

Henrietta Happenings



Winter 2021



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From the Supervisor...

For the fourth year in a row, the amount we collect in property taxes will be the exact same amount. And thanks to the growth in the Town, that means that on average, everyone's Town portion of their tax bill be less. The tax rate is now as low as it was a decade ago, and that's after absorbing the large increase due to the construction of the new library. In addition, both the Henrietta Fire District and the Ambulance will have approximately the same or tax rate as previous years, which means if you were not reassessed, those portions of your tax bill should stay the same.

We won't always be able to hold the Town's tax levy flat, but while we have the fund balances to do so, I intend to keep them flat. I will note that even as we've held the taxes flat, we have been increasing service to the Town. We are adding more DPW positions to improve our ability to mow without relying on outside contractors, who were not always dependable the past two years. And we continue to enhance our plowing capabilities, although some of our new plow trucks are delayed due to supply chain issues.

We also have been negotiating a new union labor contract that is makes a number of improvements for Town employees, such as eliminating the lowest level of laborer so as to be able to start people at a higher living wage and to attract higher quality candidates, that provides significantly better promotion raises and career tracks for those wish to remain as individual contributors instead of becoming supervisors, that holds health care contribution levels flat, and that offers fair compensation for those who are expected to be on call. At the same time, the contract closes some of the loopholes that many believe were being improperly exploited.

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From the Supervisor...

We have also begun a number of new green initiatives, many of which are either self-funded, like the LED upgrades of our street lights, or externally funded, like the installation of electric charging stations. Two of those initiatives, Community Choice Aggregation and Community Choice Solar, have the potential for residents to participate and save money doing so. More information on that on page #.

Another reasons we have been able to accomplish a lot of capital projects has been a significant push by my administration to pursue a greater number of grant opportunities. Since starting in 2018, we have seen our annual CDBG awards more than triple, been successful in obtaining numerous large grants from DASNY, and have obtained over \$1,000,000 in external funding for our new library. In all, over the past four years, we have brought in over \$7,500,000 in external funding, allowing us to make numerous capital improvements without passing that burden onto the taxpayers. The Directors in Town have been an integral part of this effort and their work has been rewarded with numerous grants.

The work on the LWRP Plan continues to move forward. We have had a number of Working Group meetings to further refine the proposals. Unfortunately, I caught a nasty and contagious virus (no, not COVID — there are still a lot of other nasty bugs going around) in October and so a number of additional meetings had to be postponed. But we remain largely on track to get our LWRP submitted in time so as to be able to start pursuing funding next year. The Riverwalk Project is one of the first projects I would like to pursue, once the plan has been approved.

We are still working towards building a new Town Court. We are earmarking one-time revenues and grant funds in the hopes that we will either not have to go out to bond for any of the Court or at least keep it to a minimum level. The plans are done and ready and we will most likely go out to a referendum in 2022, if required. The big question is will steel prices be back at reasonable levels so that we would be able to afford to build it.

As mentioned last issue, we did complete the purchase of the Good Shepherd Church and Burger Farm House from the School District — all for \$1. We are in the process of repairing the church and bringing it up to code for use as a Town facility. The plan is to use it for larger meetings as well as to rent it out like a cabin for use by residents. The farm house will be renovated after we are done making the church usable as a facility. The plan is to use it as a meeting and office space for some of the community organizations that help provide services for the Town and the community, such as RHAA, FISH/RHAFT, and others.

Finally, I would like to take this opportunity to thank Robert Barley and Michael Stafford for all of their work in improving the Town over the past four years. Without Rob and Mike being elected into office with me four years ago, I do not know whether we would have been able to accomplish as much as we did. They helped me fundamentally change the way we do things in the Town government and I will miss their

continued contributions. At the same time, I welcome our new Town Board members, Rick Page and Joe Bellanca Jr, and look forward to continued success with them and with current Town Board members Millie Sefranek and Lisa Bolzner. Rick is now the only remaining member who was on my first Town Board, seen left. Unfortunately, I did not think to take a picture of the new Town Board or I would have included that as well.



Steve

2022 Final Budget



2021 YEAR IN REVIEW

2021 saw a strong economic rebound and rampant growth in property sales, resulting in much higher than expected revenues in the general fund. While still not back to normal, many of our programs and activities have begun to return, but are still below budgeted levels. However, we have managed corresponding costs well such that we will be budget positive.

2021 PROJECTED EXPENSES & REVENUES TO BUDGET

| Fund | Expenses | Revenues |
|----------|--------------------|-------------------|
| General | \$ 1,000,000 under | \$ 2,000,000 over |
| Highway | \$ 275,000 under | \$ 20,000 under |
| Library | \$ 150,000 under | \$ 2,000 under |
| Drainage | \$ 180,000 under | \$ 365 under |
| Sewer | \$ 140,000 under | \$ 55,000 under |

Sales Tax and Mortgage Tax were much higher than budgeted due to a strong economic rebound. Other revenues were down due to lingering effects of COVID

2021 MAJOR PROJECTS



A number of major projects were completed in 2021, including bridges, sidewalks, paving and park improvements.

