

Henrietta Happenings



Spring 2022



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From the Supervisor...

As an English statesman once said, "There is a curse that says, 'May you live in interesting times.'" Well, these have certainly been interesting times, from a global pandemic to a major Russian invasion of a European country including threatening nuclear war. And that is on the heels of months of civil unrest after the unwarranted killings or murders of individuals like Daniel Prude and George Floyd, continued civil wars in countries like Yemen and Myanmar, the messy end to our decades-long war in Afghanistan, and all backset by inflation and supply chain issues due to the pandemic. As I write this, the pandemic has dropped off considerably, inflation is stronger than ever, and the invasion in Ukraine is increasing in violence and destruction. The Town of Henrietta passed a resolution in support of the people of Ukraine, and especially those in our community of Ukrainian descent who might have friends and family feeling the brunt of Putin's tyrannical behavior. The Rochester area has approximately 40,000 people of Ukrainian descent, ranking near the top on a per capita basis.

While the Town has largely stayed out of politics or events beyond its borders, when those events impact our residents, and especially when members of the affected community reach out to us, we have pledged our support, whether through resolutions (e.g. Ukraine invasion, cancer awareness), through rallies (e.g. Black Lives Matter, Stop the Violence campaign), or through flag raising ceremonies (e.g. Pride Week, celebrating the original inhabitants of Henrietta, members of the Haudenosaunee Confederation). While none of these actions are going to end what is happening elsewhere in the country or in the world, we believe it is important to support our residents. And while I am always willing to write resolutions and join or plan events, I do long for a day when we are not living in such interesting times, so to speak.

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From the Supervisor...

HENRIETTA'S THREE-TIERED PANDEMIC RESPONSE

On the COVID front, as we fully expect there to be future variants that emerge, similar to what happened with the Delta and Omicron variants, we have moved to a tiered response policy so that people know what to expect when they come to a Town facility. The shift from one tier to the next will be based primarily on the 7-day rolling average infection rate within Monroe County. The three tiers are:

- **Condition-Red – High infection rates** – Masking and full social distancing is required and indoor capacity is reduced significantly.
- **Condition-Yellow – Moderate infection rates** – Masks are optional for vaccinated individuals and required for unvaccinated individuals, social distancing is still present but at a reduced level, and indoor capacity is reduced some, largely due to the constraints of social distancing.
- **Condition-Green – Low infection rates** – Masks are optional, social distancing is not required, and indoor capacity is not reduced.

Signs on the doors and in the Town Hall parking lot, are all color coded so that as you pull up to a Town facility, you will know what is expected as you enter. In addition to the general policies that all facilities observe, the Library and the Recreation Department have additional protocols for each tier. For instance, with regards to indoor sports, during Condition-Red, people are expected to mask even when engaged in physical activity; during Condition-Yellow, people are expected to mask when sitting on the sidelines but vaccinated individuals may remove masks during physical activity; and during Condition-Green, no one is expected to wear a mask. Regardless of condition, exceptions will be made for individuals who have a medical condition that prevents them from wearing a mask, but a note from a doctor or other medical authority will be required to receive the medical exception.

I sometimes hear people say things like, “The policies make no sense. So the virus doesn’t infect those playing sports but does infect people on the sidelines?” Or similar, with regards to restaurants, “The virus won’t infect you when you are sitting at the table but will when you are walking around?” No, those of us who follow the science know that the virus makes no such exceptions. However, those of us who are also responsible for public policy understand that all public policy is a balancing act. In these cases, we are trying to balance protecting the public safety with the demands of physical exertion and the need for the activity itself, for the Recreation Center; or the requirements of eating, for the restaurants. If it were only about maximizing public safety, then restaurants and recreation centers would be closed during outbreaks. But in the case of restaurants, that would destroy businesses which people rely on to support their lives; and in the case of recreation centers, that leads to isolation, which can create a whole host of mental health issues. During this entire pandemic, we have always striven to strike that proper balance, as well as our legal requirement of observing any current Federal, State, or County health mandates. Obviously, opinions will vary on how successful we have been at that, but I take pride in the fact that Henrietta is one of the only towns in the area that did not shut down all of its services, even during the darkest days of the pandemic, while also having a very good track record with regards to protecting our employees and our residents from the spread of the pandemic at Town facilities.



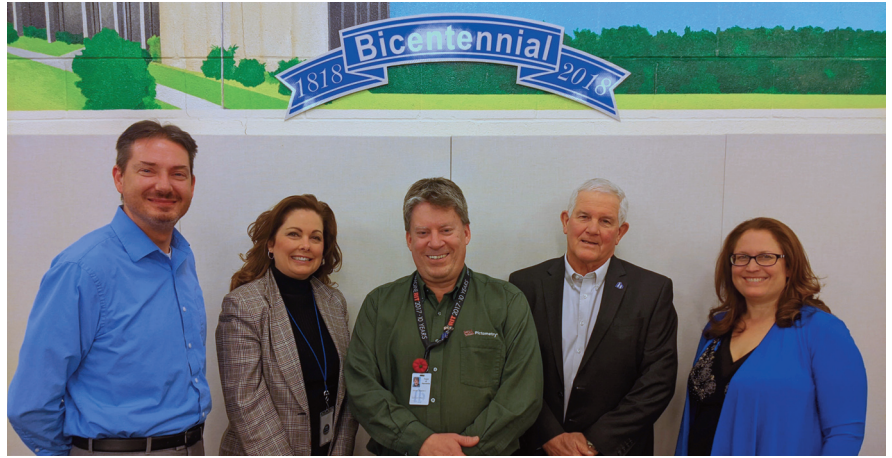


THE NEW TOWN BOARD

We just entered our third month together as a new Town Board. While I greatly miss my two colleagues, Rob Barley and Mike Stafford, who were instrumental in changing the way the Town Board (being more open to the public) and the Town as a whole (increasing services and improving facilities while holding the tax levy flat for every budget we've produced) operates, I also realize things change.

Rick Page, who was also part of that first

Town Board, and Joe Bellanca, who is quickly getting up to speed as a first-time council member, have fit right in with Millie Sefranek, Lisa Bolzer, and me, and we are continuing the great progress we have made. We paused at our last Town Board Meeting to get a picture of the new board.



FINANCIAL HEALTH OF THE TOWN

Unlike most towns, the Town of Henrietta made it through the pandemic in a strong financial position. Quick response and planning by the Department Heads reduced spending at the same rate we were seeing a reduction in revenues. As such, the financial assistance we received from the American Recovery Plan Act (ARPA) was cumulative and not restorative. Since then, the economy has been very strong and Sales Tax and Mortgage Tax revenues have been through the roof. At the same time, supply chain issues have slowed down many of our significant capital purchases. This latter effect is only temporary, since we fully plan to make the capital purchases once the trucks or equipment become available, but the revenue increases are real. Our combined General, Highway, and Library fund balance is over \$14-million and that does not include the \$4-million+ of ARPA funding.

