

# Henrietta Happenings



Autumn 2023



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## *From the Supervisor...*

### **ASSEMBLING THE BUDGET**

Once more, it is budget time. This year, it is going to be increasingly difficult to hold the tax levy flat as costs continue to rise, but sales and mortgage taxes have not grown at the significant rate they have in years past.

Early budget numbers look like we will need to increase support for the library, since State support of public libraries has been flat even though costs continue to rise. We have been able to save money from previous budget cycles and apply the fund surpluses towards the budget to keep the levy flat, but again, it may be difficult to accomplish that this year.

As discussed on Page 3, there will be a referendum on the ballot this fall asking whether to expend \$250,000 from our capital reserve fund to build a spray park in Veterans Memorial Park. If the referendum passes, we would also increase the tax levy by \$200,000 in order to build and operate the spray park. In future years, that additional levy would be used to make other improvements to our parks and facilities. If it passes, the increase would be in addition to any increase that might be needed to balance the budget since costs have been rising and the sales and mortgage taxes have not been increasing like in past years. It would be our first increase since 2018.

If there is an increase, I expect it to be small and with the increases in assessments due to the continued growth in the real estate market, the tax rate is expected to be below \$1.00 per thousand — that's the lowest in Monroe County and about one-third of the average town tax rate.

The budget process runs through the fall and completes in November. I will share full details in the next Town Newsletter.

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

## **PARTICIPATION OR OPTING OUT OF THE COMMUNITY CHOICE AGGREGATION (CCA)**

As discussed previously, the Town decided to join a Community Choice Aggregation for two reasons:

- 1) It is a means to put a cap on electric rates. This is something many asked whether we could do when electric rates were skyrocketing. If the variable rates ever go above the Town's CCA fixed rate, you can opt in to get the fixed rate, thus putting a cap on the rates.
- 2) It is a means to negotiate renewable energy rates. There are some disreputable companies out there and most people do not have our resources to do research on those companies. Through the CCA, the Town could negotiate good fixed rates for renewable energy.

Unfortunately, the way the CCA works is it becomes the default for anyone who has not chosen an electrical energy supply company. We would have loved to make it opt-in only, but that's not how the State Law that enables the CCA works. What this means is that people who don't want it, they have to actively opt out. And because there are three entities involved in that process, one of whom is RG&E, you know there are bound to be some issues. And there have been.

Recently, people who have already opted out received robocalls from RG&E saying they were changing energy supply companies. This was in error as RG&E improperly included people who had opted out.

If you find that your energy supply company was changed and you did not want that to happen, or you were put into the wrong CCA program, please email [info@monroecommunitypower.com](mailto:info@monroecommunitypower.com) or call Monroe Community Power/Joule at **(585) 244-0244** and be sure to tell them what the problem is that occurred. Be sure to provide your name and service address (e.g. the home where you are receiving the incorrect electrical service).

Allegedly, these problems had all been worked out from previous CCA programs, but clearly, that is not the case. At this point, I'm not sure I would have had the Town join if I could do it over again.

## **DEBUNKING SOME OF THE CLAIMS ON HENRIETTA HIGHLIGHTS**

For those who read Henrietta Highlights on Facebook, you'll know there are a lot of claims made, many with no basis in fact. I normally do not address them, but felt compelled to address this one. There are a number of individuals who have thrown out the accusation that I have pressured the Town Assessor to lower my assessment. Not only is this completely false, it makes no sense.

First, I own multiple properties. Three have gone up in assessment. One has gone down. I do not know why the one has gone down but it is certainly not because I have asked the assessor to lower it. I will note that the increases in the other three are greater than the drop in the one.

But let's ignore that for a moment and look at this logically. If I were in this for the money, then I would not have lowered my salary upon first taking office. Nor would I have refused the standard raise every year. Yet that is exactly what I have done. As a result, I have given up over \$52,000 worth of salary since being in office. Now, why would I risk going to jail by pressuring the assessor to lower my assessment by \$10,000 which would have saved me about \$190 when all I needed to do to gain \$52,000 is just take my legal pay raises? I wouldn't. No one would. It doesn't make any sense. Yet that is what we have to deal with as public officials when people are mad about assessments or mad about some other aspect.



# ***Spray Park Ballot Initiative***

For years, residents have been requesting the Town build a spray park. We were looking into it in 2020, but held off due to the pandemic and its affect on the Town budget. While there have been a lot of proponents for the spray park, there have also been detractors. As it would represent a significant expenditure of Town funds, including capital reserve funds which require a permissive referendum to spend, we decided to move it from a permissive referendum to a ballot referendum. As such, voters in Henrietta will get to decide whether to build a spray park or not. The referendum will read as follows:

**Proposition: To Authorize the Expenditure from the Town of Henrietta Building Capital Reserve Fund to Pay a Part of the Cost of Construction of a Spray Park at Veterans Memorial Park in the Town of Henrietta.**

The Town of Henrietta has proposed to construct a spray park, including a splash pad, a building with changing rooms, restrooms, and pump and control systems for the splash pad, an expanded parking lot, and the associated infrastructure for the spray park, all at Veterans Memorial Park in the Town of Henrietta, with a total estimated cost of \$1,070,000.00, but only if \$250,000.00 from the Town of Henrietta’s Building Capital Reserve Fund is approved to be paid towards a part of the estimated cost, with the remaining balance of the cost to be paid through a combination of funds from the Town of Henrietta’s general fund balance and budgeted dollars, including a \$200,000.00 increase in the Town of Henrietta tax levy. Shall the expenditure of \$250,000.00 from the Town of Henrietta’s Building Capital Reserve Fund be approved to be expended and paid towards a part of the cost of a proposed spray park at Veterans Memorial Park in the Town of Henrietta?

If you vote yes, we would expend the money and build the spray park as well as increase the tax levy. If you vote no, we would not build the spray park, not use the capital funds, and not increase the tax levy by \$200,000.