PLANNING FOR 2022

We expect 2022 to be closer to prepandemic levels, and so have budgeted accordingly. We continue to expand the DPW to better mow and maintain our properties and plow and repair our roads. We have a number of major projects in the works as well, some of which will benefit from external funding. We are applying the excess fund balances from 2020 to offset tax collection for 2022, **keeping the levy flat!**

DECLINING TAX RATE



By holding the tax levy flat for four years, as the Town grows, **the rate drops!**

2022 Final Budget

\$24,563,939

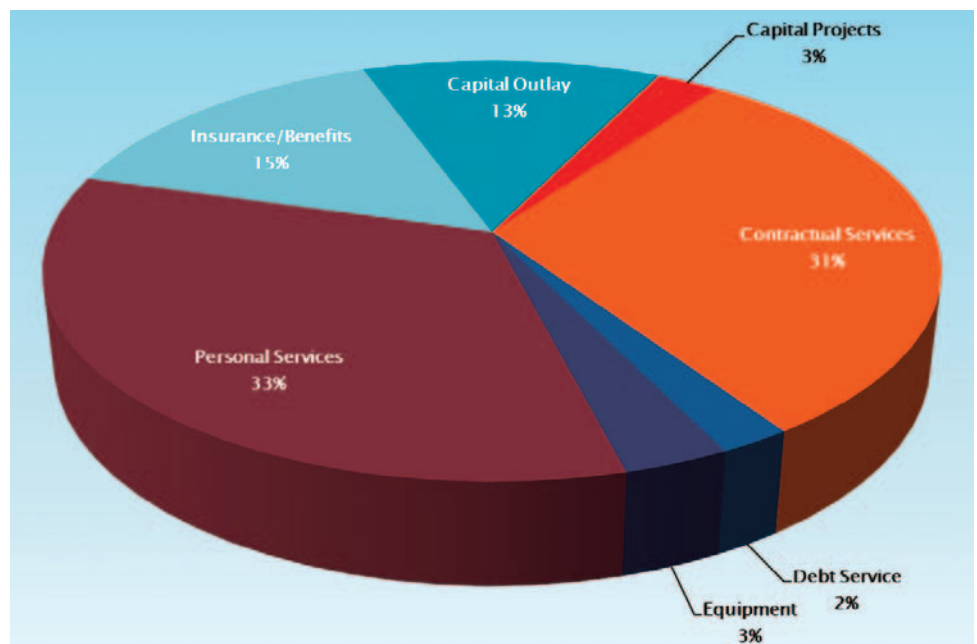
Budget Categories

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| Personnel & Benefits: | 48% |
| Capital Outlay: | 13% |
| Capital Projects: | 3% |
| Contractual Services: ¹ | 31% |
| Debt Service: ² | 2% |
| 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



Green Initiatives

LED STREET LIGHT UPGRADES

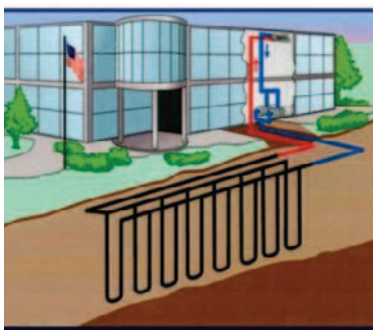
The Town has hired a lighting specialist to calculate a cost savings for purchasing and converting all of the street lights in Town to LED. Currently, the Town pays utility companies to maintain the street lights. The audit, being conducted by Centrica Business Solutions, will ensure the savings from taking the lights over and converting them to LED lights will more than pay for the cost to do so. In addition, we get a chance to make some improvements to the quality of our street lighting solution.

ADDITIONAL EV CAR CHARGING STATIONS

The Town is pursuing grant funding to install additional Electric Vehicle Car Chargers at Town facilities. The proposed installations include adding EV chargers at the Recreation Center, Town Hall, Tinker Park, and a second charger at the Library. As additional funding becomes available, we are considering installation at some of our Town parks. Where else would you like to see them? Please contact Craig Eckert at ceckert@henrietta.org

VERMICULTURE COMPOSTING

The Town is also pursuing grant funding to construct a large vermiculture composting facility on the site of a former sewage treatment plant. The current plan is for the Town to have one or two collection sites where residents or businesses could drop off food waste, and combined with leaf and yard waste, use that to produce high quality compost, that could be sold for use in gardening or used in a tree farm where the Town would grow small saplings into trees large enough to be transplanted into Town parks.



BECOMING A CLEAN ENERGY AND CLIMATE SMART COMMUNITY

The Town has registered into the NYSERDA Clean Energy Community program and the NYSDEC Climate Smart Community program. These point based programs allow the Town to earn credits towards additional green initiatives, including enough potential funding to start to convert some of the Town's vehicles to all-electric vehicles, saving taxpayer dollars in addition to helping save the planet. The Town receives points for green initiatives, like those described above, as well as the library's geothermal system.

