

# Henrietta Happenings



Summer/Fall  
2021



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## *From the Supervisor...*

### ENTERING BUDGET SEASON

We have already begun the budgeting process and expect to get into it in full swing shortly. The preliminary numbers look good thanks to three major factors: first, we did a good job managing expenses during the pandemic and so did not end up with a major budget shortfall; second, we received a large injection to our

budget from the American Rescue Plan Act; and third, we are seeing a strong bounce back in the economy which means sales tax revenues are exceeding expectations. As a result, we expect to keep the tax levy at the same level for the fourth year in a row. Because of new construction and a strong housing market, no increase in the Town Tax Levy will mean a considerable drop in the Town Tax Rate. More on that next issue once we have a budget in place.

### AMERICAN RESCUE PLAN ACT (ARPA) FUNDS

The Town has had \$4,435,825 in ARPA funds allocated directly to the Town with half of the funds arriving in this past July and the other half scheduled to arrive in July of 2022. Of those funds, \$3,429,281 is for lost revenue replacement, and \$1,006,544 is for investments to improve water and sewer infrastructure. The plan for the infrastructure is to bring water service to a few areas that do not currently have service: Middle Road between Lehigh Station Road and the Thruway overpass, the southern end of East River Road, and portions of Telephone Road. A small portion will also be used to complete the new sewer extension on Lehigh Station Road across from the high school, assuming the residents there sign off on their sewer district tax. The lost revenue replacement funds will be used for capital projects — it is a bad idea to use non-recurring revenue for operating budgets as it is not sustainable.

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# ***From the Supervisor...***

## **POSSIBLE CURBSIDE LEAF AND BRUSH PICKUP**

I have heard from a number of people interested in curbside leaf and brush pickup. The issue is it is not an inexpensive proposition. It requires a significant investment in both capital, to buy the vacuums and trucks needed, and in operating costs, to hire the additional Highway Crews needed since it is a large time commitment as well. There would be the added benefit of providing the additional crews during the ice and snow removal season meaning that for large storms we could put one-and-a-half crews out and clear the main roads and the side streets at the same time, as opposed to now where we must do them sequentially. It would also allow us to platoon snow removal crews on the long, continuous storms, so as to avoid fatigue in our drivers. But it would not be likely we would be able to do this with our current tax levy and so we are working on putting together the budget, what it would represent in terms of an increase in taxes, and put it up for referendum to the voters.

## **CONSOLIDATED GARBAGE ZONES OR DISTRICTS**

The last time I asked the residents of the Town as to whether they were interested, the majority of the responses was, "No." However, since that time, Casella has come in and bought out nearly all of the small companies that people were loyal too. Based on feedback, I wonder whether sentiment has changed. To implement them, we would divide the Town into Garbage Zones based on neighborhoods. Waste removal companies would bid on providing the service for those Zones. We would specify the options they must provide: e.g., one, two, or alternating trash bin pick ups per week and one, two, or alternating recycle bin pick ups per week. We would also specify the discounts they would need to provide: e.g., senior and veteran discounts. We would then select the best value in price/service for the zones. Each resident within the zone can then pick which combination of trash and recycling pick up they are interested in, apply for any applicable discounts, and get billed directly from the company. Or, we could create them as Garbage Districts and the Town would hire the companies and then bill residents through their property tax bill. The advantages include: the higher competition and more dense routes should translate to better prices, there's a single delivery for the entire neighborhood, there is more leverage when a provider is not fulfilling their obligations, and we can specify things like all providers must provide recycle bins with lids to reduce the amount of recycled material blowing around our streets. The disadvantages include: no choice in who your provider is and, of course, a change in how things have been done for years. I plan to put together a survey to gauge the interest from the community.

## **PURCHASE OF GOOD SHEPHERD CHURCH AND BURGER FARMHOUSE**

This spring, the Town purchased from the Rush-Henrietta Central School District, two historic properties on East Henrietta Road: the former Good Shepherd Church and the Burger Farmhouse. This was a partnership between the Town and the School District as the buildings would have been very costly for the School to bring up to educational standards. The Town will be able to renovate them and still allow for student use, on an as-available basis, while also having them available for rent, like cabins, to the community at large. The former church will be laid out for performing arts, but could also be rented for graduation parties, weddings, and the like. The farmhouse will be used to house community organizations. The Town purchased them for \$1 but will bear all costs of renovations.





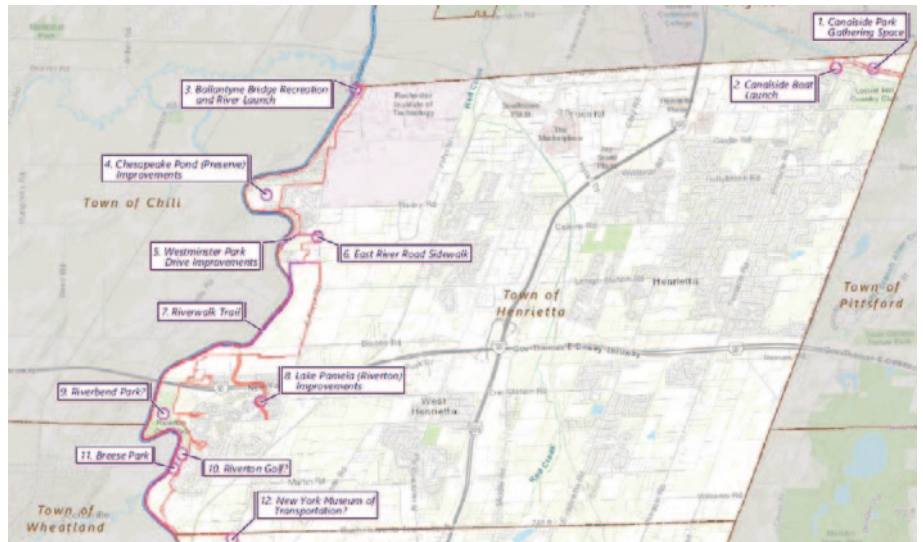


# Local Waterfront Revitalization Plan

The Town was successful in its bid for funding to create a Local Waterfront Revitalization Plan from the New York State Department of State. The plan identifies a list of potential projects that would then be eligible, if approved, for additional LWRP funding. As the Town envisioned a riverwalk extending south into Rush, Henrietta has brought Rush into the project to create an integrated network of trails. Below is the initial list of potential projects. If you are interested in participating in a sub-group to provide input, please contact me at [supervisor@henrietta.org](mailto:supervisor@henrietta.org) with a subject of "LWRP" and then tell me what project you are interested in. You can also attend the informational meeting scheduled for **Tuesday, September 14<sup>th</sup> from 6:30 PM to 8:00 PM** in the Main Meeting Room of Henrietta Town Hall to provide feedback.

