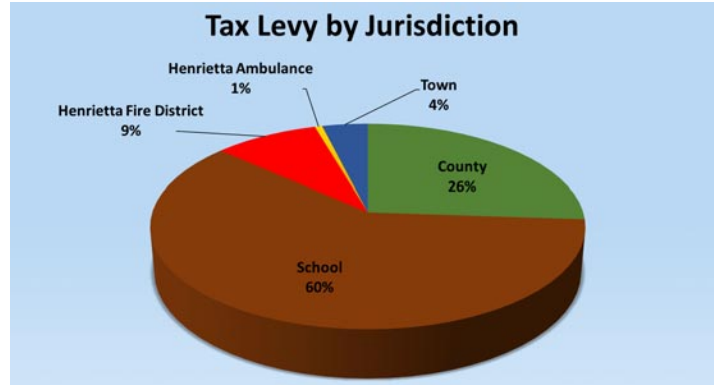


REDUCTION IN TOWN TAXES

For the second year in a row, we are holding the Tax Levy flat - in other words, **NO NEW TOWN TAXES**. And due to both real growth and assessed growth in Town, the Tax Rate will actually go **DOWN** by nearly **8.5%**, with the Tax Rate **dropping** from \$1.33 to a projected **\$1.22** per \$1,000 assessed value.

Furthermore, through additional cost savings, we are **reducing** the amount of Drainage Taxes collected by \$60,000 or **7.2%**, and we are **reducing** the amount of Sewer Taxes collected by \$31,590 or **7.1%**.

Unfortunately, we are not the only taxing authority in town, so even though the Town is lowering your taxes, the Fire District is **increasing** their Tax Levy by about **13%**, and since their portion and increase are both larger, it means you will, unfortunately, be paying more in taxes this year as compared to last year.



YEAR TO YEAR BUDGET COMPARISONS

As you would expect, the 2021 Budget is down significantly from years past as it includes very little in terms of Capital Projects and reduced Capital Outlay for other major projects. We fully expect the 2020 Actual Expenses to come in well below the 2020 Adjusted Budget, as noted on the previous page.

(No, that is not a typo - for some reason, NY municipal accounting labels "Personnel & Benefits" with the term "Personal Services")

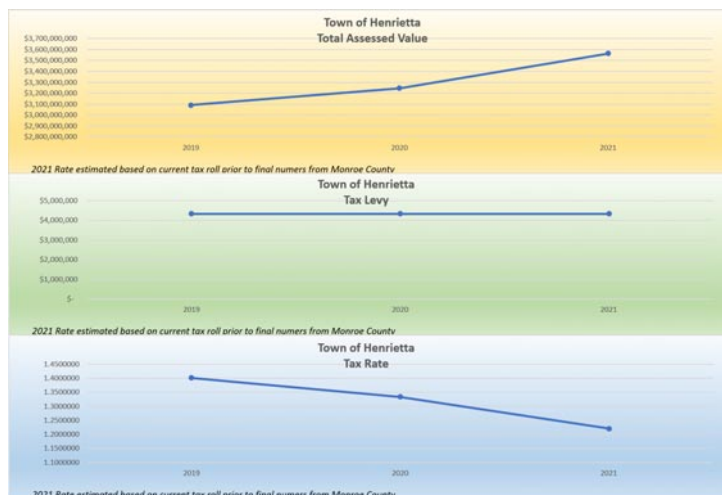
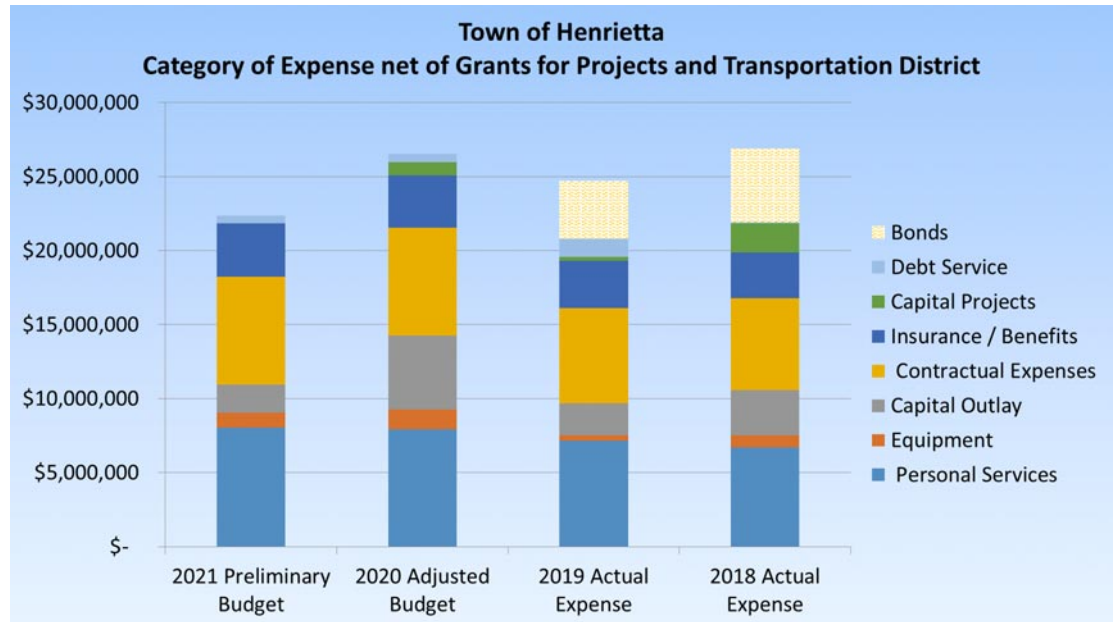
2021 Final Budget