As we have in the past, we will set aside a large chunk of this to continue to hold taxes flat. The rest we will channel into capital improvements such as: building a Town Court so we no longer have to rent space in an office park, which is a wholly inadequate solution; remodeling Town Hall to make it more accessible and pandemic resistant; and improving our Town Parks facilities, including new ball fields, better lighting, resurfacing of courts, and yes, a spray park.



LOCAL WATERFRONT REVITALIZATION PLAN PROGRESS

We continue to make great progress on our Local Waterfront Revitalization Plan. Once completed, we will be able to pursue State funding for projects that improve or revitalize our waterfront, which includes both the Genesee River and the portion of the Erie Canal that cuts through the northeast corner of Town. We are working with numerous partners on this project, including the Town of Rush, as we are looking to create a River Walk Trail from the Riverwood Tech Campus, where the developer has already started the trail (see image on left), south through Henrietta and Rush all the way to the Lehigh Valley Black Diamond Trail, which crosses the Genesee River and connects with the Genesee Valley Greenway Trail. It has been a major undertaking but will be worth it in the years to come.

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2021 BUDGET YEAR IN REVIEW

Fund	Expenses	Revenues
General	\$1,669,663 under †‡	\$4,672,762 over ◇
Highway	\$596,483 under ‡	\$106,191 under
Library	\$232,587 under †	\$6,761 over
Drainage	\$227,930 under ‡	\$100,095 over □
Sewer	\$140,511 under †	\$225 under

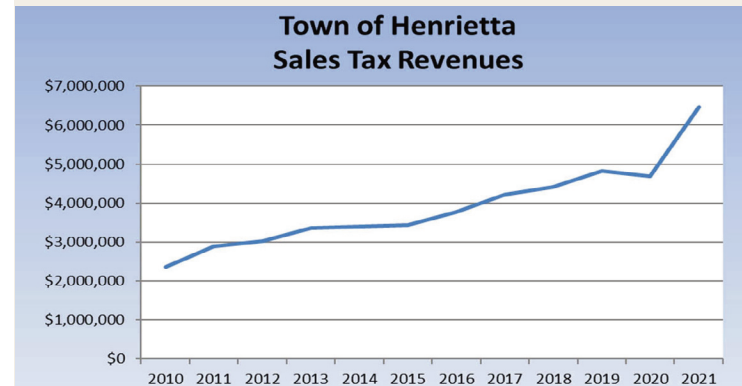
- † Reduced headcounts and utilities due to COVID
- ‡ Major capital outlays delayed (supply chain) or incomplete
- ◇ Massive spike in Sales & Mortgage Taxes
- Large return of capital project savings

FUND BALANCES OF MAJOR FUNDS

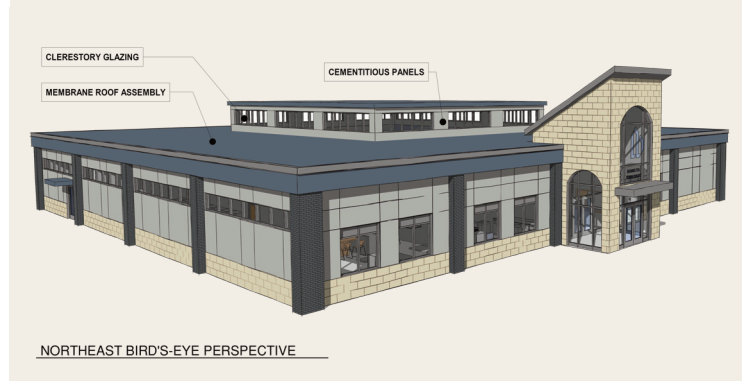
Fund	End of 2020	End of 2021 (+/-)
General	\$7,946,131	\$12,604,675 (+58.6%)
Highway	\$1,163,805	\$ 1,035,409 (-11.0%)
Library	\$ 533,562	\$ 561,277 (+ 5.2%)
G/H/L Cmb.	\$9,643,498	\$14,201,361 (+47.3%)
Drainage	\$1,522,128	\$ 1,686,021 (+10.8%)
Sewer	\$3,888,842	\$ 4,052,476 (+ 4.2%)

Since General Funds can be used for General, Highway, or Library, we look at the combined funds to determine levels

2022 SALES TAX REVENUES



FUNDING FOR NEW TOWN COURT



2021 BUDGET YEAR IN REVIEW

2021 saw one of the strangest budget years ever. COVID-related shutdowns and delays reduced expected costs. Supply chain issues meant capital monies went unspent – for the first time, we’re including encumbrances because so many items are still waiting to come in. Both Sales Tax and Mortgage Tax revenues went through the roof, coming in at \$2.7M and \$1.1M over budget respectively. Building fees were up as well.

FUND BALANCES OF MAJOR FUNDS

The “End of 2020” balances are higher than reported last year. That’s because normally, the State of the Town is done in January, before 4th quarters are in. 2020Q4 revenues came in well above budget and 2021 revenues were higher still, resulting in significant increases in the General Fund balance. Last year, our Fund Balance Policy saw us put the 2020Q4 excess revenues toward reducing taxes for this year.

2022 SALES TAX REVENUES

Sales Tax Revenues have been steadily climbing since 2010, with this growth allowing us to hold the Property Taxes flat while increasing our personnel, equipment, and other expenditures. There was a COVID-related drop in 2020, but we planned for it accordingly. We never expected the massive spike, up about \$2.7M over the previous year, in 2021. The huge increase in Sales and Mortgage Tax Revenues is why our fund balances are so high.

FUNDING FOR NEW TOWN COURT

With ARPA funding, the significant fund balances, and a State Aid to Municipalities (SAM) Grant we are pursuing from the State, we expect to be able to build the new Town Court with little to no bonding required, which saves the taxpayers money. We have known of the security issues surrounding the current court, which is in rented office space. The pandemic highlighted further deficiencies in the current court. We expect to go out to bid this fall.



2022 ADOPTED BUDGET

With the economy recovering well, we restored a number of projects to the budget and added personnel. Our strong performance the year before meant we did not have to raise any new taxes. As a result of rising property values, the tax rate dropped 2.3%, bringing it to levels from a decade ago. We expect to restore additional projects and personnel so our 2022 Adjusted Budget will most likely increase.