## Potential Projects in Henrietta

- 1 Canalside Towpath Park Space
- 2 Canal Boat Launch
- 3 Ballantyne Bridge Waterfront
- 4 Chesapeake Pond Park
- 5 Westminster Road Development
- 6 East River Road Sidewalk Interconnect
- 7 Riverwalk Trail
- 8 Lake Pamela Improvements
- 9 Riverbend Park Improvements
- 10 Riverton Golf Course Improvements
- 11 Breese Park Improvements



### Potential Project #1

Create canalside area on towpath with ice cream shop, etcetera

### Potential Project #3

Add fishing pier and kayak/canoe launch south of Ballantyne Bridge

### Potential Project #8

Rework Lake Pamela shoreline to improve water quality, add park

### Potential Project #4

Create a park around Chesapeake Pond, plus improve water quality

### Potential Project #6

Connect trails and sidewalks along East River Rd

### Potential Project #7

Create a Riverwalk Trail through Henrietta and Rush



### Potential Project #9

Add restroom to Riv DGC and shore up erosion at River Bend

### Potential Project #10

Add family entertainment amenities to Riverton Golf Course

### Potential Project #11

Add pavilion, kayak/canoe launch and nature trails to Breese Park



# From the Town Clerk's Office



## NEW! "PROJECTS IN TOWN" WEB PAGE

In an effort to provide more information to our residents, we now have a webpage called "Projects in Town" located on our website found at [www.henrietta.org/projects](http://www.henrietta.org/projects). If you have questions about an upcoming application at one of the Board meetings, the status of newer project in the Town, or are curious about a site under construction, please check out this site for more details and status updates. Please note, we do not have the manpower to retroactively add previously approved projects to this page; however, we will be utilizing it for new projects going forward. If you are looking for more information on a project that you cannot locate on this website, please contact us and we will get you to the right person, but this is a good place to start!

## Seeing Henrietta Through Your Eyes Art Contest



Share what makes Henrietta special to you

We are accepting art submissions from all ages to be considered for use on the Town's web site: [henrietta.org](http://henrietta.org). The judging panel will be looking for a variety of perspectives to showcase the multitude of things Henrietta means to different people.



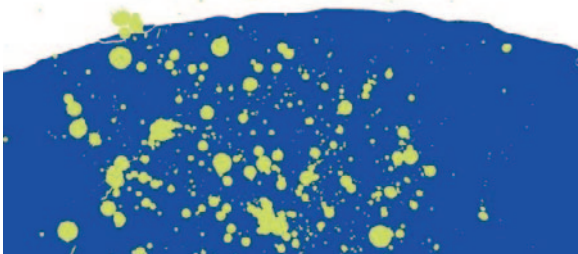
**Deadline: October 12, 2021**

**Open to All Ages**

**Art must be submitted electronically.**

**Images must be a minimum of 1920 x 890 pixels and less than 5 MB.**

**Submit Materials at [www.henrietta.org/seeinghenrietta](http://www.henrietta.org/seeinghenrietta)**





# 2021 School Tax Collection



As students get ready to go back to school, it's time to start thinking about School Taxes. Tax bills will be mailed to real property owners on August 31<sup>st</sup>. If you are responsible for payment and do not receive your tax bill by September 6<sup>th</sup>, please contact us at [townclerk@henrietta.org](mailto:townclerk@henrietta.org) or (585) 359-7035 to request a duplicate bill at no charge, or visit [www.monroecounty.gov](http://www.monroecounty.gov). For complete payment info, please visit [www.henrietta.org/taxes](http://www.henrietta.org/taxes).

**NEW!** Sign up for our “**Tax Reminders**” email subscription to receive reminders when bills are mailed and a few days before payment deadlines at [www.henrietta.org/subscribe](http://www.henrietta.org/subscribe) – we hope that it helps!

## PAYMENT OPTIONS

### **PAYMENT IN FULL**

- Pay in full by deadline of Friday, October 1, with no additional interest.
- Pay in full between October 2 and November 1, with additional 2% interest applied to total amount due.

### **INSTALLMENT PAYMENTS**

- Installment payments are subject to a service charge and must match the amount on the payment stub exactly.
- **FIRST INSTALLMENT**
  - Due on or before Wednesday, September 15, with no additional interest.
  - For those who miss the September 15 deadline, there is a grace period from Thursday, September 16 through Monday, September 20, with 1% interest added to amount due.
  - If first installment is not paid on or before Monday, September 20, the installment plan will no longer be available, and you will be forced to pay the taxes in full.
- **SECOND AND THIRD INSTALLMENTS**
  - Second and third installments cannot be accepted at Henrietta Town Hall.
  - Second and third installments must be made payable to the Monroe County Treasurer.
  - Second installment due October 15. Third installment due November 15.

