



# Henrietta Happenings



Spring 2023

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## From the Supervisor... NEW COUNTY PARK IN HENRIETTA

County Executive Adam Bello and I announced the creation of a new County Park that will be the first in Henrietta and the 23<sup>rd</sup> County Park overall. The park will be over 70-acres and will largely comprise two parcels, the old Doc Burns property and portions of the former Ward farm that were created as part of a conservation cluster development that arose from the 2019 Update to

the Comprehensive Land Use Plan that fellow Town Board Members Robert Barley, Michael Stafford, Rick Page, Scott Adair, and I worked on extensively my first year in office. As we lacked the capital to develop the park, I reached out to the County Executive about the idea of creating a County Park. Monroe County Parks Director Pat Meredith, Deputy County Parks Director Bob Kiley, Deputy Town Supervisor Craig Eckert and I began working out the details on how to make this happen. We also received support from Monroe County Legislators Michael Yudelson and Rick Milne.

Included in the ask was to name the shelter, or similar structure in the new park, after former Henrietta Planning Board Chairman Peter Minotti, which the County agreed to. Peter lived a stone's throw from where this new park will be situated, was instrumental in the site planning process for the two developments that yielded the land for this park, and often used to walk his dog on the Lehigh Valley Trail, which this new park will straddle. In a bit of kismet, the day the County selected for the announcement turned out to be Peter Minotti's birthday.

The initial concept is to make it a largely passive park with hiking trails through the meadows, woods, and



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## From the Supervisor...

From the Ribbon Cutting for

wetlands, connecting to the Lehigh Valley Trail as well as the trails created by Doc Burns. As per the SEQR discussions during the creation of the Forest View development, which is where the park entrance will be off of Ward Hill Road, there will be no athletic fields, cabin, or other amenity that might create a large exit of cars all at once. The Town has started the SEQR process for the creation of the new park parcel and when complete, will transfer the land to the County, who will then begin a master planning process to develop the new park.

An interesting environmental note: students from RIT are studying the large wetlands west of the trail that were long known as “Cedar Swamp” even though you were hard pressed to find an actual cedar tree. However, since the die off of the ash trees that become prevalent in the area, the cedar trees are starting to make a comeback in the wetland.



## CELEBRATING AND PROTECTING THE HISTORY OF THE WEST HENRIETTA HAMLET

In January, the Town acquired the newest Town Park, named Chapman’s Corner, after the historic hotel that used to sit there, from two residents, Ann Stevens and Bill Shattuck, who renovated the property to begin it on its path to becoming a historic park. Now, the Town is in the process of declaring it a historic site. But the new park is not the only thing happening in the hamlet.

The Town’s Historic Site Committee is working towards the creation of the West Henrietta Hamlet Historic District that will not only protect the nature of the hamlet, but will also open up funding opportunities for property owners that need grants to restore or maintain their historic properties.

The big announcement for the hamlet at the State of the Town was that my efforts working with a local developer has paid off. As of the writing of this article, the developer is closing or has closed on the former Cartwright’s Inn and plans to work with the Town through Incentive Zoning for Historic Properties, also put in place during the 2019 Update to the Comprehensive Land Use Plan, in order to restore the inn to its former glory.

I know residents were frustrated with the eyesore this inn had become, but I was reluctant to see one of our oldest properties and an iconic local restaurant bulldozed under due to neglect. And so, I’ve been working behind the scenes with developers and found one willing to take on the labor of love to restore not only the historic inn, but the historic house that is also part of the property. The developer is not yet ready to reveal the plans, but hopefully, I will be able to share them in the next issue.





the Fairy Godmothers store in the Mall

## POTENTIAL REFERENDUM ON SPRAY PAD

There have been a number of capital projects we would like to do in Town but simply lack the funds. First among them is the spray pad that we designed for Veterans Memorial Park but which was first delayed due to the pandemic.

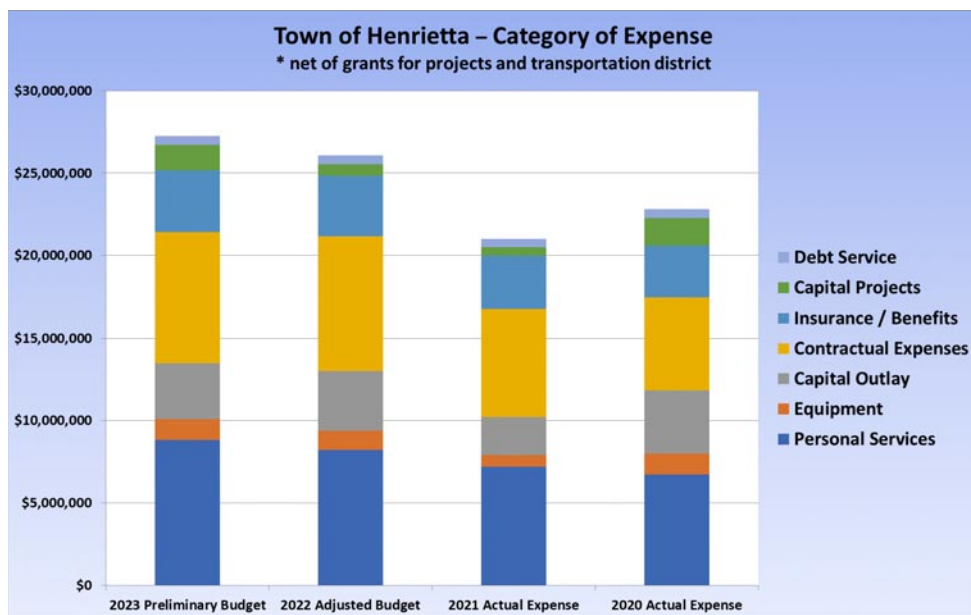
Other projects we have been looking at include the addition of a cabin and creation of new sports fields at Martin Road Park south, the conversion of the former Good Shepherd Church into a community arts center and rental facility, the acquisition of a conservancy on Castle Road to create a



new nature park, the development of the Riverton Golf Course, and all of the projects included in the Local Waterfront Revitalization Plan. The new Town Court was a necessity, as the rental facility was wholly inadequate. These are niceties. We were hoping to be able to build them from sales tax windfalls, but with rising costs, this just does not seem possible. Especially since we have been using the majority of the increases in sales tax revenues to hold the property taxes flat - something we've been able to do for five years now. But if we want to see these things become reality, we need more revenue. As such, we are looking at the possibility of putting a referendum out to voters to add roughly \$350,000 to the Tax Levy next year, which represents about a 7% increase. This would be the first increase since the referendum on the library passed. If this measure passes, the first project funded would be the Spray Pad, and then in future years, those funds would go into a capital fund to enable us to pursue other capital improvements to our parks and facilities. I expect to hold a number of public information sessions this spring so the Town Board can hear feedback from residents as to which project should be first, if not the spray pad. If passed by the Town Board, the referendum would appear on the ballot this fall.

