

# Henrietta Happenings



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2019



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## *From the Supervisor...*

It has been an exciting three months as we've moved from spring to summer with a number of milestone events. The biggest news, of course, is that the new Henrietta Public Library has opened, but as I am dedicating an entire story to the library, I will address other topics here.

Our audited financials for 2018 came in and I am proud to say that we came in **\$457,304 UNDER BUDGET** on the expenditures side, and that includes the unbudgeted expense of the new Rec Center HVAC — something that was much needed during the hot summer but also was more efficient heating in the winter - no more gym temperatures in the 50's after cold winter nights.

Some of the budgetary savings were due to postponing capital expenditures, but the majority was from very real savings. We achieved those savings by taking a look at how we were spending money and seeing if there were more effective ways to do so such that we were able to receive the same or better service while spending fewer tax payer dollars.

This newsletter is a concrete example of one of those initiatives. The printing and direct mailing costs for a Town newsletter comes to about \$8,500 per issue. The Town used to print four issues. By increasing the information content in each issue, we were able to reduce that to three mailings, saving the Town roughly \$8,500. But we also were paying for separate postage for the Recreation Brochure, which went out on its own schedule. By aligning the newsletter to the brochure's schedule, we could insert the brochure into the newsletter and basically get it mailed for free. That saved another roughly \$12,000 for postage on the brochure. Furthermore, by doing the writing and

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## *From the Supervisor...*

layout of the newsletter myself, we save money over paying for an outside contractor to do that for us. The Town's staff found similar cost savings, including copier contracts, software contracts, and unnecessary expenditures, and as a result, we have been able to keep costs down while still providing the same or better service.

In addition to the expenditures above, we also spent nearly \$7-million on Capital Projects, as per plan, the vast majority of which was for the new Library.

On the revenue side, we ended up with a large third and fourth quarter windfall resulting in a **surplus of \$1,843,576**. This was largely due to higher than expected sales tax revenues in those quarters, the discovery by the County of \$105K prior years' mortgage tax that went to the city instead of Henrietta, finally receiving State Funding for a 2014 Grant for the Henrietta Dog Park, and a significant increase in the commercial development activity resulting in larger than expected revenues in the Building and Engineering related fees.

Unfortunately, the budget process is done before these revenues were in or else we might have been able to soften the tax increase some, but we made the best estimate we could with the information on hand. The good news is we will be using much of this surplus to keep taxes down for next year with the hopes of not only holding the tax rate flat, but even dropping it so your Town taxes actually go down.

Which brings me to our new Fund Balance Policy. The Town put in place a new Fund Balance Policy to help guide the administration and the Town Board during the budget process. The idea is that when we end up with these windfall surpluses, we don't immediately spend it all – that we instead save it, either to help reduce future tax burdens or to save up to fund long term projects like building expansions so that we do not have to go out to bond and thus incur interest expenses – even with the great credit rating the Town enjoys, for every \$1 paid for through a bond, it requires \$1.60 of tax dollars to pay the bond back.

We also had a milestone event in mid-July. For the first time in the history of the Town, we celebrated Pride Week, flying a Pride Flag at Town Hall and hosting a wonderful celebration of the flag raising organized by volunteers with all services, including the actual flag, donated to the Town.

As stated in the resolution, Town of Henrietta is a highly diverse town with a belief in equal opportunity for all people, regardless of gender, race, creed, national origin, sexual orientation, or gender identity and expression. That was the basis for holding the celebration.

I long for the day when we do not need a Pride Week for the LGBTQ community – that they could enjoy the same rights and human dignities as all other members of our community. Unfortunately, as was evidenced by some of the responses online and in person, today is not that day. We still have a ways to go. But at the same time, incredible progress has been made in recent years and that was celebrated.

A number of people questioned by the Pride Flag flew in place of a POW/MIA flag. First and foremost, the POW/MIA flag continued to fly where it always flies: directly beneath the US Flag at the Veterans' Memorial. Second, until we equipped the Town Hall flag with a second flag mount, there never was a POW/MIA flag flying there. Once we added the second mount we felt it was a waste to leave it empty whenever we were not flying a special occasion flag so we purchased a second POW/MIA flag and will fly it at Town Hall whenever we are not flying a special occasion flag. As such, the Pride Flag did not take away from the POW/MIA flag, it added to it, doubling the number we fly 51-weeks of the year.



Fortunately, the vast majority of the responses were very positive including from some people who decided to be open minded and go to the event even though they were not “LGBTQ supporters.” The comment I heard the most was what a wonderful, inclusive event it was and they really enjoyed the ceremony. That was gratifying as the inclusivity was the goal from the beginning.

Finally, with the milestone of the new library, I wanted to discuss what we were planning with the old library. The plan is to bring the Town Court, currently located in office space in the middle of an office park, over to the Town Hall Campus. The form it will take depends ultimately by the decision the Town and the County make together.

The current Zone B Substation of the Monroe County Sheriffs Office is also located in office space in the middle of an office park, tucked away in a back corner off West Henrietta Road. The new Sheriffs administration would like to change that. They would like a more centralized location, preferably on the Town Hall Campus.

