

# Henrietta Happenings



Summer/Fall  
2020



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## *From the Supervisor...*

### COVID AND ITS EFFECTS ON THE BUDGET

This has certainly been an unusual summer thanks to COVID, but the Town is managing well, so let me address the finance situation. We have many different revenue sources that the Town operates on. Some are subject to the effects of COVID, some are immune. Two of the three largest sources are immune: property taxes and mortgage taxes. While in theory, mortgage taxes could be affected by COVID, so far, they have not been – home sales have been as aggressive as ever with homes selling for record prices. The one large source of revenue that is COVID affected is sales tax revenue. However, as we have the entire time I've been in office, we budgeted our revenues conservatively. In addition, in the first quarter, sales tax revenues were over budget and even up from the previous year. That largely offset the 30% drop we saw in the second quarter. But we are still on track from a budget standpoint. We only need 80% of what we brought in last year over the last two quarters to meet budget.

The other major drop in revenues has been in the Recreation Department as so many programs were canceled. However, when the programs are canceled, a lot of expense has also been canceled. In addition, two of our most costly events were also canceled: the Memorial Day Parade and the 4<sup>th</sup> of July Celebration. We held our Reverse Parade at a fraction of the cost of either of those. While revenues have been well below budgeted amounts, so have expenses. Combined with other savings we have made since COVID hit and we are within \$1,000 of our budgeted delta between expenses and revenues.

The third thing we have going for us is our fund balance. This Town has generally been fiscally responsible and my administration has kept that going. While there were some who wanted us to dig deeper into our available fund balance, we resisted and kept at least 20% in balance. When you combine that available fund balance with the budget surplus we generated last year, we ought to be able to keep our tax levy flat. And if we cannot, there was a 3.9% growth in our taxable property values due to new buildings, additions, and the like – what is often referred to as "Real Growth." But I'm hoping we won't have to use any of

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

that to increase the levy so instead it can be used to bring your tax rates down even further — which is our goal: to hold the tax levy flat again, thus lowering tax rates.

Obviously, I cannot predict what the next four months will bring, but barring a major collapse, the Town should be operating just fine, with no need to cut services, furlough full-time employees, or raise taxes to make up for a shortfall. Some projects I would have liked to have started this year have been put on hold, but other than that, we are sitting just fine from a fiscal standpoint. And those projects being built with funds that are immune to COVID have continued to move forward.

### **DOING A TEST RUN OF THE SPECIAL ATTENTION DETAIL PROGRAM**

The Town Board approved the creation of an Intermunicipal Agreement between the Town of Henrietta and the Monroe County Sheriff's Office in order to do a test run of the Special Attention Detail Program. One of the most frequent requests I get as Town Supervisor is to "do something about the speeders and distracted or otherwise dangerous drivers in my residential neighborhood." What has been tried in the past are efforts like putting out the speed radar unit, or having Monroe County Sheriffs try to pay special attention, when they are able to do so, in the neighborhood in the request. But those measures, or signs that say things like, "Slow Down - Children at Play," do not seem to have any lasting effect.

So last year, I started looking into the idea of a Town Constable, as our local Town Code authorizes us to have one if we so desire. But it became quickly obvious that it would be a logistical nightmare to do so. I then reached out to Sheriff Todd Baxter, Undersheriff Korey Brown, and Captain Christopher Fay to see if we could achieve the same goals through the Monroe County Sheriff's Office. We put together the framework of the Intermunicipal Agreement which basically was this: we would provide a list of areas we want Special Attention Detail, such as being stationed near our school crossing guards to ticket drivers who ignore their directions or speed through crosswalks, or to sit in residential neighborhoods to ticket unsafe drivers. The Monroe County Sheriff's Office would hire an additional deputy to ensure full coverage for the Special Attention Detail and the Town would reimburse the Sheriff's Office. This is a way to get some of the benefits of a Town Police Force without the massive cost of having a Town Police Force.

But before I was willing to commit Town funds to a year's worth of the program, I wanted to get some metrics by which we could judge the effectiveness of the program, so that at budget time, we are making an informed decision. The result is this test run where we will spend up to \$9,111 and use Deputies who sign up for the Special Attention Detail for roughly a month to see how effective the program is. We expect to have everything finalized by mid-September, assuming the County Legislature can approve the Intermunicipal Agreement in time.

### **CREATING A ZONING INCENTIVE PROGRAM**

Another frequent question I hear as Town Supervisor is something to the effect of, "Why did you put that business there when there's an empty building over here?" Unfortunately, that's not how development works. Businesses don't generally come to Town and ask the Town Board, "Where would you like us to locate our business?" Instead, developers of the various properties reach out or respond to inquiries about businesses coming to Town. As such, a developer is not going to suggest a business move into a location they don't own, and they are not going to choose an existing building if it is cheaper and easier to build a new one.

While the Town Board lacks the authority under State Town Law to dictate precisely where each business will be located, we can create Zoning Districts which limit what can be built there. The Town Board did an update to the Comprehensive Land Use Plan and Zoning Map which revised some of those zoning districts such that, for instance, apartment buildings could no longer be built on industrial land. Even though we might not be able to dictate that a business move into an existing building, the Town Board does have the authority under State Town Law to provide incentives to help businesses reuse existing buildings instead of building new ones. This is covered under State Town Law Section 261-B Incentive Zoning. But in order to take advantage of that section, the Town Board needs to adopt a Local Law to add Incentive Zoning to the Town Code. We are doing just that with non-cash based incentives like more unit density or reduced setbacks.