## FINANCIAL HEALTH OF THE TOWN

As shared in the State of the Town, our financial health remains very strong and sales and mortgage tax revenues continue to exceed expectations, even with the “gas tax holiday” that occurred for much of last year. The sales tax revenues came in \$3.5M over budget and the mortgage tax revenues came in \$1.5M over budget – even after we increased the expectations based on last year’s growth. We do not know



how long this can continue, but the good news is, because of conservative budgeting we do, and the application of the large portion of the current surplus to keep next year’s taxes down, we effectively have a one-year buffer to protect the Town in the event of a downturn in the economy. More details follow in the slides from the State of the Town address, but I include this one here, showing the growth in the budget, as it needs to be a bit bigger than the others.

*Steve*

# Select Slides from the 2023 State of the Town

## 2022 BUDGET YEAR IN REVIEW

Fund	Expenses	Revenues
General	\$1,408,000 under ††	\$6,000,000 over ◇
Highway	\$ 416,000 under ††	\$ 315,000 over □
Library	\$ 162,700 under †	\$ 4,000 over
Drainage	\$ 18,900 under	\$ 12,000 over
Sewer	\$ 85,200 under	\$ 200,000 over

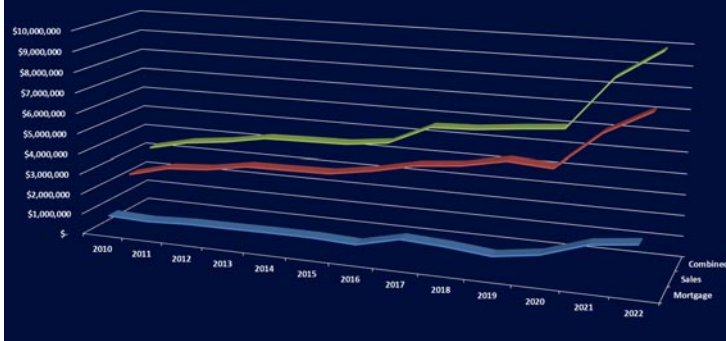
- † Open headcounts, including benefits, etcetera
- †† Major capital outlays delayed (supply chain) or incomplete
- ◇ Massive spike in Sales & Mortgage Taxes
- Large return of capital project savings

## FUND BALANCES OF MAJOR FUNDS

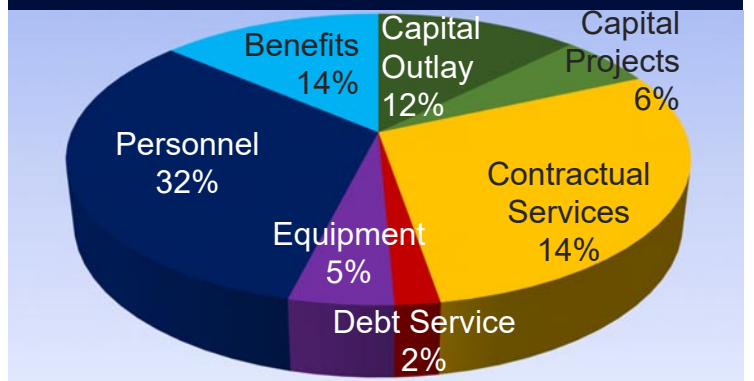
Fund	End of 2021	End of 2022 (+/-)
General	\$ 9,793,310	\$13,687,475 (+39.8%)
Highway	\$ 655,578	\$ 1,127,730 (+72.0%)
Library	\$ 303,578	\$ 194,074 (-36.1%)
G/H/L Cmb.	\$10,752,466	\$15,009,279 (+39.4%)
Drainage	\$ 1,342,912	\$ 1,073,199 (-20.1%)
Sewer	\$ 3,118,360	\$ 2,872,996 (-7.9%)

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

## GROWTH IN SALES AND MORTGAGE TAX



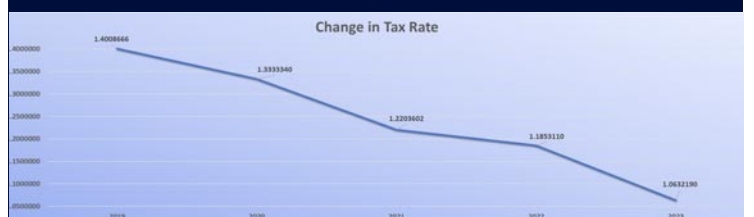
## 2023 ADOPTED BUDGET



## RISING PROPERTY VALUES W/ FLAT LEVY



## EQUALS A LOWER TAX RATE



The Town's Tax Rate is the lowest it has ever been and far below the County average of \$3.60 per thousand of assessed value.

## MAJOR EXPENDITURES IN 2022 & 2023

The new Sewer Garage, with supply chain issues and high construction costs, put it over budget at \$1,650,000 across 2022 & 2023.

We have replaced our vehicles and equipment per schedule, with a total of \$1,050,000 across all departments.

We anticipate doing \$150,000 worth of repairs to our basketball, tennis, and pickleball courts in our Town Parks.

## FUNDING FOR NEW TOWN COURT

Estimated construction costs: \$7,500,000

ARPA Funds: \$4,435,825

State Aid: \$500,000 (in process)

Fund Balance: \$2,564,175

Total Revenues: \$7,500,000





## URMC Orthopedic Center at the Mall



The Surgery Center is opened this winter. The tower offices are expected to open this fall.