For those wondering what the affect of a \$200,000 increase in the tax levy would do, it would increase our tax rate by 4.23-cents per \$1,000 of assessed value. So if your house is assessed at \$300,000, it means you would pay an additional \$12.71 in taxes over what you would have paid without the increase.

In subsequent years, the additional tax revenue could be used for projects such as: a new bandshell as the current one is nearing the end of its life, a pedestrian bridge along the main entrance to Veterans Memorial Park, acoustic insulation in the ceiling of the Rec Center so you can understand what people are saying during events, a new cabin at Martin Road Park, Senior Center improvements, and building a Riverwalk Trail.



*The spray park project would include the splash pad, changing rooms, and expanded parking lot and be located just south of the main playground.*

# Riverton Municipal Golf Course



## Town Taking Over All Golf Operations

The previous operators of the Riverton Golf Course informed the Town they were no longer going to operate the golf course. Unfortunately, this spring, plans to acquire the clubhouse broke down and as such, the season was canceled. The Town is using the down year to do many much-needed repairs to the golf course, but the plan is for the golf course to open up next spring, operated by the Town's Recreation Department and maintained by the DPW Grounds Department.

## Repairing Sand Traps

In the past, the Town had replaced roughly half of the sand traps. We are now replacing the others and cleaning up all of them. RIT donated a Dakota Turf Tender to the Town which has allowed us to do this work much faster.



## New Pumps and Irrigation System

The Town is replacing the pumps and irrigation system to allow for better and easier irrigation of the course.

## Alternate Clubhouse Location

The Town is still in negotiations with the current clubhouse owner, but if we are unable to come to a deal with the owner, we have land between the 7<sup>th</sup> green and the 8<sup>th</sup> tee to locate a new clubhouse and maintenance barn. The entrance would be off the new Kingsbarn Road that is being built as part of the Fairways at Riverton subdivision. The Town has already negotiated a deal with the developer of the subdivision to trade a 15' wide strip of land along the western edge of their property for the former access road (seen east of Kingsbarn) so that we can bring our future Riverwalk Trail (shown in green) around the golf course. If we go with this option, we would obviously renumber the holes so that the 8<sup>th</sup> hole becomes the 1<sup>st</sup> hole. The practice green and driving range (not shown) would be west of the clubhouse.



# Understanding Assessment

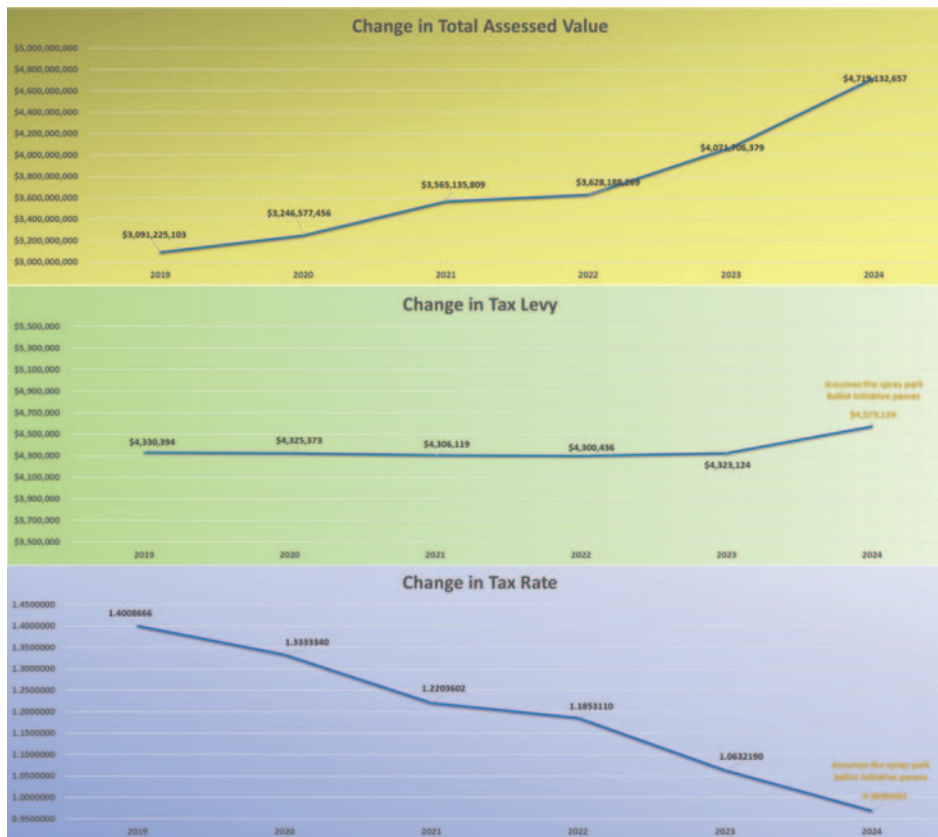


## Assessment is based on the Real Estate Market

New York State requires Towns to assess properties at full market value or at a consistent percentage of full market value. If a Town is not at full value, then the State assigns an equalization rate penalty that increases the tax rates you pay and also lowers exemptions, which especially hurts seniors.



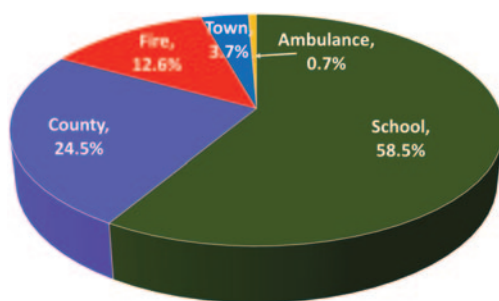
## Levies, Rates, and Assessments — How They Interact



How much a Town collects in property taxes is set at budget time, not at assessment time. The budget determines how much tax we collect. Assessments determine who pays what portions of those taxes.

As assessments rise (yellow) and the levy stays flat (green), the tax rate goes down (blue). The tax rate has dropped over the past six years from \$1.40 per thousand to an expected tax rate of \$0.97 per thousand. (The note left says, "Assuming the spray park ballot initiative passes.")