## PAYMENT METHODS

- **ONLINE** To pay with a credit card or online check, please visit [www.monroecounty.gov](http://www.monroecounty.gov). Credit cards are subject to a 2.75% service fee with a minimum fee of \$2.75.
- **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 payment stub.
- **DROP BOX** Our secure external drop box is available 24-hours a day. Please include the payment stub. All deposits will be collected at 9 AM every business day and processed using the previous business day's date.
- **AT TOWN CLERK'S OFFICE** Pay by cash, check, or money order. Make payment payable to *Receiver of Taxes, Henrietta*. Please include payment stub.

**For any questions, please visit [www.henrietta.org/taxes](http://www.henrietta.org/taxes) or contact the Town Clerk's Office at (585) 359-7035 or [townclerk@henrietta.org](mailto:townclerk@henrietta.org).**



# Committee News



## HISTORIC SITE COMMITTEE ARCHITECTURAL HERITAGE AWARD

At the Town Board meeting on May 26, in recognition of National Preservation Month, the Historic Site Committee presented the Architectural Heritage Award to David and Molly Nikodem owners of the federal style colonial house located at 1330 Calkins Road.

Owned by the Robertson family for almost 100 years, the farmhouse was located on Trout Spring Farm. We are fortunate that this home has been owned and appreciated by families who recognize the historical and architectural significance of a house that was constructed in the 1830s. Congratulations to David and Molly!

## SUSTAINABILITY COMMITTEE

The newly formed Sustainability Committee has been working with the Town on their ongoing projects to convert to LED lighting, build new sidewalks and bike lanes, expand park land and natural fields, update solar codes to encourage new solar projects, install charging stations, plus other green initiatives. In addition, the Committee is taking the lead on a composting initiative, Climate Smart and Clean Energy initiatives, and renewing the push for Community Renewable Energy Aggregation. The committee is actively pursuing New York State and other funding opportunities. The Committee was established to support the Town of Henrietta's progress toward a sustainable community and to connect the Town with regional and national sustainability resources. If you have ideas or suggestions, you are welcome to contact the Committee Chair, Pat Wartinger, at [pwartinger@gmail.com](mailto:pwartinger@gmail.com)



## ECO-PARK CELEBRATES 10TH ANNIVERSARY

The Monroe County / Waste Management ecopark is an outgrowth of the Monroe County Department of Environmental Services (DES) long history of innovative environmental protection efforts. To date it has:

- Served nearly a **quarter-million customers** (247,284)
- Kept over **5 million pounds of e-waste** out of local landfills
- Collected **2,528 TONS of Household Hazardous Waste** from more than 50,000 residents
- Collected **57,912 pounds of pharmaceutical waste** from more than 20,000 residents
- Destroyed more than **460,000 pounds of documents**
- Collected **861 tons** of commingled recycling; **9.3 tons** of bulky plastic; **117 tons** of cardboard and **820 tons** of scrap metal; **9,177 tires** and over **10,000 appliances** that contain CFCs



Visit [www.monroecounty.gov/ecopark](http://www.monroecounty.gov/ecopark) for more information.







# Henrietta Public Library

## CHILDREN'S EVENTS

More story times are coming to the library this fall! Starting in September, we will offer All-Ages Story Time for kids ages 2-5 on Monday nights at 6:30pm, Tuesdays at 10:30am, and Thursdays at 10:30am. We will also offer Baby Story Time for children ages 0-2 on Tuesdays at 9:30am and Thursdays at 9:30am. Siblings of any age are welcome at all story times. Join us as we celebrate early literacy in a relaxed and fun environment.



## TEEN EVENTS

We are excited to announce a virtual teen author visit! Ruta Sepetys, our Greater Rochester Teen Read Week author, has recorded a presentation discussing her best-selling novel, *Between Shades of Gray*. On Wednesday, October 6, teens will meet in person to watch a recording of the presentation. Please register at [hpl.libcal.com](http://hpl.libcal.com) for this special event.

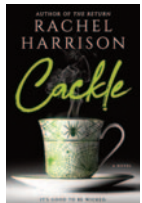
## ADULT EVENTS

On October 7, 14, and 21 at 6:30pm, join the teaching artists of Ajna Dance Company as they introduce you to Indian culture through dance and music. Try different styles of dance from the diverse country that is India. After you watch and learn, be ready to get up and dance! Join us for one or all of the sessions. For all ages. Register at [hpl.libcal.com](http://hpl.libcal.com).



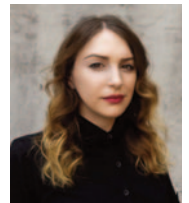
## DOWNLOAD AUDIOBOOKS TO YOUR PHONE

Download the Libby app to listen to library audiobooks on your smartphone. We have an ever-growing selection of titles on Libby to liven up exercise sessions, long drives, and chore time. You will need an active library card to use Libby, which you can get by stopping by the library or visiting [https://libraryweb.org/using\\_the\\_library/apply-for-a-library-card](https://libraryweb.org/using_the_library/apply-for-a-library-card).



## SAVE THE DATE: CACKLE RELEASE PARTY

On the evening of Friday, October 15, we'll be hosting a book release event for local author Rachel Harrison's forthcoming book, *Cackle*. Keep an eye on our web site and weekly email newsletter for details, and stop by the library to grab a copy of Rachel's spine-tingling debut novel, *The Return*.



## COMMUNITY, CONFERENCE, AND STUDY ROOMS OPEN

If you're looking to have a meeting or study session, we have several rooms individuals and groups can reserve and use. Our Community Room has a smart TV, sound system, and hearing assistance loop for larger meetings and talks. Our conference rooms fit groups of up to ten and are perfect for meetings and group study sessions. Our study rooms fit groups of up to three and are just right for individuals, tutors, and small groups working together. Visit [hpl.org](http://hpl.org) to reserve a room online.