\$ 22,516,127

(net of Fund Transfers, Grants, and Transportation District Funds)

This represents a decrease of \$3,995,260 from the 2020 Amended Budget ¹

¹ The 2020 Actual Expenses will be below the 2020 Adjusted Budget due to the effects of COVID-19



As Assessments Go Up, Tax Rate Goes Down

As you can see in the three graphs to the left, as the Total Assessed Value has increased (yellow graph) each year due to property growth and increases in market values, and as the Town has kept the Tax Levy flat (green graph), the Tax Rate has dropped by the same proportion as the growth (blue graph).

It is hard to grasp, but the Town does not get one penny more by reassessing homes. How much we collect is determined solely by the Tax Levy. Reassessments do change who pays which portion of the levy, but the total collected is the same.

2021 Town & County Tax Collection



Tax bills will be mailed to real property owners on December 31st. If you are responsible for payment and do not receive your tax bill by January 7th, please contact us at townclerk@henrietta.org or (585) 359-7035 to request a duplicate bill at no charge or visit www.monroecounty.gov.
For complete payment information and the latest COVID-19 updates, please visit www.henrietta.org/taxes.

PAYMENT OPTIONS

PAYMENT IN FULL

- Pay in full by deadline of Wednesday, February 10th, with no additional interest.
- After the February 10th deadline, interest accrues at the rate of 1.5% per month.

INSTALLMENT PAYMENTS

- The first installment is due on or before Wednesday, February 10th, with no additional interest.
- The amount of interest owed on installment payments is based on the date the payment is made.

What that means is that there is no interest on ANY payments made on or before February 10th – it doesn't matter whether you're paying the 1st, 2nd, 3rd, or 4th installment. Conversely, there is interest on ALL payments made after February 10th, regardless of which installment is being paid.

If you're looking at the installment stub, the amount due is the correct amount as long as you are paying within the date range listed. Let's use the third installment as an example:

- if you're paying between March 1st and 31st, you'll owe the amount shown.
- if you're paying BEFORE March 1st, you'll owe less interest.
- if you're paying AFTER March 31st, you'll owe more interest.

Additionally, even though there are data ranges listed on the installment stubs, you can make those payments anytime within the total tax collection period. Sticking with the third installment as an example, you do not have to wait until March 1st to make a payment. If you have the means to pay earlier, you can certainly do so, and you'll even save yourself a little bit of money.

PARTIAL PAYMENTS

- An initial payment of at least 25% of the taxes due, plus any accrued interest, can be made at any time during the collection period. Any payment made on or before Wednesday, February 10th is interest-free. After February 10th, interest accrues at the rate of 1.5% per month.

PAYMENT METHODS

- **ONLINE** To pay with a credit card or online check, please visit www.monroecounty.gov (convenience fee applies). Note that partial payments cannot be made online.
- **BY MAIL** Pay by check or money order made payable to **Receiver of Taxes, Henrietta**. Postmark dates are honored. If you're close to the deadline, walk your payment into the Post Office to ensure it gets postmarked. Please include the payment stub.
- **DROP BOX** We now have an external drop box to submit your payment in a contactless means and after hours. Please include the payment stub. Please see the following article for more details.
- **IN-PERSON AT THE TOWN CLERK'S OFFICE** Pay by cash, check, or money order. Make check or money order payable to Receiver of Taxes, Henrietta. Please include the payment stub.



LIFE DURING COVID

The library's been in an ongoing process of working hard to provide services amid the shifting requirements and situation locally with the COVID-19 pandemic. What we're able to offer shifts frequently and sometimes rapidly, and the best place to keep up on our latest offerings is hpl.org or via our email newsletter, which you can sign up for on our web site.



CURBSIDE PICKUP

We're offering curbside pickup of materials as a permanent service now. You can order materials by phone (585-359-7092) or by emailing henrietta.information@libraryweb.org. If you aren't sure about specific titles, that's fine. Let our librarians know what types of books you're looking for, and we're happy to select them for you.