## RIT Student Hall for Exploration and Development



Portions of RIT's SHED are scheduled to be open for Fall of 2023

## Housing Developments in Later Phases



Howlett Acres is finishing Section 3.



Queen's Park is finishing Section 2 & starting Section 3.



Fox Field has begun work on Section 2.



Forest View has begun work on Section 2.

## Senior Housing – Marketplace and Masons



The Marketplace Apartments, an affordable senior housing project done under the Mixed-Use Development overlay district, has begun construction.



The Masonic Care Community, a senior housing complex approved for development on the northeast corner of Middle Road and Erie Station Road, has begun installing utilities.

## CooperVision Expansion & T-Mobile Call Center



CooperVision is constructing a significant expansion, 152,950 square feet, to their facility on Thruway Park.



The outer shell of the T-Mobile call center is largely complete. T-Mobile will start the hiring process soon at a temporary facility with the new facility and up to 1,000 new jobs expected in 2024.

## Reuse – BJ's Restaurant and Shake Shack



BJ's Restaurant and Brewhouse, no relation to the wholesale company, is being built on the site of the former Macaroni Grill on Jefferson Road.



Shake Shack is opening its first upstate/western New York restaurant on the site of the former Denny's at Clay Road and Jefferson Road.

## Building and Fire Prevention

- **Permits Issued: 1,614**
  - Residential Permits Issued: 546
  - Commercial Permits Issued: 193
  - New Sign Permits Issued: 79
  - Fire Permits Issued: 387
  - Other Permits Issued: 409
- **Total Violations Issued: 1,388**
  - Appearance tickets issued: 976
  - Lawns mowed: 220
- **Variations Processed: 92**
- **Special Use Permits: 51**



The former Macy's building at the Mall being demolished to make way for a new Floor & Décor showroom.

## Engineering and Planning

- **Planning Board Approvals**
  - Site Plan Approvals: 25
  - Subdivision Approvals: 10
- **Active Projects in Town**
  - Construction Started: 59
  - Finishing Plans: 13
- **Major Town Projects Engineered**
  - New Sewer Building, New Town Court
  - Lehigh Station Sewer, Phase 2
  - Middle Road Water Project
  - River Meadow Slip-lining Project
  - Five active sidewalk projects



# Select Slides from the 2023 State of the Town

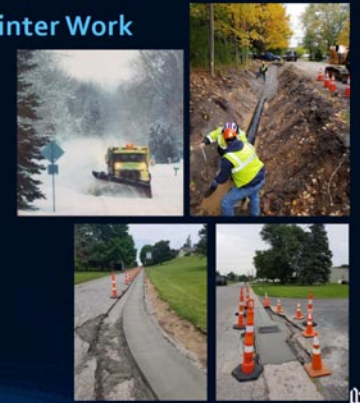
## Highway Department – Paving

- For the fifth year in a row, the Highway Department has set a new record in amount of asphalt paved, laying 16,625 tons in 2022.
- Highway has been taking on County Work in order to cover costs of additional operators, giving us more plowing capability at no additional cost. 2023 work includes:
  - Northernmost portion of East River Road
  - Western end of Lehigh Station Road
  - Assist with Hylan Drive culvert lining



## Highway Department – Winter Work

- Taking advantage of a mild winter, Highway has been repairing and replacing storm drainage and gutters along road sides started last fall.
- The DPW Garage has begun making its own concrete risers, saving the Town thousands of dollars each project.
- Grading work has begun this winter on the new fill site on Middle Road.
- When snow or ice has hit, our crews have been out, including salting before the snow or ice starts to fall to try to prevent icy conditions.



## Sewer and Drainage Department

- Work continues on the new garage for Sewer and Drainage with an expected completion date this spring.
- The next slip-lining projects are Sienna Drive and River Meadow Drive.
- The Department has:
  - Responded to 72 sewer back up calls
  - Flushed and cleaned 3.7 miles of sewer main
  - Inspected 2.3 miles of sewer main
- A new Vactor Truck, arriving this summer, will help with the above.



## Grounds and Facilities

- Town crews rebuilt the counter in the Town Clerk's Office, working around their schedule to minimize impact on residents.
- Crews have been removing dead trees, especially ash trees, from Town parks. A new stump grinder will help with the final removal and restoration of lawn.
- Crews have been working on many of the improvements to Town Parks including the Dog Park to eliminate backwater eddies.
- And of course, crews have been mowing a lot of lawn.



## Library Usage is SOARING!

- 174,733 people visited the library in 2022 – a 45% increase from the previous year.
- 367,849 books and other items were checked in 2022 – a 7% increase from the previous year.
- 56,738 ebooks and digital audiobooks were downloaded in 2022 – a 7% increase from the previous year.
- 23,048 people attended library classes and workshops in 2022 – a 140% increase from the previous year.
- 9,588 new books added in 2022.



## Saying Goodbye to a Dear Old Friend

- It is with mixed feelings we say goodbye to a dear old friend in our former home at 455 Calkins Road.
- The Town explored the possibility of reusing the old library as the new Town Court but issues with the HVAC system, the non-ADA compliant restrooms, the failing infrastructure in the walls, the lack of a distributed ventilation system, and many other issues meant it was cheaper to demolish and build new.
- But memorabilia from the former library will hang in the new Town Court as a reminder of what once was.



## The Senior Center

- Numbers are way up for in-person lunches and exercise classes. It's great to everyone back together again.
- In the Spring of 2022, the Senior Center welcomed DEAR (Deaf Elders Around Rochester) to their new gathering place at the Henrietta Senior Center. The group meets one Friday a month to play cards, exercise and socialize.
- Breakfast with Santa returned in December 2022.
- A generator is being installed at the Senior Center, allowing it to be a warming area for Seniors in the event of a major power outage.



## Tinker Homestead and Hansen Nature Center

- The park returned to a full schedule of events and activities for the year:
  - 12 community programs, including nature treks, beekeeping, yoga, and school visits.
  - 10 community events, including Wild Tinker, Harvest Festival, Earth Day, and Tinker Homestead Art Show, expanded thanks to a grant from Humanities NY.
- The Homestead and Nature Center received numerous donations, including historic farming equipment, sleigh, carriage, forge, and a large taxidermy collection from NYS DEC Region 8.
- Thanks to all the volunteers who help make Tinker possible.