However, if your assessment goes up by a higher percentage than the growth in the total assessed value, then your portion of the tax levy will be larger — i.e., **you will pay more in taxes**. But someone else's portion of the tax levy will have gone down.



## The Town is a Small Portion of Your Tax Bill

The same principal applies to all portions of your tax bill. But the Town is the only taxing entity that has been holding tax levies flat. And it only accounts for 3.7% of the property taxes you pay. School taxes increase about 2% to 3% a year. The County and Ambulance also see increases in the 2% to 3% range. The Fire District has seen levy increases of 13% and 16% in recent years.

Levy Description	Total Tax Levy	% Chg Prior Year	Value/Usage	Rate	Amount
COUNTY BUDGET					
SALES TAX CREDIT - HENRIETTA			190,000.00	7.629089	1,449.53
NET AMOUNT DUE FOR BUDGET	26,183,342	-0.2	-190,000.00	1.189542	-226.02
			190,000.00	6.439547	1,223.51
COUNTY SERVICES- LOCALITIES					
HENRIETTA TOWN TAX	3,101,225	10.3	190,000.00	.762717	144.92
SPECIAL DISTRICTS:					
Henrietta Fire Dist	15,440,662	15.9	190,000.00	3.316787	630.19
Henrietta Ambulance	887,904	4.5	190,000.00	.191028	36.30
PW 5 Capital Crg			0.00		1.00
Henrietta Consol Dmn			3.30	15.176187	50.08

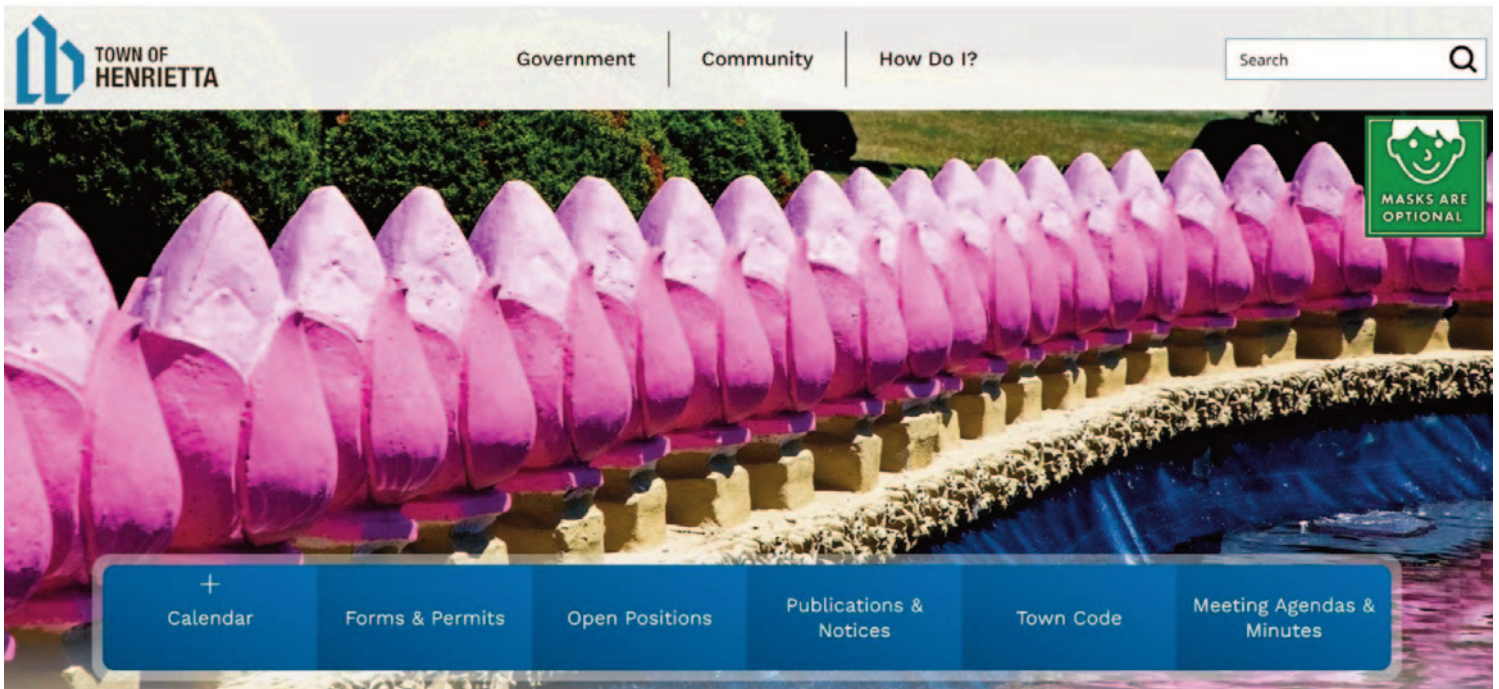
The portion of the tax bill at left shows where you can find the change in the tax levy by each taxing entity. Note that the County has two portions of different levy sizes.

# Seeing Henrietta Through Your Eyes Art Contest



*Share what makes Henrietta special to you with the whole town!*

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



- **Deadline: November 3, 2023**
- **Open to All Ages**
- **Art must be submitted electronically.**
- **Images must be a minimum of 1920 x 890 pixels and less than 5 MB.**
- **Images must be in landscape orientation.**
- **Submit Materials at [www.henrietta.org/seeinghenrietta](http://www.henrietta.org/seeinghenrietta)**

*Visit [henrietta.org](http://henrietta.org) for more details!*



# 2023-24 School Tax Collection



As students get ready to go back to school, it's time to start thinking about School Taxes. Tax bills were mailed to real property owners on August 30<sup>th</sup>. If you are responsible for payment and have not received your tax bill, please contact us at [townclerk@henrietta.org](mailto:townclerk@henrietta.org) or **(585) 359-7035** to request a duplicate bill at no charge, or visit [www.monroecounty.gov](http://www.monroecounty.gov). For complete payment info, please visit [www.henrietta.org/taxes](http://www.henrietta.org/taxes).