PUZZLES

Looking for something to do on a winter day at home? Try one of our new circulating puzzles. We have choices from 40 to 1,000 pieces in a variety of styles for all age and ability levels. Stop in the library to look at the selection or call ahead to pick them up curbside.

ONLINE EVENTS

Visit hpl.org to find our events calendar packed with a full offering of online events, including story times, book groups for all ages, and lectures. Most of our offerings are available via Zoom or Facebook, and if you don't know how to use those platforms, we're happy to teach you. Just call or email to request assistance.



A SILVER LINING

Girl Scout Silver Award Candidate Lauren Williams worked hard through some tough months to build and paint two beautiful art benches for our Children's Patio, which Lauren and her family delivered in October. On beautiful days and even in middling weather, patrons and staff have been out enjoying the comfortable and inspiring seating, and all of us at the library are so grateful for Lauren's gift of her time, energy, and talent to create these pieces that our community will enjoy for years to come.

ALL WE NEED IS JUST A LITTLE PATIENCE...

I want to thank the community for their patience as the library's worked through a rapidly evolving landscape over the last many months. We'll keep evolving and working toward making our services as accessible and safe as possible for everyone.

My Best Wishes,
Adrienne Pettinelli, Library Director



Department of Public Works

WINTER PARKING

In order to facilitate snow removal operations and eliminate potential hazards, the parking of vehicles on all highways within the Town, including the shoulders of the roads, is prohibited between the hours of 2:00 AM and 9:00 AM from November 1st to April 1st. Vehicles in violation of this ordinance are subject to a parking ticket (with a minimum fine of \$50.00). Repeat violators or vehicles that prevent plowing of a street may be towed and the vehicle's owner will be responsible for all towing and storage charges incurred by the Town.



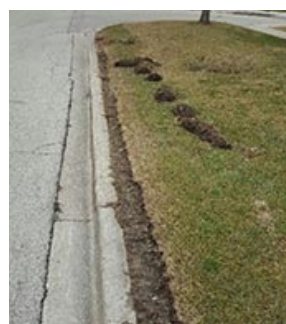
SNOW REMOVAL IN HENRIETTA

The Highway Department is responsible for snow and ice removal and control on over 458 lane miles of Town, including all roads except the interstates. We continue to add trucks to the Highway fleet to help improve cycle time when plowing the roads. Presently it takes us up to 5 hours to clear one pass on the road system. Our Highway Department follows the "Sensible Salting Guidelines" so we use enough salt to make our highways safe for motorists. Motorists should reduce their driving speed according to road conditions. When following our plow trucks,

please allow adequate distance between your vehicle and the plow trucks. These vehicles may make sudden maneuvers during their operation, such as crossing into other lanes, making wide turns, moving slower than normal just to name a few. Drivers should never pass the plow trucks for safety reasons.

PLOW-STRUCK MAILBOX POLICY

The Town of Henrietta is one of a small number of towns that still repairs or replaces mailboxes damaged during snowplowing operations. Since there is no statutory or legal authority which grants an owner or resident the right to place a mailbox along a public road in the right-of-way, our repairs and replacements are done as a courtesy and must be limited to standard size steel rural mailboxes and steel pipe posts. Custom posts and mailboxes cannot be replaced with anything other than the standard replacements. If you have an expensive and/or decorative mailbox or post, you may want to consider the option of storing it for the winter and replacing it with an inexpensive substitute. This decorative category also includes the one-piece plastic post and mailbox combinations, which are extremely susceptible to winter damage.



LAWN REPAIRS FROM PLOW DAMAGE

On occasion Town plow trucks damage the grass areas along roads, due in part to the size of the plow truck and the icy conditions in which they operate. Wooden stakes are installed to help guide the drivers, which helps. But poor visibility and loss of stakes can decrease the success rate. We do our best to identify the areas as soon as the snow melts and in most cases the turf can be rolled back into the open cut. If for some reason this procedure cannot be followed we make a list of those areas for repair in the spring of the next year once topsoil becomes available.



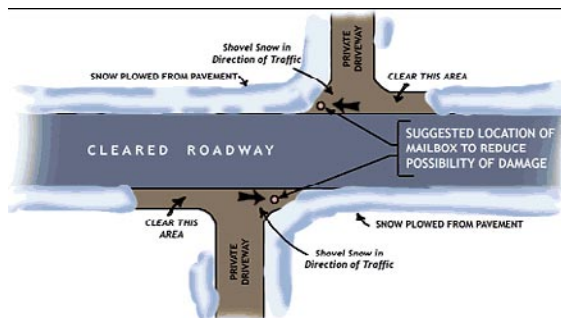
STAYING SAFE DURING WINTER'S CHALLENGES

Winter's ice and snow brings ever-changing challenges to drivers, pedestrians and our Public Works employees. Henrietta's Public Works Department is constantly addressing the onslaught that winter hands out each year, but it is mother nature who determines the timing and amount of a storm. We do our very best to create safe passable roads, sidewalks and parking areas during and as soon as the storm is over. However, we need your help as well.