2022 BUDGETED EXPENDITURES

As first half Sales and Mortgage Tax revenues exceeded expectations, we adjusted the 2021 budget, adding back some items. Supply chain issues delayed many items and projects, which is why we were under budget. Last fall, there were signs the growth was slowing, so we held budget expenditures steady. Instead, second half Sales and Mortgage Tax revenues hit all-time highs (see below), which is why they were over budget.

2022 MORTGAGE TAX REVENUES

From 2010 through 2016, Mortgage Tax Revenues stayed fairly level. There was a spike in 2017, but then they leveled back off by 2019. They rose back up again in 2020, and then went through the roof in 2021, coming in at more than double the normal amount. We suspect some of this was due to pent-up demand post COVID, but some is also due to the crazy prices people are getting for houses, meaning higher mortgages are required.

OTHER USES OF FUND BALANCES

In addition to moving some of the fund balances into reserve to continue to hold taxes flat, we are also exploring additional uses, including improvements to the East Wing of Town Hall and major improvements to the Town Parks, including new parks with additional ball fields and a new spray park in Veterans Memorial Park, as well as repairs and improvements to existing park infrastructure, such as a new band shell.

2022 ADOPTED BUDGET

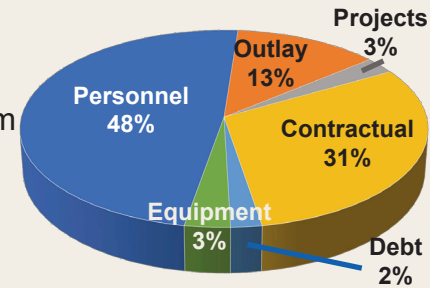
Final Budget Amount:

\$24,563,939 ‡

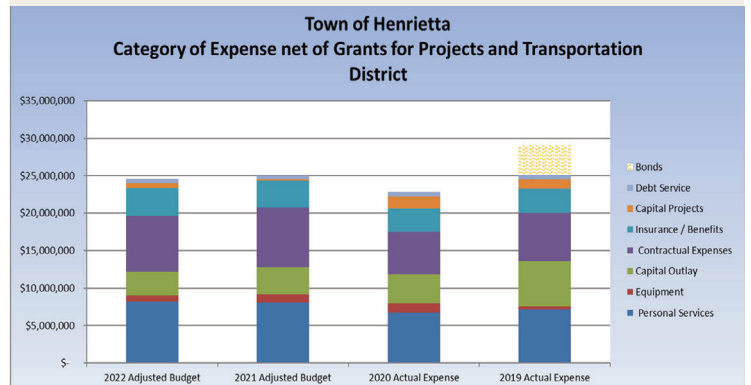
Tax Levy Change from 2021: **\$0.00**

Projected Tax Rate Change: **Drops 2.3%**

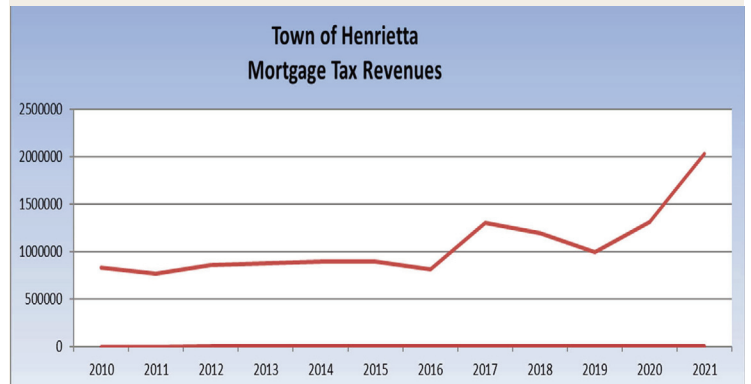
‡ Net of Fund Transfers, Admin Chargebacks, and Transportation District Projects



2022 BUDGETED EXPENDITURES



2022 MORTGAGE TAX REVENUES



OTHER USES OF FUND BALANCES



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2021 MAJOR EXPENDITURES



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We completed the second entrance into Veterans Memorial Park but were delayed on the Hylan Drive sidewalk. Our new Sewer and Drainage garage was delayed, but the new Facilities and Ground garage was started. We finished adding a three-seasons room onto the Senior Center. And we are still waiting to take delivery on the new plow truck, which allow the Highway Department to complete full plow runs in a shorter amount of time.

CHANGES TO TOWN CODE 2021



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We updated codes for driveways and ethics, implemented codes for the new cannabis laws, added a tax exemption for first responders, finished solar and incentive zoning updates, updated our codes regarding Town Parks (including prohibiting smoking and treating cannabis the same way we treat alcohol), added zoning for off-site storage, and updated “no parking areas” including on cul-de-sacs.

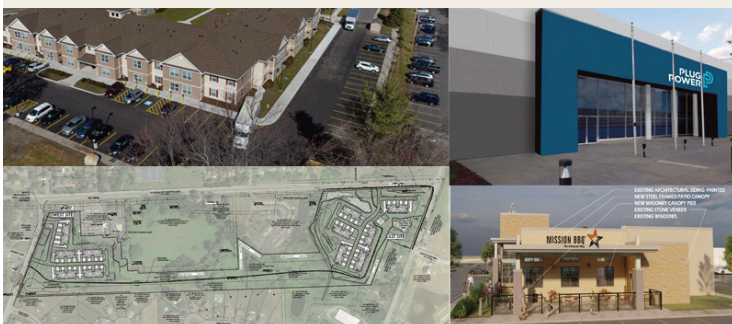
UPDATE ON URM C PROGRESS



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The administrative personnel for the new URM C Orthopedic Center in Marketplace Mall have already moved in, giving a boost to the food court and Coffee Connection. The surgery center in the former Sears building should open in the fall of 2022 and the new administrative tower should open late in 2023.

MAJOR DEVELOPMENTS IN 2021



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2021 saw significant new development in single-family housing (multiple new neighborhoods), multi-family housing (e.g. Apex Student Housing), industrial (e.g. Plug Power), restaurants (e.g. Mission BBQ), municipal (e.g. Sheriffs B Zone Substation), and educational projects (e.g. RIT's Student Hall for Exploration and Development).



2022 MAJOR EXPENDITURES

We are moving forward with the new garage for our Sewer and Drainage equipment. We are upgrading our streetlights to LED fixtures, which will have a 3 to 5 year payback. We are making improvements to our Town Parks as well as to the eastern wing of Town Hall. We are relocating the donated carriage house and we are renovating the Good Shepherd Church and Burger Farmhouse, which we purchased from the School District for \$1.