Adrienne Pettinelli, Library Director, [adrienne.pettinelli@libraryweb.org](mailto:adrienne.pettinelli@libraryweb.org)





# Department of Public Works

## GROUNDS CREWS

The Grounds and Facilities Department within the DPW has been busy keeping the grass on Town lands mowed and clean as well as weeding, mulching, and replanting the numerous gardens at Town facilities. The crews have also been maintaining “The Riv” Disc Golf Course in Riverbend Park and other athletic fields in Town parks. The crews also relocated the footbridge that was replaced by the new bridge into Memorial Park so as to provide a safe path children in the recreation programs to get to the playground. A new sidewalk will connect to the foot of the bridge and a trail connecting the bridge to the playground area.



## FACILITIES IMPROVEMENTS

In addition to the maintenance needed for Town facilities, the crews in the Grounds and Facilities Department has also been doing remodeling work in order to save taxpayer money by not having to outsource. The crews built the new Three Seasons Room on the Senior Center and will be adding a patio soon. They are also constructing a new Grounds and Facilities building to better store their equipment and supplies.

## SEWER AND DRAINAGE DEPARTMENT

The Sewer and Drainage Department is overseeing the replacement of sewer laterals on Clearview Drive and Williamsburg Road. In addition to maintenance flushing and inspections, the crews also inspect new sewer and drainage installations in the new subdivisions to make sure they are being installed properly and are up to code.



## NEW SIDEWALKS

The Sewer and Drainage Department also constructs or oversees the construction of new sidewalks. In the past year, they have added sidewalks to Jefferson Road (left) and East Henrietta Road (right) and are working with the Engineering Department to close the “sidewalk gap” on Calkins Road from where they end east of Pinnacle Road over to the crosswalk to Tinker Nature Park. More sidewalks are planned.



## LEAF AND BRUSH DROP OFF

The Town will have the brush drop off site at Martin Road for six weekends as follows: October 16<sup>th</sup> & 17<sup>th</sup>, October 23<sup>rd</sup> & 24<sup>th</sup>, October 30<sup>th</sup> & 31<sup>st</sup>, November 5<sup>th</sup> & 7<sup>th</sup>, November 13<sup>th</sup> & 14<sup>th</sup>, and November 20<sup>th</sup> & 21<sup>st</sup>. The site will open each day at 10:00 AM and close at 3:00 PM.



Mike Catalano, Commissioner of Public Works, [mcatalano@Henrietta.org](mailto:mcatalano@Henrietta.org)





# Highway Department

## SPRING CLEAN-UP

Spring was a busy season for the Highway Department as they put away all the snow pushing/treating equipment, rolled up the snow fence, and picked up around 6,000 wooden plow stakes. The Highway Department worked on dozens of pipe/ditch jobs over the winter that were in need of restoration. The crews prepped trucks for asphalt and dug right in. After restorations and repairs were complete the weather continued to cooperate and Highway started flushing storm lines and sweeping in preparation for paving. The Highway department went through 150 yards of topsoil during restoration work on numerous ditch and pipe jobs.



## STREET PAVING

Paving was able to start early this year when the weather warmed up in April. Last year our highway department put down 7,846 tons covering 5.4 miles. This year as of August 3<sup>rd</sup> we have already put down 8,966 tons covering 6.39 miles. The Highway department has 1.92 miles left of what was originally proposed to tackle this year. Next up is full gutter replacement on Wallman and the circle part of Apache. All of the circles off of Nevins will get some gutter replacement that need repair. When restoration is finished on those roads the Highway department will mill and pave to finish what was proposed in that subdivision. If weather permits the Highway department will also mill and pave Spring Blossom and Ridgeland.

## RESURFACING

Nova chip will start August 5<sup>th</sup> on Woodleaf, Autumn Place and Rock Creek with an edge mill. Oil and Stone with fiber will start and finish on Martin Rd (between NY 15 and Telephone) on August 19<sup>th</sup>. Micro Pave has started and should be completed by next week. All told, roughly 8-miles of roads have been resurfaced.



## NEW BRIDGE INTO MEMORIAL PARK

In addition to all of the road work, the Highway Department also paved the new culvert bridge into Memorial Park and reworked the connecting roads so as to better bypass the Senior Center parking lots. The new bridge provides an important secondary access to and from the park and also is much more wheelchair and walker friendly, which is especially helpful during the Fourth of July festivities as the Senior Center parking lot is the primary handicap lot.

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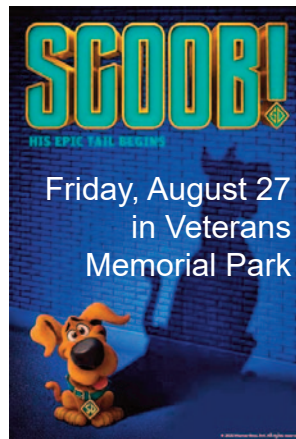


# Parks and Recreation



## LOOK for us online

Check out the Henrietta Parks and Recreation Fall Brochure online at [henrietta.org/parksandrecreation](http://henrietta.org/parksandrecreation). This season's online brochure is filled with fun activities for the whole family and great new programs guaranteed to get you moving and smiling.



## FREE Movie in the Park Friday, August 27

Don't miss Scooby Doo and the gang as they face their most challenging mystery yet! Bring the family and a blanket or lawn chairs to sit on, to the Henry Hansen Amphitheater. Popcorn and Ice Cream vendors will be on site. Music and activities begin at **7:30 PM** and the movie starts at dusk.



## MAKE A DIFFERENCE DAY

NATIONAL DAY OF DOING GOOD

**Saturday, October 23, 2021  
9:00 AM - 12:00 PM**

**at the Henrietta Recreation Center**

Lend a helping hand to make a difference in your community. Groups, service organizations, families and individuals are invited to become part of this important event.

Volunteers are needed to complete the many service projects that are already planned for that day. Or, organize a community service project of your own and register it with Henrietta Parks and Recreation to ensure your service is recognized.

Projects may be completed on or before October 23, the official **Make A Difference Day**.

For more information, contact Henrietta Parks and Recreation at (585) 359-2540, option 8, or email [atichacek@henrietta.org](mailto:atichacek@henrietta.org).