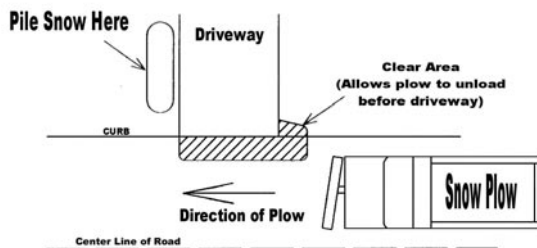


Keeping snow out of the street when clearing driveways, using the correct speed for the road conditions, and not parking in the street overnight are just a few ways to help us help you. As winter approaches, the Town of Henrietta would like to remind people to stay safe and to do your part in helping us keep the roads and sidewalks clear of snow and ice. Please obey the Winter Parking codes, drive at a safe speed, and keep clear of our plow trucks so as to avoid potential collisions. We appreciate your cooperation.

Also, the snow piles at the end of driveways and along the street can make attractive spots for play. But these areas are especially dangerous due to the operation of snow removal equipment and traffic in general. Please discourage your children from playing in these areas for everyone's safety.



Driveway Plowing Policies



CLEARING YOUR DRIVEWAY THE PROPER WAY

When clearing your driveway of snow, please remember that New York State Law requires that the snow remains on your own property. Any snow pushed, blown, or plowed onto any street is a safety hazard and may result in tickets being issued under New York State Vehicle and Traffic Law. If your driveway is plowed by a private contractor, both the homeowner and the plow operator share the legal responsibility for compliance with these regulations. Thank you for assisting the Town in trying to ensure motorist safety during the winter months.

To reduce the chance a road plows pushes snow back into your driveway, we recommend you clear your driveways as indicated by the drawings on the left. Clearing snow just before your driveway will also help with this. But if the snowfall is heavy, you can expect that subsequent plow runs may push snow into your newly cleared driveway, unfortunately.

LEAF AND BRUSH COLLECTION NEXT SPRING

When the snows clear, there are often leaf piles that need to be disposed of. Or perhaps you are doing spring trimming and need to dispose of brush, yard trimmings or fallen branches. The Town's collection site will be open in the Spring the following weekends from 10:00 am to 3:00 pm:

- April 17 & 18, April 24 & 25
- May 1 & 2, May 8 & 9, May 15 & 16, May 22 & 23

Located across from Martin Road Park



Building & Fire Prevention



BUILDING DEPARTMENT DURING COVID PANDEMIC

The Building Department remains open, even during the pandemic. However, the inner doors remain locked and people are called in when they can be served. There is a doorbell next to the inner doors that you can ring for service.

If the Finger Lakes Region goes into a higher level of shutdown from the State, then we will conduct all business through drop-off and pick-up out in the lobby, as we had done last summer.



SAFE AND SOUND FOR THE HOLIDAYS

The global pandemic is not the only risk for the holidays. Every year, fires break out due to worn power cords, dried trees, decorative candles catching combustibles on fire, or other dangerous holiday practices. When decorating for the holidays, inspect and replace old worn out electronic equipment and components. Be mindful of where you place extension cords; do not run under carpets and if using outdoors be sure they are approved for exterior use. If you are going to burn candles, locate them away from combustible materials such as curtains, walls and any decorations. Battery operated candles are a safer alternative. Keep fresh cut trees watered and away from

heat sources so they don't dry out and become a potential fire hazard.

Keep stoops and sidewalks clear of snow and ice to help prevent injuries, and make sure your driveway and house entrances are kept clear in the event emergency personnel might need to reach you. Be sure your house numbers are clearly visible from the road so that emergency personnel can find your location as quickly as possible; in an emergency, seconds count. Also, please do your best to keep fire hydrants visible and accessible to emergency personnel.



SMOKE AND CARBON MONOXIDE DETECTORS

Change your Clocks; Change your Batteries. A good practice when replacing the batteries is to write the date right on the batteries with a permanent marker for future reference. Some of the newer detectors come with 10-year sealed batteries, which is the typical life span of the detector (check manufacturer's specifications).

BUILDING PERMITS

Building permits are issued to maintain compliance with state and local codes, ensuring life safety and energy conservation. Unfortunately, most codes were implemented as a result of something bad happening in the past. Our job in the Building and Fire Prevention Department is to do all we can to not let the bad stuff happen. Please check out the **Building and Fire Prevention** page on the new town website at henrietta.org/building for more information, including permit applications and fees. Feel free to give us a call at 359-7060 with any questions or to see if your particular project will require a permit.