There aren't a lot of available locations as I have no interest in losing park space. The only real way to accommodate the new substation on the Town Hall Campus is to remove the old library and build the substation in its place with a smaller Town Court just to the south, in what is now the old library parking lot. If the County can obtain the land, another possible location would be immediately to the west of the DPW building on the vacant parcel to the east of the Red Creek medical office park.

We have not decided which location is better from a cost standpoint — the goal is to not only do this in a manner that does not add to the Town's costs, but to minimize the additional costs to the County. As much as I think it would be a benefit to have the Sheriffs Office adjacent to the Town Court, I will not put forward any plan that is going to add to our taxes. The cost of construction will be borne by the Sheriffs Office, who of course wants to minimize the tax implications for the County. Plain and simple, if it is not a win-win for the Town and County, then we will not do it.

Below is a concept plan of what we were looking to do.

*Steve*



# From the Town Clerk's Office



## HUNTING & FISHING LICENSES

2019-20 Hunting Licenses and Deer Management Permits go on sale August 1, 2019 and are valid from September 1 – August 31 annually. The Town of Henrietta is a Licensed Issuing Agent for New York State hunting and fishing licenses, so your licenses can be purchased in the Town Clerk's Office Monday – Friday from 9:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m. Please note that you will need to bring proof of residency with you, which in most cases will be your New York State Driver's License or Non-Driver ID.



## FREE RABIES CLINIC

The Town of Henrietta will be holding a free rabies clinic on **Wednesday, September 4 2019** from **4:00 - 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.

Thank you to Dr. Carolyn Fisher and the employees at Suburban Animal Hospital for donating their time to make this event possible.

ALL PETS MUST BE LEASHED OR IN A CARRIER

## DOG LICENSING



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/neutered dog licenses are \$18.00.**

We will only be able to accept cash or check at this time.



# *The New Library Opens!*



It is hard to believe it is finished. My entire time in office, I have been part of the team working on the new Henrietta Public Library and recently, we had the grand opening. It was a wonderful, well-attended event that celebrated all of the hard work that so many people put into making this a reality, including multiple administrations, organizations, companies, and individuals.

Literally, within 24-hours of being elected, I was working on this project. The day after the election, I got a call from Deputy Town Supervisor, Peter Minotti, to come in and meet with him and Town Supervisor Jack Moore – the primary topic of discussion: the new library that just passed referendum by a two-thirds margin. I had less than a month to get up to speed because the first contracts were going out to bid in December.

But you can trace the start back even further. Supervisors Michael Yudelson and Jim Breese began building up the fund balance that would allow the Town to build a Rec Center and Library, largely through the sales and mortgage tax windfalls of the housing boom or later as the recovery took hold. Then the new Director of the Library, Adrienne Pettinelli, began working towards getting a new library, and Jack Moore began the plans and put forth the referendum. And of course, no Town Supervisor can do it alone. Those budgets that create the surplus and the resolutions to spend the money or authorize the referendum do not happen without a Town Board that votes in favor of them.

After those initial meetings after election, the work really picked up. There was the mad dash to finalize the plans, the formulation of all of the bid documents, dealing with problems that arose like the title for the land, and starting the weekly construction meetings. As with any sufficiently complex project, it was not always smooth sailing. One of the biggest issues was problems with the geothermal wells. Those issues even cascaded into subsequent issues for our Town DPW crews working on the parking lots.

But overall, the effort went pretty much as planned – a little behind schedule due to the three month delay up front, but still on budget. As of the writing of this Newsletter, we have spent \$10,784,500 on the Library with another \$1,611,500 projected in outstanding bills, including the completion of the prime contracts, furniture, audio, digital, and paving.

And the results are spectacular. We now have a library with the technology to keep up with the day, providing WiFi and computer access to those who need it, especially schoolchildren who might not have WiFi access at home to be able to do their homework. We have a children's section that is 6X the size of the old library's and also an additional dedicated story time room. And it also has a wonderful Reading Tree, thanks to a donation of wood by RIT from their fallen giant oak tree, a design by RIT student Casey



Mazza, and the fabrication genius of DPW worker Josh Duncan. There are meeting rooms, study rooms, a quiet room, a large public meeting room with hearing assistance loops and large screen presentation displays, a dedicated teen section, and a dedicated large print section, as well as porches, balconies, beautiful open foyers and staircases, skylights, and so much more.

And that is a testimony to Adrienne and her staff and their ability to describe their vision to the architects and then Passero's ability as architects and designers to capture that vision in a design and finally Christa Construction and all of the prime contractors' and their subs' abilities to bring that design to reality.

Finally, a discussion of the new library would not be complete without talking about the fabulous Grand Opening event. It began with the ceremonial passing of the last book from the old library to the new – Henrietta Heritage by Eleanor Crane Kalsbeck. Hundreds of people formed a "book brigade" from the doors of the old library, where I handed the book to the first person in the chain, with the chain winding around Town Hall, past the Senior Center, through Veterans Memorial Park, past the Recreation Center, and all the way to the new library, where Town Historian Tina Thompson received the book and dropped it into the book return. Once at the new library, we unveiled the dedication plaque (to answer a question I've received a couple times already: we decided to use the year the cornerstone was laid, which was 2018, rather than year the building was completed – the old library had done something similar), made a few speeches, thanked a lot of people, had cake, cookies, ice cream, and walked around the new library, enjoying its spacious and beautiful environs, while also enjoying live music, a photo booth, and more. I would especially like to thank Wegmans, Perri's Pizzeria (sorry folks, it was for the staff's lunch), and Bruster's Ice Cream for the food they donated to the event.