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

Based on discussions with the Town Board and the Planning Board, I have been working with Chris Martin, Director of Engineering and Planning, Craig Eckert, Deputy Town Supervisor and Planning Board Member, Don Young, Town Attorney, and Walk Kalina, a consultant from Environmental Design & Research, to put together a proposed Local Law as well as a Supplemental Generic Environmental Impact Statement (GEIS) that will build upon the work we did during the Comprehensive Land Use Update. At that time, we envisioned adding incentive zoning but ran out of time to implement it.

I will be presenting the initial draft to the Town Board at the first Town Board Meeting in September. We still have more work to do, but it has enough meat on the bone for the Town Board to start fine tuning the proposal to make sure it meets with what we discussed as part of the Comprehensive Land Use Plan Update as well as subsequent meetings. The plan will cover incentives such as the reuse of long vacant buildings, bringing infrastructure such as water or sewer to neighborhoods that lack them, building new sidewalks along existing roads or creating key connecting trails, to name a few. We are also reworking the Open Space Incentive Program in the Rural Residential zone so that you can either create a Clustered Development under Town Law Section 278 or you can create a Conservation Development under the Open Space Incentive Program, but not both at the same time.

As part of the same GEIS, we will also be examining the effects of our proposed solar laws. We had put in the ability to have large scale solar projects covering up to 25-acres as part of our Farmland Protection Plan — they need to be associated with a Working Farm and place an Agricultural Easement over the active farmland on that Working Farm in order to be approved for the project. The proposed Local Law will fully codify those requirements, including requiring significant buffering from existing properties so as to minimize the impact on surrounding properties. We hope to have everything in place this fall.

### **KEEPING AMBULANCE TAXES DOWN**

The Ambulance District was created years ago to generate revenue for our ambulance provider, now CHS Mobile Health Services, to cover services for our residents that aren't normally reimbursed for ambulance providers (such as lift assists that do not result in a hospital transport) as well as to offset some of the out-of-pocket cost of transport for our residents. These funds can only be used if the person being assisted or transported is a resident of the Town of Henrietta. When they set the system up, it was a fixed tax rate of 21.5-cents per \$1,000 of assessed value. However, with the large increase in the market values of homes this year, that would have led to a very large increase in the tax levy.

Instead, I proposed to CHS Mobile that we switch from a rate-based tax to a levy-based tax. To do so, we took the amount of the tax levy from last year and grew it by the amount of real growth in the Town. That means reassessments are NOT included in that change – just actual changes, such as new construction or expansions. We then used the new tax levy to determine the new tax rate for the Ambulance District, and the result is a lower tax rate, dropping by 4.4% from the prior year. We will be modifying the agreement between the Town and CHS Mobile Services so that this is the way we will be handling ambulance district tax levies going forward.

### **STANDING UNITED IN THE FACE OF INJUSTICE**

Fortunately, the chaos in some portions of the country has not hit Henrietta or our surrounding area. But that does not mean we are blind to the root issues behind the protests. We have held one rally at Town Hall this summer, but wish to do more than just hold rallies. So Sheriff Todd Baxter and I have been in discussions about holding a Town Hall Meeting between community leaders and the leaders of the Sheriff's Office to talk about what the Sheriff's Office is already doing in this regard as well as what more can they do to help ensure the problems that have plagued some other law enforcement agencies do not happen here. We also will talk about what we can do as Town leaders to better educate ourselves and our community and to work towards finding common ground in an effort to try to keep the divisiveness we are seeing in national politics out of our local politics. Look for an announcement for the event soon.

Stay safe.

# Town Clerk's Office During COVID

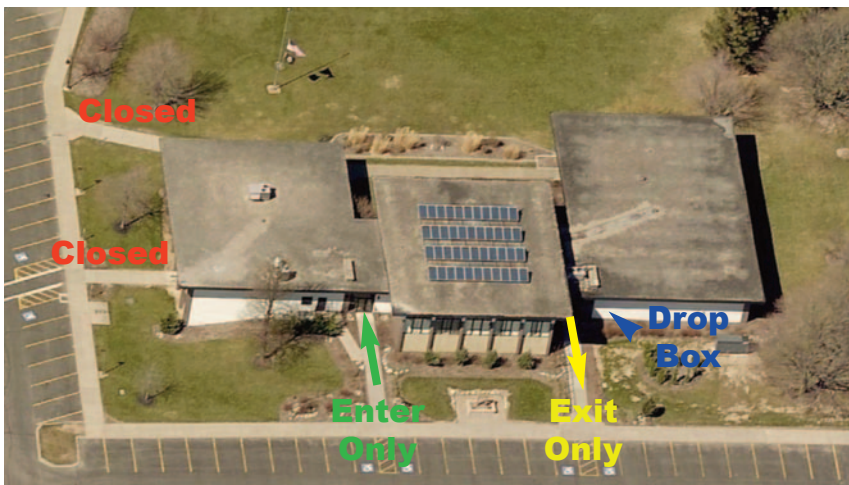


In order to better serve our residents in a safe and efficient manner, changes have been made to the Clerk's Office, as well as most of Town Hall. First, we have turned the main lobby into a one way hallway and added safe distance spacing stickers on the ground so as to help maintain proper distance between residents waiting for service. As such, the western entrance is Enter Only and the eastern entrance is Exit Only. Both are clearly marked curbside as well as at the door. Masks will be required to enter Town Hall. During busy times, there will be a greeter to scan temperatures and to help guide you to the proper waiting line. Please cooperate with our personnel. They are trying to keep everyone as safe as possible.