CHANGES TO TOWN CODE 2022

We continue to refine our Town Codes with respect to the new cannabis laws, are allowing for specialty dealerships outside of "dealership row" such as for a dealership that sells wheelchair accessible vehicles, adding green initiatives, starting parkland alienation in order to reform two park boundaries, and are looking at a major overhaul of our sign codes and how penalties are handled in our codes to make them more enforceable in court.

ARPA INFRASTRUCTURE PROJECTS

The ARPA Act allows direct funding to Towns to be spent on improving water and sewer infrastructure in the Town. We have started the process to bring water to portions of Middle Rd, with Telephone Rd and East River Rd to follow. We are also moving forward on phase 2 of the Lehigh Station Road sanitary sewer extension. In all cases, we are creating a new water or sewer district to help stretch the ARPA funds further.

MAJOR DEVELOPMENTS IN 2022

Significant new development continues in 2022 with new developments in single-family housing (multiple new neighborhoods), multi-family housing (e.g. Masonic Senior Housing Complex), industrial (e.g. T-Mobile Call Center), restaurants (e.g. Salvatore's Henrietta Saloon), and educational projects (e.g. RIT's Performing Arts Center).

2022 MAJOR EXPENDITURES



CHANGES TO TOWN CODE 2022



ARPA INFRASTRUCTURE PROJECTS



MAJOR DEVELOPMENTS IN 2022



2022 ELECTION INFORMATION

**Primary Election Day
June 28, 2022**

**Primary Election Early Voting
June 18 – 26, 2022**

Voting districts have changed, so please keep an eye out for information coming from the Monroe County Board of Elections regarding your polling site location and list of candidates. The County has taken over the voting process, so please watch out for their mailers or visit their web site as the date draws closer: <https://www.monroecounty.gov/elections>



Town of Henrietta

PASSPORT SATURDAY

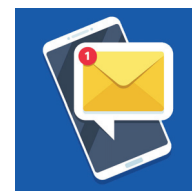
**Saturday, April 9th
10:00 a.m. — NOON**

BY APPOINTMENT

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

EMAIL NOTIFICATION SUBSCRIPTION

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 Tax Reminders, Board openings, Legal Notices, and more
- **Boards & Committees** includes notifications for the Agendas/Minutes for our various boards
- **Recreation** includes notifications for our Senior Center, Rec Center, or other Rec-related events

GETTING MARRIED? PLEASE READ!

As we head into Spring, we also head into wedding season. If you are planning to get married, here are some important tips:

- **License Required:** You must apply for and be issued a marriage license at least 24 hours prior to the ceremony. We can issue licenses the same day, but an appointment is required.
- **Plan Ahead:** As our available appointment slots can fill up, we recommend calling to schedule at least a month in advance. A license is good for 60 days after issuance.
- **Materials Needed:** You will need to bring documents with you and pay fees. Please visit our website for information on what you will need, as well as other important info: www.henrietta.org/marriages
- **Officiant Available:** If you need someone to perform a ceremony for you, the Town offers two options for civil ceremonies:
 - **Marriage Officer:** To schedule an appointment with our Marriage Officer, Janet Howland, please email jhowland@henrietta.org or call (585) 359-7035
 - **Town Justice:** To schedule an appointment with one of the Town Justices (Stephen Donsky, Susan Michel, or Robert Cook), please email court@henrietta.org or call (585) 359-2640



As always, should you have any questions, reach out! We are here to help.

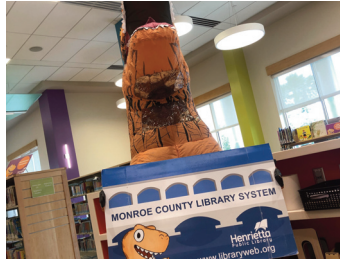
Email us at townclerk@henrietta.org or call (585) 359-7035.



Library News

NEW FRIDAY STORYTIMES

Starting in March, we're adding storytimes to our regular schedule on Fridays, so moving forward, every Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday, and Friday, we'll have Baby Storytimes running from 9:30 am – 10:15 am and All-Ages Storytimes running from 10:30 am – 11:00 am. Sign up at hpl.libcal.com



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GET EXCITED ABOUT SPRING AND SUMMER BOOK RELEASES

Join us on March 31 from 7:00–8:30 pm as we highlight our most anticipated books of Spring and Summer 2022. We'll cover more than the latest Patterson and Danielle Steele releases – we dig deep to find the hottest debut authors, the starred reviews you might miss, and the quirky books you love to stumble upon. We can't wait to talk books with you! Sign up at hpl.libcal.com

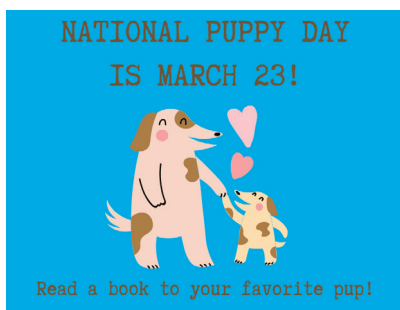
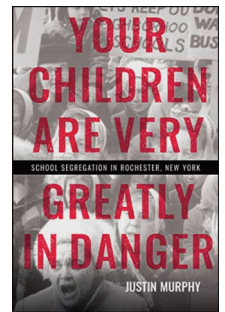


SAVE THE DATE! BOOK SALE!

The Henrietta Public Library Friends and Foundation Book Shop Team will be running a used book sale April 28–30. Keep your eye on our email newsletter and website for hours and more details! If you'd like to donate books for the sale, the team accepts donations of gently used books on the second Friday of the month from 10am-2pm.

MEET LOCAL JOURNALIST AND AUTHOR JUSTIN MURPHY

On Thursday, May 12 at 7:00 pm, *Democrat & Chronicle* education reporter Justin Murphy will discuss the findings in his new book, **Your Children Are Very Greatly in Danger: School Segregation in Rochester, New York**. Drawing on never-before-seen archival documents and scores of new interviews, Murphy shows how discriminatory public policy and personal prejudice combined to create the racially segregated education system that exists in the Rochester area today. If you need a copy to read, stop into the library, call us at 585-359-7092, or visit us online. Register to attend at hpl.libcal.com



STOP IN AND VISIT US

Monday-Thursday 9:00 am - 9:00 pm
Friday 9:00 am - 5:00 pm
Saturday 10:00 am - 5:00 pm

We hope to see you in person or online soon!
Adrienne Pettinelli
Library Director