Engineering & Planning



DESIGN OF NEW TOWN COURT

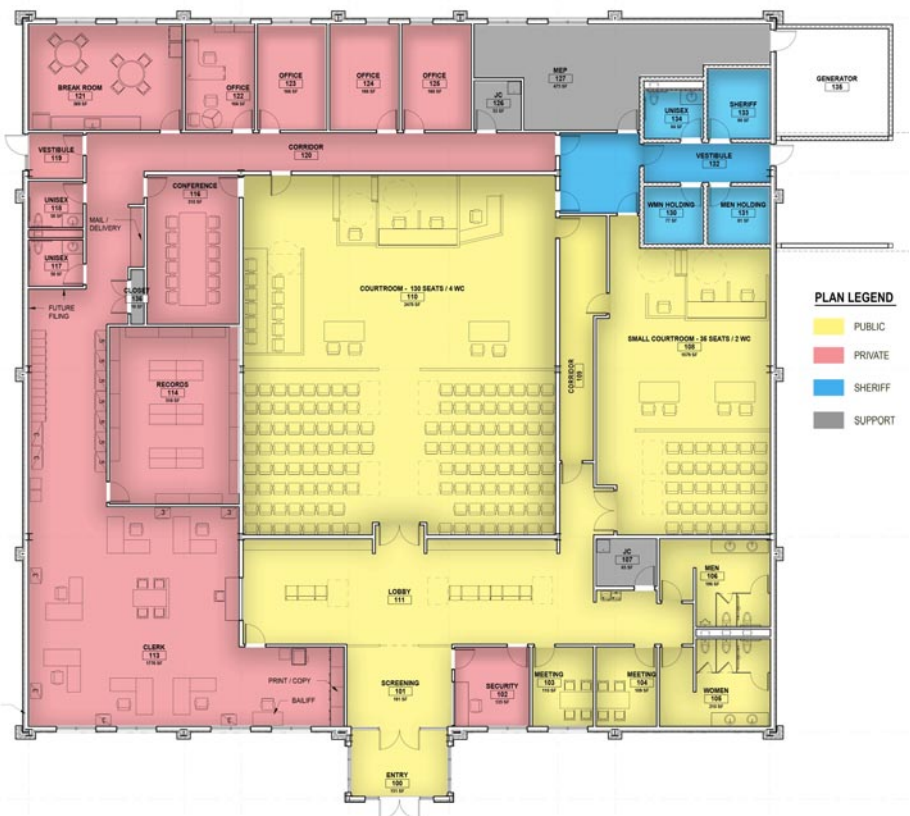
The Town has begun moving forward on the design of the new Town Court in the event that stimulus money becomes available to build it. If no stimulus money is available, we would wait until the economy recovers and the Town has the revenue to do so.

After a thorough analysis of the existing structure of the old library, it became apparent that it could not be cost effectively converted to use as a Town Court due to its aging infrastructure and unusual construction which makes it difficult and costly to reconfigure, as well as to repair the broken pipes and infrastructure that are encased within the concrete walls.

Bergmann Associates have taken the concept drawings from the Town Supervisor and created the architectural design for the new building while the Engineering Department has been working on the site plans. The unique tower from the old library has been incorporated into the design of the new court so that even when the old library comes down, it will continue to live on in the new Town Court.



NORTHEAST BIRD'S-EYE PERSPECTIVE



NEW TOWN SIDEWALKS

In addition to the recently completed Jefferson Road and East Henrietta Road sidewalks, the Engineering Department is continuing to move forward on the designs of the East River Road and Hylan Drive sidewalks. The last remaining easement was recently acquired for the East River Road sidewalk so final designs are being completed and construction is expected to begin in 2021.

NEW JUNIOR ENGINEER

We are happy to welcome Michael Cunico to the Engineering Department as our new Junior Engineer. Michael graduated from SUNY at Buffalo this past spring. Go Bulls! He jumped right in creating a map of all on-going construction projects within the Town that will soon be posted to the Town's website. Additionally, Michael has been busy working with our RIT Co-op expanding our sanitary sewer structure mapping via GPS, and performing regular stormwater pond and outfall inspections. He's been a valuable addition to the group and we look forward to helping him grow in his career.

Parks and Recreation

MESSAGE FROM THE DIRECTOR

We were thrilled to see so many of you turn out for the Boo Moon Cruise Thru on October 30. Thanks to the hard work and creativity of staff, volunteers and community groups, the Town of Henrietta was able to provide a spooky and safe way to enjoy Halloween. Over 500 families turned out for the fright and fun.