A service window with a pass through drawer was installed in June and we'll be continuing to use that moving forward. However, we've recently also begun buzzing people into the wing to provide assistance at the counter. Each of the service areas will only allow in the residents currently being served. When it is your turn to come in, you will be asked to step to one of the service areas. All of the service counters now have plexiglass shields to help reduce potential transmission of the Coronavirus, with individual labels on the shields and on the floor to help guide you to where you will be assisted.

We are also installing a secure external drop box so that individuals may drop completed forms and payments off at any time of the day or night without needing to enter the building. We hope to have the drop box installed prior to the school tax payment deadlines. Only check or money order payments will be accepted in the drop box. All deposits made will be collected at 9:00 AM each business day but will be processed using the previous business day's date. When paying taxes, please be sure to include a payment stub with your check to ensure proper processing.

We have been updating the Clerk's Office webpages regularly, so the most updated information can always be found at [www.henrietta.org/townclerk](http://www.henrietta.org/townclerk).





# 2020 School Tax Collection



Tax bills were mailed to real property owners on August 31<sup>st</sup>. If you are responsible for payment and have not receive 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 information, please visit [www.henrietta.org/taxes](http://www.henrietta.org/taxes).

## PAYMENT OPTIONS

### **PAYMENT IN FULL**

- Pay in full by deadline of Thursday, October 1, with no additional interest.
- Pay in full between October 2 and November 2, 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 Tuesday, September 15, with no additional interest.
  - For those who miss the September 15 deadline, there is a grace period from Wednesday, September 16 through Monday, September 21, with 1% interest added to amount due.
  - If first installment is not paid on or before Monday, September 21, the installment plan will no longer be available, and you will be forced to pay the taxes in full.
- **SECOND AND THIRD INSTALLMENTS**
  - Second and third installments cannot be accepted at Henrietta Town Hall.
  - Second and third installments must be made payable to the Monroe County Treasurer.
  - Second installment due October 15. Third installment due November 15.

## PAYMENT METHODS

- **ONLINE** To pay with a credit card or online check, please visit [www.monroecounty.gov](http://www.monroecounty.gov). Due to the Coronavirus, **Monroe County will be waiving the 3% convenience fee.**
- **BY MAIL** Pay by check or money order made payable to *Receiver of Taxes, Henrietta*. Postmark dates are honored. If you're close to the deadline, walk your payment into the post office to ensure it gets postmarked. Please include payment stub.
- **DROP BOX** We are installing a secure external drop box to submit your payment after hours and free of contact. Please include the payment stub. Please see the previous article for more details.
- **AT TOWN CLERK'S OFFICE** Pay by cash, check, or money order. Make payment payable to *Receiver of Taxes, Henrietta*. Please include payment stub.

### **\*\*\*\*ATTENTION\*\*\*\***

**Please note that due to COVID-19, many modifications and restrictions may be in place at Town Hall if you wish to make payment in person. Please visit [www.henrietta.org/taxes](http://www.henrietta.org/taxes) prior to coming to Town Hall to obtain the most up to date information as conditions may change during the collection period.**

**Alternatively, you can reach us at (585) 359-7035 or [townclerk@henrietta.org](mailto:townclerk@henrietta.org).**



# Department of Public Works

## EXERCISE CAUTION

Public Works projects are in full swing. This means heavy equipment, dump trucks and employees will be working throughout town. Please be aware of these activities and be careful traveling the work areas to protect our workers and yourselves. Educate your children to stay away from these sites due to the heavy equipment in use.



## STREET PAVING

Despite the delays due to the pandemic, Town crews have made good progress on paving Town roads, having completed 34 roads so far with more in progress, including gutter and catch basin work. Crews will notify residents when their street is being worked on.

Please our website at visit <https://www.henrietta.org/publicworks> and click on “Road Work Updates” for the latest information on where crews are scheduled to work.

## RETIREMENTS

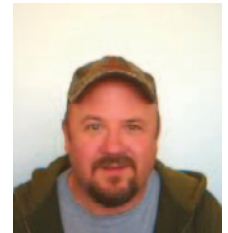
This year Jay Shoots with 41 years of service, John Kelly with 32 years of service, and Dan Sossong with 32 years of service have retired from the Department of Public Works. Thank you for all of your dedicated service to the residents of the Town of Henrietta and best wishes in the years to come.



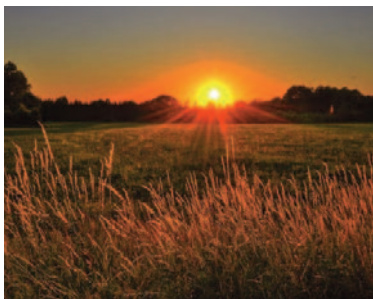
Jay Shoots



John Kelly



Dan Sossong



## COST SAVINGS

The Town of Henrietta utilizes summer hours for the DPW, with work days from 6:00 AM to 3:30 PM Monday through Thursday and 6:00 AM until 10:00 AM on Friday, although no construction begins until 7:00 AM. This allows for greater production while minimizing overtime and thus saving tax payer dollars. It also gets us first in line for paving and other construction materials, further improving efficiency.