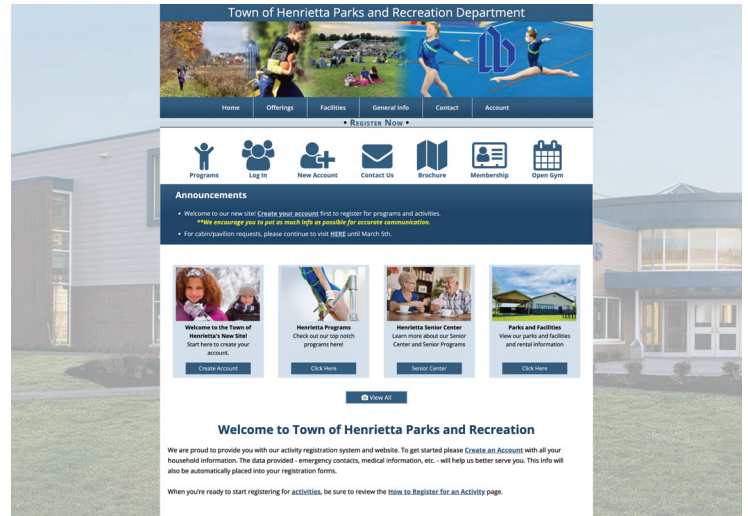


Parks and Recreation

At Henrietta Parks and Recreation, the staff is excited for the return of the full lineup of spring and summer programs and events. In particular, we are thrilled to announce the return of the **Memorial Day Parade**, on Sunday, May 22. Mark your calendar and come on out to see and hear the sights and sounds of this spectacular parade, as we remember those who have made the ultimate sacrifice for our nation.



Henrietta Parks and Recreation has a new look! Our new website offers user friendly options for program registrations and cabin and pavilion requests. Look for us at henriettarec.org



Easter Egg Hunt
at Tinker Nature Park
1525 Calkins Road

Saturday, April 9; 12:00pm-2:00pm
Open to children preschool to grade 6

Egg Hunt begins at 1:00pm for ages 6 and younger
Egg Hunt begins at 1:15pm for ages 7 and older

Register online at henriettarec.org

SUMMER REGISTRATION BEGINS MONDAY, APRIL 18

Summer Playground starts Wednesday, July 6!
Also look for sports camps, art programs, gymnastics camps and classes, and STAR and SHINE for teens.
It's going to be a great summer here!



Flashlight Easter Egg Hunt for Teens

Friday, April 8; 7:00pm-9:00pm
at the Recreation Center
Open to students in grades 6-9

DJ, Pizza, Games, and an Egg Hunt in the dark. **Pre-register online and don't forget your flashlight!**

5th Annual RH KICKING HUNGER 5K RUN/WALK



LIVE EVENT!
Saturday, June 4, 2022, 8:00 am start
Veterans Memorial Park - Henrietta, NY

VIRTUAL EVENT OPTION
Friday, June 4th - Sunday, June 6th
Your place at your pace

Running to eliminate food insecurity since 2018



Online registration is available on RunSignUp at runsignup.com/Race/NY/Henrietta/RHKickingHunger5K
Donations are also 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

Follow us on Facebook @RHKickingHunger5K to learn more!



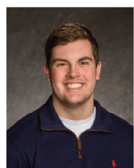
Henrietta Gymnastics hosted its first home meet of the year in February. All the gymnasts performed well. Henrietta's Level 5 team swept all 4 places on beam: 4th place Dakota Mack, 3rd place Katalina Monnat, 2nd place Claire Phillips, and 1st place Sapna Gupta. The following Henrietta gymnasts placed first in their divisions:

Evelyn Buttacio - Uneven Bars
 Bella Monnat - Floor Exercise
 Claire Phillips - Floor Exercise and All Around
 Katalina Monnat - Vault
 Teagan Maffei - Balance Beam, Floor Exercise, and All Around
 Savannah Rodriguez - Floor Exercise
 Quinn Johnson- Floor Exercise and All Around
 Alivia Colavecchio - Vault

Henrietta Gymnastics offers classes to participants ages 2 and older. See all the offerings at henriettarec.org



2022 HENRIETTA YOUTH HALL OF FAME INDUCTEES



Samuel Bowden



Carter Biata



Clara Burley



Kayla Dengler



Saltanat Fatima



Christina France



Allison Freeman



Braden Griffin



Megan Hogancamp



Ryan Holahan



Zariyah Johnson



Seratina Kiselgof



Ella Lewis



Carly Mayhew



Arianna McKnight



Beza Mersiehazen



Malina Moradi



Annabele Rheinwald



Sathana Satheshekumar



Skyler Schultz



Aaliyah Sims



Jenna Swanson



Farrelle Toumani Sleyadi



Nhu Tran



Max Worden



Tobey Wright

INTRODUCING THE 2022 HENRIETTA YOUTH HALL OF FAME INDUCTEES

The 46th annual Henrietta Youth Hall of Fame Awards Dinner will be held on Sunday, April 3rd, at the RIT Inn and Conference Center. Each year the Henrietta Youth Board recognizes 26 outstanding Rush-Henrietta School District area high school seniors.

These students are selected for their meaningful contributions to their school or community, overcoming significant obstacles in their lives, or for demonstrating remarkable personal growth. This year's inductees are an exceptional group of students who all share the common trait of a strong commitment to others and making the world a better place.

Congratulations to the 2022 Hall of Fame Inductees!



Tinker Nature Park & Hansen Nature Center



Tinker Nature Park /Hansen Nature Center

1525 Calkins Road, (585) 359-7044, naturecenter@henrietta.org

Open Tuesday - Saturday 9:00 am - 4:00 pm, Closed Sunday, Monday and Holidays

Tinker Homestead is shown by appointment Tuesday - Saturday, 10:00 am - 2:00 pm

Restrooms are available by the Calkins Road parking lot

Tinker Nature Park is a carry in - carry out park

Pets are **NOT** allowed in Tinker Nature Park



VEGETABLE GARDENING

April 2 1:00 pm - 2:00 pm

This seminar covers the key factors that contribute to a successful vegetable garden, the top ten vegetables in a home garden, and a variety of gardening concepts such as succession planting, crop rotation, composting and extending the growing season.

SPRING GARDENING

April 30 10:00 am - 11:00 am

Spring gardening includes tasks that must be accomplished before planting begins as well as the joys of gardening after the ground has warmed up enough for planting. Participants will also learn the basics of plant care, starting seeds indoors, lawn care, fertilization, and choosing the right plant for the right place.

SUMMER BULBS

May 7 times to be announced

Spring-planted bulbs produce some of the most dramatic garden color in your summer garden. Tuck them among your perennials to create a fuller looking garden bed. Many are also ideal in containers — liven up your porch or deck.