## Honey Harvest Fest at Tinker Nature Park

**Saturday, September 18  
11:00 AM - 2:00 PM**

Free and open to the public. Watch the honey extraction, sample honey recipes, and enjoy live music, free wagon rides and cider press demonstrations. Fresh honey will be available for purchase.



## Halloween Celebration at Tinker Nature Park

**Saturday, October 16  
6:30 PM - 8:30 PM**

Fun and fright for all ages! Visit the haunted barn, walk down trick-or-treat street, learn about Victorian funerals in the Tinker Homestead, and find animal friends along the trail in the Woodland Wander. This is a free event but registration is required. Sign up online at [henrietta.org](http://henrietta.org) or call (585) 359-2540.





# Tinker Nature Park & Senior Center



## Lantern Tours of the Tinker Homestead

**Friday, December 3  
6:30 PM - 8:30 PM**

Enjoy the beauty of the Tinker Homestead, decorated for Christmas and lit up for the evening. There will be dramatic readings of classic Christmas Tales and lantern led tours of the Tinker Homestead. This new program is sure to be popular. **Sign up for time slots beginning November 3<sup>rd</sup> by calling (585) 359-7044.**



## Victorian Christmas at Tinker Homestead

**Saturday, December 4  
6:30 PM - 8:30 PM**

Experience the music and traditions of a Victorian Christmas at the Tinker Homestead. The children will love making old fashioned ornaments and snacking on cookies and cocoa while they visit with Santa Claus. Registration is not required for this event.



Please visit <https://www.henrietta.org/parksandrecreation/page/tinker-nature-park> for information regarding fun and educational classes, staff-led hikes, and more!



## FISH / RHAFT, Inc.

Serving Residents in the Rush-Henrietta School District  
**Volunteers always needed!** (585) 453-2370

## WE ARE OPEN!

In addition to the regular activities, the Senior Center offers a wide variety of programs and trips. We encourage you to stop by the Senior Center at 515 Calkins Road, and check out our ever-changing list of programs.



**Mondays** - Bridge, Young at Heart Fitness, Euchre or Hand & Foot

**Tuesdays** - Low Impact Aerobics, Crafts, Crochet Gang, Arthritis exercise, Cards or Scrabble

**Wednesdays** - Chair exercise, Young at Heart Fitness, Eldersource Counselor Appointments, Walk in the Park, Gametime or Mahjong

**Thursdays** - Low Impact Aerobics, Tinker Treks, Billiards or dart, Chair Yoga

**Fridays** - Book Club, Standing Strong with Agape PT, Bocce League



## Lunch Club 60

### Grab N Go Meals

Make your reservation now!  
Monday, Tuesday & Wednesday  
11:00 AM - 12:30 PM  
Drive-thru or dine inside.  
Suggested donation \$3.50



**RHAFT** - Rush Henrietta Food Terminal  
Food donations for those in need.

**FISH** - Friends In Service Here  
Transportation to medical appointments by volunteers.

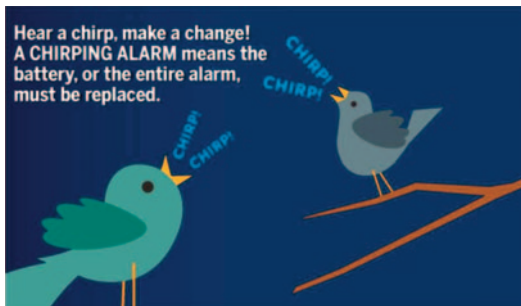


# Building & Fire Prevention



## Building Permits and Building Codes

A permit is required to ensure safety, not just during construction for years to come. It is our job at the Building and Fire Prevention Department to guide and educate applicants to ensure compliance with codes, which in turn ensures their safety. Please give us a call if you have any questions or visit our web page for more information on your particular home improvement project. Building & Fire Prevention (Permits) 359-7060



## HEAR A CHIRP, MAKE A CHANGE!

I know it doesn't feel like it, but autumn is on the way. That means it is time again for you to check and replace those Smoke and Carbon Monoxide Detector batteries. Most newer homes have detectors powered by the building power source but are required to have battery backup power. If you hear a chirp, you may need to change the battery or the whole detector.

### SMOKE ALARMS

- ✓ A continued set of three loud beeps — beep, beep, beep — means smoke or fire. Get out, **call 9-1-1**, and stay out.
- ✓ A single “chirp” every 30 or 60 seconds means the battery is low and must be changed.
- ✓ All smoke alarms must be replaced after 10 years.
- ✓ Chirping that continues after the battery has been replaced means the smoke alarm is at the end of its life and the unit must be replaced.
- ✓ Keep pathways like hallways lit with night lights and free from clutter to make sure everyone can get out safely.
- ✓ Sleep with your mobility device, glasses, and phone close to your bed.

### CARBON MONOXIDE DETECTORS

- ✓ A continuous set of four loud beeps — beep, beep, beep, beep — means carbon monoxide is present in your home. Go outside, **call 9-1-1** and stay out.
- ✓ A single chirp every 30 or 60 seconds means the battery is low and must be replaced.
- ✓ CO alarms also have “end of life” sounds that vary by manufacturer. This means it's time to get a new CO alarm.
- ✓ Chirping that continues after the battery has been replaced means the alarm is at the end of its life and the unit must be replaced.
- ✓ Use of a low frequency alarm or bedside responder alarm can also wake a sleeping person with mild to severe hearing loss.

## No OUTDOOR BURNING OF WASTE

As we are preparing our properties for the cold weather, please keep in mind that “open burning” of yard waste is prohibited in Henrietta and throughout Monroe County for that matter. Your refuse collector has an obligation to pick up yard waste that is placed at the road. In addition, the Town has a drop off location on Martin Road open for six weekends this fall. See the Public Works page for more details.



