# **Henrietta Happenings**



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## From the Supervisor...

#### It's Time to Make the Budget

As Fall approaches, it is time for us to begin the annual budget process. While this will be my first Town Budget, it is far from my first budget as I was involved in the process at Pictometry for years and our Town's Finance Director led those efforts.

The first portion of the budget process is fairly standard: you come up with a list of what you are trying to achieve the next year and then try to determine what the costs will be. Some of them are fairly well known since the basic Town operations have been happening for years and the costs are well established. Others are a bit more nebulous since they depend on external events: such as plowing overtime and salt usage which are driven by the weather and the length and severity of the winter. Others might be new initiatives, for which you only have a rough estimate. And then of course there are always some unexpected events (you may not know what they'll be, but history says there will be some) so you like to have some contingency funds. In general, you try to be conservative in your cost estimates – that means if you have a range of expected costs, you plan for the higher end of the range.

The second portion of the budget process is also fairly standard: you come up with a list of what your expected revenues will be. What is a bit different in the Town budget process is that you get to determine what a portion of those revenues will be by determining how much you need to raise in property taxes. Other revenues the Town receives are a share of the Sales Tax generated in the County, a portion of mortgage taxes in Town, PILOT (Payment In Lieu Of Taxes) revenues, fees, licenses, and so on. These have



some variability but they also have some consistency. The biggest unknown is whether there will be a sudden downturn in the economy as that can have a big impact on what the Town receives. Of course, conversely, a sudden upswing in the economy can have a positive impact on what the Town receives – that's where the former \$14-million surplus largely came from: sales tax and mortgage tax windfalls. Again, you try to be conservative in your revenue estimates – that means if you have a range of expected revenues, you plan for the lower end of the range.

Once you have added up all of the expected revenues, and subtracted out the expected expenses, you have a tentative amount you need to raise in taxes. You can lower this amount by applying fund balance amounts, if available — for instance, for the past several years, the Town has been drawing down nearly \$800,000 for operating expenses every year. Unfortunately, the aforementioned \$14M+ budget surplus was largely depleted by the time I took office. It isn't zero, but we need to keep some on hand for emergencies. The good news is that revenues are tracking ahead of budget for the first half of the year. If this continues, we will have some additional fund balances.

But the bottom line is I fully expect that Town taxes will go up next year. There are three major contributing factors to this:

First and foremost, the Town passed a referendum to build a new library and to take out a bond to do so. On June 7, 2018, we received two bids for the initial \$5,000,000 of serial bonds for a portion of the Town of Henrietta Public Library financing. The lowest bidder was selected and the financing of the serial bonds closed on June 28, 2018. We are managing the expenditures with our Construction Manager and based on these forecasts will determine when the next round of financing will be required. But this bond alone will represent additional taxes since the principal and interest on the 2018 bond, plus the additional financing needed in 2019, will add approximately \$583,000 in expenses to the Town.

Second, once the new Library opens, it will be twice the size of the existing library with more facilities and more services. Fortunately, there are some savings of scale, but we expect a roughly 50% increase in the operational budget of the Library, which will add a small increase to the taxes.

Third, the Town no longer has the large fund balance from which to offset the costs of operations as they have been doing. This will also add a small increase to the taxes.

With that said, we are working to keep costs down on the rest of the budget while still providing top tier service and completing important projects for the Town. In addition, the tax base is growing as new companies come in and new houses are built.

If you are interested in the budget process, please keep an eye on the Town Board agendas and attend some of our fall Board Meetings as we will be reviewing with the public the budget process as we go and providing opportunities for input, especially with respect to major projects. And once the budget is completed, we will be presenting it to the public at a Town Board Meeting as well as publishing it in the final 2018 installment of Henrietta Happenings.