ATTRACTING POLLINATORS TO YOUR GARDEN

May 14 times to be announced

Pollinators play an important role in native ecosystems, home gardens, and global food production. This presentation will discuss the wide range of pollinators active in our gardens and what gardeners can do to make their yard more attractive to pollinators.

For more information on the Saturday Morning Garden Series, visit the Tinker Nature Park website or call (585) 359-7044.

UPCOMING EVENTS

EARTH DAY

Saturday, April 23 11:00 am - 2:00 pm

Live animal programs at 11:00 am and 12:30 pm.

ICE CREAM SOCIAL

Saturday, July 16 11:00 am - 2:00 pm

Music and Ice Cream at the Tinker Homestead.

WILD TINKER

Saturday, August 6 11:00 am - 2:00 pm

Live animal programs, music and food trucks.

YOGA/MINDFUL WALKS AND HEALTHY MOVEMENT

Beginning April 23

Tinker Nature Park will again be hosting this program. Please visit the website to view the schedule.

TINKER HOMESTEAD ART SHOW

Saturday, November 5

The Art Show has been rescheduled to Saturday, November 5, to allow more time for submissions and review.



TINKER TREKS FOR SENIORS 55+

FROM HENRIETTA TO THE LAKE

This new program was such a hit in 2021, we're bringing it back for 2022. Transportation provided from the Nature Center to the Tinker Treks site. Visit the website for more information.

Henrietta Senior Center



WE ARE OPEN!

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

Mondays - Bridges, 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, Chair Yoga

Fridays - Book Club, Standing Strong Exercise, Cornhole



Henrietta Senior Center

515 Calkins Road
Henrietta, NY 14467
(585) 334-4030
Mon-Fri 9:00am-3:00pm

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

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



Bocce Leagues are forming soon

Lunch Club 60

Grab N Go Lunch



Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday at 12:00pm

Or

In Person Lunch



Please join us in the lunchroom Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday from 12:00pm-12:30pm



Our nutrition program is designed to provide nutritious, cost effective meals to adults 60 and over. This program is administered by the MCOFA and promotes health, wellness and social interaction. Suggested contribution \$3.50 for individuals 60+. Reservations are required. Call (585) 334-4030.

FISH / RHAFT, Inc.

Serving Residents in the Rush-Henrietta School District

Volunteers always needed! (585) 453-2370

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

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

<https://fishrhaftinc.org/>

Department of Public Works



STREET PAVING

Below is the tentative list of streets scheduled for resurfacing in 2022. We use different methods depending on the needs of the road. Weather, supply chain issues, labor shortages, and other considerations may affect this schedule. If everything goes really well, we'll add a few more roads to the list.



Full Mill and Pave

Academy Drive	Bermuda Circle	Campus Drive	Clearview Drive	Colonnade Drive
Commerce Drive	Commons Way	Debran Drive	Deer Run	Edmar Court
Emerald Circle	Green Ivy Circle	Hartwood Drive	Kenneth Drive	Methodist Hill Drive
Mount Batten Street	Notre Dame Drive	Park Centre Drive	Pauline Circle	Peakview Drive
Ridgeland Road	Staglen Drive	Sweet Vernal Court	Timothy Court	Town Centre Drive
Prince Charles Circle		Crystal Valley Overlook		Williamsburg Road

Micro-Pave or Nove-Chip

Birchmount Circle	Caitlin Trail	Calver Court	Countess Way	Derrick Drive
Dover Road	Elton Court	Morin Circle	New London Road	New Tudor Road
Reagan Way	Red Lion Road	Strawbridge Road	Sweet Briar Knoll	

POTHOLE FILLING ON TOWN, COUNTY, AND STATE ROADS

Winter has no doubt left potholes. Most complaints we receive are not actually on Town roads but are on State or County roads. The three numbers to know, depending on where you are:



For potholes on State Roads (Thruway, I-390, Jefferson, East Henrietta, West Henrietta, Lehigh Station east of West Henrietta, and Erie Station west of West Henrietta) please call the **NYS DOT** at **1-800-POTHOLE** and report it.

For potholes on County Roads (most major roads that are not listed above), please call the **MC DOT** at **585-753-7700** and report it.

For potholes on any side street, please call the **Henrietta DPW** at **585-359-7005** and report it.

In all cases, please note the street location and which lane(s) it is in.



SEASONAL JOBS AT THE HENRIETTA DPW

Public Works Departments will soon have seasonal jobs available to anyone over the age of 18. These jobs offer employment Mon-Thu 6:00 AM to 3:30 PM and Fri 6:00 AM to 10:00 AM, for twenty weeks, starting May 1, 2021. Hourly rates start at \$16/hour. Interested parties should visit <https://www.henrietta.org/jobs> or call **585-359-7005** for more information and applications.

LEAF AND BRUSH DROP OFF HOURS

If you have old leaves, spring trimmings, fallen branches, or other yard waste that needs disposing, you may drop them off at the Town's brush site, open 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, May 21 & 22

Located across from Martin Road Park



Assessor's Office



FULL COMMERCIAL REAPPRAISAL AND PARTIAL RESIDENTIAL REASSESSMENT

The Town has completed a Commercial Reassessment to bring all commercial and industrial properties up to current market values. The Town is also doing a partial reassessment (non-reappraisal) on residential properties. The goal is to reach full valuation so our taxpayers are not assessed an equalization rate penalty by the Department of Taxation. But as you can see below, the real estate market has been going crazy. As such, houses that were recently reassessed may be reassessed again because home values are rising that quickly. According to one State Official, "I haven't seen anything like this in my 29 years with the State!" At a recent Monroe County Assessors' Association meeting, it was noted that percent changes in total assessed value in Monroe County are ranging from a 4% increase to over a 100% increase! One realtor reported a house selling in Perinton for \$100,000 over the asking price. This is a tough market for home buyers, and for Assessors as well.

PLEASE NOTE: THE TOWN GETS NO ADDITIONAL TAX DOLLARS BY RAISING YOUR ASSESSMENT

A change in assessment changes the size of your slice of the tax dollars collected, but does not change the overall amount we collect. That is set in the Budget, irrespective of assessments.

2022 TENTATIVE ASSESSMENT ROLL — AVAILABLE ONLINE MAY 2ND

The Tentative Assessment Roll will be available online for the public to view on May 2nd.