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# Engineering & Planning



## Active Transportation Plan — More Sidewalks!

As many of you may have noticed driving down East Henrietta Road, the Town last year installed a sidewalk along the stretch of road from Myrtlewood Drive to just south of Lehigh Station Road. This stretch of sidewalk provides a safe path for pedestrians to walk safely from Myrtlewood Drive to the East Henrietta Road hamlet. But it doesn't end there. As part of our Active Transportation Plan and other initiatives, the following is a list of a few of the various sidewalk projects that the Town is currently working on, with images of existing conditions or where the current sidewalk ends.



### East Henrietta Road from Myrtlewood Drive to Goodburlet Road

As part of the approval process for the Glenbrooke Subdivision located off of East Henrietta Road, the developer is responsible for installing sidewalks from Myrtlewood Drive to Goodburlet Road. The five foot wide concrete sidewalk will be a continuation of the newly installed sidewalk and is anticipated to be installed this fall.

### East Henrietta Road from Goodburlet Road to Roth Junior High School

In order to extend the sidewalk network along the east side of East Henrietta Road, the Town is in the process of putting together a grant from the 2021 Transportation Alternatives Program sponsored by the New York State Department of Transportation to provide a safe haven to get students to and from Roth Junior High School.

### Hylan Drive Sidewalks from I-390 to Jefferson Road

The Town is using funds in the Marketplace Transportation Development District to construct a sidewalk on the west side of Hylan Drive from the I-390 on ramp to Jefferson Road. The installation of this 4,000 linear foot sidewalk will complete a much needed connection from the sidewalks located along Calkins Road to the sidewalk network along Jefferson Road. Plans are being prepared by the Town's Engineering Department and we anticipate the sidewalks being completed by the summer of 2022.



### Calkins Road from 1456 Calkins Road to Tinker Park

To allow pedestrians and cyclists to reach Tinker Homestead from the sidewalk network on Pinnacle Road, the Town is looking to provide a five foot wide concrete sidewalk along the north side of the street from where it currently ends to where the crosswalk to Tinker begins. Design is underway. Construction is planned for the fall.

### East River Road Sidewalks from Fairwood Drive to Farnum Drive

This project has been in the works for some time, delayed massively by the State Funding process, but we are getting close to getting a release of funds from the State. This 6,200 long, eight foot wide asphalt multi-modal sidewalk, will run along the east side of East River Road from Farnum Drive in the north to Fairwood Drive in the south. From there, developers will continue the path south to Lehigh Station Road. We are working on final plans with the Monroe County Department of Transportation and anticipate construction of the multi-modal path to begin in the spring of 2022.



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# From the Assessor's Office



## Limited Income / Senior Exemptions

**Limited Income Senior Exemption (New Applicants):** If you are turning **65 years of age in 2022** and your 2020 total household income is below \$37,400 (everything income related, including FULL Social Security (pink box number) and excluding IRA's) then you may be eligible for this exemption. Please contact our office at the number listed below to have your name added to the mailing list. Applications will be mailed out in mid-December. If you do not receive your application by the beginning of January, please contact our office. This exemption saves you money on your Town and County Tax Bill.



**Limited Income Senior Exemption (Renewal Applicants):** These forms will be mailed to you in mid-December. If you do not receive your renewal by the end of December, please contact our office. This exemption saves you money on your Town and County Tax Bill.

**Limited Income Disability Exemption:** If you are a resident who collects Social Security Disability (under the age of 65) whose 2020 total household income is below \$37,400 (everything income related, including FULL Social Security (pink box number) and excluding IRA's) then you may be eligible for this exemption. Please contact our office at the number listed below to have your name added to the mailing list. Applications will be mailed out in mid-December. If you do not receive your application by the beginning of January, please contact our office. This exemption saves you money on your Town and County Tax Bill.



## New York State STAR Program for Home Owners

**Basic STAR Credit:** If you are a **new resident** to the Town of Henrietta and have not yet registered with NYS to receive your Basic STAR Credit please visit [www.tax.ny.gov/star](http://www.tax.ny.gov/star) or call (518) 457-2036.

**Enhanced STAR Exemption (New Applicants):** If you are turning 65 years of age in 2022 and your 2020 total household adjusted gross income is below \$92,000 (not including IRA's) then you may be eligible to apply for this program. Please contact our office at the number listed below to have your name added to the mailing list. Applications will be mailed out in mid-December. If you do not receive your application by the beginning of January, please contact our office. This exemption saves you money on your school tax bill.

**Enhanced STAR Exemption (Renewal Applicants):** If NYS Department of Taxation and Finance has any questions regarding your income, they will contact you directly via the US Mail. If you receive this letter, please do not ignore it. It is time sensitive. This exemption saves you money on your school tax bill.

## Other Exemptions, including Veterans and Clergy

Please contact our office if you are a **Veteran** or a member of the **Clergy** who is not currently receiving those exemptions so we may assist you in saving money on your Town and County Tax Bill.

**All exemption paperwork is due back to our office by March 1, 2022**



# From the Assessor's Office



## Real Estate Market Remains Strong

In addition to exemption processing, another function of the Assessment Office is to review real estate sales and monitor trends in property values. As a result of this effort, we have a unique perspective on market activity in the various neighborhoods throughout town. All indications are that the strong real estate market of the last few months is continuing on through the summer and autumn seasons.



## Town Wide Commercial/Industrial Reassessment

The Town has enlisted the services of the Emminger, Newton, Pigeon & Magyar, Inc. to conduct a town wide reassessment of all commercial and industrial properties in Henrietta. Emminger, Newton, Pigeon & Magyar, Inc. has assisted many towns in Monroe County with similar projects over the years and is well-qualified to perform this project. This project has begun with the field-review preliminary valuation process. Everyone working on this project, either from the Assessor's Office or Emminger, Newton, Pigeon & Magyar, will have appropriate identification.

## Residential Field Inspections

As a reminder, our residential field inspectors are physically inspecting properties, measuring structures and updating photo files in several neighborhoods throughout the summer and fall months as weather conditions permit. During these field inspections, if no one is home, they will leave a bright yellow "door tag" with a phone number to call. Please call the office to confirm your property information if we have left a door tag. Field inspectors will always have a Town of Henrietta photo identification badge.