## PAYMENT OPTIONS

### **PAYMENT IN FULL**

- Pay in full by the deadline of Monday, October 2, with no additional interest.
- Pay in full between October 3 and October 31, with additional 2% interest applied to total amount due.

### **INSTALLMENT PAYMENTS**

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

## PAYMENT METHODS

- **ONLINE** To pay with a credit card or online check, please visit [www.monroecounty.gov](http://www.monroecounty.gov). Credit cards are subject to a 2.75% service fee with a minimum fee of \$2.75. Online checks are subject to a convenience fee based on the payment amount. As an example, for a payment between \$500.01 and \$3,000, the online check fee would be \$8.
- **BY MAIL** Pay by check or money order made payable to *Receiver of Taxes, Henrietta*. Postmark dates are honored. If you are close to the deadline, walk your payment into the post office to ensure it gets postmarked. **Please include your payment stub.**
- **DROP BOX** Our secure external drop box is available 24-hours a day. **Please include the payment stub.** All deposits will be collected at 8:59 AM every business day and processed using the previous business day's date.
- **AT TOWN CLERK'S OFFICE** Pay by cash, check, or money order. Make payment payable to *Receiver of Taxes, Henrietta*. **Please include your payment stub.**

**DON'T FORGET!** Sign up for our "**Tax Reminders**" email subscription to receive reminders when bills are mailed and a few days before payment deadlines at [www.henrietta.org/subscribe](http://www.henrietta.org/subscribe) – we hope that it helps!

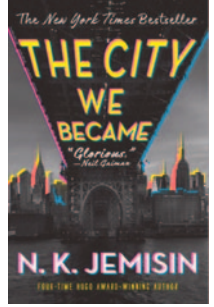
**For any questions, please visit [www.henrietta.org/taxes](http://www.henrietta.org/taxes) or contact the Town Clerk's Office at (585) 359-7035 or [townclerk@henrietta.org](mailto:townclerk@henrietta.org).**



# Henrietta Public Library

## READ THIS YEAR'S ROCHESTER READS BOOK

This year, Writers & Books has selected ***The City We Became*** by N.K. Jemisin as their Rochester Reads book of the year. Stop by the library or give us a call to get a copy of the book. You can also get ready for Jemisin's speaking engagements in Rochester by joining us for a group discussion of the book on Thursday, October 5<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 pm. Register for the library's book discussion at [hpl.org](http://hpl.org).



You can find out more about Jemisin's appearances in Rochester at [wab.org](http://wab.org).



## HPL FRIENDS AND FOUNDATION'S FALL USED BOOK SALE

The Fall Used Book Sale will be held in the Henrietta Public Library Community Room on Thursday, October 5<sup>th</sup> from 1:00 pm to 8:30 pm; Friday, October 6<sup>th</sup> from 9:00 am to 4:30 pm; and Saturday, October 7<sup>th</sup> from 10:00 am to 4:30 pm. The last day of the sale will be "Bag Day," when you can get a bag of books for \$5. There will be used books, DVDs, and puzzles for all ages! Please plan to pay in cash; card payment will **not** be accepted. The sale is organized by the Henrietta Public Library Friends and Foundation. Proceeds will benefit the library.

## UPCOMING EVENT: 2023 DIWALI CELEBRATION

Join us at 1:30pm on Saturday, November 11<sup>th</sup> for our annual celebration of Diwali, the festival of lights! We will celebrate with a dance performance, crafts for all ages, and refreshments. This event is geared to all ages and is open to all, whether you celebrate this holiday or if you would like to learn more about it! No registration necessary.



## EVENT RECAP: 2023 TINY ART SHOW SUCCESS

This year's Tiny Art Show was a huge success! Over 400 library patrons participated in the show by creating a 4x4 sized canvas. The art show was kicked off by an Opening Event on August 5<sup>th</sup>. Attendees of the event enjoyed snacks, took silly photos with popular fine art, searched for items on the art scavenger hunt, and admired the tiny canvases. Canvases were displayed in the library throughout the month of August. Participants can pick up their art throughout the month of September. We look forward to seeing more little masterpieces in next summer's Tiny Art Show!

## HAVE YOU EVER THOUGHT ABOUT WORKING AT THE LIBRARY?

If you've ever thought that it would be rewarding and interesting to work in a library, you are 100% right! And we've started an email newsletter for people who want to be the first to find out about job opportunities here. To sign up, visit [hpl.org](http://hpl.org), call the library, or stop by. — Adrienne Pettinelli, Library Director, [adrienne.pettinelli@libraryweb.org](mailto:adrienne.pettinelli@libraryweb.org)







### Lunch Club 60

Make your reservation now!  
 Monday, Tuesday & Wednesday  
 12:00pm  
 Dine inside or Grab 'N Go.  
 Suggested donation \$3.50



### Register now...

#### Defensive Driving Instruction

Tuesday, Oct. 10th 9am -12pm &  
 Thursday, Oct. 12th 9am -12pm  
 at the Henrietta Senior Center.

Sharpen your driving skills & qualify for 10% off your car insurance in NY, with the AAA Defensive Driving Course. Available to AAA members and non-members.

\$29.00 Registration fee.

Checks may be made payable to AAA.



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 515 Calkins Road, Henrietta NY 14467  
 (585) 334-4030  
 Hours: Monday-Friday, 9:00am-3:00pm



### TOWN OF HENRIETTA SENIOR HOUSING FAIR AT THE HENRIETTA SENIOR CENTER

515 Calkins Road  
 Henrietta, NY 14623  
 Friday, September 22  
 9am - 12pm

### LEARN ABOUT HOUSING OPTIONS FOR SENIORS

Representatives from Senior Housing complexes around town will be available to answer questions about current and future housing.