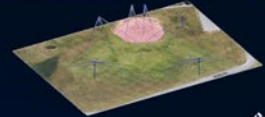
## Parks and Recreation 2022 Highlights

- With the pandemic largely behind us, special events have come back to the forefront and we have worked to expand on those events.
- We continue to make improvements to our facilities, including a generator for the Senior Center to allow it to serve our seniors, even during power outages.
- We have added UPK sessions at the Rec Center.
- We are adding a Ninja rig to gymnastics and now also support Special Olympics Gymnastics.



## Park Improvements

- Breese Park
  - The Fitness Trail not only was completed, but received an award for design.
  - Restrooms are being added this year with the funds from Assemblymember Bronson.
- Veterans Memorial Park
  - The basketball and tennis courts are being resurfaced and enlarged to also include outdoor pickleball courts.
  - The lights for the ball fields are being upgraded to LED fixtures and the ball fields are being repaired and improved.
  - Air Conditioning was added to all cabins that did not have AC.



## Gymnastics

- Henrietta Gymnastics hosted the Winter Fun Invitational on February 18-19, 2023. 202 Athletes from 6 gymnastics clubs attended.
- Highlights:
  - Evelyn Buttaccio won 1st place All-Around in Level 7
  - Level 2's Cailyn Mannigan, Charlotte Haley, and Mia Gillett took 1st, 2nd, and 4th places, respectively, on Balance Beam.
  - The team honored high school Senior, Sapna Gupta.
  - 24 participants from the Henrietta recreational and developmental classes participated in their very first competition.



## Additions to the Town's Historic Collections

- The Tinker Homestead and Farm Museum received a donation of an 1890s cylinder music box that belonged to John Aldridge's mother Marion.
- Two interns from Geneseo were able to accession documents given to the historian's office by Lucien Morin. Lou Morin served on the Town Board from 1959 through 1965 before being elected as County Executive.
- We have acquired some items from the Estate of John Virgilio, including this WWI helmet. The American Legion Post was named for two local WWI veterans, Frank M. Ely and Arthur V. Fagan.



## Summer Concert Series & Farmer's Market



## Holiday Lights and Magic!



## WILLIAM J. WELCH MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP

The State of the Town Address is an annual event with the Henrietta Chamber of Commerce, and all proceeds in excess of costs go towards the William J. Welch Memorial Scholarship, presented each year to students who are in the Rush-Henrietta School District or who live in Henrietta.

The full slide deck from this year's State of the Town Address can be found on the Henrietta Town website at: <https://www.henrietta.org/supervisor>



# Town Clerk's Office



## 2023 ELECTION INFORMATION

**Primary Election Day**  
**June 27, 2023**

**Primary Election Early Voting**  
**June 17 – 25, 2023**

Legislative 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. Please visit the County Board of Elections web site as the date draws closer:  
<https://www.monroecounty.gov/elections>

Early Voting will take place in the Henrietta Public Library!



Town of Henrietta

## PASSPORT SATURDAY

**Saturday, April 29<sup>th</sup>**  
**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 our website at [www.henrietta.org/subscribe](http://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](http://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](mailto: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](mailto: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](mailto:townclerk@henrietta.org) or call (585) 359-7035.**



# Henrietta Public Library News

## THE LIBRARY WAS HOPPING IN 2022!

Throughout the year:

- 174,733 people visited the library—a 45% increase from the previous year.
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- 23,048 people attended library classes and workshops—a 140% increase.
- 9,588 new books were added to the collection.

We are currently offering at least 12 children's storytimes a week, the most of any library in Monroe County, and last year those storytimes served 15,757 children and their caregivers. Find information about storytimes and all our other events at [hpl.libcal.com](http://hpl.libcal.com)

**storytimes at henrietta public library**

monday - friday  
baby storytime at 9:30 am  
all-ages storytime at 10:30 am

monday and wednesday evenings  
all-ages storytime at 6:30 pm

experience early literacy in a relaxed and fun environment!

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## TAYLOR SWIFT KIDZ BOP KARAOKE DANCE PARTY!

Calling all Swifties! Did you miss your chance to buy tickets for Taylor's sold-out Midnights Tour? Then do we have the event for you! Come to the Henrietta Public Library on Saturday, March 25 at 10:30am for 30 minutes of family-friendly Taylor Swift karaoke and dancing! All ages are welcome, but please note that this event is geared to children. No registration needed and costumes are encouraged.



## SAVE THE DATE! BOOK SALE!

The Henrietta Public Library Friends and Foundation Book Shop Team will be running a used book sale May 4-6. Keep your eye on our email newsletter and web site for hours and other details! If you'd like to donate books for the sale, we'll accept one box or two bags of gently-used books any time the library is open.

## SAY NO TO BOOK BANS

Book banning is a powerful form of censorship, and it is becoming increasingly prevalent, according to the American Library Association. This rise in book bans particularly impacts authors of color and LGBTQ+ authors, whose works are significantly more likely to be challenged. Join us on Thursday, April 20 at 7:00 pm for this live panel discussion about the history of book bans, what book challenges look like today, as well as the disproportionate effects banning efforts have on marginalized communities.

This event is sponsored in collaboration with 540WMain, Inc ([540westmain.org](http://540westmain.org)) and Writers & Books ([wab.org](http://wab.org)). Registration is required. For more information and to register, visit [hpl.org](http://hpl.org).



**NATIONAL PUPPY DAY IS MARCH 23!**

Read a book to your favorite pup!

The graphic features a blue background with a white dog and a small puppy, and a heart icon.

## 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



## SUMMER REGISTRATION OPENS MONDAY, APRIL 17

Summer Playground starts Monday, July 10!

Also look for sports camps, art programs, gymnastics and more. It's going to be a great summer in Henrietta!



## MEMORIAL DAY PARADE

Sunday, May 21; starting at 1:00 PM

*Remembering those who made the ultimate sacrifice for our nation*

(See back cover for more details.)