## Understanding Reassessment and the Tax Levy

One aspect of assessing that many residents do not fully understand is that a reassessment does not bring in any additional tax dollars. The assessment process is how the Tax Levy, which is what a taxing jurisdiction like the Town actually collects, is split fairly among all of the properties in Town. The size of the Tax Levy is set at budget time. Then, like slicing up a pizza, the assessed values are used to divvy that amount across all taxable properties in Town. Just as making one pizza slice slightly larger does not increase the size of the pizza, so too does a growth in property value not increase the size of the Tax Levy. If one slice gets larger, all of the other slices get slightly smaller. Most increases in a tax bill are because one or more taxing authorities (Rush-Henrietta School District, Monroe County, Henrietta Fire District, Town of Henrietta, and Henrietta Ambulance, in decreasing order of tax rate) have increased their Tax Levy. Yes, if your house goes up significantly in value, you will pay a larger portion. But that means everyone else's portion gets ever so slightly smaller and the Town collects the same amount of taxes. Henrietta's Tax Levy has been the exact same amount the past three years — no tax increases.

As always, if you have any questions, feel free to call the Assessor's office at 359-7032.

Charlene Stephany, Acting Assessor, (585) 359-7032, [assessor@henrietta.org](mailto:assessor@henrietta.org)



# Honorees and Recipients



## Antoinette Brown Blackwell Society

The 38th Annual Award Ceremony of the Antoinette Brown Blackwell Society was held at the May 12 Town Board Meeting via Zoom. The Society presented a \$1,500 scholarship to Grace Nevol and recognized Anita Tichacek as the ABB Society's 2021 Henrietta Woman of the Year.

### Grace Nevol, ABB Scholar



An Honor Roll student with a Varsity Letter in Track and Field, Grace volunteers at her church and participated in and helped organize mission opportunities in the City of Rochester. She will attend Roberts Wesleyan College majoring in nursing. As a participant in Army ROTC, she hopes to

become an Army nurse.

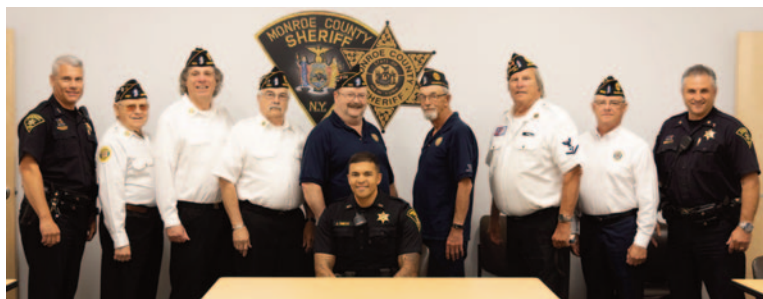
### Anita Tichacek, ABB Woman of the Year



Anita was nominated by her colleagues for her extraordinary service to the community that goes above and beyond her responsibilities as the Senior Recreation Supervisor for the Town of Henrietta. She is known for her kindness and generosity as well as her compassion for children. Working closely with the R-H Central School District and the R-H Food Terminal, she helps

organize donations, holiday gifts, meals and clothing for families in need.

## Rush-Henrietta American Legion Law Enforcement Officer of the Year



Deputy Justin Smith, seated, from the Monroe County Sheriff's B-Zone Office, has been named the 2021 Law Enforcement Officer of the Year by the Rush-Henrietta American Legion.

## Henrietta Chamber of Commerce William J. Welch Scholarships

The 2021 recipients of the Henrietta Chamber of Commerce's William J. Welch Scholarships are:



Lacey Hartman Parker Hoyt Emilee Martini

## Eagle Scouts from Henrietta in 2021



Josh Hager  
Troop 134



Naomi Urban  
Troop 2020



Taiden Foryt  
Troop 750



John Wagner  
Troop 7



Parker Hunt  
Troop 134



# Fire District Expansion



## Overview of the Proposed Expansion of the Henrietta Fire District

In May of 2021, the Town of Brighton issued a request for proposal to provide fire protection to the area of town known as West Brighton Fire Protection District (WBFPD), which is the part of Brighton bordered by the river on the west, the canal on the north, and Jefferson Rd/Brighton-Henrietta Town Line Rd on the south. The Henrietta Fire District submitted a proposal to absorb the West Brighton area into our fire district. This is different from a contract, in that as part of the district, all the Taxable Valuation of that area will also be absorbed into the district, theoretically better stabilizing any taxes and would more closely mirror the current Rush Henrietta School District borders.

The absorption of West Brighton into the Henrietta Fire District is a natural fit and makes sense fiscally, operationally, and logistically. The districts already share a common border with Jefferson Road and Brighton Henrietta Town Line Road and about a third of the area is geographically closer to current Henrietta stations. As part of the proposal, the HFD would receive the station on West Henrietta Rd and funds for a new pumper, saving the district approximately \$500,000. The newly staffed company at the West Henrietta Road station (pictured above) would enhance coverage not only to West Brighton, but also to the Town of Henrietta. This station would cover the Jefferson Road corridor, reducing response times, thereby improving patient care and minimizing fire damage, as well as responding on any incident within the district as a whole.

The National Fire Protection Association (NFPA) recommends fifteen fully capable personnel on the scene of a structure fire in 8 minutes, 90% of the time. The newly staffed engine at the West Henrietta Rd station would allow us to meet this standard, NFPA 1710, at minimal cost vs trying to meet that standard wholly with Henrietta. Today, it is not uncommon to have more simultaneous incidents than we have apparatus to cover them. In absorbing West Brighton, the goal is to better serve both communities, reduce costs by consolidating governments, and enhance the operations serving the citizens.