### Pancake Breakfast with Santa

Sunday, December 3rd  
 8:30 am - 11:30 pm

Save the date!

Tickets go on sale  
 November 1st.



# Parks and Recreation



## Make a Difference Day **October 28**



MAKE A  
DIFFERENCE DAY

Make a Difference Day is a perfect opportunity to show your pride in the Henrietta Community by lending a helping hand to our neighbors in need. Get Involved! Projects include leaf raking for seniors, food collections, projects to benefit Veterans, and more. Groups, service organizations, families and individuals are welcome.

For information and project assistance please call **(585) 359-2540**.  
Volunteer activities from **9am-12pm** at the **R-H Senior High School**.  
All volunteers are invited to a pizza party at noon to celebrate all the completed community projects!



## Warrior Training and Tumbling

Are you an athlete 8 to 12 years old looking to build strength while conquering challenges and having fun? Come train on our NEW Ninja Rig. Roll, flip, swing and climb your way to become a stronger athlete. Each week will feature different obstacles and strength exercises as well as basic tumbling lessons. This program is structured and instructional.

## Obstacle Course Mania

Race your friends through fun obstacle courses. This program is supervised, but not instructional. Participants will have time on 2 different obstacle courses plus a group activity or game at the end.



**December 9**

## Holiday Lights and Magic

**5:30pm-8:00pm**

It's sure to be a magical evening on the Henrietta Town Campus. The Tree lighting ceremony will be held at 6pm outside the Recreation Center. Activities will include; visits with Santa, holiday crafts from around the world, live music, horse drawn hayrides and more. Please dress appropriately for indoor/outdoor activities. Sponsored by:

*Winter magic*



The Henrietta Parks and Recreation staff take photos of our programs and events for promotional use. If you prefer not to have your photo or your child's photo used in promotional materials, please inform the instructor or photographer.

# Tinker Nature Park



## Upcoming Events



**Saturday, September 23, 11:00 am - 2:00 pm**

### Honey Harvest Festival

It's time to harvest some honey! Enjoy live music from Mystic Stew and the Golden Eagle String Band, observe cider press demonstrations and try complimentary cider and donuts. Fresh honey will be available for purchase. Food trucks available.



**Saturday, October 14, 11:00 am start time**

### Fall Foliage Fun Run

Bring the whole family to the 2nd Annual Fall Foliage Family 1-mile Run/Walk at Tinker Nature Park! We have an 11:00am start time and a whole morning to enjoy the beautiful fall foliage of Tinker Nature Park. This year, the Fun Run lands on a partial solar eclipse. So, get your run in and stay for the eclipse viewing. The registration fee is \$25 per participant up until Oct. 7th at 11:59pm. Kids 12 and under are free with paid parent or guardian.

The first 150 registrants will get a limited-edition Pudge T-Shirt! Feel free to dress in your finest fall or space themed fashions. Proceeds will benefit the Coffee Connection, and the Friends of Tinker Nature Park.



**Saturday, October 21, 6:00 pm - 8:30 pm**

### Halloween Celebration

For families with children, preschool-6th grade. Walk down "Trick or Treat" Street, visit the Pumpkin Trail, and see a Victorian Funeral scene. Enjoy cider and donuts with your friends! Register online, starting September 18th, at [henriettaec.org](http://henriettaec.org).



**Friday, December 1, 6:00 pm - 8:00 pm**

### Evening Christmas Tour

Enjoy the beauty of a Victorian Christmas at the Tinker Homestead. There will be lantern led tours of the Tinker Homestead highlighting Victorian Christmas Traditions. Registration is required. Registration begins Nov. 1. Maximum group size is limited to 10. Sign up for time slots by calling (585) 359-7044.



**Saturday, December 2, 11:00 am - 2:00 pm**

### Christmas Open House

Tour the homestead decorated for the holidays in the Victorian tradition. At the Nature Center, the children will love making old fashioned ornaments and snacking on cookies and cocoa while they visit with Santa Claus. Registration is not required. We will be accepting canned goods or other non-perishable food for the RH Area Food Terminal.

1525 Calkins Road • 585-359-7044 • [naturecenter@henrietta.org](mailto:naturecenter@henrietta.org)

**When visiting Tinker Nature Park, please remember dogs are not allowed.**

Please visit [henrietta.org](http://henrietta.org) and select Tinker Nature Center under the Community tab for information regarding our other classes, staff-led hikes, and more!





# Department of Public Works



In addition to their maintenance responsibilities of keeping our grounds mowed and maintained, our sanitary and drainage sewers operating, and our buildings maintained, here are a few of the major projects we are working on, in addition to all the work happening at the Riverton Municipal Golf Course.

## ACCESSIBILITY FOR GOOD SHEPHERD

Crews have begun laying out a new accessibility ramp for Good Shepherd so we can activate the building for public use, for recitals, rentals, and as a voting location. In addition to a new ramp into the building, we are also renovating the inside to have three restrooms on the first floor, including a fully accessible restroom. Work will continue all winter.



## NEW ATHLETIC FIELDS AT VETERANS MEMORIAL PARK

Work has begun on the realignment and renovation of the athletic fields in Veterans Memorial Park. All softball fields will be expanded to 300' outfields and all infields resurfaced. Field 3 is being relocated so that the infield is close to the parking lot and the outfield facing field 4, and those outfields will be smoothed out leveled for safer play and better drainage. Field 2 is being converted to a dedicated soccer/football field. Softball fields 2 & 3, the soccer/football field, and the basketball, tennis, and pickleball courts are all getting new energy efficient lighting that will be paid for by energy savings.

## NEW SIDEWALK ALONG HYLAN DRIVE

The majority of the new sidewalk has been installed along Hylan Drive near Marketplace Mall. There was a fund balance in the Marketplace Transportation Development District, so those funds were used to make additional transportation-related improvements. The few sections not installed yet are waiting for the crosswalk signals to be installed. A second phase is being designed for Marketplace Drive to better serve the bus stops along that road.