## HENRIETTA RECREATION IS NOW HIRING

seasonal employees to work in Summer Playground and sports programs. This is a great summer job for high school or college students that enjoy working with children. Download an application at [henriettarec.org](http://henriettarec.org). Email [recreationcenter@henrietta.org](mailto:recreationcenter@henrietta.org) with questions.




**Easter Egg Hunt**  
at Tinker Nature Park  
Saturday, April 1; 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

## FLASHLIGHT EASTER EGG HUNT FOR TEENS at the Recreation Center

Friday, March 31; 7:00 pm - 9:00 pm

Students in grades 6-9

DJ, Pizza, activities, games and prizes. Bring a flashlight for the egg hunt in the dark. Registration required. Go to [henriettarec.org](http://henriettarec.org)

## NEW SPORTS COURTS COMING SOON

Work has begun to repair and improve the sport court area in Veterans Memorial Park. Please bear with us as we work through the construction process. We think you'll be pleased with the final product, which will include new pickleball courts.



## SIGN YOUR TEAM UP TODAY

for the Adult Summer Softball League Summer League. Henrietta Recreation offers Adult Slo-Pitch and Fast-Pitch Softball for men, women and co-ed teams. Games are scheduled to start the first week of May, depending on weather and field conditions. For more information, go to [henriettarec.org](http://henriettarec.org) or email [recreationcenter@henrietta.org](mailto:recreationcenter@henrietta.org).

# SOFTBALL



## HIGHLIGHTS FROM THE GYMNASTICS MEET, FEBRUARY 18 & 19, 2023



Congratulations to Evelyn Buttaccio, 1st place All-Around Level 7 winner.



The team honored Senior Sapna Gupta, pictured here with Director Jackie Kitto.



Cailyn Mannigan, Charlotte Haley, and Mia Gillett placed 1st, 2nd, & 4th in Level 2 on balance beam.



Twenty-four gymnasts from the Henrietta Rec Developmental Team participated in their first competition.

# Parks and Recreation



## HENRIETTA SUMMER CONCERT SERIES

Sponsored by Canandaigua Bank



Fridays, July 14 thru August 18; 6:30-8:30 pm

## FARMER'S MARKET VENDORS WANTED!

In 2022, the new Farmer's Market was a hit with the community. The market will return this year on Concert Nights, **4:00-8:00 pm**. Call (585) 444-2285 for more information on becoming a vendor.



## 6th Annual RH KICKING HUNGER 5K RUN/WALK



Saturday, June 3, 2023, 8:00 am start  
Veterans Memorial Park - Henrietta, NY

*Running to eliminate food insecurity since 2018*

Online registration is available on [RunSignUp.com](https://RunSignUp.com)  
Donations are also accepted through this page.

Volunteers needed. Contact the race committee at [rhkickinghunger5k@gmail.com](mailto:rhkickinghunger5k@gmail.com)

## NEIGHBOR-TO-NEIGHBOR CELEBRATION OF CULTURES

Inside and Outside the Rec Center

Saturday, May 13; 4:30 pm-7:30 pm

Open to the entire Henrietta community  
with support for ESL families.

Community Information Tables, Food, Games, Live  
Music and children activities.



**GIVE BLOOD  
SAVE LIFE**



**American  
Red Cross**

Saturday, April 1 9:00am-2:00pm  
at the Henrietta Recreation Center

Appointments available at [redcrossblood.org](https://redcrossblood.org)

## INTRODUCING THE 2023 HENRIETTA YOUTH HALL OF FAME INDUCTEES



Sejad Al-Rubayie



Duaa Alkarawi



Kathryn Arbegast



Mariah Augustin



Mamadou Barry



Amo Bartholomay



Serena Brown



Jeslyn Ceden



Madison Doster



Preston Foryt



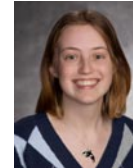
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Ella Leathersich



Stephen Lewandowski



Evangelina Mack



Ashlyn Markowitz



Emma Martin



Chelsea Maynard



Connor McGovern



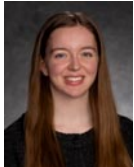
Aaron Merkl



Thomas Proctor



Gabrielle Richards



Haley Richardson



Avery Roberts



Evan Robey



Natalie Smith



Riley Waters

The 47<sup>th</sup> annual Henrietta Youth Hall of Fame Awards Dinner will be held on **Sunday, April 23<sup>rd</sup>**, 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 2023  
Hall of Fame  
Inductees!**



# Tinker Nature Park & Hansen Nature Center



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

Hansen is 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

The park is open 7:00 am until sundown, seven days a week

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

## UPCOMING PROGRAMS & EVENTS

### EARTH DAY

**Saturday, April 22** 11:00 am - Noon

Live animal programs by Wildlife Rock Stars.

### HENRIETTA GARDEN CLUB PLANT SALE

**Saturday, May 20** 9:00 am until sold out!

### YOGA IN THE PARK

**Beginning April 22**

Yoga in the Park will return to Tinker Nature Park on Saturday mornings. Please check the website for dates.

### TINKER HOMESTEAD COMMUNITY ART SHOW

**June 17-24**

The Tinker Homestead and Farm Museum will be open to view art submitted for exhibition by local artists from Henrietta and the surrounding area. Deadline for submissions is May 15.



### EASTER EGG HUNT

**Saturday, April 1** Starting at 1:00 PM

- Egg Hunt at 1:00pm for children 6 and younger
- Egg Hunt at 1:15pm for children 7 and older

The Annual Easter Egg Hunt is a tradition at Tinker Nature Park. Children ages preschool to sixth grade will enjoy outdoor activities beginning at noon. Register at [www.henriettaec.org](http://www.henriettaec.org).



The Tinker Homestead Community Art Show has grown in popularity since it started in 2019. This year, the show has expanded to a full week of viewing, in order to allow more visitors to enjoy it.

### SATURDAY MORNING GARDEN SEMINARS

**April 15** HOUSE PLANT CARE

**April 29** GARDENER'S FAVORITES

Popular vegetables from planting to harvest.

**May 20** SHADY CHARACTERS

Gardening in the shade.

**June 3** GARDENING IN ANOTHER REALM

Gardening styles from around the world.