## LEAF AND BRUSH DROP OFF

The Town will have the brush drop off site at Martin Road for six weekends as follows; October 17 & 18, October 24 & 25, October 31 & November 1, November 7 & 8, November 14 & 15, and November 21 & 22. The site will open each day at 10:00 AM and close at 3:00 PM.



Chuck Marshall, Commissioner of Public Works, [cmarshall@Henrietta.org](mailto:cmarshall@Henrietta.org)



# Henrietta Public Library

## What's been happening at the Library...

### 2,675 Event Attendance

between March and July 2020,  
2,675 people attended  
our digital events



### 24,945 e-Books & Digital Audio

OverDrive e-book & digital audiobook  
check-outs increased 50% with 24,945  
downloads



### 18,545 Curbside Pickups

from May to July 2020, we checked-out  
18,585 books and materials via our  
curbside pickup service



## Stay up-to-date at HPL.org

### WE'RE OPEN AGAIN!

The library is now open for in-person services including browsing the collections, computer use, printing, and limited study space. We ask that everyone who visits the library wear a mask that covers their nose and mouth and also that everyone works to keep 6' distance between themselves and others. If you can't wear a mask, we have curbside service available during all open hours.

### LIBRARY HOURS

Mon	10:00 AM - 4:30 PM
Tue	10:00 AM - 4:30 PM
Wed	Noon - 6:30 PM
Thu	10:00 AM - 4:30 PM
Fri	10:00 AM - 4:30 PM
Sat	10:00 AM - 1:00 PM

Visit [www.hpl.org](http://www.hpl.org) for the latest library hours.



### CURBSIDE SERVICE AND BOOK DROP

The Library is continuing to offer Curbside Service for those customers who wish to minimize their potential exposure during the pandemic. The locations are in front of the Book Drop area, as seen to the right. When returning books from Curbside Service, they can be returned to the Book Drop.



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



# Henrietta Parks and Recreation

The staff at Henrietta Parks and Recreation is looking forward to the day when participants can safely return to the building. All memberships affected by the COVID-19 pandemic timeline will be extended for the full amount of time that the Recreation Center has been closed. In the meantime, we are modifying popular programs, such as gymnastics, to meet current safety standards and still be as fun as always. We are also expanding outdoor offerings to keep everyone healthy and active.

The Parks and Recreation Department won't be printing and mailing a full brochure to homes this fall, but these pages highlight some of the programs that we are offering in the coming months. As things open up, we'll continue to add to the list. We can't wait to reopen because it's not the same without you.

Pam Grundman, Parks and Recreation Director, [pgrundman@Henrietta.org](mailto:pgrundman@Henrietta.org)

## YOUTH PROGRAMMING

- Dance
- Musical Theatre Basics
- Musical Theatre Dance For Boys
- Fun With Science
- Preschool Playgroup
- Snapology

## SPORTS PROGRAMMING

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|----------------------|---------------------|
| Explore Archery      | Martial Arts        |
| Flag Football        | Youth Kickball      |
| Start Smart Soccer   | Youth Soccer League |
| Start Smart Baseball | Youth Wiffle Ball   |
| Gymnastics           | Figure Skating      |

**FOR A COMPLETE LIST OF PROGRAMS AND EVENTS AND UP TO DATE INFORMATION ON THE RECREATION CENTER, PLEASE VISIT US AT [Henrietta.org/ParksAndRecreation](http://Henrietta.org/ParksAndRecreation).**



# GYMNASTICS



**Fall Session 1: September 13 - October 24, Fall Session 2: November 1 - December 19**

Classes available include:

- Parent & Tot Gymnastics for 2-3 Yr Olds
- Gymnastics for 4-5 Yr Olds
- Gymnastics for 5-6 Yr Olds
- Gymnastics for 7-9 Yr Olds
- Gymnastics for 10+ Yrs Old
- Fitness Ninja for 8+ Yrs Old
- Homeschool Classes for All Ages
- Intermediate, Advanced, Private Lesson, and Team options also available.

Please call Jackie Kitto for more information!

Covid-19 Pandemic Information:

- Smaller class sizes
- Equipment sanitized between each class
- Instructors wear masks at all times
- Makeups will be given to those who miss class due to illness or mandatory quarantine.

Contact Jackie Kitto for more information on how we're keeping kids safe in the gymnastics program!

Jackie Kitto, Gymnastics Director, 585-444-2208, [jkitto@henrietta.org](mailto:jkitto@henrietta.org)







# Fall Recreation Programming



## BOO-MOON CRUISE THRU

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The Woodland Wander and other Halloween activities at Tinker Nature Park are cancelled for 2020 but Henrietta Parks and Recreation can't let this spookiest of holidays go by without a party.

The Boo Moon Cruise Thru is a drive thru celebration at Veterans Memorial Park. Load the trick-or-treaters into the car for a family friendly Halloween ride past Halloween characters and displays. All trick-or-treaters will receive a treat bag at the end of the ride.

**Friday, October 30th**  
**6:00 PM - 8:00 PM**  
**Veterans Memorial Park**

Free event, but registration is required!  
Rush-Henrietta school district residents only.

Free event, but registration is required!  
Rush-Henrietta school district residents only.