# Budget Fundamentals

2018 Budget \$19,107,462 (not including funds transfers)

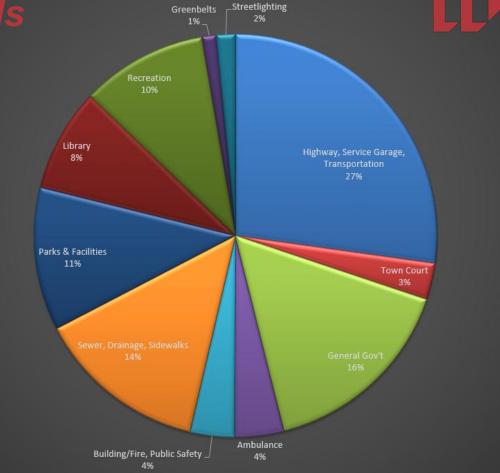


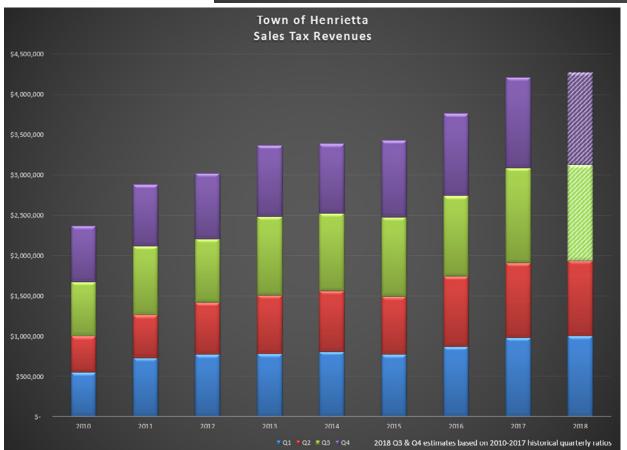
The 2018 Budget, at right, illustrates how the Town expenses are generally incurred. Paving and plowing help make up the largest expense. General government operations represents the next largest slice.

The 2019 Budget will look similar.

Note that fund transfers have been removed since they can confuse the numbers as they add to one fund while subtracting from another.

Also note that some tax dollars can only be spent in specific ways. For instance, revenue collected for sewers can only be spent on sewers, where as general revenue can be spent anywhere.





This graph shows the growth of Sales Tax Revenues over the past 9 years.

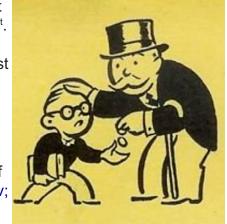
As you can see, 2018 Sales Tax Revenues are projected to be the highest ever.

The way we estimated the Q3 and Q4 numbers is by using the historical ratios from the previous 8-years of each quarter as a percentage of the whole and in relation to each other. The Q1 & Q2 numbers allow us to extrapolate for the whole year.



As students get ready to go back to school, it's time to start thinking about School Tax bills. Tax bills will be mailed to property owners on August 31<sup>st</sup>. If you are responsible for payment and have not received your tax bill, please contact us at townclerk@henrietta.org or (585) 359-7035 to request a duplicate bill at no charge or by visiting www.monroecounty.gov.

As a reminder, we honor postmark dates so if it is close to the deadline, make sure you walk your payment into the Post Office to ensure it gets postmarked. Payments can be made at the Town Clerk's Office by cash, check, or money order; please make all payments payable to "Receiver of Taxes, Henrietta". To pay with a credit card, go to www.monroecounty.gov; please note that a 3% chargeback fee will be added to your payment.



#### **FULL PAYMENTS**

The deadline for full payments is Monday, October 1<sup>st</sup> without any additional interest. Between October 2<sup>nd</sup> and October 31<sup>st</sup>, an additional 2% interest is applied to the total amount due.

#### **INSTALLMENT PAYMENTS**

If paying in installments, the first installment must be made on or before Monday, September 17<sup>th</sup> (since the 15<sup>th</sup> falls on a Saturday) without any additional interest. Installment payments are subject to a service charge and must match the amount on the payment stub **exactly**. If you miss the September 17<sup>th</sup> deadline, there is a 5-day grace period from September 18<sup>th</sup> through Thursday, September 20<sup>th</sup>, but 1% interest will be added to the amount due.

Please remember that if the 1<sup>st</sup> installment is not paid on or before Thursday, <u>September 20<sup>th</sup></u>, the installment plan will no longer be available and you will be forced to pay the taxes in full!

2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> installment payments are to be made payable to the Monroe County Treasurer. For the school tax bill, **WE CANNOT ACCEPT 2<sup>ND</sup> AND 3<sup>RD</sup> INSTALLMENT PAYMENTS AT HENRIETTA TOWN HALL.** For complete payment information, please visit www.henrietta.org under Quick Links on the right hand side and click on "Tax Information."

#### **INFORMATION ON TAX RECEIPTS**

In an attempt to keep costs down, the Town of Henrietta does not automatically mail a receipt for all received tax payments. The law states that we must mail receipts to property owners with accounts held in escrow, but do **not** need to mail a receipt **UNLESS IT IS REQUESTED** for accounts not held in escrow. There is a small checkbox on the payment stub (found on the 2<sup>nd</sup> page) that you should check off to request a receipt. A tax receipt will only be mailed if this box is checked off or if the account is held in escrow.

However, we ask that you consider assisting in our efforts to control costs and to help the environment by NOT checking the box and, instead, obtain your payment information online through the Monroe County website at www.monroecounty.gov by clicking on "View/Pay Taxes Online." As always, if you are unsure about what to do, we encourage you to email us at townclerk@henrietta.org or call us at (585) 359-7035.