GETTING HELP STAYING WARM

NYSERDA has a program to perform energy audits to help you find ways to improve your home's energy efficiency. In addition, Monroe County participates in the Heat SMART program. Details on both can be found on the Town website at: Henrietta.org/Green





COMMUNITY CHOICE AGGREGATION - OVERVIEW

Electricity comes to your house from an Energy Supply Company (ESCO) and is delivered by an electrical utility company (primarily RG&E, with National Grid in the very southern portion of Town). If you do not select an ESCO, the utility company selects one for you. Community Choice Aggregation (CCA) changes that default selection by using the combined buying power to select an ESCO at fixed rates that generally outperform the variable rates you generally get from the ESCO.



CCA - YOUR CHOICE TO PARTICIPATE

Anyone who has already chosen their own ESCO gets to keep the one they have chosen, although if desired, they can switch to the rate the Town is able to negotiate. Anyone who decides they wish to keep a variable rate or go with another provider can, at any time, select a different ESCO than the one selected through Community Choice Aggregation. So participation is totally your choice. However, on average, about 70% of all electrical customers in New York State have not chosen an ESCO.

CCA - OFFERING A GREEN SOLUTION

The Town of Henrietta has selected ROctricity/Joule Community Power to be the CCA administrator for this project. Joule has a long tradition of being able to negotiate renewable energy sources at a fixed rate that will realize savings for the homeowners. Especially since, with variable rates, the rates are highest when demand is highest — that is, with traditional plans, you pay more those times of year when you are using more electricity. So now you would be able to save money while also helping save the planet.



COMMUNITY WIDE COMMUNITY CHOICE SOLAR - MORE WAYS TO SAVE

Joule Community Power will also be working to add Community Choice Solar to the offerings. Normally, a resident has to find a Community Choice Solar provider and sign a contract, some of which can be daunting, in order to realize the incentives offered under Community Choice Solar plans. Joule would find those providers, negotiate rates, and sign a contract and then provide those solar credits, which represent real savings on your electric bill, to everyone involved in the program.

JOINING THE SUSTAINABILITY EFFORT

If you are interested in helping with sustainability efforts in Town, please contact the Sustainability Committee or join the Color Henrietta Green organization. We are open to anyone with an interest in sustainability or other green initiatives. Details on both can be found on the Town website at: Henrietta.org/Green



2022 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, please visit www.henrietta.org/taxes.

PAYMENT OPTIONS

PAYMENT IN FULL

- Pay in full by deadline of Thursday, 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 Thursday, 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.

Don't forget to sign up for our "**Tax Reminders**" email subscription to receive reminders when bills are mailed and when payment deadlines are near — go to www.henrietta.org/subscribe

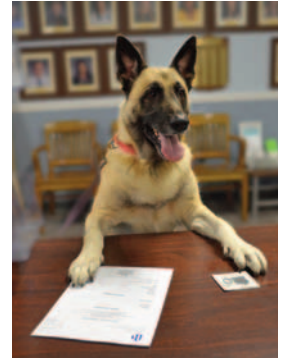


NEW! SENIOR DISCOUNTS FOR DOG LICENSES

Beginning January 1, 2022, the Town of Henrietta will be offering a reduced fee dog license for dog owners who are 65 or older.



| | Dog Owner Age 0-64 | Dog Owners Age 65+ |
|-----------------------------------|--------------------|--------------------|
| Spayed / Neutered Dog License | \$9 | \$4 |
| Unspayed / Unneutered Dog License | \$18 | \$13 |



Please note that previously paid license fees can NOT be refunded. We apologize for any inconvenience.

2022 DOG PARK PERMITS

We are currently selling 2022 dog park permits, which will be valid through 12/31/2022, for \$24 per dog. However, if you registered your dog(s) for the Henrietta Dog Park in 2021 and renew before the end of the year, the renewal fee is **only \$20**. As a reminder, each year you must show a current dog license and rabies vaccination certificate to complete the dog park registration.

Please note that if you wish for your dog park fees to stay in Henrietta, you should renew at the Henrietta Town Clerk's Office or by mailing your renewal forms to us at: 475 Calkins Road / Rochester, NY 14623. Replacement access cards can also be purchased in our office for \$20.

For more information, please visit <https://www.henrietta.org/dogpark>



TOWN BOARD MEETINGS — NEW FORMAT AND NEW START TIMES

Beginning with the October 13, 2021 Town Board meeting, the Special Use Permit public hearings are now incorporated into the regular Town Board meeting. As a result of this change, the start time for Town Board meetings was changed from 7:00 PM to 6:00 PM.

There's a lot going on at the Town of Henrietta, so to stay up-to-date on what's happening, you can sign up for any of the following email notifications on the Town website at www.henrietta.org/subscribe

- News & Announcements includes notifications for Board openings, Legal Notices, and more
- Boards & Committees includes notifications for the Agenda/Minutes for our various Boards in Town
- Recreation includes notifications for Senior Center, Rec Center, or other Rec related events

TOWN OF HENRIETTA PASSPORT SATURDAY

Saturday, April 9th
10:00 a.m. — NOON



BY APPOINTMENT

Please call the Town Clerk's Office at (585) 359-7035 to set up an appointment.



We have received a lot of amazing entries in our **Seeing Henrietta Through Your Eyes** contest and will be featuring a new winner every month during 2022.