## Preschool Playgroup At the Recreation Center



Preschool Playgroup is a structured program that encourages social development through play and educational activities.

Check our website for more information about the preschool playgroup for 3 to 4-year olds!

**Starts the week of September 21<sup>st</sup>**



## MAKE A DIFFERENCE WEEK OCTOBER 18<sup>TH</sup> - 24<sup>TH</sup>

Like everything else, **Make a Difference Day** has changed this year. Now, more than ever, it's important to reach out and lend a hand to those in need in our community. Be involved!

Groups, service organizations, families, and individuals are welcome. We won't be holding a large gathering at school but you and your pod can do your community service project independently. Projects include: food collections, leaf raking for seniors, a social justice forum, creating a community mural, and more.

Call Anita Tichacek at (585) 359-7051 or email [atichacek@henrietta.org](mailto:atichacek@henrietta.org) for a project assignment or to register your original project idea as part of Make A Difference Week.

# Henrietta Parks and Recreation

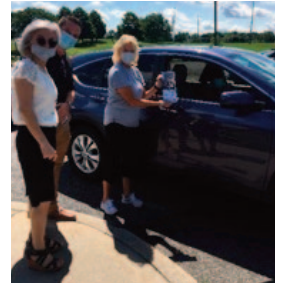


## YOUNG AT HEART FITNESS

Stay active with Young at Heart Fitness on Mondays and Wednesdays at 10:30 AM at the Henry Hansen Amphitheater in Veterans Memorial Park. All participants must be registered with the Senior Center. Masks and social distancing are required and don't forget your water bottle and chair.

## GRAB-N-GO MEALS AT THE SENIOR CENTER

Grab N Go Meals are going well and are very popular with the seniors. Drive-in for breakfast on Monday 9:30-10:00 AM or lunch on Wednesday 11:00am-12:30 PM, and Tuesday sandwiches starting September 15<sup>th</sup>. Donations are optional, but appreciated. Call ahead to reserve your meal at (585) 334-4030 and as always, please be sure to honor your reservation. We miss you all but hope you enjoy the nutritious meals and a few extras that we often add to your bag.



## FOOD DONATIONS

The Rush-Henrietta Food Terminal (RHAFT), area businesses, and Henrietta residents have been extremely supportive of the Senior Center meal programs. Their generosity and spirit of volunteerism has helped to make the program successful.

## BOCCE COURT AND HORSESHOES

The Horseshoe Pits and Bocce Courts are open for play at any time. Bring your own bocce balls or call ahead to borrow the Senior Center set.



## SENIOR CENTER REMAINS CLOSED

We are not sure when the Senior Center will re-open for in-person meals and activities. In the meantime, the staff will continue to find ways to keep our senior community connected. Join us for Parking Lot Bingo, Yoga, Hikes, and More. See the monthly calendars for times and date, available at the Center's front entrance, on the [Henrietta.org](http://Henrietta.org) website, Facebook, or by calling 585-334-4030. Stay well!

## CABINS AND PAVILIONS

Due to mandated guidelines for the COVID pandemic, cabin and pavilion occupancy is limited to 50% capacity. A required guest sign in sheet will be provided and must be turned into the Recreation Center drop box after your event. Failure to comply with the 50% capacity maximum occupancy will result in both the loss of your security deposit and your ability to rent any Town facility for up to one year.

Facility	Location	Resident Daily Fee	Non-Resident Daily Fee
Roberts Cabin	Veterans Memorial Park	\$100 (Monday-Thursday) \$110 (Friday-Saturday)	\$175 (Monday-Thursday) \$195 (Friday-Saturday)
Bushman Cabin	Veterans Memorial Park	\$100 (Monday-Thursday) \$110 (Friday-Saturday)	\$175 (Monday-Thursday) \$195 (Friday-Saturday)
Baldwin Cabin	Lookup Park	\$100 (Monday-Thursday) \$165 (Friday-Saturday)	\$225 (Monday-Thursday) \$250 (Friday-Saturday)
Pavilions	Multiple Locations	\$25 (All days)	\$25 (All days)

# Fall Recreation Programming



## NATURE CENTER REOPENS FOR LIMITED HOURS

The staff is pleased to announce that the Nature Center is open to visitors again. Masks are required for staff and visitors ages 2 to and up.

Please, remember no dogs allowed in Tinker Nature park



Temporary Nature Center Hours  
Tuesday-Saturday 8:30 AM – 3:00 PM  
Closed Sunday, Monday and holidays



## GUIDED WALKS IN THE PARK

Get to know the plants and animals of Tinker Nature Park with a guided walk led by one of the Park Naturalists. The easy 1-hour walk, with frequent stops, will look for deer, birds, insects, and various plants of interest to give you a greater appreciation of this “hidden gem” here in the middle of Henrietta!

**Upcoming Saturday morning walks:**  
**10:00 AM on September 12, September 26, and October 10.**

## GREEN YOGA AT TINKER

Join instructor Dan Justis as he guides the class along the path through the woods and stops along the way to practice poses under the trees. Pause and enjoy the flowers and foliage and listen to the birdsong while you enjoy a mindful walk through the park. Dress for the weather and bring a mat and water bottle.

**Upcoming classes: 11 AM on Saturday, September 12 and Saturday, October 10**

This program is free and open to the public but space is limited. To reserve a spot, please email [naturecenter@henrietta.org](mailto:naturecenter@henrietta.org) within 48 hours of the start of the session. Donations are graciously accepted.