## LEAF AND BRUSH DROP OFF

The Town will have the brush drop off site on Martin Road for six weekends as follows:

October 14<sup>th</sup> & 15<sup>th</sup>  
October 21<sup>st</sup> & 22<sup>nd</sup>  
October 28<sup>th</sup> & 29<sup>th</sup>

November 4<sup>th</sup> & 5<sup>th</sup>  
November 11<sup>th</sup> & 12<sup>th</sup>  
November 18<sup>th</sup> & 19<sup>th</sup>

The site will open each day at 10:00 AM and close at 3:00 PM.

The site is for residential use only, not commercial use.

The site entrance is opposite the entrance for Martin Road Park.

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



# Highway Department

## STREET PAVING

The Town Highway Department has already put down 17,172 tons of pavement this year, which is far more than our previous high mark. That includes work done for the County, which we get paid to do, helping keep property taxes down for Town residents since that work pays for additional plow drivers. Town roads paved include: Birchbrook Drive, Easton Circle, Palamino Drive, Greenbriar Drive, Farnsworth North, Exeter Place, Lysander Drive, Lavender Circle, Gloucester Circle, Kenneth Drive, Methodist Hill Drive, Town Centre Drive, Campus Drive, Academy Drive, Deer Run, Notre Dame Drive, Park Centre Drive, portions of Martin Road, Authors Avenue, Nevins Road, Castle Road, and Wildbriar Road.



## ROADS STILL TO BE COMPLETED

We are continuing to mill and pave with the following roads scheduled, weather permitting: Timothy Court, Sweet Vernal Court, Green Ivy Circle, Trotter Drive, Citation Drive. The remainder of that Wildherd Subdivision will be completed at the beginning of paving in 2024.

## TOWN FACILITY WORK

In addition to maintaining roads, the Highway crews also paved the DPW yard, which was torn up due to new buildings going in, resurfaced the Senior Center and Rec Center parking lots, and paved the new sport courts, greatly enlarging them to be able to add four dedicated pickleball courts in addition to the two on the tennis courts. All new hoops and netting were installed. The Town is looking for someone who might want to pay for a wind screen with their company logo on it to help with pickleball.



## SLEDDING HILL REMINDER

Last year, highway crews bulldozed a parking lot and mound at the bottom of a hill at 1383 Erie Station Road, just west of the Legacy, so that the hill can be used as a sledding hill. We will be mowing the grass short so as to provide better sledding. A boy scout is also working on an eagle project that would create a "launch tower" to help sledders get good speed to start the run from the top of the hill.

Tim Lessing, Superintendent of Highways, [tlessing@Henrietta.org](mailto:tlessing@Henrietta.org)

# Building & Fire Prevention



## Building Permits and Building Codes

A permit is required to ensure safety, not just during construction, but for years to come. It is our job at the Building and Fire Prevention Department to guide and educate applicants to ensure compliance with codes, which in turn ensures their safety. Please call us at 585-359-7060 if you have any questions, or visit our web page at <https://henrietta.org/building> for more information on your particular home improvement project.



Kevin D. Wilson, Director of Building & Fire Prevention, 585-359-7063, [kwilson@henrietta.org](mailto:kwilson@henrietta.org)



## HEAR A CHIRP, MAKE A CHANGE!

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

### SMOKE ALARMS

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

### CARBON MONOXIDE DETECTORS

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

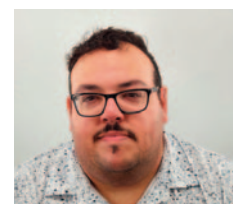
## NO OUTDOOR BURNING OF WASTE

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



## WELCOMING NEW MEMBERS TO THE TEAM

Joe DePalma (left) has joined the Department of Building and Fire Prevention as Assistant Building Inspector, and Richard-Timothy “RT” Magin (right) joins as Assistant Fire Marshal. Both positions are provisional until all certifications have been completed.

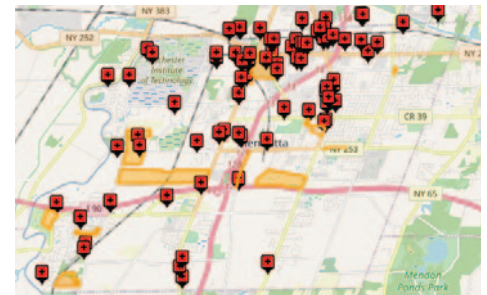


# Engineering & Planning



## New Projects in Town

There are a lot of new projects in Town, as can be seen by the large number of pins on the project map seen at right. If you have any questions about a project in Town, visit [henrietta.org/projects](http://henrietta.org/projects) to find the application material for new subdivisions, business expansions, new businesses, and other projects. A number of the projects are updated or highlighted below.

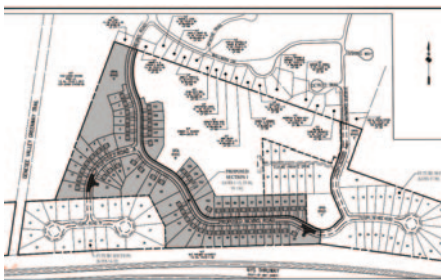


## New Restaurants in Town

BJ's Restaurant & Brewhouse recently opened its doors at 760 Jefferson Road. Across the street, Panera Bread is moving to Minotti Crossings from its Hylan Drive location, and joining them will be a Shake Shack, replacing the former Denny's. In Riverton, Nepali Asian Restaurant is looking to join the plaza with Miller's Pharmacy. And Neighborhood Catering is opening at 1477 Jefferson Road.

## Masonic Care Community Update

The New York State Masonic Fraternity has started work on its second Masonic Care Community senior living facility on the northeast corner of Erie Station Road and Middle Road. The pump station and sanitary sewer has been installed, but delays with obtaining power from RG&E has brought things to a bit of a standstill. The gravity portion of the sewer will be dedicated soon so residents along the way can connect to it.