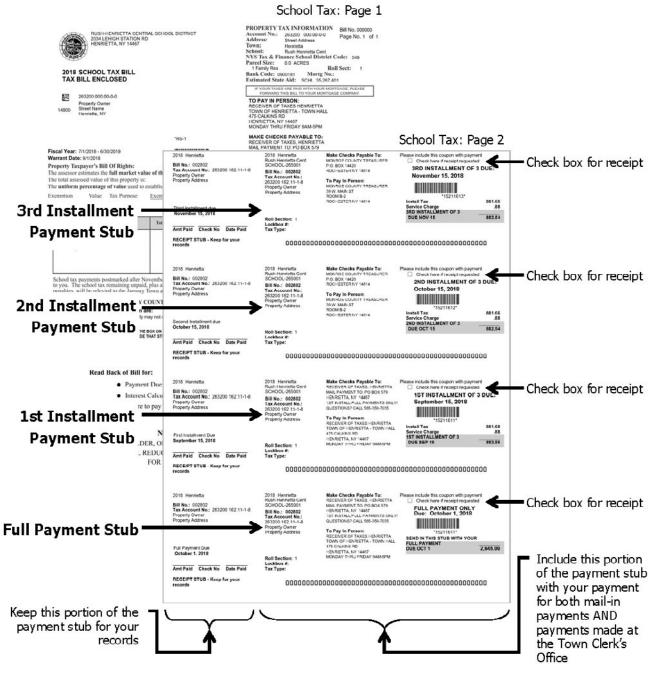


#### **2 PAGE BILL FORMAT**

As a reminder, tax bills in Monroe County are now two (2) pages.

- 1. The <u>first page</u> of the bill has information about your property, assessment, and tax bill amount. **Retain this first page for your records**.
- 2. The second page of the bill has the payment stubs that need to be included with your payment.

When paying your taxes in our office, please bring the entire bill with you so that we can stamp the first page for your records and so that we can retain the payment stub on the second page for our records. As always, if you have any questions about your tax bill, please contact the Town Clerk's Office by email at townclerk@henrietta.org or by phone at (585) 359-7035.





#### New License Surcharge for Late Payments

In June the Town Board adopted a local law to collect a surcharge on late dog licenses. This means that **beginning January 1, 2019**, if you renew a dog license after it expires, there will be an additional surcharge due.

If license is renewed within 45-days after expiration	\$5.00
If license is renewed more than 45-days after expiration	\$50.00

Due to the costs involved with late dog licensing, this will enable us to recover those costs while keeping our dog license fees the same for residents who renew their dog licenses on time.

As a result of the new surcharge, you may notice that we've moved up our reminder notifications. You will now receive a reminder postcard the month before your dog license expires, followed by a reminder letter the month your dog license expires.

As always, if you have any questions or if you receive a notice and your dog is no longer a member of your household or you have moved out of Henrietta, please let the Town Clerk's Office know either by phone at (585) 359-7035 during regular office hours (Monday through Friday 9 a.m. - 5 p.m.) or by email at townclerk@henrietta.org.

#### Free Rabies Clinic - September 19th

New York State law requires all dogs, cats and ferrets to be vaccinated against rabies at 3 months of age. Cats and dogs are required to be vaccinated again the following year and then every three years. Ferrets must be vaccinated annually.

The Town of Henrietta will be holding a **Free Rabies Clinic** on Wednesday, September 19, 2018 from 4:00 p.m. - 6:00 p.m. at the Department of Public Works, 405 Calkins Road.

You must provide proof of a previous rabies vaccination to receive a 3 year booster. Without proof, your pet will receive a 1 year vaccination.



New York State law also requires dogs to be licensed in the town they reside at 4 months of age. The Town of Henrietta will be set up at the same location & time for **Henrietta residents only** to obtain a license for their dog or to renew their dog's license. Spayed/neutered dog licenses cost \$9.00, non-spayed/non-neutered dog licenses are \$18.00. We will only be able to accept cash or check at this time.

#### ALL PETS MUST BE LEASHED OR IN A CARRIER





# Town of Henrietta PASSPORT SATURDAY

Saturday, October 20th 10:00 a.m. — Noon

#### BY APPOINTMENT

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



### Time Capsule Burial Ceremony and Picnic

Henrietta Town Hall

Saturday, October 13th, from 11:00 am to 2:00 pm

Ceremony starts at 11:30 am, Picnic starts at noon.

We will be burying memorabilia from the Bicentennial Celebration, including all of the wonderful letters from the elementary school children from Crane, Winslow, Leary, Fyle, Vollmer, and Sherman schools. We would love all of the children to attend so we can get a group photo and add it to the time capsule. Hamburger and hotdogs will be served for \$1. Snacks and drinks also available.

# Town Seal Regiginal Control of the C

We are considering revising our Town seal – after all, it's been 200 years! Below is an image of what our Town seal currently looks like.



We're thinking it could be better and we are asking for input on the direction we go. Below are a couple options and we would love it if you would log onto our website at www.henrietta.org/seal to vote for your favorite.