The staff at Henrietta Parks and Recreation is constantly working to find safe ways to keep the community active and healthy during the COVID-19 pandemic. Since the re-opening of the Recreation Center on September 14, participants have enjoyed the walking track, pickleball, table tennis, preschool programs, gymnastics, baseball skills, shootaround basketball, and more.

In October, the air filtration system at the Recreation Center was upgraded by switching to MERV-13 filters. The Center has passed the Monroe County Health Department inspection for gyms and fitness centers and the Recreation Center is now re-open for group fitness. We look forward to offering yoga, Pilates, tai chi, Zumba and other group exercise classes during the winter months, conditions allowing.

As we enter the holiday season, Henrietta Parks and Recreation will continue to provide safe ways to celebrate. From all of us, to the families and residents that support our programs, we wish you health and happiness throughout the season and into the new year!

Pam Grundman, Parks and Recreation Director, pgrundman@henrietta.org



October 30, 2020

Over 500 families joined us for the Boo Moon Cruise Thru! Thank you to all the community groups and volunteers that helped to make this possible.

Gymnastics

Classes Available include:

- Parent & Tot Gymnastics for 2-3 Yr Olds
- Gymnastics for 4-5 Yr Olds
- Gymnastics for 5-6 Yr Olds
- Gymnastics for 7-9 Yr Olds
- Gymnastics for 10+ Yrs Old
- Fitness Ninja for 8+ Yrs Old
- Homeschool Classes for All Ages
- Intermediate, Advanced and Private Lessons

COVID-19 Pandemic Information:

- Smaller class sizes
- Equipment sanitized between each class
- Instructors and participants must wear masks at all times
- Makeups will be given to those who miss class due to illness or mandatory quarantine.

Contact Jackie Kitto for more information on how we're keeping kids safe in the gymnastics program!
- Jackie Kitto, Gymnastics Director, 585-444-2208, jkitto@henrietta.org



Team options also available.
Please call Jackie Kitto for more information!



Preschool & Youth

PROGRAMS

**Winter Registration begins
December 7th for Residents,
December 14th for Non-Residents.**

Visit our [website](#) for more information!



- Dance
- Preschool Playgroup
- Coloring on Canvas-Painting
- Jewelry Making
- Polymer Clay Creations
- Mad Science
- Holiday Activities

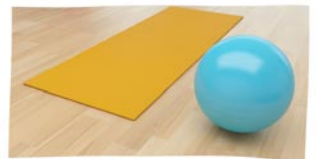
Instructors and participants must wear masks at all times.

Youth & Adult Sports

PROGRAMS



- Baseball Skills Camp
- Indoor Soccer
- Start Smart Basketball
- Tai Chi
- Tennis
- Figure Skating
- Pilates
- Yoga
- Zumba



CHRISTMAS DURING COVID

Want to do something special for your child during this exceptionally crazy time of year? Beginning December 7th, drop in at the Rec Center and pick-up a holiday kit.

The kit includes:



- A "Letter to Santa" form
- Santa Soup *Hot Chocolate Mix
- A Snowman Pattern



If you would like your family's snowman to be a part of the winter decorations at the Rec Center return it and the Santa Letter to the Recreation Center by December 18th. Be sure to include a return address on the Santa Letter if you like your child to receive a personalize note back to them before Christmas. Santa may even surprise the Rec Center with a visit. Keep checking the website for more information.



FAMILY VALENTINE'S CELEBRATION

Keep checking the website for Valentine's Day fun geared for preschoolers thru 5th Grade.

Tinker Nature Park



Tinker Homestead & Farm Museum

VISITING TINKER NATURE PARK AND HANSEN NATURE CENTER

The park is located at 1525 Calkins Rd, Pittsford, NY 14534

Contact us at naturecenter@henrietta.org or (585) 359-7044

The Park is open 7:00 am to sunset and the Nature Center is open 8:30 am to 3:00 pm

CROSS-COUNTRY SKI RENTAL

The Hansen Nature Center will be renting cross country skis and snow shoes for use in Tinker Nature Park as soon as there is enough snow. \$3/pair.

Tuesday-Saturday 9 am-2 pm. Equipment will be cleaned and sanitized after each use.



TREE RECYCLING

Tree Recycling begins Saturday, December 26 and continues through January 31, 2021. Touchless drop off behind barn at Tinker Park. Call 359-7044 if you need assistance.

COMMUNITY GARDEN

The Town of Henrietta has established a community garden in order to foster sustainability by providing residents an opportunity to grow their own food. New gardeners can sign up beginning on Monday, January 4th.



HIKYOGA SELF-GUIDED NATURE WALK

“We are an all-girls FIRST LEGO League (FLL) Robotics team called the Hippie Pandas founded in 2009. For the 2020 FIRST Lego League competition, called Replay, the challenge this season is to identify a specific problem linked to people not being active enough. We believe some activities are too competitive and people don’t wish to do them. Some activities need an instructor or cost money to do.