## TINKER COBBLESTONE REPAIRS

One of the oldest Town owned buildings is the Tinker Homestead located at 1585 Calkins Road. This cobblestone house is over 190 years old and like any old home it needs to have the mortar joints around the cobblestones repaired and reconditioned. The Town has hired Brian Daddis Masonry, who is an expert in the field of cobblestone restoration, to complete this work.

## HIT THE TRAIL PASSPORT

Since 2005, Wegmans has partnered with Town and City recreation programs to encourage folks to take advantage of their community’s town and county trails! Pick up a Passport at the Henrietta Recreation Center, grab a buddy, and hit the trail for a healthier lifestyle!

Here’s how it works:

- Hit the Trail with your passport
- Rub trail markers to record your visits right in your passport
- Drop off completed passports at the Henrietta Recreation Department for a chance to WIN prizes!



# Building & Fire Prevention



## Building Permits and Building Codes

A permit is required to ensure life safety. It is our job at the Building and Fire Prevention Department to guide and educate applicants to ensure compliance with codes, which in turn and most important ensures their safety. Please give us a call if you have any questions or visit our web page for more information on your particular home improvement project. Building & Fire Prevention (Permits) 359-7060



## NEW FIRE MARSHAL

I am happy to announce that Richard Harrod started with us at the beginning of August as the new full time Fire Marshal for Henrietta. As a career Fire Fighter, along with his Fire Marshal experience from a neighboring municipality, his knowledge and experience will be a great asset to the town. He has hit the ground running and is already doing an outstanding job. Fire Marshal 359-7065

## SMOKE AND CARBON MONOXIDE DETECTORS SAVE LIVES

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. Remember- Change your clock, change your batteries.



## 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.

## CODE ENFORCEMENT AND PROPERTY MAINTENANCE

The Code Enforcement office is responsible for investigating property maintenance complaints. They have asked me to remind everyone that a tidy home is a safe home. Keep interior areas around doors and windows, especially bedroom windows, clear of clutter as not to impede egress or ingress in an emergency. The exterior of the property also needs to be well kept. To help maintain safe and healthy neighborhoods and property values, outdoor storage of junk and clutter is prohibited. Also, town code requires grass to be maintained under six inches. Let's all do our small part to keep Henrietta beautiful. Code Enforcement 359-7066



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# From the Assessor's Office



## Property Tax Exemptions for Seniors and Veterans

If you are turning age 65 anytime during the year 2021, you may qualify for the Enhanced STAR Property Tax Exemption. Seniors with low income may also qualify for the Senior Limited Income program. A reminder to all Veterans there are property exemptions for Veterans and Veterans with disabilities. To find out if you could be eligible for these programs, please contact our office — 585-359-7032. The deadline for all exemptions is March 1, 2021.

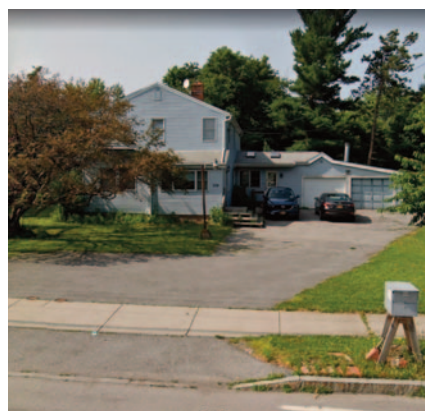


## New York State STAR Program for Home Owners

If you've recently bought your home or have never applied for the STAR benefit on your current home, you may be able to save hundreds of dollars each year. You only need to register for the STAR credit once and you'll continue to receive the annual benefit as long as you are eligible. Once registered for the STAR credit, the Tax Department will mail you a STAR check each fall to assist in paying your school taxes. You can receive the STAR credit if you (a) own your home, (b) it is your primary residence, and (c) the combined income of the owners and the owners' spouses is \$500,000 or less. Visit [www.tax.ny.gov/star](http://www.tax.ny.gov/star) or call 518-457-2036 for more information or to register.

## Real Estate Market Remains Strong

Another of the many functions of the assessment office is to review real estate sales and monitor trends in property values. As a result of this effort, we have a unique perspective on market activity in the various neighborhoods throughout town. All measures confirm that the strong real estate market of the last few years has continued on through the summer season, even with the pandemic in place. Homes are selling quickly and for good value.



## Resuming Exterior Property Inspections

Representatives from the Assessor's Office will be resuming on-site exterior inspections of real property around the Town. Along with identification badges, the field inspectors will be wearing face coverings and adhering to all recommended COVID-19 guidelines including no interior entry, and staying 6-feet apart from any resident during the inspection. Door tags will be placed on the front door of any property where the homeowner is unavailable. Per the door tag, please respond by phone to the Assessor's Office, 585-359-7032, to set up an in-person inspection or to confirm property inventory.