## Lehigh Ridge Subdivision Update

The project was temporarily on hold due to high construction costs and other factors, but has recently resumed. Section 1 of the project, located south of Nevins Road, is before the Planning Board for final subdivision approval. It includes 57 single family residential lots and 2.6-acres of open space. The developers have been working on the temporary access road, drainage, and screening before major construction begins.

## New Housing Projects in Progress

The East Henrietta Apartments at 2160 East Henrietta Road was able to acquire additional land in order to meet the requirements of a Special Use Permit and are now in front of the Planning Board. Southridge Landing Apartments further south on East Henrietta Road is trying to resolve driveway entrance issues, but is otherwise approved. West Sunset Senior Housing, on West Henrietta Road towards the Rush Town Line, is working to resolve density and buffering requirements. The Fairways at Riverton has started construction after being delayed by the Town getting State Legislative approval to do a land-swap in order to bring the Riverwalk Trail around the east side of the golf course. A few other projects either did not receive approval and/or were discontinued by the developer, including at the former GroMoore site.

# Around the Town



## ROCHESTER ELKS LODGE #24

We can't thank you enough for your generous support of our Elks Against Cancer and MusicFest for Honor Flight fundraising events. The outpouring of caring and sharing has been amazing!

### Elks Hoop Shoot

**Thursday, November 16, starting at 6:30 PM**  
**Henrietta Recreation Center**

Boys and girls compete separately in three age groups, and winners in each division advance to the District competition. District winners have the opportunity to advance through the State, Regional, and National levels. Six national winners have their names inscribed in the National Basketball Hall of Fame in Springfield, MA.

When you join the Elks, you'll 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 our Lodge at 3525 E. Henrietta Road and pick up a brochure and application, or visit <https://www.elks.org>



## GENESEE VALLEY-HENRIETTA MOOSE

Genesee Valley-Henrietta Moose Lodge #2290 Family Center will hold our annual

### Sportsman Raffle

**Saturday, September 9<sup>th</sup>, 1:00-5:00 pm**

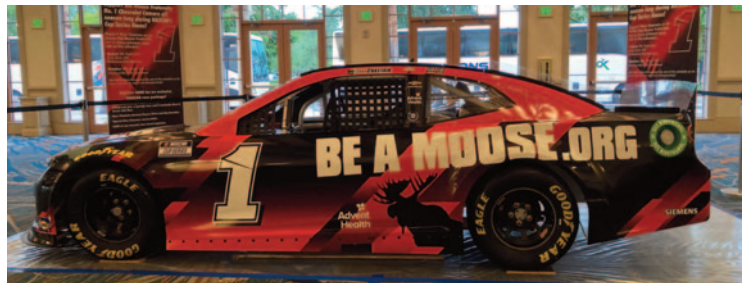
**Moose Lodge, 5375 West Henrietta Road**

Tickets are only \$20 to win 12 major prizes, and includes a steak dinner!! We'll have 50/50's and side raffles. Proceeds will benefit The Holy Childhood. Get tickets at lodge as we sell out.

Our Farmers Market continues every Wednesday through September 27<sup>th</sup>. Time: 2:00 - 6:00 pm. Proceeds will go to local charities. We thank all the vendors and customers in helping us get started.

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.

Many thanks for supporting our Friday Fish Frys and monthly Chicken BBQs. Our Moose volunteers make this happen! To become a member of THE MOOSE, please stop by the lodge or visit [BeAMoose.org](http://BeAMoose.org) for membership information.



## Give Blood. Give Hope.

At the **Rochester VA Outpatient Clinic**

- Date: Friday, September 15, 2023
- Time: 10:00 AM – 3:00 PM
- Location: Susan B. Anthony Room, 260 Calkins Road, Rochester, NY 14623

Donor Incentive: Do something tee-riffic! Come to give blood September 1<sup>st</sup> -18<sup>th</sup> and the Red Cross will say thanks with this unique T-shirt, while they last. Good things happen when you give. In fact, every time you give, you may help save more than one life.







## HENRIETTA FIRE DISTRICT OPEN HOUSE

October 14, 2023  
 12:00 pm - 3:00 pm  
 60 Erie Station Road



Fire Station and Training Ground Tours

Apparatus display and tours

Photo Booth

Cider and donuts

Ice cream



Monroe County Sheriff's Office

Monroe County Office of Traffic Safety

CHS Mobile Integrated Health

Live fire home sprinkler demonstration

Hands on fire extinguisher training

See the "Jaws of Life" in operation

Spray a fire hose at a "fire"

## WE'RE LOOKING FOR VOLUNTEER FIRE FIGHTERS!

The Henrietta Fire District is a combination department (career and volunteer) that provides fire protection and first response emergency medical services (EMS) to the Town of Henrietta.



By joining the Henrietta Fire District, you are afforded the chance to truly make a difference in your community. Not only are you dedicating your time to those in need, but the relationships you will build with the other members and families will last you a lifetime.

Go to [www.Henriettafire.com](http://www.Henriettafire.com) for more information.

## DRIVE ELECTRIC ROCHESTER 2023

Electric Vehicle Show

Saturday, September 30<sup>th</sup>, 10:00 AM - 2:00 PM

RIT front parking lots, 1 Lomb Memorial Drive

**Vendors! Food! All are Welcome!**

Show your electric vehicle and talk to other owners, prospective owners, or just those interested in your experience with electric vehicles.

Check out the latest EVs from many carmakers. Learn about the latest in sustainability solutions and environmental actions.

Volunteers will be needed, so show your support for a better world by stepping up and helping out.

More information about this event can be found at:

<https://driveelectricweek.org/event?eventid=3870>



## Drive Electric Rochester

Electric vehicle show!  
 Vendors!  
 Food!  
 ALL ARE WELCOME!