So keep your eye on the Town website for featured photos from Henrietta residents!

Highway Department and the



COMPLETING A RECORD PAVING SEASON

The Highway Department paved or resurfaced over 15-miles of roads this year, not counting crack fill treatments. That work includes laying down 11,253-tons of asphalt for paving and 76 cubic yards of concrete for gutter repairs. Roads like Wallman Drive, Apache Trail, and others saw new drainage, new gutters, and new pavement. These efforts are part of an ongoing campaign to fix long standing drainage issues and to repair roads that have begun to deteriorate, while also helping to keep those that have yet to deteriorate from doing so.



SNOW REMOVAL IN HENRIETTA

Snow fences have been being installed in areas where we see a lot of drifting, the salt barn is being fully stocked, and road crew trucks are being refitted with their plows, wings, and salt boxes. It is all part of the preparations for plowing season in Henrietta. This is a reminder that although we have increased our plowing capacity dramatically over the past four years, it is impossible to keep roads fully clear during a snow event. Good tires and smart driving are essentials for safe operations in the winter. Please be prepared for the upcoming season.

PLOW DAMAGE TO MAILBOXES AND LAWNS

Our crews do their best to avoid mailboxes and lawns, but poor visibility, oncoming traffic, and heavy snow loads pulling at the plow, can all lead to plow damage to mailboxes or lawns. When the snows are heaviest, we try to stay away from the edges as the snow alone can sometimes take out mailboxes. In the event we do strike a mailbox, the Town, as a courtesy, will attempt to repair your assembly, or if it is too broken, to replace it with a standard mailbox and post. If your mailbox is struck by a plow, please contact Dispatch at 359-7005. Lawn repairs must wait until the spring, so in late February or early March, please call to place a work order for lawn repairs as well.



WINTER PARKING BAN ALREADY IN EFFECT

This is a reminder that during the winter, parking on the street is prohibited in the Town between the hours of 2:00 AM and 9:00 AM. The ban runs from November 1st to April 15th and any cars found in the road may be ticketed and towed at the owner's expense.

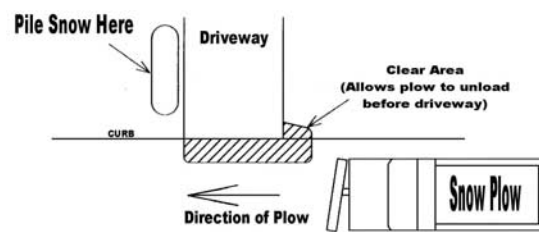
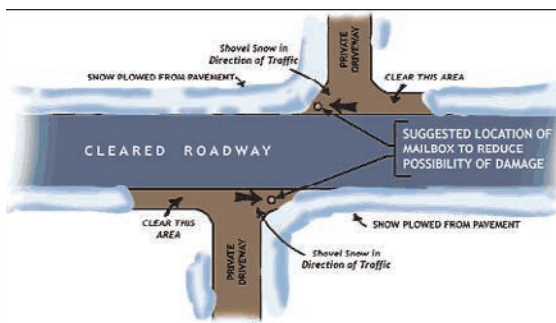
HIGHWAY SUPERINTENDENT

If you have any questions or comments about the maintenance of our Town roads, you may contact the Highway Superintendent, Tim Lessing, via email at TLessing@Henrietta.org or by calling 585-359-7004.

COMMISSIONER OF PUBLIC WORKS

If you have any questions or comments about the sewer, drainage, facilities, or grounds, you may contact the Commissioner of Public Works, Mike Catalano, via email at MCatalano@Henrietta.org or by calling 585-359-7007.

Department of Public Works



HELPING KEEP SIDEWALKS AND ROADS CLEAR OF SNOW

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.

When clearing snow, do not pile it where the plow will just push it right back into your driveway or where it will obstruct the clearing of sidewalks. The drawings on the left illustrate best practices for reducing the chance of snow being pushed right back. But keep in mind that during times of heavy snowfall, this will happen, unfortunately. The snow must go somewhere.

NEW FACILITIES GOING UP

The Facilities and Grounds crews in the DPW have been working on a number of new facilities, including a new garage and storage facility to house our equipment, paving the way for the demolition of the old garage that is threatening to fall down. The crews have also built the new four seasons room at the Senior Center, installed the new play pods in Breese Parks, are repairing the Good Shepherd Church and bringing it up to Code for use as a Town facility, and are making improvements to a number of the cabins in Town. Most of this work is been done on days when the grounds crews could not mow, and as we approach winter, the interior work will begin to ramp up. This expertise and work saves the Town the expense of bringing in external contractors to do the construction.