The Henrietta logo is based on an abstract letter "h" representing growth, unity, and peace. It was originally designed in 1978 by students in the Art Department's In-House Co-op program at the RIT campus of the National Institute for the Deaf (NTID). Fifteen students worked on the design, but it was largely credited to Joseph Viscardi, Jr., a senior majoring in Communication Design. The logo was formally adopted by the Town Board on May 17, 1978 via Resolution #11-130/1978. In addition to this being the 200<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the Town, it is the 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary of NTID.



As part of the Town's Bicentennial celebration, Betsy Martin designed the full logo to the right, which was cropped to be featured in the proposed seal design to the left. The elements of the bicentennial logo were meant to depict the important aspects of the Town of



Henrietta. The building is representative of the highly recognizable Town Hall. The sun represents a new day and the future. The canal, which helped to aide in the farming prosperity experienced in Henrietta during the early development of the area, as well as the Genesee River, are depicted by the two waterways. The numerous green areas, parks, and the ever popular Tinker Homestead are represented by the trio of trees.

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#### Important Information from the Assessment Office regarding Exemptions:

Basic STAR Exemption: If you are a new resident to the Town of Henrietta and have not yet registered with NYS to receive your Basic STAR Credit please visit tax.ny.gov/star or call (518) 457-2036.

Enhanced STAR Exemption (New Applicants): If you are turning 65 years of age in 2019 and your 2017 total household adjusted gross income is below \$86,300 (not including IRA's) then you may be eligible to apply for this program. Please contact our office at the number listed below to have your name added to the mailing list. This exemption saves you money on your school tax bill only.

Enhanced STAR Exemption (Renewal Applicants): Due to recent Mandatory NYS Legislative changes to how the Enhanced STAR program is administered, you should have already received an application for the Income Verification Program mailed to you back in June. Those forms should be returned to us by September 21, 2018.

Limited Income Senior Exemption (New Applicants): If you are turning 65 years of age in 2019 and your 2017 total household income is below \$37,400 (everything income related, including FULL Social Security (pink box number of your 1099 statement) and excluding IRA's) then you may be eligible for this exemption. This exemption saves you money on your Town and County Tax Bill only. Please contact our office at the number listed below to have your name added to the mailing list.

Limited Income Senior Exemption (Renewal Applicants): You will notice two additional forms that will need to be filled out when applying for your Limited Income Senior Exemption this year. This is in response to a recent mandatory NYS Legislative change to how the program is administered. This will be the only year that you will be required to fill out these additional forms. These forms will be mailed to you in December. If you do not receive your renewal by the end of December, please contact our office.

Limited Income Disability Exemption: If you are a resident who collects Social Security Disability (under the age of 65) whose 2017 total household income is below \$37,400 (everything income related, including FULL Social Security (pink box number of your 1099 statement) and excluding IRA's) then you may be eligible for this exemption. This exemption saves you money on your Town and County Tax Bill only. Please contact our office at the number listed below to have your name added to the mailing list.

Please contact our office if you are a **Veteran** or a **member of the Clergy** who is not currently receiving those exemptions so we may assist you in saving money on your Town and County Tax Bill.

All exemption paperwork is due back to our office by March 1, 2019.

If you have questions, visit or call the Assessor's Office at 359-7032.

Supervisor's Note: After 22-years of service to the Town, Nate Gabbert retired this summer from his position as Assessor. Please welcome Amy Jorstad as the new Assessor for the Town of Henrietta!



The Henrietta Public Library Board of Trustees is a seven-member board of volunteers appointed by our Town Board. It is our responsibility to ensure that our town has a healthy public library that is the place where our community connects, discovers, and learns. We'd like to thank our neighbors again for supporting the construction of a larger, modern library, and share with you some of the benefits that our community will see in this new space.

#### More Accessible to More People

At 36,000 square feet, almost double the size of our current library, the new building will feature:

- wider passageways and shelving (no more standing on stools or stooping to the floor for books)
- a variety of accessible parking options
- sliding front entry doors
- hearing loops in our community room and children's story room
- flexible seating and table options for everyone's comfort
- large print and new book collections on the first floor
- wide staircase and elevator to access the second floor
- fully-accessible bathrooms throughout the library

#### **Specialized Rooms for Children and Teens**

Our new library has a 5,000-square-foot children's room that will make all the resources of the library available in one stop: books for children, checkout, assistance, computer access for all ages, play space for smaller children, reading and study space for older kids, and a room for children's events, classes, and workshops. Our goal is to make it easy and enjoyable for families to use the library together—there will even be a section of adult books for moms, dads, and grandparents. On the second floor, we have an 1,800-square-foot room dedicated to teens and their needs. This teen-focused space will be comfortable and ever-changing with the input and creativity of the teens who use it.



#### More Event Space, More Quiet Space

We will have more rooms to host storytimes, adult classes, and events. We will also have a quiet zone on the second floor, with one room devoted entirely to silent work. There are three second floor study rooms that may be reserved for focused work or tutoring.