*Seminars will be held in the Nature Center Classroom beginning promptly at 10:00 am*

For more information on programs and events at Tinker Nature Park, visit our website, [henrietta.org/parksandrecreation/page/tinker-nature-park](http://henrietta.org/parksandrecreation/page/tinker-nature-park)

# Henrietta Senior Center



**HENRIETTA SENIORS ARE EXPLORING AREA PARKS AND TRAILS.**  
In 2020 the staff from Tinker Nature Center came up with the idea of Tinker Treks as a way to get Seniors together safely during the pandemic, by providing guided tours of area parks and trails. This group took a trek to Mendon Ponds. In 2023 Tinker Treks will explore the Lehigh Valley and Auburn Trails. This program is open to adults 55 and older. The fun starts June 29. Call (585) 359-7044 to learn more.



**HAPPY SPRING** from all the staff and volunteers at the Henrietta Senior Center!



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.



Henrietta Senior Center

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

Come join us at the Henrietta Senior Center for inside dining and a variety of activities & trips.

Look for the Henrietta Senior Center on Facebook or online at [Henrietta.org](https://Henrietta.org)



### THANK YOU TO ALL THE VOLUNTEERS

from the Senior Center and High School for working the refreshment table at the Valentine's Day Dance. You were a great help!

### KEEPING FRESH AND WARM (OR COOL)

This spring, the Town will install a generator at the Henrietta Senior Center. The addition of the new generator will keep lights, HVAC and refrigeration on during any future power outages, as well as allowing the Senior Center to become a warming or cooling station for seniors.



## 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



## NEW GARAGES FOR DPW TRUCKS AND SUPPLIES

For the past five years, we have been expanding the DPW and Highway crews, meaning more trucks and more supplies to be able to do more work. This created a need for additional garage space so we built a new garage for our Grounds and Facilities crews and then had a new garage built for our Sewer and Drainage crews. The new facilities are nearly complete and this will not only provide better space for those two departments, it will free up space in the main DPW garage for our growth in Highway vehicles.



## KEEPING OUR SEWERS FLOWING

This year, the Sewer Department flushed and cleaned 3.7-miles of sewer main, camera-inspected another 2.3-miles of main, and responded to 72 calls for sewer backups or other issues. With all of the additional storm and sanitary sewers that have been added over the past decade, we are adding a new Vactor Truck to assist with the flushing and cleaning and now have room to store two Vactor Trucks all year round thanks to the new garage.

## IMPROVING TOWN FACILITIES

The Facilities Department has been doing a lot of work on Town facilities lately including building a dog kennel to house strays, recovering usable material from the old library, adding a generator to the Senior Center, and building a new counter for the Town Clerk's Office that adds a fourth clerk station and a fully handicap accessible station. They have also begun work on adding restrooms to both Breese Park and Chapman's Corner Park. This is in addition to all the grass cutting, dead tree removal, and improvements to Town parks and grounds.



We are exploring the possibility of eliminating some of the problematic greenbelts north of Town Hall by splitting the land to adjacent property owners. These narrow, twisting greenbelts have always been difficult to maintain and those resources could be better used elsewhere.



## SEASONAL JOBS AT THE HENRIETTA DPW

Public Works Departments will soon have seasonal jobs available to anyone 18-years or older. 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

You may drop off leaves, spring trimmings, or fallen branches at the Town's brush site, open the following weekends from 10:00 am to 3:00 pm:

- April 22 & 23, April 29 & 30 & May 6 & 7, May 13 & 14, May 20 & 21

Located across from Martin Road Park



# Highway Department



## STREET PAVING

Below is the tentative list of streets scheduled for resurfacing in 2023. We use different methods depending on the needs of the road. Weather, supply chain issues, labor shortages, and other considerations may affect this schedule. In addition to streets, we are paving Town parking lots and new ball courts.



### Full Mill and Pave

Authors Ave †	Birchbrook Drive	Citation Drive	Easton Circle †	East River Road ◇
Exeter Place	Farnsworth North	Golden Rod Lane	Green Ivy Circle	Kenneth Drive
<i>Lehigh Station Rd ◇</i>	Lysander Drive	<i>Martin Road ◇</i>	Methodist Hill Drive	Nevins Road †
Pacer Drive	Paddock Drive	Palamino Drive	Saltzer Heights ◇	Sweet Vernal Court
Timothy Court	Trotter Drive	Wildherd Drive	Yearling Drive	
Court Parking Lot	DPW Yard	New Ball Courts	<i>Hylan Drive culvert relining</i>	

† includes gutter work   ◇ only a portion of the road

### Micro-Pave or Nova-Chip

Bracknell Circle ‡	Castle Road	Doncaster Trail ‡	Harrogate Crossing ‡	Haywards Heath ‡
Longton Place ‡	Sedgley Park ‡	Southend Square ‡	Westcombe Park ‡	Wildbriar Road

‡ will be crack-filled prior to micro-paving

## DOING COUNTY WORK TO SAVE MONDAY

With all the increases in lane miles in the past decade or two, there has been a need to improve plowing times. The question was how to do that without increasing taxes. One solution was to do work for the Monroe County DOT. In the summer, the additional personnel allows us to take on these extra paving jobs (shown in italics above) and in the winter, the additional personnel can be plowing.

## 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.

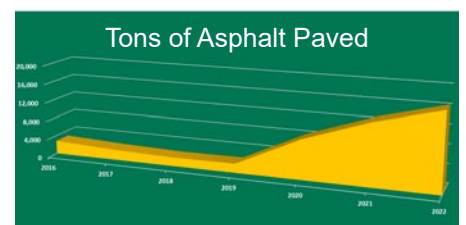
For potholes on County Roads (most major roads that are not listed above), please call the **MC DOT** at **585-753-7700** and report it.

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.**

## IMPROVING EFFICIENCY IN PAVING OPERATIONS

In addition to the increase in personnel, the Highway Department has been looking for ways to improve paving efficiency, including using more modern paving machines that can do wider runs and have a middle flex joint that allows them to crown and do a side street in a single pass. Not only does this increase efficiency, it means the elimination of a seam that can deteriorate over time. As a result, the crews laid down 16,625-tons, up 27% from the previous all-time high. Crews are also fabricating our own catch basin risers to further save costs.