NEW JOB OPENINGS

The 2022 Town Budget includes two new positions in the DPW to help with maintaining our greenbelts and facilities. If interested, please send a resume and cover letter to jobs@Henrietta.org

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 16 & 17, April 23 & 24, April 30 & May 1
- May 7 & 8, May 14 & 15, and May 21 & 22

Located across from Martin Road Park

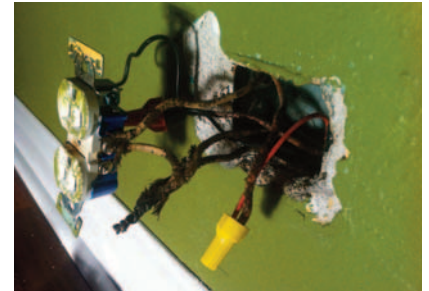


Building & Fire Prevention



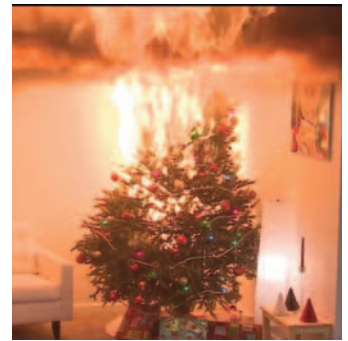
CODE ENFORCEMENT IS A LENGTHY PROCESS

The Building Department is not only responsible for ensuring homes, businesses, and auxiliary structures are constructed to meet all current building and fire codes, they are also responsible for enforcing Town Codes. Be aware that Code Enforcement is a lengthy process since people are given time to correct their violations, and if they fight our rulings, they are entitled to defend themselves in court, which can be time consuming.



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 WALKS AND STEPS ICE FREE

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.





OVERSIGHT OF COMMERCIAL DEVELOPMENT - A SAMPLE OF PROJECTS AROUND TOWN

The following is an update on some of the many projects and developments currently progressing in the Town of Henrietta. As of November 1st, The Engineering Department has approximately 84 private development projects that it is overseeing, with 17 in the Design Phase, 33 in the Active Construction Phase and the remainders in Post Construction. Some of the notable and more recent projects include...



CHS MOBILE EXPANSION

A proposed 7,200 sq ft addition to the existing CHS Mobile Integrated Health Care facility at 280 Calkins Road. Currently in the design process with construction expected to start in early 2022.



FRONTIER CAR WASH

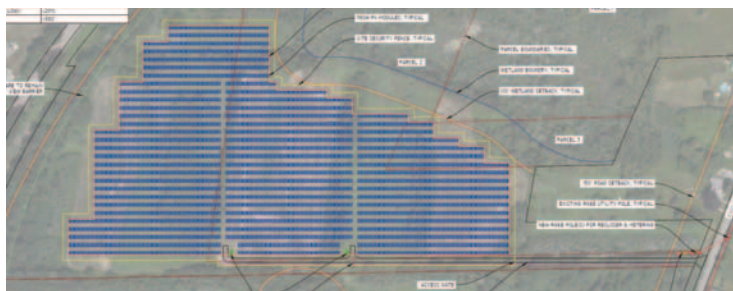
A 4,800 sq ft tunnel style car wash will also have vacuum islands in Town Centre Plaza. Construction has started and should be done in the spring. The plans include more green space in the plaza.

WIREGRASS INDUSTRIAL PARK

Two industrial buildings are under construction on Wiregrass Parkway, south of RIT: MS International, a 84,670 sq ft facility and Premier Packaging, a 101,250 sq ft facility. Both should open in 2022.

MIXED USE - APARTMENTS AND INDUSTRY

A 352-unit apartment complex with an adjacent industrial park has been approved for East River and Lehigh Station Roads. Construction of the apartments is expected to start soon.



LARGE SCALE SOLAR ARRAY

A 25-acre, 5MW solar array is being installed on East River Road, near the Rush town line, on a working farm. The array is planned to be operational in 2022.



NEW APARTMENT COMPLEXES

A new townhome complex in Riverton and a new student housing complex south of RIT are two of the newest apartment complexes expected to begin construction in 2022.

NEW SINGLE FAMILY HOMES

Fox Field Section 2, with 54 homes, and Southern View Estates, with 8 homes, and Forest View, with 43 homes, are some of the latest subdivisions to begin construction this year.

AFFORDABLE SENIOR HOUSING

A 150-unit, 155,665 sq ft senior housing project is being designed for the Marketplace Mall property. Just finishing up the design process, construction is expected to start in mid-2022.

For a list of all projects in the Town of Henrietta, you can check out the Town website at www.henrietta.org/projects. If you have any questions, please contact us at 359-7070.

Parks and Recreation



HENRIETTA PARKS AND RECREATION

605 Calkins Rd.
Henrietta, NY 14467
(585) 359-2540

www.henrietta.org/parksandrecreation

Registration for Winter programs
is now open!

The Parks and Recreation program brochure is no longer mailed to homes. Find the schedule of programs and events at henrietta.org/parksandrecreation. Or stop by to see us at the Recreation Center and pick up a printed copy.

VALENTINE'S DAY PARTY ♥

Saturday, February 12, 2022
10:00 AM - 12:00 PM

At The Henrietta Recreation Center

Family entertainment, games, crafts, cookie decorating and more. Open to children in preschool-5th grade and their families.

Register online beginning January 17.