#### More Books, Easier to Find

Our community loves our books, and we've made space to increase the size of our adult, large print, children's, and teen book collections. We'll have separate collections for some of our most popular adult genres—mysteries and thrillers, science fiction and fantasy, and memoirs. The children's department is reorganizing their materials to align with ages and developmental stages. The result will be a library that is much easier to browse and use.

These are just some of the changes and benefits you'll see when your new library opens next summer. If you have questions, comments, or suggestions, please contact our Library Director Adrienne Pettinelli (adrienne.pettinelli@libraryweb.org; 585-444-2301), write to the Board care of the library (455 Calkins Road, Rochester, NY 14623), or visit one of our meetings on the first Wednesday of the month at 6:15pm at the library.

#### The Henrietta Public Library Board of Trustees

- Laura Osterhout, President
- David McNitt. Vice-President
- Linda Szczesniak, Secretary
- Doug Roesch, Treasurer
- Tina Thompson, Board Member
- Brigid Ryan, Board Member
- Sharon McCullough, Board Member



As Fall weather approaches, I ask that everyone that they be aware of the Town's Fall drop off areas for brush and leaves (see page 18). Announcements will be made on the Town website, on Facebook, in news articles, and on notices at Town Hall. If you have any questions regarding days and times, please contact the DPW dispatcher at: 359-7005.

This is also the time of the year when we ask that you check your batteries in your Smoke Detectors and Carbon Monoxide Detectors. Remember: Change your Clock, Change your Batteries. So please take the time to check. If you haven't changed out your batteries in your smoke detector or carbon monoxide detector recently, now is the time to do so.

Please make sure conditions inside your home do not make unsafe situations: no extension cords under rugs, do not overload electrical outlets, and do not block windows or doors. We want you to be able to get out of your home in hurry without fighting your way through blockages in these opening. Also, it will help the Fire Department to get to the source of the problem faster and save property damage.

Just a reminder, there is no "open burning" of yard waste allowed in Henrietta, or Monroe County for that matter. It is your Waste Collector's obligation to pick up all yard waste that is set by the road on your day of collection. There has been a few instances of Collectors informing their customers that the Town of Henrietta will pick up yard waste. This is not true. Under the terms of their license to collect waste, it is a legal requirement to "collect all brush, bulk refuse, garbage, refuse and yard trimmings placed in containers or bundled once a week for residential properties." We have sent reminder letters to all Waste Collectors in the Town to remind them of that obligation. If you experience a situation where your yard waste is not being picked up, please contact the Code Enforcement Office at: 359-7066 and we will follow up with your Waste Collector.

With Winter on the way, please maintain your stoops and door entrances to your homes. This will prevent slips, trips and falls and also make it easier for Emergency Services to get to you.

Please do not hesitate to contact us with any concerns or questions concerning this or any other topic at: 359-7060.

Sincerely, Terry L. Ekwell, Director

At right: one of the new Air
Conditioners for the Rec Center after
being lowered onto the roof - by
scheduling it when we did, we were
able to use Admar Steel's cranes from
next door at the library. Bruce Keeley
from EC4B designed the replacement
system, Pipitone installed them,
Christa Construction acted as GC at
no additional cost, and Craig Eckert
oversaw the project for the Town. The
dry cool air was very much
appreciated during 90+ days.





#### Everyone's flipping for Henrietta Gymnastics!

There's so much to get excited about this fall. The staff, parents and participants are thrilled with the addition of air conditioning in the facility. And we can't wait to tell you about all our new classes. Little gymnasts can now begin participating at six months old in "Tummy Time & Crawler with a Parent". There's more gymnastics during school recess, back handspring and uneven bar clinics, trial classes, and homeschool classes. The Department is also pleased to announce that our long-time gymnastics director, Jackie Kitto, is now a full time staff member. Are you interested in enrolling your child in



private or semi-private lessons with Jackie this fall? Call today! Spaces are filling fast. (585) 359-2540.



#### Parking Lot Picassos Saturday, September 29

Check-in: 9:00-9:30am

Create your artwork: 9:30-11:30am

Awards: 11:30am

You supply the artists and we supply the chalk. Create a masterpiece with your family and friends using a secured section of the Recreation Center parking lot as your canvas!

Cost: Henrietta Residents \$5 per lot space / Non-residents \$10 per lot space.

#### Make A Difference Day

This year, "Make A Difference Day," the national day of doing good, will be held on Sat., Oct. 27. Volunteer time is from 9:00 am to Noon at the Rush-Henrietta High School cafeteria. Gather your organization,



coworkers, community group, family, or come by yourself and get involved in the spirit of lending a hand to others in Henrietta. Projects can be done in our local community or on site at the High School. Can't volunteer that day? You can join us by doing a project during the week before or after the event, preregister your project with us, and come and be recognized at the Community Celebration immediately following at Noon for pizza and sharing time. If you are a community group in need of a helping hand, let us know and we can connect you with those who can help. For more information call Anita at 359-7051.