Mark Cholach, District Fire Chief, Henrietta Fire District

## Budgetary Impacts and Tax Implications from the Expansion

- It is estimated that the inclusion of the WBFPD will have no impact on the Henrietta tax rate for 2022. The HFD rate is projected at \$3.19 per thousand with or without the WBFPD consolidation.
  - The main impact to appropriations with inclusion of the WBFPD is personnel expenses.
  - These incremental expenses would be partially offset by a reduction in an allocation of apparatus reserve funds and delaying capital improvement projects to HFD Station 4. The remaining funds come from the added tax base of the WBFPD.
- Inclusion of the WBFPD would increase revenues for 2022 by \$1.6M from Brighton taxpayers
- The inclusion of the WBFPD allows the District to immediately implement our 3-5 year NFPA 1710 staffing plan with effectively no impact to Henrietta taxpayers.
  - To achieve our staffing plan without WBFPD, we would plan to add 4 fire-fighters per year over a period of 3 years starting in 2023. With all else being equal, this would raise the appropriations by approximately \$480K/year with no offsetting tax revenue.

William Heist, Chairman, Board of Fire Commissioners, Henrietta Fire District

## Public Hearing at the September 8<sup>th</sup> Henrietta Town Board Meeting

All feedback is welcome at **Henrietta Town Hall, 7:00 PM**, Wednesday, September 8<sup>th</sup>.



# Around the Town



Members of the Rush-Henrietta American Legion Post 1151 perform a solemn service for the fallen on Memorial Day at the Veterans Memorial in Henrietta

## Save the bees!

Here are some solutions to save bees:

1. Minimize the use of fertilizers and pesticides that harm bee hives
2. Plant bee gardens and flowering trees
3. Build bee houses for bees to live
4. Become a bee keeper
5. Tell a friend about these simple steps to saving bees in our community

It's important to save the bees because they pollinate plants that help us live. Without bees we land animals could die out and cause a mass extinction because they pollinate plants that give us food. Without food we wouldn't be able to live because there's no food.

Jakson, a student at Vollmer Elementary, created this reminder to Save the bees! and provided even more ideas at a Town Board Meeting last spring



## RECYCLING THE RIGHT WAY!

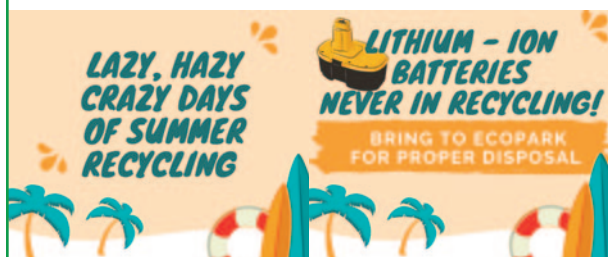
From lawn equipment and tools to radios, lithium-ion batteries power summer.

These batteries pose an explosive threat to collection workers and recycling center workers and are a frequent cause of fires.

Never place lithium-ion batteries in the trash OR the recycling bin!

No appointment is necessary to drop lithium-ion batteries off during regular operating hours at the ecopark.

Alkaline batteries are NOT acceptable for recycling and should be placed in the trash.



## [www.monroecounty.gov/ecopark](http://www.monroecounty.gov/ecopark)

### Pharma Waste

No Appointment Necessary

**Saturday, September 25**

**8:00 AM – 1:00 PM**

Wegmans

3701 Mt. Read Blvd



### Hazardous Waste

Appointments Necessary

**Saturday, September 18**

**7:30 AM – 12:30 PM**

Town of Webster DPW

1005 Picture Parkway

**Saturday, October 16**

**7:45 AM – 11:45 AM**

Town of Greece DPW

647 Long Pond Road

## Love to sew and quilt?

## Interested in learning?

**The American Sewing Guild** is devoted to the love, art, and education of sewing. Our Brighton/Henrietta Neighborhood Group, a not for profit group under the ASG Rochester Chapter, meets on the **first Tuesday** evening of the month at the Henrietta Town Hall, 475 Calkins Rd., 6:30 PM.

Find us at [www.asgrochester-ny.org](http://www.asgrochester-ny.org) and on Facebook: ASG - Rochester, NY.

*Please drop in, we welcome new members.*





# 2021 NY Gymnastics Championships



Twenty gymnasts from the Henrietta Gymnastics Team competed in the New York State Gymnastics Championships on June 5<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup> at the Henrietta Recreation Center. Fourteen gymnasts medaled, many with multiple medals, and the Bronze Team won the team competition and swept the events with gold medals on vault, beam, bars, floor, and all-around.



The Bronze Team won the team competition with a score of 147.8 to become New York North State Champions



The Bronze Team of Claire 1<sup>st</sup>, Evelyn 2<sup>nd</sup>, and Lillie 3<sup>rd</sup>, swept the top three spots in the floor competition



Sydney took 1<sup>st</sup> in the All Around



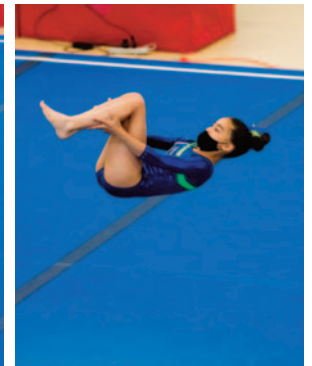
Sydney took also 1<sup>st</sup> in the Bars Competition



Lillie took 1<sup>st</sup> in the Vault Competition




Claire took 1<sup>st</sup> in the Floor Competition



Bella took 1<sup>st</sup> in the Beam Competition

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Bella took 2<sup>nd</sup> and Mallory 4<sup>th</sup> in Bars



Emily took 1<sup>st</sup> in All Around



Emma took 1<sup>st</sup> in Vault



Copper 2 Team had two medal winners. Copper 1 Team had four 1<sup>st</sup> place finishes and five other podium appearances.

**Congratulations to all who won and all who competed. You make Henrietta proud!**





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2000 Jefferson Rd**