DR. MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR. CELEBRATION

Join us for the 15th Annual Celebration

"Rise Up, Speak Up"

Thursday, January 13 at 7:00pm

At the Henrietta United Church of Christ
1400 Lehigh Station Road

Sponsored by the Interracial Clergy Council

Music by the MLK Singers



NEW BIRTHDAY PARTY PACKAGES FOR 2022

Choose from three fun party packages for your special day! Bounce House, Gaga Ball or Gymnastics.

Each package also includes two hours in the party room to play, eat and celebrate with family and friends. Sunday afternoons 2:30 PM - 4:30 PM.

All party guests also receive a Henrietta Recreation water bottle filled with candy and prizes as their special gift.

Call 359-2540 for more information or reservations.



Indoor Winter Carnival

Saturday, January 22, 2022
6:00 PM - 8:30 PM
at the Henrietta Recreation Center

- Carnival Games
- Petting Zoo
- Bounce Houses
- Live Music
- Crafts for the Kids
- Light Refreshments...and more.



Fireworks Display at 8:30 pm

Free family event. Registration required.



BREESE PARK PLAY AND FITNESS TRAIL

Now Open! Residents, volunteers and Town and local officials celebrated the official opening of the trail with tours and demonstrations on November 13th. The Breese Park Play and Fitness Trail is the long time vision of the Henrietta Parks and Recreation Advisory Board, and was made possible through a State and Municipal Funding Grant through Assembly Member Harry Bronson's Office, with labor and services from the Town of Henrietta. Breese Park is located at 108 Westcombe Park and is open daily 7:00 AM - dusk.



Pod #1 Bugs & Insects Theme



Pod #2 Woodland Critters Theme



Pod #3 Genesee River Theme



Pod #4 Climbing and Sliding



Pod #5 Cargo Net and Quintuple Steps on the Ninja Fitness Pod



Pod #6 Tractor, Fire Engine, and Musical Pieces in the Kids in Motion Pod



5TH ANNUAL RH KICKING HUNGER 5K RUN/WALK



In Person Race

Saturday, June 2, 2022 - 8:00am start
Veterans Memorial Park - Henrietta, NY

Virtual Option

Friday, June 1 - Sunday, June 3
Your place at your pace

100% of net proceeds from this race will go towards the Kicking Hunger Program and RHAFT to help feed local families.

Online registration is available on RunSignUp.com at <https://runsignup.com/Race/NY/Henrietta/RHKickingHunger5K>. Donations will also be accepted through this page.

Want more information about how to help, or are interested in becoming a sponsor for this community event? Contact the race committee at rhkickinghunger5k@gmail.com and follow us on Facebook @RHKickingHunger5K to learn more!

NOW ACCEPTING NOMINATIONS FOR THE 2022 HENRIETTA YOUTH HALL OF FAME

Each year the Henrietta Youth Development Advisory Committee recognizes 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 and/or have demonstrated remarkable personal growth. On Sunday, April 3, we will be honoring 26 new inductees to the Hall of Fame. If you have a high school senior you would like to nominate for this award, please contact the Recreation Department. Deadline for submitting nominations is Friday, January 21, 2022.



Visit henrietta.org to download the 2022 Hall of Fame Nomination form.

Tinker Nature Park



TINKER NATURE PARK

1525 Calkins Rd
Open 7:00 AM to Sundown

HANSEN NATURE CENTER

(585) 359-7044
Open Tuesday - Saturday, 9:00 AM - 4:00 PM
Closed Sundays, Mondays, and Holidays



Tours of the Tinker Homestead are by appointment only, Tuesday-Saturday, 10:00 AM - 2:00 PM. Call the Nature Center to book an appointment.

Tinker Nature Park is a carry in - carry out park.

Pets are NOT allowed in the park.



SKI AND SNOWSHOE RENTALS

Tuesday-Saturday, 9:00 AM - 3:00 PM

As conditions permit

\$3.00 per rental



TREE RECYCLING

Recycle your used Christmas tree to support a good cause! Tree recycling begins Sunday, December 26 and continues through the month of January at the Tinker Nature Park, 1525 Calkins Road. Trees may be dropped off behind the barn, and will be recycled into mulch for trails at the park. Please **no bags, strings, wire wreathes or plastic** of any kind. There is no charge for this service but there is a requested donation of a canned food or other non-perishable item for the Rush-Henrietta Food Terminal. A collection bin will be near the drop-off location.



COFFEE AND STARGAZING

An astrophotography presentation by Dan Kutcha of the Rochester Astronomy Club

Saturday, February 5, 6:30 PM - 9:00 PM

Enjoy this presentation along with complimentary coffee and dessert, and music by Steve West.

Following the presentation, telescopes will be provided for viewing the night sky. Call (585) 359-7044 to register.



MARK YOUR CALENDARS

Earth Day Celebration

Saturday, April 16, 10:00 AM - 2:00 PM

A free event filled with fun for the whole family, including a live animal show, crafts, educational presentation and more.

Art & Garden Party

Saturday, June 25, 11:00 AM - 3:00 PM

The Tinker Homestead and Farm Museum will be open to view art submitted for exhibition by local artists.



Senior Center



515 Calkins Road
Henrietta, NY 14467
(585) 334-4030
Monday - Friday
9:00 AM - 3:00 PM



Henrietta
Senior Center

Lunch Club 60

Grab N Go Meals

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

The Henrietta Senior Center is now open
for in-person dining and activities.