#### "New" Hamster Ball Races, Friday, November 16th

6:30-8:00pm at the Henrietta Recreation Center
Join us for a fur-filled night at the First Annual Henrietta Hamster Ball Races!
The Henrietta Public Library and the Recreation Department will host an evening of hamster races along with plenty of fun free activities for the whole family. All hamster owners are welcome to bring their hamsters (with a ball) to race. If you would like to race your furry friend or just come to enjoy the fun, please register online at parksandrecreation.henrietta.org or call at (585) 359-2540. Pizza, pop, and popcorn will be provided.



#### **Tinker Nature Park Fall 2018 Schedule**

Visit our updated website for Tinker Nature Park Events: https://sites.google.com/view/tinkerpark, or call: 359-7044

Tinker Homestead Tours by Appointment Tuesday – Saturday: 10am – 2pm

Hansen Nature Center is open Tuesday – Saturday from 9am – 4pm Closed Sunday, Monday and Holidays

Tinker Nature Park is open 7am – Sundown seven days a week.
Restrooms Available by the Calkins Rd. Parking Lot
Tinker Nature Park is a Carry in – Carry out Park.

Please remember pets are not allowed in Tinker Nature Park

#### Honey Harvest Fest — September 22, 11:00am-3:00pm

Watch the honey extraction, sample honey recipes, wagon rides, live music, cider press demonstrations and honey to purchase

#### Halloween Celebration — October 20, 6:30pm-8:30pm

Visit the haunted barn, walk down trick-or-treat street, learn about Victorian Funerals in the Tinker Homestead, and find animal friends in the Woodland Wander. Registration Required!

Call Henrietta Recreation to register for this event: (585) 359-2540

#### Victorian Christmas — December 1-2, Noon-3:00pm

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

All programs are free and open to the public.

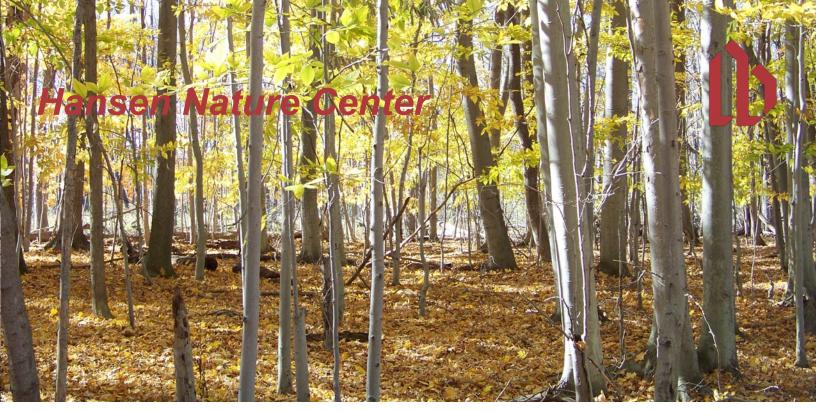
The Monroe County Sheriff's Office asks that we remind everyone about safety when visiting local parks.

Deputies are aware of recent thefts from cars in Parks throughout Monroe County.

Visitors are reminded not to leave valuable items in their vehicles.

If anyone notices suspicious activity they are encouraged to call 911 to report it.

Visit or Follow Tinker Nature Park on Facebook



#### **Hansen Nature Center Welcomes Pudge**

We now live in a world where the phrase "invasive species" is frequently used. The phrase was coined in 1958 by Charles Elton in his book titled The Ecology of Invasions by Animals and Plants. The concept was not new, Charles Darwin spoke of "introduced species" as early as 1859. These terms have broad definitions, are used interchangeably, and are often ambiguous. The former has a clear negative connotation, while the latter conveys the idea of purpose.

New York State, has passed legislation in an attempt to manage the spread of species that negatively impact the native ecosystem. Procedures have been adopted to identify and classify plants and animals, and a permit system is in place to control distribution of non-native species.

Here in the Hansen Nature Center we have some special residents. Many of you are familiar with our seven-year-old red-eared slider turtle, Sweet Pea. She is a regulated species, which means it is illegal to release her into the wild—doing so incurs hefty fines. These turtles can grow quite large, up to 12 inches across, and not everyone is aware of the habitat requirements that a growing turtle needs. Unfortunately, it is due to the lack of owner experience that these turtles find themselves released into NYS waters. Many die, but the larger ones are able to adapt and thrive— eventually competing with and forcing out our native turtles.

Not all released pets are turtles. Every year the list of "Regulated and Prohibited Invasive Species" (6 CRR-NY 575.3-4) grows. Popular exotic pets are added because the owners' tire of their animal and release them to fend for themselves. Recently we have acquired a new resident at the Nature Center, and it is due to an owner releasing a pet into the wild.