Our innovative solution was to create a self-guided walk, that combines hikyoga and a nature walk at Tinker Nature Park. We have installed signs all along the 1/2-mile Nature trail with QR Codes that link to this website and will lead you through HikYoga pose sequences and explaining the nature around you.”

- FIRST LEGO League Robotics Team, The Hippie Pandas

Visit <https://hippiepandas.wixsite.com/hikyoga-nature> for more information!



Don W. Cook
Henrietta
Senior Center

Senior Center



STAYING CONNECTED DURING THE PANDEMIC

The staff at the Senior Center will continue to find ways to keep our senior community connected. We are currently updating our email distribution list. Please call to add your email to this list.

Also, monthly calendars are available outside the front door, on the website or by calling 585-334-4030. Stay well!

GRAB-N-GO MEALS AT THE SENIOR CENTER

Grab N Go Meals are going well and are very popular with the seniors. Drive-in for breakfast on Monday 9:00-10:00 am or lunch on Tuesday and Wednesday 11:00 am-12:30 pm. Donations are optional, but appreciated. Call ahead to reserve your meal at (585) 334-4030 and as always, please be sure to honor your reservation. If you can't make it, please call and let us know. We miss you all but hope you enjoy the nutritious meals and a few extras that we'll add to your bag.



FOOD DONATIONS

The Rush-Henrietta Food Terminal (RHAFT), area businesses, and Henrietta residents have been extremely supportive of the Senior Center meal programs. If you wish to donate food for our meals, please contact us at 585-334-4030.

CHANGES TO THE SENIOR CENTER

The Town is using the reduced activity at the Senior Center to work on a number of improvements to the Center itself. We are currently constructing a three-season room off the northwest corner of the building and are working on adding a second covered awning to the southern entrance of the building. This awning will help us provide the Grab-n-Go meals and other services to our seniors throughout the winter months.



CHECKING THE ACTIVITIES CALENDAR

The pandemic has meant we've had to adapt our programming to meet with the new guidelines as the infection rate changes throughout the region. We ask that all members check the calendar of events online or outside the Senior Center entrance to get updates on the status of the planned activities, classes, and events being held at the Senior Center. You can also call 585-334-4030 to check on the status of a particular activity, class, or event.



Speaking of changing schedules, due to the pandemic, **Breakfast With Santa has been canceled for 2020.** We fully expect Santa to return for next year and hope to see you then!



Look for the Henrietta Senior Center on Facebook or online at Henrietta.org



Remembering Carol Tinker Aldridge



In 1992, Carol Tinker Aldridge and her husband John made arrangements with the Town of Henrietta to create the Tinker Homestead and Farm Museum at 1585 Calkins Road. The town purchased the cobblestone homestead and its furnishings, the outbuildings and three surrounding acres. John and Carol also donated 65 acres of land for use as a passive nature park.



Both Carol and her husband John were natives of this area. Carol was born and raised in Henrietta. Her great, great grandparents, James and Rebecca, came to Henrietta in 1812 and established their home in a log cabin on forty acres of land. Eventually the Tinker farm grew to include almost 300 acres. James and Rebecca contracted with a mason named McCarty to build the cobblestone homestead in 1828. The house was completed two years later.



Through special events and activities, this property has given all of us a glimpse into the agricultural heritage of our community. In addition, the walking trails through the Tinker Nature Park provide a welcome change of scenery. Future generations of town residents will benefit greatly from the generosity of Carol and John.



A graduate of the Eastman School of Music in 1945, she taught in the Greece Central School District and founded their instrumental music department. In 2018, Carol was recognized as the Henrietta Woman of the Year by the Antoinette Brown Blackwell Society.



**Carol
Tinker
Aldridge**

b. April 25, 1924
d. October 19, 2020



Henrietta thanks you for your generosity and contributions to our Town, including the lasting legacy of **Tinker Nature Park**



First Responder Volunteers Needed

NEW VOLUNTEERS NEEDED FOR THE HENRIETTA FIRE DISTRICT

The Henrietta Fire District is a combination department (career and volunteer) that provides fire protection and first response emergency medical service to Henrietta.



Get Involved

By joining the Henrietta Fire District you are afforded the chance to truly make a difference in your community. This is your opportunity to get involved in something rewarding and meaningful. You'll find out what it takes to be a volunteer firefighter, to have the courage to act, the ability to perform.

Give Back

Giving back is answering the call when no one else will. It's providing the safety and reliability the community needs. It's the ultimate in service to your community. You might think at first that you don't have the time – until you feel the honor of helping out your neighbors in a way that no one else can, when they truly need you. You'll realize nothing is more worth your time.



A Rewarding Experience

Being a volunteer firefighter with the Henrietta Fire District is a truly rewarding experience. Not only are you dedicating your time to those in need, but the relationships you will build with the other members and families will last you a lifetime.