Find us on Facebook 



FOUR SEASON ROOM

The Seniors are enjoying the new four-season room at the Senior Center. It's getting plenty of use for games of darts and billiards and as a quiet reading space. Thanks to the Nichols Team and the Town of Henrietta staff and administration for making the new addition possible.



INDOOR CORN HOLE LEAGUE

Come in from the cold and join the indoor corn hole league, every Friday afternoon at the Senior Center. Teams are forming now for the 2022 winter session. Call the Senior Center to register.

HAPPENING IN DECEMBER AT THE SENIOR CENTER

Tuesday, December 21 - Catered Holiday Party
at noon. Entertainment by George DeMott.

Wednesday, December 29 - Rise and Shine
Pancake Breakfast with Chef Jerry at 9:00 AM.

Dine-in only. Reservations required.
Call (585) 334-4030.



Driver Safety

Tuesday, February 1, &
Thursday, February 3.

Space is limited.

Call (585) 334-4030
to register.



This winter, we have more going on at the library than we can possibly tell you about, so here's a selection of highlights! Register for events or to reserve our community, study, and conference rooms by calling the library, 359-7092, or visiting hpl.org.

STOP CABIN FEVER BEFORE IT STARTS

As the cold weather and snow sets in, stop by the library to borrow puzzles, games for all ages, and items like the karaoke machine, ukulele, and Nintendo Switch from our DIY collection to liven up your winter days. Items are available in the Children's Room and up on the library's second floor.



JOIN US FOR EVEN MORE STORYTIMES!

We will be offering safe, socially-distanced, indoor Baby Storytimes on Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday mornings at 9:30 AM and All-Ages Storytimes on Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday mornings at 10:30 AM. Registration is required. Masks are required for all attendees ages two and up.

TEENS CREATE WITH CLAY

Join us on Wednesday, December 15 from 6-7pm to use Model Magic clay to create a sculpture to paint. Use your imagination to sculpt a design from start to finish! Registration is encouraged.

JOIN OUR TRUE CRIME BOOK CLUB

If you've been loving true crime podcasts, obsessing over *Only Murders in the Building*, and binging crime documentaries on Netflix, it's time to get literary and join our True Crime Book Club. This group meets on Zoom and discusses a different book (available at the library or for digital download through Libby) on the fourth Tuesday of each month at 7 PM. Register today to join our next session!



GET CREATIVE IN OUR CRAFT ROOM

If you're a crafter, a homeschooler, or work with a scouting troop, take a minute to check out our Craft Room. The Craft Room is a space with butcher block tables, washable floors, and a sink that's available for groups of up to 12 people to reserve to carry out all their creative endeavors. Give us a call or visit us online to learn more!

STOP IN AND VISIT US

Monday-Thursday 9 AM - 9 PM

Friday 9 AM - 5 PM

Saturday 10 AM - 5 PM

We hope to see you in person or online soon!

My Best Wishes,
Adrienne Pettinelli, Library Director



Assessor News



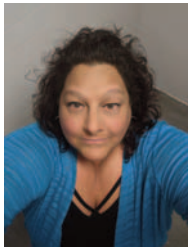
EXEMPTION SEASON IS UPON US

Exemption Season is upon us once again. We have begun to mail out the applications for residents applying for the first time for the Clergy Exemption, Enhanced STAR Exemption, Limited Income Senior Exemption, and the Limited Income Disability Exemption. If you have any questions on these applications, or believe you should have received one, but did not, please contact our office at 359-7032.

As of this newsletter mailing, NYS has not yet advised us if we will need to send out renewals for the **Limited Income Senior** and **Limited Income Disability** Exemptions, so please watch your mailbox (from mid to end of December) for correspondence from the Assessor's Office regarding this matter. If you don't see anything from us as of January 11th, please call our office at (585) 359-7032.



All exemption applications are due back to the Assessor's Office on or before **March 1, 2022.**
Don't delay, do it today!



WELCOMING OUR NEW ASSESSOR - MICHELLE NICODEMUS

Michelle Nicodemus has joined the Henrietta Team, having been named the Town's new Assessor on November 10th. Michelle has previously served as assessor in Farmington, Ontario County. She is completing the term of our previous assessor, who left to become the Director of Real Property in Wayne County. If you see Michelle in Town Hall, please offer her a warm Henrietta welcome.

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Henrietta Recreation Center
Saturday, January 29th
9:00 AM - 2:00 PM

Around the Town



MOOSE LODGE FAMILY CENTER

The Moose organization is a private, charitable, volunteer organization with close to one million men and women members across America, Canada, England and Bermuda. Membership in our Genesee-Valley Henrietta Moose Lodge #2290 Family Center gains you access to all the other lodges/family centers in your travels, including 55 across New York State. With a ONE MOOSE membership card, you become a Moose member everywhere!

We have been in Henrietta for 35 years supporting Mooseheart (children in need), Moosehaven (aging seniors) and the local community, plus we have FUN doing it. Our cobblestone building, built in 1830 (seen above), has a long history of businesses and services for our area. The upstairs rooms are used for bingo, large events and rented out for parties, weddings and celebrations of life. The pavilion is also used for events and winter storage.