Pudge is a domestic Ringneck Dove; he was found foraging outside the Nature Center, looking particularly weathered. He was tame and readily picked up and brought to an Avian Vet for an exam, where it was discovered he was 20% underweight, and had been starving in the wilds of Henrietta. As a domestic dove, he lacked the instincts to survive. He now has a new home, plenty of space, and lots of turtles to boss around. As a social bird, it was serendipitous he came to the Nature Center. He has adapted well to the many people who visit and stop at his cage to say 'hi'.

#### **What are Stormwater Management Ponds?**

Stormwater ponds are bodies of water in commercial and residential developments that collect and store stormwater runoff. These ponds improve water quality and control water quantity and reduce pollution and prevent downstream flooding. Stormwater ponds can be attractive or can become eyesores depending on how they are managed.

#### What Can I Do to Help My Neighborhood?

- Don't mow grass to the edge of the pond (reduces water fowl use of pond)
- Allow natural vegetation to grow 3-5' from edge of pond (reduces water fowl use of pond)
- Reduce or eliminate the use of fertilizer on nearby lawns (reduces algae blooms)
- Keep grass cuttings out of the pond (reduces algae blooms)
- Seed and mulch any exposed soil (reduces erosion)
- Get Town permission to put stone along waterline (reduces burrowing animals)
- Do not dump water, plants, fish, or animals into ponds (reduces invasive species)
- Don't dump anything into drains that feed into the ponds (reduces pollution)

For more information see the Town of Henrietta website: www.henrietta.org/stormwater



#### GOOD

This stormwater management pond is surrounded by natural vegetation, which reduces waterfowl access and helps to clean stormwater as it enters the pond.

#### **BAD**

This stormwater management pond has problems with algae blooms due to excessive fertilizer and grass clippings decomposing in the water. Open access to the water means waterfowl are more likely to land and run-off from rains can wash straight into the pond.



# Orangeburg Pipe Information

A recent plumber's mailer went out to Town Residents warning about Orangeburg Pipe. In response, we wanted to give more information surrounding the pipe since it is not as dire as the mailer made it sound.

What is it? Orangeburg Pipe is bituminized fiber pipe that was made from layers of wood pulp and pitch pressed together — think of it as tar soaked cardboard. It was created in Orangeburg, NY (hence the name) in the World War II era due to a lack of iron and steel.

Where is it? This map shows which neighborhoods our sewer crews have discovered Orangburg Pipe. It was mostly used in new home construction in the 40's and 50's and possibly into the 60's and may have been used in other areas not discovered by our crews yet. It was replaced with metal pipes.

**What can go wrong?** First, the pipe was designed with a 50-year lifespan, and so there are some failures due to normal deterioration. Second, the pipe is lightweight and easily cut and this lack of strength can cause problems at the joints. Third, the pipe is more susceptible to root penetration than other pipes.

What should I do if I have it? If you are not seeing sewer line issues, then probably nothing. But if you see any of these warning signs, you may want to have your system checked:

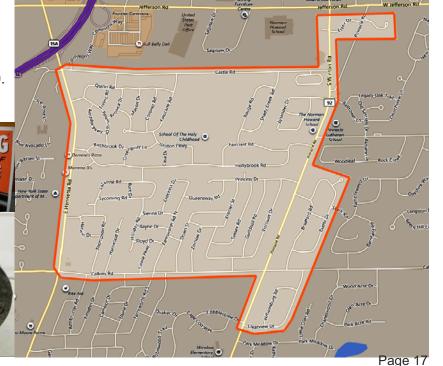
- Slow draining lines
- Frequent toilet or shower backups
- Lawn patches that appear greener than others
- Dips or indentations in the lawn

These warning signs can also be indicitive of other sanitary sewer lateral failures as well. If you are seeing any of these issues, you may want to consider calling a plumber that can use a scope or camera to take a look at the condition of your sewer lateral.

**What are my repair options?** A plumber is best suited to answer this question, but in general, if the integrity of the pipe has been damaged, then generally a full replacement is the only option. The Town will generally replace the pipe in the right of way, from the main to the clean-out, but the homeowner is responsible for replacing the rest of the sanitary sewer lateral. If the integrity of the pipe is still intact, then a "cured in place" pipe lining or similar

repairs might be an option to extend the lifetime of the existing sewer lateral. Again, a qualified plumber can best answer these questions.

**Questions?** If you have any additional questions regarding the above, feel free to contact the Engineering Department at 359-7070.





The dry hot summer has allowed the town to accomplish a great amount of work in all departments.

#### **2018 Paving Update**

The Highway Department has completed 12.3-miles of road work which includes 3.5-miles of milling and paving, 5.5-miles of surface treatment, and 3.3-miles of Nova Chip placement. In addition 4,300 feet of concrete gutters were replaced. If time allows there are plans to replace the gutters on Florendin Drive in preparation to pave that road in 2019.