Is There a FIRE in You? Do you have the Commitment, the dedication, the drive to do something great? Have you always wanted to do more for your community, but you didn't know how or where to start? Have you been longing to take on a new challenge and be a part of something big and impactful, where pride is the reward? Join the Henrietta Fire District! Go to www.HenriettaFire.com for more information.

Please vote for Fire District Commissioner on December 8th, 4:00 PM to 9:00 PM at Henrietta Fire District Station No. 6, 60 Erie Station Road, West Henrietta



Now Recruiting: Volunteer Care Givers

Positions: EMT & Medic Assistant

All Training Provided

Contact: 585-334-4190

www.chsmobilehealth.org



Community Volunteers Needed



We Need Your Help!



COMMUNITY MURAL AT THE RECREATION CENTER

The Henrietta Parks and Recreation Department is creating a Community Mural at the Recreation Center and they need your help. Email us yours or your family photos highlighting the diversity of

backgrounds and interests within our community. Send photos to recreationcenter@henrietta.org by January 8th. Mural will be unveiled at the virtual Martin Luther King, Jr. celebration on January 14th.

Sponsored by the Town of Henrietta and the Henrietta Youth Development Advisory Committee

Theme: Celebrating Henrietta's Diversity and Uniqueness



YOUTH HALL OF FAME NOMINATIONS NEEDED

The Youth Board/Hall of Fame committee depends on receiving nominations from our community groups, organizations, schools and individuals in order to consider a variety of young people for induction into the Henrietta Youth Hall of Fame.

The Youth Hall of Fame acknowledges Rush-Henrietta School District area high school seniors who have made meaningful contributions to their local or school community, have overcome significant obstacles or challenges in their life, or have demonstrated remarkable personal growth.

The Henrietta Youth Board/Hall of Fame committee will be screening all nominations in February. Therefore we ask your cooperation in submitting completed applications on or before Friday, January 29, 2021. Forms are also available online at www.henrietta.org and can also be submitted to the Henrietta Parks and Recreation Department.



Congratulations to all of our Youth Hall of Fame 2020 Inductees!

For further information or questions regarding the nomination process call Anita Tichacek at the Henrietta Parks and Recreation Department at (585) 359-7051.

THANK YOU TO ALL THE 2020 MAKE A DIFFERENCE DAY (WEEK!) VOLUNTEERS





THE REV. DR. MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR. “LOVE OVERCOMES” SCHOLARSHIP

Developed by the Interracial Clergy Council of Henrietta & Rush

Application Deadline: Tuesday, December 8, 2020

Purpose:

To award eligible applicants with a scholarship to help defray the cost of college or other post-secondary education endeavors. This scholarship is made possible through donations at the annual MLK celebration sponsored by the Interracial Clergy Council of Henrietta & Rush.

Mission of the Interracial Clergy Council of Henrietta & Rush:

The Interracial Clergy Council is comprised of individuals from the towns of Rush and Henrietta, our faith community, the Town of Henrietta administration, the Rush-Henrietta Central School District, and our youth. Our mission is to embody and spread the Beloved Community envisioned by Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King. We dream, work, collaborate, and celebrate together to create a vibrant unity out of our diversity.

The applicant must:

- a) be a resident of Rush-Henrietta community.
- b) be a senior in high school with a grade point average of 3.0 (85%) or better.
- c) demonstrate a commitment to the principles of Rev. Dr. King through an original essay, found in the application, available online at Henrietta.org/MLK.
- d) use the funds awarded to help defray the cost for post-secondary studies.
- e) have documented community service.

Scholarship Amounts to be Awarded:

\$500 to be paid directly to the college or university

How to apply:

Email the following (in PDF form) together in one email to rhmlkscholarship@gmail.com by Tuesday, December 8, 2020:

- a) A completed application, available online at Henrietta.org/MLK.
- b) High school transcript
- c) Documented community service
- d) Essay (minimum 2 pages double-spaced, 12-point font)

Scholarship will be awarded at the annual Martin Luther King Jr. Celebration sponsored by the Interracial Clergy Council scheduled for Thursday, January 14, 2021.



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“Stand Up — Step Up”
**14TH ANNUAL REV. DR. MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR. CELEBRATION
FOR THE HENRIETTA & RUSH COMMUNITIES**



Thursday, January 14, 2021 at 7:00 PM

This Celebration will be held virtually.

Please visit Henrietta.org/MLK for more information on how to attend.

Sponsored by the Interracial Clergy Council of Henrietta & Rush, the Town of Henrietta,
the Rush-Henrietta Central School District, and the Town of Rush

**Please see inside back cover for information on the Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.
“Love Overcomes” Scholarship for Rush-Henrietta students/residents.
Deadline to apply: December 8, 2020**