To access the Tentative Assessment Roll from your computer:

Go to the Forms & Permits section of the Town of Henrietta website: <https://www.henrietta.org/forms>

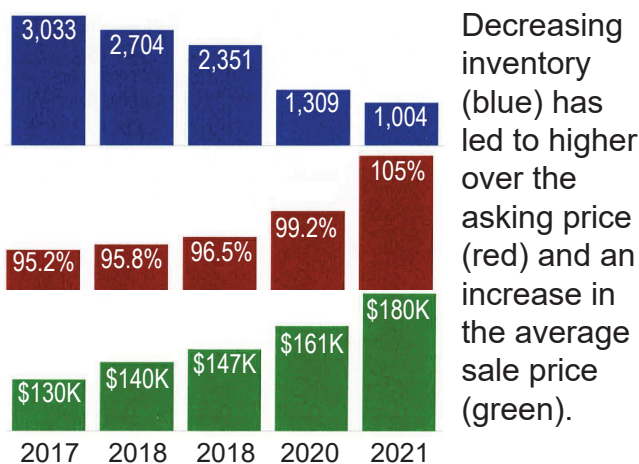
Click on **2022 Tentative Assessment Roll**

We are sending out letters to the residential property owners with their change in assessment info on April 29th. If you need help understanding it, please call the Assessor's office directly at **585-359-7032**.

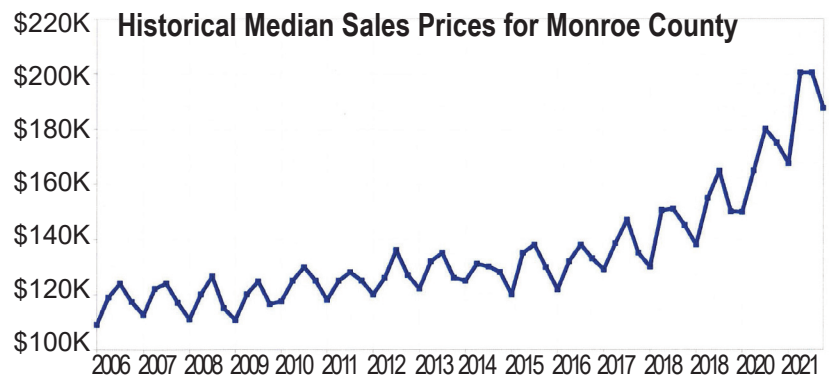
THE ASSESSMENT PROCESS — THE GRIEVANCE PROCESS

Property owners who do not agree with their assessment may contest it by submitting an RP-524 complaint form. The Town also recommends submitting a Market Value/Condition Issue worksheet to aid in the process. Forms will be available in our main foyer area of Town Hall, on our website, or if you call 585-359-7032 we will mail them to you. Applications are due to the Town no later than Grievance Day, Tuesday, May 24, 2022. Grievance hearings will be held starting May 24th at Town Hall. To expedite the process, we recommend scheduling an appointment prior to the 24th. Call **585-359-7032** to do so.

THE CRAZY REAL ESTATE MARKET — TRENDS LEADING TO 2021



Decreasing inventory (blue) has led to higher over the asking price (red) and an increase in the average sale price (green).



Which in turn has led to a significant increase in median sales prices across Monroe County, including Henrietta.

Building & Fire Prevention



We have had a long cold BUSY winter here at the Building and Fire Prevention Department and the forecast for Spring/Summer: BUSIER!

As this time of year is when we all need some outdoors time and start planning those home improvement projects, I suggest contacting us here at Building and Fire Prevention early on in your planning stage to limit any potential delays during the permitting process. Some exterior projects may require additional approvals such as an area variance from the Zoning Board of Appeals. These include oversized sheds, additions encroaching on minimum setbacks, or enlarging your driveway to name a few. In most cases a variance is not necessary; however, it can add additional time between permit submittal and actual start of construction. So, to reduce possible frustration and delay, contact us early.

Kevin D. Wilson, Director

BUILDING PERMITS — PLAN AHEAD SO YOU ARE NOT DELAYED

Life safety is the primary reason for the permitting process as well as the protection of property values. If you have any questions concerning construction projects that you can't find the answers to on our web page Henrietta.org/building, please contact us here at the Building & Fire Prevention Office 585-359-7060. As a reminder, if you are selling your home the financial institutions will want to verify that the Town was aware of any improvements to your property and that they were done properly and inspected by way of Building Permits. Speaking of Building Permits, please see our Residential Building Permit Application for submittal requirements. We have a constant flow of permit applications throughout the year, our permit review lead time is two to three weeks or longer, especially at this time of year.



DRAINING AND OPENING POOLS — AND POOL ALARMS

When opening your pool for the season, be mindful not to direct the pool cover drainage water toward neighboring properties. **Safety info: A pool alarm is required for pools installed, constructed, or substantially modified after December 14, 2006.** Please contact us at 585-359-7060 with any questions or concerns regarding pool safety.

NO OUTDOOR BURNING OF WASTE

Open burning has been prohibited since the early 1980's. Though burning of yard waste is not permitted, there are provisions for small recreational fires. For more information, please see the Recreational Fire Guidelines at the bottom of our web page (<https://www.henrietta.org/building>) or read the State DEC prohibition on burning of waste (<https://www.dec.ny.gov/press/122502.html>) or watch the State DEC video on the same (<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=zNdd9ibSmQw>).



CHECK YOUR SMOKE AND CARBON MONOXIDE DETECTORS

Typical life span of smoke and carbon monoxide detectors is 7–10 years (check your device manufacturer's specifications). Check the batteries several times a year and replace at least once a year, most newer models have a 10-year sealed battery that requires virtually no maintenance. It is good practice to write the in-service date on new equipment and/or batteries when installed.

Engineering & Planning



As you can see from the list below, the Engineering Department had a very busy winter and looking ahead, it appears that the spring and summer will be busy as well, as we resume delayed projects and start new ones.

Christopher E. Martin, P.E., Director

CONSTRUCTION OF NEW PUBLIC WORKS GARAGES

The Town's DPW Facilities crews are building the new Grounds & Facilities garage in between their normal duties. This will allow them to relocate their equipment and vehicles from a dilapidated building which will free up space for a new 70'x150' Sewer and Drainage Garage. The project was delayed due to high material costs and supply chain issues, but LeFrois Builders & Developers won the bid to build it for a cost of \$1,107,747. The work is expected to start in early spring and should be completed by late fall.

LEHIGH STATION ROAD SANITARY SEWER PROJECT – PHASE 2

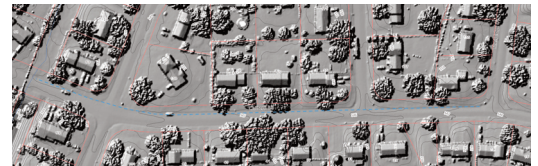
The Town received a Monroe County Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) to help offset the cost of this project. Engineering designs have been produced and are being shared with residents.