We are grateful for the many Moose volunteers and to the local community that helped support us with take-outs and chicken barbeques over the past challenging years.

New members can get involved in our Family Center, make new friends, socialize and learn about all the good things that we accomplish through new member orientation programs. Feel free to stop by and check us out at 5375 West Henrietta Rd. or call (585) 359-1937 or visit Mooseintl.org for more info on membership benefits.

STATE OF THE TOWN LUNCHEON

The Henrietta Chamber of Commerce is hosting the annual State of the Town Luncheon, with a presentation by Henrietta Town Supervisor, Steve Schultz.



**RIT Inn and Conference Center
Tuesday, January 25th**

Registration and networking: 11:30 AM

Luncheon program: 12:00 Noon

Contact Brendan Tydings at btydings@gvrma.com for more information.

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Henrietta Recreation Center

Saturday, January 29th

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HENRIETTA GARDEN CLUB



January 12th - 6:30 PM

“House plants”

Master Gardener Suzanne Feather

February 9th - 6:30 PM

“Q and A with Panel of Gardening Professionals”

Jeanine Fyfe from Broccolo
& Master Gardener John Colagrosso

March 9th - 6:30 PM

“Spring into Action”

KC Fahy-Harvick

The Henrietta Garden Club meets at 6:30 PM in the lower level of the Town Hall, 475 Calkins Rd. Enter through the main or west door. Handicap accessible. First visit is free. Yearly dues are \$20.

<https://sites.google.com/site/henrietagardenclub/>

henrietagardenclub@gmail.com

**Look for our
HGC Plant Sale
in May!**





ROCHESTER ELKS LODGE AND ELKS HOOP SHOOT 2022

Rochester Elks Lodge will hold their local Hoop Shoot at the **Henrietta Recreation Center** on **Thursday, January 6, from 6:00 - 8:00 PM**. There is no charge to compete, and no pre-registration is necessary. The Elks national free throw contest, now in its 50th year, is one of our most important youth programs and is open to all boys and girls ages 8-13 (as of April 1, 2022). The boy and girl in each age group with the best scores advance through four tiers of competition to qualify for the national finals in Chicago, IL.

During the holiday season, Rochester Lodge continues our tradition of local service, including adopting a unit at the Canandaigua VA hospital, providing a holiday dinner to the residents of the Veterans Outreach Center's Richards and Otto House, and assisting struggling families in our community. Your continued support helps us fund these activities, and we thank you from the bottom of our hearts!

Let us remember the words of Elk member and President John F. Kennedy who said, "As we express our gratitude, we must never forget that the highest appreciation is not to utter words but to live by them." To learn more about the Elks and to join us in service, visit www.elks.org.

Rochester Elks Lodge, 3525 E. Henrietta Rd., Henrietta, 585-334-1900

REDUCING FOOD WASTE DURING THE HOLIDAYS

It is hard to think about the holiday season and not have food in mind.

Did you know that approximately 40% of all food produced in the U.S. never gets eaten?

In fact, between Thanksgiving and New Year's Day, Americans waste 25% more than during the rest of the year. This means that during the holidays, millions of pounds of uneaten turkey, gravy, green beans, mashed potatoes and other seasonal trimmings end up in the trash.

What is the harm in putting wasted food in the trash? Land fills and greenhouse gases.

Reduction (wasting less) provides the biggest environmental benefit.

The United States Environmental Protection Agency states: source reduction of food waste provides more than 20 TIMES the greenhouse gas reduction benefits than composting food waste. Food waste reduction also saves money, conserves energy and resources and prevents pollution!

Some easy ideas to incorporate for reducing food waste in your home over the holidays:

- Shop your fridge and cupboards first! Cook or eat what you already have before shopping.
- Take a head count - Have an estimate of how many people you will be hosting.
- Store food properly - Keep your meats, drinks and vegetables in the right areas of your fridge.

The Monroe County / Waste Management

ecopark will be CLOSED:

Saturday, November 27

Saturday, December 25

Saturday, January 1, 2022



FISH / RHAFT, Inc.

Serving Residents in the Rush-Henrietta School District

<https://fishrhaftinc.org/>

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

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

Volunteers always needed! (585) 453-2370



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Town of Henrietta 

Holiday Lights and Magic

Celebrate the first annual lighting of the Henrietta Town Campus

Saturday, December 4; 5:30 PM - 8:00 PM

Lighting of the Town campus promptly at 6:00 PM

Activities include: Magic Show with Rich the Magic Man, visits with Santa, live music, story time at the Henrietta Library, a celebration of holiday traditions around the world, cookie decorating and more.

This is an indoor and outdoor event. Dress for the weather. Free event! Register online at parksandrecreation.henrietta.org

Victorian Christmas

**Tinker Nature Park
December 4th — 11:00 AM - 2:00 PM**

Enjoy cookies and cocoa with Santa while making ornaments, learning about Victorian Christmas traditions in the Tinker Homestead, and enjoying live music.