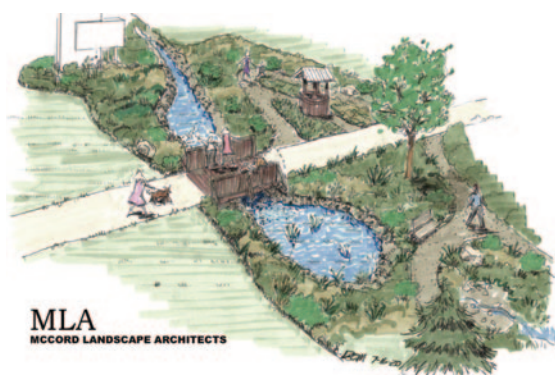
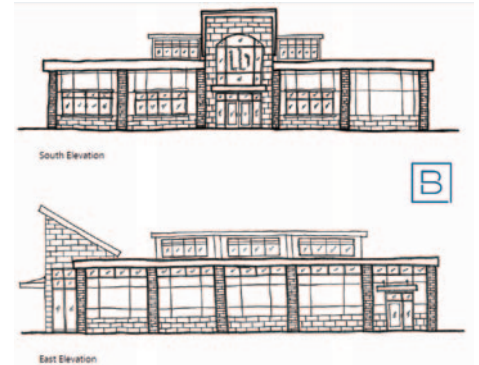
As always, if you have any questions, feel free to call the Assessor's office at 359-7032.

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# Engineering & Planning

## New Town Court Building

The Town has hired the architectural firm of Bergmann Associates to design a new 11,000 to 12,000 square foot Town Court building located at the former library site at 455 Calkins Road — unfortunately, the old library is just not feasible for reuse. The construction would not take place until funding is available, but we wanted the plans now in the event stimulus funding becomes available. The new Town Court would have two court rooms, enhanced security, better traffic flow, and many other features. The Engineering Department is designing the site plan for this project. A hand sketch of the proposed exterior is to the right, including an homage to the former Henrietta Public Library Building.



## Library and Rec Center Landscaping

If you have driven by the Library or Recreation Center lately, you may have noticed a flurry of activity. In order to enhance the new Library and spruce up the Recreation Center, the Town hired the firm of McCord Landscape Architecture to design a landscaping plan for both the Library and Recreation Center. Not only does this plan include more trees and shrubs, but it provides new sidewalks, trails, benches, a rain garden, and a wishing well constructed by Girl Scout Troop 60117. The Town is building a “Winnie the Pooh” bridge over a small pond and stream. The contractor for the project is Van Putte Landscape and the work is scheduled to be completed by the end of September.

## Multiple Sidewalk Projects Around Town

**Jefferson Road** — The asphalt sidewalks located on the south side of Jefferson Road from Lowenthal Road to John Street are being replaced, per the designs prepared by the Engineering Department. 3,100 linear feet of five foot wide concrete sidewalk is being installed and should be completed soon.

**East Henrietta Road** — Approximately 2,750 linear feet of sidewalk is scheduled to be installed along the eastern side of East Henrietta Road from just south of Lehigh Station Road to Goodburlet Road. A portion of the concrete sidewalk from Lehigh Station Road to Myrtlewood Drive will be furnished and installed by the Town, and the remainder from Myrtlewood Drive to Goodburlet Road will be constructed and paid for by the Glenbrooke Patio Homes developer. We anticipate this work to be started sometime this fall.

**East River Road** — The Town is designing an 8’ wide sidewalk along the properties to the east of East River Road from Farnum Drive eventually down to Lehigh Station Road. State funding secured by State Assembly member Harry Bronson and State Senator Patrick Gallivan will pay for the majority of it. Developers will pay for the southernmost stretch. Water main replacements and securing property easements have delayed the start of the project, but construction is expected to begin in 2021.



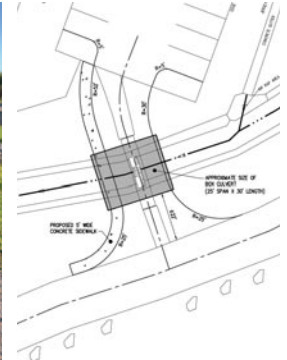
*The new sidewalk on Jefferson Road*

# Engineering & Planning



## Veterans Memorial Park Cabin Road Culvert

The Town is designing a new culvert to cross Red Creek to connect Cabin Road to the Senior Center parking lot, replacing the existing foot bridge with a vehicle and pedestrian bridge. This will provide a second entrance into the park, which is important for emergency situations. It will also be easier for wheelchair and walker access to the park. The Town has hired BME Associates to do the structural engineering. Weather permitting, it may be completed this year.



## 2020 Sanitary Sewer Lateral Replacement Program

As part of the Town's annual sanitary lateral replacement program, the Engineering Department and Department of Public Works have identified the next group of homes most in need of having their old Orangeburg pipe laterals replaced. This year, work is being done on portions of Hollybrook Road, Faircrest Road, Casa Drive and Easton Circle. 61 laterals will be replaced in all, based on designs from the Engineering Department. Work is being done by Lammes Construction and scheduled to be completed by the end of October.

## Lehigh Station Road Sewer Main

The Town was able to obtain funding through the Community Development Block Grant program in order to install sanitary sewers along Lehigh Station Road. The first phase will bring the sewers south on Aleta Drive to Lehigh Station Road and will be gravity fed. This will provide a cost effective means for residents with failing septic systems to connect to a sanitary sewer. This project is anticipated to be completed by this fall with work performed by Lammes Construction.



## Standby Generators for Sanitary Pump Stations

When the power goes out during a storm or blackout, it is important that sanitary sewers continue to function. The Town's DPW ensures that happens with either fixed standby generators or through the use of portable generators that the DPW crews must drive to each site. The Town is working to install fixed generators at all the heavier use pump stations to ensure continual operation. The Engineering Department has designed four new fixed generators for the Indian Hills, Mapledale, University Park, and the Hampden Heights pump stations. We anticipate the generators being installed this fall.