# Building & Fire Prevention



## 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](http://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.

# Engineering & Planning

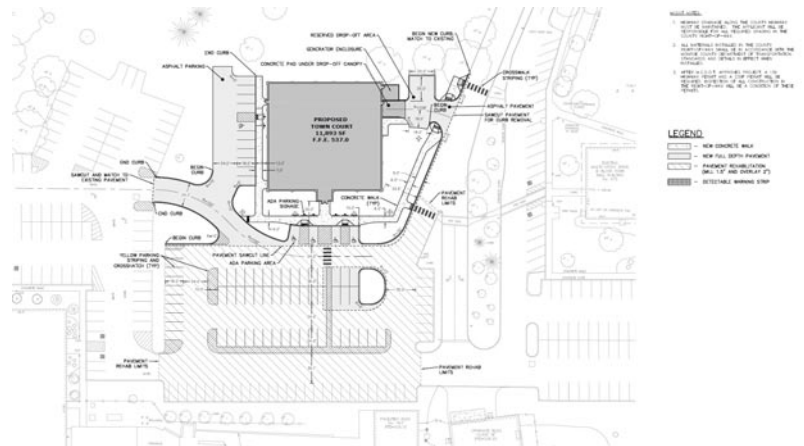


## SLIP-LINING PROJECTS FOR RIVER MEADOW DRIVE AND SIENNA DRIVE

The Town has applied for Community Development Block Grants to insert a new plastic pipe into the existing vitrified clay pipe in order to improve flow rates. 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.

## SITE PLAN FOR NEW TOWN COURT

To save tax payer money, the Engineering Department has done the site design and planning for the new Town Court rather than bid that out with the rest of the packages. This work also includes integrating the new Sewer Garage, Facilities Garage, Dog Kennel, power and utility runs, and other upgrades to the Town Hall complex we have been working on in recent years. The Highway Department will repave the parking lot once completed.





# Assessor's Office



## 2023 TENTATIVE ASSESSMENT ROLL — AVAILABLE ONLINE MAY 1<sup>ST</sup>

The tentative roll reflects the initial property assessments for all parcels in the Town. It is used to divvy up the taxes for school and property taxes. If your assessment is due to change, you will be notified with a letter from the Town sent during the first week in May. **Please read both sides of the notice carefully as it explains what a change in your assessment means and what you can do if you disagree with the assessment.**

To view the Tentative Assessment Roll from your computer, after May 1st, go to the Assessor's Page: <https://www.henrietta.org/assessorsoffice> — the tentative roll can be found as a PDF on that page.

## MAINTAINING A FAIR AND EQUITABLE ASSESSMENT ROLL

That is the goal of the Assessor's Office. Contrary to popular belief, it is not to generate revenue for the Town. **Henrietta gets no additional tax dollars by raising your assessment**, nor any fewer tax dollars by lowering your assessment. How much we collect is set during the budget process, irrespective of assessments. If your assessment goes up relative to the rest of the Town, it means your portion of the taxes goes up. But for the same Tax Levy, that means other portions come down. How your property is assessed is governed by New York State Real Property Tax Law. To determine the values, we look at sales data, do field inspections, and update inventories based on new construction or remodeling. We try to be as accurate as possible, but you may be aware of issues we are not. Which brings us to...

## THE GRIEVANCE PROCESS — FILING WINDOW: MAY 1<sup>ST</sup> THROUGH MAY 23<sup>RD</sup>

If you do not agree with your assessment, you should submit an RP-524 grievance form along with a Market Value/Condition Issue worksheet, available in the foyer area of Town Hall or on our website. When grieving your assessment, it is essential that you provide evidence as to why it is in error. This could be photographs or other evidence of structural or other issues that affect market value, or it could be a list of the three properties you think are better comparable sales for your property. They must be sales from the Town of Henrietta Sales Book as those are the only ones deemed allowable according to NYS RPTL. The sales book will also be available in the lobby. If you have structural issues, March and April are a good time to get quotes from contractors to show evidence of how costly these issues are. If you have questions, we are always happy to help. Please call **585-359-7032** sooner, rather than later as you may need time to gather the information needed to properly contest your assessment.

## THE GRIEVANCE PROCESS — DEADLINE FOR APPLICATIONS: 8:00 PM, TUESDAY, MAY 23<sup>RD</sup>

When an application and all supporting documentation has been received, an appointment will be set with the Board of Assessment Review, who can determine if your assessment needs to be adjusted.

## THE CRAZY REAL ESTATE MARKET — SLOWING DOWN BUT STILL WITH US

While there has been some slowdown in the market, it's relative to the crazy rising prices we have seen in recent years. Home prices are up 9.8% over the previous year and 70% of homes sold over asking price. Available homes for sale dropped nearly 17%. And numbers will even be slightly higher since, under State Law, the Town must consider sales around July 1, 2022 for this year's assessment process.



# Community News



## GENESSEE VALLEY-HENRIETTA MOOSE LODGE #2290

The Family Center just celebrated 37-years in Henrietta and look forward to another successful year of service to Mooseheart, Moosehaven, and our local community.


We fundraise to support Henrietta youth baseball and soccer teams, local first responders, veterans, scouting groups, Mercy Flight, St. Jude's Children's Research Hospital, The Holy Childhood, Autism Speaks, Al Sigi Center, Make-A-Wish, Camp Good Days and Special Times, and many other charities. The Tommy Moose program was created to assist first responders in calming a child in a stressful situation with a huggable toy. The toys were also given to children of area refugee families from Ukraine.

NASCAR driver Ross Chastain is sponsored by The Moose organization for several races again this year. He won Talladega in the #1 car and finished 2<sup>nd</sup> overall in the championship standings in 2022. Ross is a Moose member in Florida and is an 8<sup>th</sup> generation watermelon farmer.

Bingo is open to the public every Tuesday at 7:30 pm. An all you can play package for \$15 includes Jackpot. Food is also available. We are located at 5375 West Henrietta Rd.

To become a member, please visit our lodge or [BeAMoose.org](https://www.beamoose.org) for membership information.