#### **New Projects in the Parks**

The Parks Department has been busy as well with: the construction of a pavilion to cover the bocce courts at the Senior Center, replaced the wind damaged scoreboard for the football field in Memorial Park, set up the park for the annual 4<sup>th</sup> of July Celebration, assisted with the development of the Riverton Disc Golf Course in River Bend Park, and attending to the ongoing maintenance of all of the Town parks and green spaces.

#### **Sewer Flushing and Prep**

Our sewer department has spent the time flushing sewer lines and mains in preparation of next year's sewer repair projects. Several drainage ways have been re-graded and cleaned to assist with drainage issues. This type of work has been harder to complete in recent years due to restrictions placed on us by the DEC and the Army Corps of Engineers.

#### **Library Site Work**

The DPW did the site prep work at the new Library in order to save money and continues to work wherever possible, including relocating the sewer system to the new Minerva Campbell Way — the road connecting Memorial Parkway and Fair Avenue and the main entrance to the library, and then will return this fall to pave the roads and parking lots, once the construction has progressed far enough.

All of this work was successfully completed by the dedicated employees of the Public Works Department, sharing equipment and personnel from each department gave us the ability to undertake planned and unplanned work.

#### **Fall Leaf Drop-off**

The Town does NOT pickup leaves or lawn debris. Your waste hauler is required to do so. Please do NOT rake the leaves into road side ditches or to the curb — they can cause drainage problems there, including flooding and ice dams during the winter. The Town will offer a drop-off area at Martin Road Park South, during six weekends this fall: October 13<sup>th</sup>/14<sup>th</sup>, October 20<sup>th</sup>/21<sup>st</sup>, October 27<sup>th</sup>/28<sup>th</sup>, November 3<sup>rd</sup>/4<sup>th</sup>, November 10<sup>th</sup>/11<sup>th</sup>, and November 17<sup>th</sup>/18<sup>th</sup>. Leaves and tree clippings will be accepted from 10:00 am through 3:00 pm on each of the above days. Do NOT use plastic bags. Either use paper bags or haul them in a pick-up or trailer — be sure to cover with a tarp or other means to keep the debris from flying out when transporting the leaves and clippings.







#### A Woman of Distinction

Janet Zinck (center) was recognized locally after receiving the 2018 New York State Senate Woman of Distinction Award, as presented by State Senator Patrick M. Gallivan (to the right of the plaque). Janet served for 17 years on the Henrietta Town Board, during which time she was the liaison to the library and worked with the Senior Center.



#### Don't miss our Gala Celebration!

Join us!! Our celebration will be an evening of dining and dancing!

#### Saturday, September 29 Locust Hill Country Club

Proceeds from this event will go to the Friends and Foundation of the Henrietta Public Library

Make your reservations by calling 733.4768 or email donations@friendsandfoundationhpl.org

This party has been 200 years in the making, you don't want to miss it!

#### **2018 Deer Hunting Season Dates**

For the Southern Zone

Early Bowhunting	Oct 1 - Nov 16
Crossbow	Nov 3 - Nov 16
Regular Season	Nov 17 - Dec 9
Muzzleloading	Dec 10 - Dec 18
Late Bowhunting	Dec 10 - Dec 18



#### **Engineering Word Search**

How many of the words that are associated with engineering can you find below?

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BASIN	BRIDGE	BUILDING
CONCRETE	CONSTRUCTION	ELEVATION
<b>EROSION</b>	FOUNDATION	JOIST
OUTFALL	PIPE	POND
ROAD	SEWER	SILT



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# Henrietta Chamber of Commerce Scholarship Golf Tournament

Thursday, September 13, 2018

For the 32nd consecutive year, the Henrietta Chamber of Commerce is sponsoring a scholarship golf tournament to be held on **Thursday, September 13, 2018** at **Wildwood Country Club** in Rush, NY. Proceeds from the tournament will be used to provide scholarship awards of \$3,000 to two matriculating Rush-Henrietta High School students for each of their first two years of college. A committee of educators and businesspeople reviewed applicants and selected recipients for the scholarships.

HCC's Scholarship Golf Tournament directs 100% of the net proceeds to public or private high school students who are going on to attend institutions of higher education. This school list continues to grow and now includes:

Babson College Emerson College Harvard University Mercyhurst University RIT NTID

St. Joseph's University SUNY Geneseo

St. Bonaventure University

Bentley University
Fordham University
Hillsdale College
New York University
University of Chicago
Stevens Institute of Tech.
SUNY Oswego

Cornell University
Hampton University
John Carrol University
University of Pittsburgh
St. John Fisher College
SUNY Brockport
University of Buffalo
Rochester Institute of Technology

In 1986, RIT's former Treasurer, William J. Welch, initiated this tradition and HCC is continuing it again this year. If anyone or any organization has an interest in joining with 100 other participants in playing in the tournament on September 13th , please contact Kurt Litzelfelner at 340-5136, Al Baronas at 370-6067, or Dick Swanson at 330-2566.

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