As you can see the Engineering Department had a very busy summer, even with the interruption due to COVID, and looking ahead it appears that the fall will be busy as well. Especially since all of the commercial projects delayed due to the pandemic are now coming to Planning Board.

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# Reverse Parade Celebration



**Reverse Parade Celebration**  
**July 17, 2020**  
An evening of COVID safe fun  
for the Town of Henrietta





# Helping the Community



I would like to extend a big **“Thank you!”** to all of the Town staff and volunteers who have helped and continue to help the community whether through our monthly Food Link distributions, our two massive mask distributions, or our ongoing Senior Lunch distributions. The Town of Henrietta has been able to better weather the storms of this pandemic thanks to your efforts!



## Youth Hall of Fame Induction Ceremonies

Held across two nights, the Youth Hall of Fame Induction Ceremonies put the spotlight on some amazing youth in our community (see the Spring 2020 issue for a full list of inductees). Special thanks to Ereny Marcos for her keynote address, JoJo for the ice cream, and Anita and her team for making it happen.





## About Town...

*Give blood.*

Every 2 seconds someone  
in the U.S. needs blood.

**American Red Cross**



The need for blood has not diminished during the pandemic. Supplies are running low. Give blood. Save lives.  
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# E-RECYCLING EVENT 10.3.20

Rush Henrietta Central School District  
1133 Lehigh Station Rd  
Henrietta, NY 14467  
8:30am - Noon

**SUNNKING**

*\*Limit of 4 CRT TVs or monitors per vehicle*

*\*Preregistration is REQUIRED*

If your organization wishes to have something appear here in future issues, please contact the Town at [supervisor@henrietta.org](mailto:supervisor@henrietta.org)

The Monroe County **ecopark** has reopened – offering all services during regular hours of operation:

Wednesday 1PM – 6:30PM and Saturday 7:30AM – 1PM

**Appointments are REQUIRED for Household Hazardous Waste ONLY**  
*all other materials are drive in and drop off.*

*Monroe County ecopark staff appreciates the patience and understanding of residents who have visited the ecopark during reopening. Thank you for your cooperation as we work through unprecedented volumes of material and requests for assistance!*



The Covid virus forced the cancellation of the Spring schedule of mobile Household Hazardous Waste collections.

Rescheduled mobile collection dates and locations are as follows:

Saturday, September 12	<b>Town of Penfield DPW</b>
Saturday, October 3	<b>Town of Perinton DPW</b>
Saturday, October 17	<b>Town of Irondequoit DPW</b>
Saturday, October 31	<b>Village of Hilton DPW</b>

*Appointments for these and any ecopark HHW collection can be made by visiting [www.monroecounty.gov/ecopark](http://www.monroecounty.gov/ecopark)*

**Never place propane tanks OR lithium batteries in recycling bins OR trash!**



They can explode, causing truck and facility fires, and possible serious injury to waste workers.

**Propane tanks are accepted at the ecopark during regular collection hours, NO APPOINTMENT NECESSARY.**

Sending kids back to school? Cleaning out closets?  
**Remember: never put textiles of ANY type in the trash!**  
1.4 billion pounds of clothing and textiles are disposed of in New York State every year.  
**The market value of these discarded textiles exceeds \$130 million, and over a thousand jobs would be created if those materials were recovered for reuse and recycling.**

**Recycling textiles doesn't only include clothing!**  
Many collectors will accept footwear, bedding, curtains, accessories, and other items.

Click this link and enter your zip code to find a convenient drop off site:  
[https://www.nysar3.org/textile\\_recovery\\_locations.php](https://www.nysar3.org/textile_recovery_locations.php)





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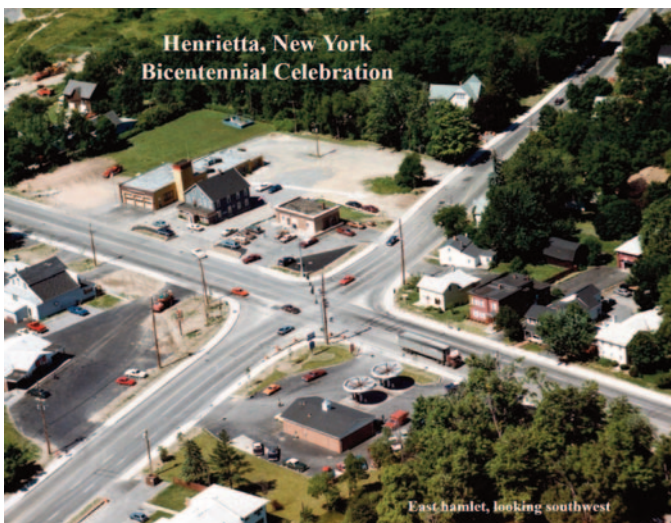
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## **THE HENRIETTA BICENTENNIAL BOOK IS COMING SOON**

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for more information or to order the book



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and  
More!



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## **PLEASE RESPOND TO THE US CENSUS**

Representation in Congress and in Albany and apportionment of Federal benefits are just two of the reasons why it is so important that we all respond to the US Census. This year will be especially difficult to follow up on due to the pandemic so it is essential everyone participate either online or through mail-in. Go to <https://2020census.gov/> for more info.

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