2022 SLIPLINING PROJECT FOR LYSANDER DRIVE AND EXETER PLACE

The Town is sliplining the sanitary sewers located along Lysander Drive and Exeter Place, which involves inserting a new plastic pipe into the existing vitrified clay pipe. There is no excavation work involved in this process and the disruption to the residents in this subdivision will be minimal. If we get the Monroe County CDBG grant, we anticipate this work starting in late fall or early winter.

CHILTERN ROAD DRAINAGE IMPROVEMENT PROJECT

This project to add overflow drainage capacity and supported by a grant from the County continues to move forward, with engineering completed and construction expected to start this summer.

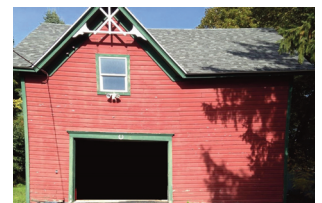


2022 PUMP STATION STANDBY GENERATOR PROJECT

To ensure the Town's 22 sanitary sewer pump stations continue to operate during a power outage, the Town uses a combination of towable, portable generators for lower capacity pump stations and fixed generators for higher capacity pump stations. The next pump station to be upgraded to a fixed generator is the Town's pump station located near Country Hills Estates. The project will be designed by the Engineering Department and we anticipate the generator being installed sometime this fall.

TINKER HOMESTEAD CARRIAGE HOUSE RELOCATION PROJECT

Another project delayed due to the pandemic, this project is being resumed with a foundation planned for install late spring or early summer and the relocation to follow. A resident located on Lehigh Station Road has been kind enough to donate their 1800's carriage house to Tinker Homestead.



CONTINUATION OF SIDEWALKS ON HYLAN, EAST HENRIETTA, AND EAST RIVER ROADS

Funding from the State was delayed, but most hurdles have been overcome and the projects are expected to move forward, hopefully going out to bid this summer.

WATER MAIN EXTENSION PROJECT FOR MIDDLE, EAST RIVER, AND TELEPHONE ROADS

The Town has begun work with the Monroe County Water Authority to extend water mains for the three selected areas. Federal ARPA funds are being used to keep costs down for the residents.

Community News



NATIONAL HISTORIC PRESERVATION MONTH — AND MAY HERITAGE AWARD

May is National Preservation Month, also known as Historic Preservation Month. Established in 1973 by the National Trust for Historic Preservation and authorized by the National Historic Preservation Act of 1966, the month celebrates the nation's heritage through historic places. Preservation Month provides an even greater opportunity to celebrate the diverse and unique heritage of our town.

This year, our annual May Heritage Award recognizes the historic house at 371 Telephone Road owned by John & Sally Wilcox.



Henrietta Garden Club




Annual Plant Sale
May 21st 9:00 am
Tinker Nature Park
 1525 Calkins Road



Huge selection of member-grown perennials, annuals, shrubs, herbs, and others at very reasonable prices. Arrive early for best selection.
 We'd love to recycle your used pots for next year! Bring them along!

Give blood. Help save lives.



Henrietta Recreation Center
Blood Drives

605 Calkins Road
 Rochester, NY 14623

Saturday, March 26, 2022
 9:00 AM to 2:00 PM

**Scott's Donor
 and Blood Drive**

Saturday, May 7, 2022
 9:00 AM to 2:00 PM

Saturday, August 20, 2022
 9:00 AM to 2:00 PM

Additional Blood Drives in the area


April 15, 2022, 9:00 AM to 1:00 PM
 St. Marianne Cope Parish at Guardian Angels,
 2061 East Henrietta Road

April 27, 2022, 9:30 AM to 1:30 PM
 Golisano Autism Center, 50 Science Parkway


June 9, 2022, 9:00 AM to 2:00 PM
 DiMarco Group, 1950 Brighton Henrietta Townline Road

June 15, 2022, 1:30 PM to 6:30 PM
 The Marketplace Mall located at 1 Miracle Mile Drive

August 15, 2022, 1:30 PM to 6:30 PM
 The Marketplace Mall located at 1 Miracle Mile Drive



The blood supply is "ruff."
PLEASE GIVE.




American Red Cross

For an appointment, please visit redcrossblood.org
 Or call 1-800-RED CROSS (1-800-733-2767)

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Join Us!



**Rush-Henrietta American
 Legion Post 1151**

260 Middle Road
 Henrietta, NY 14467

585-334-8228
ALPost1151.org

See us on Facebook!



ROCHESTER ELKS LODGE MUSICFEST AND ELKS AGAINST CANCER

Rochester Elks Lodge presents a MusicFest to benefit Honor Flight Rochester on Saturday, June 18 from 12:00 noon to 6:00 pm. There will be live music, door prizes, raffles, food, and beverages. Honor Flight takes veterans to Washington, D.C. to visit their memorials, at no cost to the veteran, and is entirely supported by donations. MusicFest tickets are \$15 and are available at the Lodge or from any Lodge member, or at the door on the day. It's Fathers Day weekend, too, so treat dad to a day of music, good food, and fun, and support our veterans!

Our annual Elks Against Cancer event in support of Cancer Support Community Rochester (formerly Gilda's Club) will take place on Sunday, July 31. This is another fun-filled afternoon where all proceeds benefit our community! Cancer Support Community Rochester offers over 1,000 free programs each year to those whose lives have been impacted by cancer, and 100% of donations stay right in the Rochester area.

To date, Rochester Elks Lodge #24 has donated back over \$5 million in cash, goods, and services to local programs and charities. When you join the Elks, you'll also find all kinds of social activities you can join in and make friends for life. If you're interested in becoming a member, or to learn more, stop by the Lodge and pick up a brochure and application, or visit <https://www.elks.org>

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

CHARITY COMMUNITY FRIENDSHIP
neighbors helping neighbors



Play Ball!

**Registration for baseball and softball,
ages 4 through 18,
is open through April 8th.**

Register at www.rhaa.net



Henrietta Town Hall
475 Calkins Road
Henrietta, NY 14467

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Town of Henrietta *Memorial Day Parade* **Sunday, May 22**

*Remembering the heroes who have made
the ultimate sacrifice for our country*

The Town of Henrietta Memorial Day Parade is back for 2022! The parade steps off from the Rush-Henrietta High School at 1:00 pm. The route travels Lehigh Station Rd. to East Henrietta Rd. and north to Calkins Rd., ending at Veterans Memorial Park.

Following the parade there will be a ceremony honoring the fallen. Everyone is invited to a picnic at the Recreation Center after the ceremony.