More info:



# Around the Town

## Members of the Ely Fagan American Legion Receive Honors

The Legion would like to thank our volunteers and donors for another successful Youth Fishing Derby that was co-sponsored with the Town of Henrietta Recreation Department. The event was a great success and all the kids had a great time with lots of prizes handed out. Thank you to our member Ray McCormick for coordinating this event.



Our latest chicken BBQ dinner sold out in 30 minutes! Thank you to all who support this wonderful fundraiser! Our Friday Fish Fry dinners start back up on September 8th and Tuesday Night Dinners will be back on September 12th.

On Saturday, September 30th we will be having our first Sausage and Corn Roast from 3-6 pm for \$10 per plate. DJ Blaze will be playing a selection of tunes and we will be having raffles during the event.

Our monthly breakfast buffet continues to be popular with a \$10 all-you-can-eat buffet and a great selection of items. It is one of the best deals in town.

Our Veterans of Foreign War (VFW) partners will be distributing Buddy Puppies during Veterans Day week at Mission BBQ on Jefferson Rd. Please stop in for a great meal and pick up a poppy. Proceeds go to support veteran and youth programs. Thank you to Mission BBQ for their support and all they do for Veterans and First Responders.

Please keep an eye out for our events in the Penny Saver, our webpage ([alpost1151.org](http://alpost1151.org)), our sign out front, or give us a call to find out what's happening (585-334-8228).

**E-CIGARETTES, VAPE DEVICES & E-LIQUIDS**

**E-CIGARETTES / VAPE DEVICES / E-LIQUIDS ARE HAZARDOUS WASTE**  
**DO NOT PLACE IN TRASH OR RECYCLING BINS**

**DO NOT REMOVE BATTERIES**  
Place in plastic zip-type bag  
**BRING TO ecopark — NO APPOINTMENT NECESSARY**

**ecopark HOURS OF OPERATION**

Wednesday	1pm - 6:30pm
Saturday	7:30am - 1pm

(Closed on Holidays)  
19 Avoca Drive, Rochester, NY 14624

- E-Cigarettes:** Disposable, Pre-filled or Refillable - No tank or pod. Cartridge attached to pen containing battery.
- Tanks / Mods:** Designed for multiple uses. Can be filled with different substances and modified to vary voltage.
- Pod Mods:** E-cigarette or vaping device with pre-filled, OR refillable pod, OR pod cartridge with modifiable pod system; Come in many sizes, shapes, colors. Compatible pre-filled pod cartridges that contain nicotine, THC, or CBD — with or without flavors.
- E-Liquids:** Typically a mixture of water, flavoring, choice of nicotine levels or cannabis.

## Vape & E-cig Disposal

In early 2022, the Monroe County Department of Environmental Services was approached by the Monroe County Department of Public Health, the local chapter of the American Lung Association, and the Monroe County School Boards Association to discuss a growing problem: the disposal of vapes, e-cigarettes and associated fluids.

These products and their associated e-liquids are considered hazardous wastes and are prohibited from being disposed of in the trash.

Additionally, the devices can also contain lithium batteries, which present fire and explosion hazards to waste workers.

Working alongside these groups, the Monroe County / WM ecopark developed a protocol and an educational component for proper disposal of these ubiquitous devices:

## Parkinson's, Pesticides, & Policy: Understanding the Threats at our Doorsteps

Tuesday, October 3, 6:30 PM

Henrietta Public Library

Registration required — go to [hpl.org](http://hpl.org)

Join our panel including Dr. Ray Dorsey (URMC), Christopher Wainwright (DEC), and Henrietta Town Supervisor, Steve Schultz, for a discussion about the relationship between certain pesticides and Parkinson's Disease, the current regulation of those pesticides, and New York State policies.



Sponsored by: Color Rush Henrietta Green and Roc Women vs Parkinson's



## Henrietta Garden Club

The Henrietta Garden Club is an active group of gardeners who like to learn, teach, socialize and demonstrate their attachment to the community by beautifying many of the Town's sign gardens. These gardens include "Welcome To Henrietta" signs and several signs along Calkins Road, such as this one at Town Hall. The Club also maintains the plants in the Town Hall Atrium.



Guests are welcome to our meetings, the first one of our new year is September 13<sup>th</sup> at 6:30 PM in the meeting room, lower level, Town Hall. Presentation will be on the care, maintenance and pruning of dwarf fruit trees; for the October 11<sup>th</sup> meeting, the presenter will discuss the advantages of Native plants, same time and place. Please join us. For more information visit our Web Site at <https://sites.google.com/site/henrietagardenclub/> or call (585) 781-0278.

## The Henrietta Foundation

Lehigh Valley Trail has been getting constant use this summer. The increased parking on East Henrietta Road south of Ward Hill Road has been put to good use. Our secretary Kim Pennington has been tirelessly taking care of weeding and planting new flowers.



The driving range at Lookup Park has also been very busy. Golf lessons have been taking place. Our volunteer crew have been making improvements to the irrigation system, drainage and setting up the new ball washing machine. If the weather cooperates the range should stay open till November 1<sup>st</sup>.



## ROCHESTER CHILDREN'S BOOK FESTIVAL

The 26th Rochester Children's Book Festival will take place **Saturday, November 4**, from 10:00 AM - 4:00 PM, and is returning to its long-time home: **Monroe Community College!** (Free parking in Lot M.)

Presentations for all ages will take place in three different rooms every half hour. The craft room will keep your kids entertained making book-related keepsakes. Best of all, your family can interact with over 50 authors and illustrators as they sign books for purchase.

Mark your calendars and join us for this fun, FREE celebration of literacy and learning. Visit [RCBFest.com](http://RCBFest.com) for more details.



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**Proceeds to benefit the  
William J. Welch Memorial  
Scholarship Fund**

**Thursday, September 14<sup>th</sup>, 2023**

10:00 AM Registration, 10:30 AM Shotgun Start, 5:00 PM Awards Dinner



**Wildwood Country Club  
1201 Rush West Rush Rd, Rush, NY 14543**