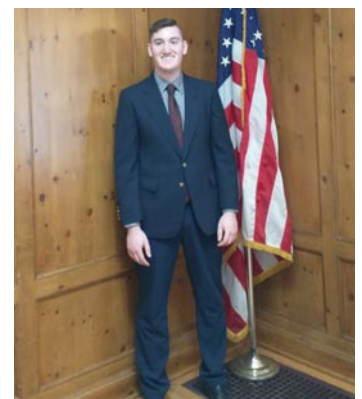


 <b>Henrietta Garden Club</b>			Fore more info, call 585-747-6780 or visit: <a href="https://sites.google.com/site/henriettagardenclub/">https://sites.google.com/site/henriettagardenclub/</a>
<b>Vermicomposting</b>	<b>Annual Plant Sale</b>	<b>Pollinators</b>	
<b>May 8<sup>th</sup>, 6:30 pm</b>	<b>May 20<sup>th</sup>, 9:00 am</b>	<b>April 12<sup>th</sup>, 6:30 pm</b>	
<b>Henrietta Town Hall</b>	<b>Tinker Nature Park</b>	<b>Henrietta Town Hall</b>	
Lower Level, 475 Calkins Rd	1525 Calkins Rd	Lower Level, 475 Calkins Rd	
"Using vermicomposting to make compost in your kitchen" w/ Pat Wartinger, Sustainability Chair.	Huge selection of member grown plants at very reasonable prices. Runs to 3:00 or until sold out.	"Attracting pollinators to your garden" w/ Master Gardener Josh Nelson.	

## ELY FAGAN AMERICAN LEGION POST 1151

The Rush-Henrietta American Legion congratulates Joshua Zampella on winning the Oratorical contest for his essay on the United States Constitution. Joshua will compete at the State level in March. If you would like to read Joshua's essay, please go to our website, <https://www.alpost1151.org/oratorical/>

Congratulations to Shannon Sander and her service dog Elsa on their nomination for a Jefferson Award. Shannon has served Veterans and their families for over 22 years. Her team of Disabled American Veterans (DAV) service officers work out of our post on Middle Road to help Veterans receive the health, education, and financial benefits they are entitled to.



The Sportsman Raffle will return Saturday, June 10<sup>th</sup>. Tickets are still only \$10, which also covers food and drink. We'll have many prizes and side raffles.

Fish Fry Dinners are every Friday during Lent. Check our calendar for Tuesday night dinners, Sunday breakfast buffets, and Chicken BBQs as they occur throughout the upcoming months.

Have an event that needs a venue? You can reserve our hall by calling 585-334-8228. We sincerely appreciate the support of our community.



## RUSH-HENRIETTA ROTARY CLUB

The Driving Range at Lookup Park will open as soon as the weather cooperates this spring. Many thanks to the many volunteers that make this happen each year!

Look for the exciting improvements at the Lehigh Valley Trailhead on East Henrietta Road! An expansion of the parking area is under way as well as the relocation of the Trail Kiosk. Drainage improvements were made this past fall and we look forward to increased parking and new paving. Thank you to the Town of Henrietta crews for all of their work and attention.

The Henrietta Foundation is always welcoming new members and volunteers for Spring and Fall Cleanup. Check Town and Foundation websites for details.

## ANTIONETTE BROWN BLACKWELL SOCIETY'S HENRIETTA WOMAN OF THE YEAR AWARD

This annual award to an outstanding Henrietta woman will be presented on May 10, 2023. This award is given in memory of the first ordained woman minister in the United States. Antoinette was born in 1825 and was raised in Henrietta, NY.



Women residents of Henrietta who have demonstrated leadership and have made a significant contribution (not work related) to her community may be nominated. Forms are available on the Town of Henrietta Website at <https://www.henrietta.org/community>

Submit to Joanne Wales-Smith, Chair, ABBS Nomination Committee by mail to: PO Box 133, Henrietta, NY 14467

Or by email to Joanne at [sunny14586.jw@gmail.com](mailto:sunny14586.jw@gmail.com)



**RHAA Play Ball!**  
 RHA is looking for players, coaches, and umpires for youth softball and baseball  
 Visit [www.rhaa.net](http://www.rhaa.net) for more info

## MULCH MADNESS! w/ BOY SCOUT TROOP 134

Please support your local Boy Scouts through the 22<sup>nd</sup> Annual Troop 134 Mulch Sale. We offer natural, black, or red cedar mulch in large 2-cubic foot bags delivered right to your door!

Delivered **Saturday, April 22<sup>nd</sup> or 29<sup>th</sup>**

Cost is **\$8/bag or \$7/bag** for orders of 10 or more

To order, or for more information, call **585-209-0855** or email [bstroop134@gmail.com](mailto:bstroop134@gmail.com)

Troop 134 is very grateful for the support from CountryMax. This fundraiser would not be possible without their generosity.



Boy Scout Troop 134  
[www.rush134.mytroop.us](http://www.rush134.mytroop.us)




*Fairy Godmothers of Rochester*  
*PROM FASH 2023*

Fairy Godmothers of Rochester are so “fairy” excited to be back helping make prom dreams come true!

Visit our new location in Marketplace Mall, across from Spencer Gifts, open:

- Every Saturday in March, 10:00 am to 4:00 pm
- Every Wednesday in March, 4:00 pm to 7:00 pm
- Dresses cost \$5
- Accessories \$1 each (limit 1 per type)

Eligible for **juniors** or **seniors** with financial need enrolled and attending high school.

Please bring valid school ID or a letter from your guidance counselor on school letterhead.

Fairy Godmothers of Rochester promotes self-confidence and individual beauty by providing prom dresses and accessories to high school teens who cannot otherwise afford them. Our effort is made possible through invaluable volunteer, donor, and community support.

[www.fairygodmothersrochester.org](http://www.fairygodmothersrochester.org)





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# Town of Henrietta *Memorial Day Parade* Sunday, May 21<sup>st</sup>



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



The parade steps off from the Rush-Henrietta High School at 1:00pm.

The route travels Lehigh Station Road to East Henrietta Road and north to Calkins Road, ending at Veterans Memorial Park.



This year Scott Hetsko will be on the grandstand as the Master of Ceremonies.



Following the parade, please join us in front of the Recreation Center for a ceremony honoring the fallen followed by a picnic with the American Legion.