Libraries continue to evolve and grow for the needs of the community. I invite you to visit our new state-of-the-art facility, especially as it continues to be made into a welcoming home for learning.





# Tinker Nature Park



## Tinker Nature Park Fall 2019 Schedule

The Nature Center is thankful to the many volunteers that help make these programs happen and also keep the grounds looking good. These volunteers include Friends of Tinker Nature Park, The Garden Tinkerers, and our museum docents. Additional volunteers include Eagle Scouts, Cub Scout Pack 332, RH Life Skills, Rochester Area Beekeepers, Henrietta Youth Asset Team and RH Students from both the Middle and High Schools. We would also like to thank the Rotary club for their continued donations to upgrade the fitness trail at the Park.

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**

### **Wild Tinker — August 10, 10:00am-3:00pm *New Program!***

Live Animal Presentations throughout the day: WOWEE Wolf Program at 10:00am, Wild Wings “Meet and Greet” and the Zoo Mobile from 11:00am-1:00pm, Hawk Creek Bald Eagle Program 1:00pm. Also, the HPL Pop Up Library, Food Trucks, and Music will be there from 11:00am-1:00pm.

### **Honey Harvest Fest — September 21, 11:00pm-3:00pm**

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

### **Halloween Celebration — October 19, 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 7-8, 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*



# Assessment Exemptions



## Important Information from the Assessment Office regarding Exemptions:

**Basic STAR Credit:** 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](http://tax.ny.gov/star) or call (518) 457-2036.

**Enhanced STAR Exemption (New Applicants):** If you are turning 65 years of age in 2020 and your 2018 total household adjusted gross income is below \$88,050 (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. Applications will be mailed out in mid-November. If you do not receive your application by the end of November, please contact our office. This exemption saves you money on your school tax bill.

**Enhanced STAR Exemption (Renewal Applicants):** For the residents currently on the Enhanced STAR Exemption program, there is no longer a renewal form for you to fill out. NYS Department of Taxation and Finance will be verifying your income from now on and will contact you directly via the US Mail if they have any questions regarding your income. If you receive this letter, please do not ignore it. It is time sensitive. This exemption saves you money on your school tax bill.

**Limited Income Senior Exemption (New Applicants):** If you are turning 65 years of age in 2020 and your 2018 total household income is below \$37,400 (everything income related, including FULL Social Security (pink box number) and excluding IRA's) then you may be eligible for this exemption. Please contact our office at the number listed below to have your name added to the mailing list. Applications will be mailed out in mid-November. If you do not receive your application by the end of November, please contact our office. This exemption saves you money on your Town and County Tax Bill.

**Limited Income Senior Exemption (Renewal Applicants):** These forms will be mailed to you in mid-November. If you do not receive your renewal by the end of November, please contact our office. This exemption saves you money on your Town and County Tax Bill.

**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) and excluding IRA's) then you may be eligible for this exemption. Please contact our office at the number listed below to have your name added to the mailing list. Applications will be mailed out in mid-November. This exemption saves you money on your Town and County Tax Bill.

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, 2020.**

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



# An Update on Prior Topics

## AGGREGATED GARBAGE COLLECTION

The exploration of aggregated garbage collection has been put on hold for now. With the consolidation of the industry through acquisitions by Casella, we should be seeing a decrease in the number of waste removal vehicles in each neighborhood. Rather than explore the question now, we are going to let the dust settle for a year and then revisit the question. If we think there is still an opportunity to save taxpayers money, we will do the research. If the landscape has changed such that the opportunities for savings are minimal, then we will not move on this. If we do the research and determine there are opportunities for significant savings, we will present all of that information to the residents and allow them to opt in or out to the program.



## EAST RIVER ROAD CORRIDOR

In 2018, the East River Road Corridor Study was completed and incorporated into the Comprehensive Land Use Plan. The Town has already begun collecting mitigation fees for some of the expansion projects that have been occurring within the corridor. One of the major project areas, approved just prior to the moratorium coming down, has been on hold for various reasons, including finances tied up in the Morgan Communities federal probe. Meanwhile, other projects move forward, such as the Riverwood Tech Campus, located on the former Kodak Training site. Riverwood is approaching full occupancy and has plans for additional buildings on the site. RG&E's Rochester Area Reliability Project has also been moving forward, which includes a new substation and interconnection of grids to provide better reliability for the power grid. Both of these projects will represent significant tax revenue in the future, helping keep home property taxes down.

## SENIOR CENTER ROOF

The new metal roof for the Senior Center was postponed last year as the lowest bid was above the budgeted cost. This year, we reformulated the bid, switching to a lighter weight metal, since we were installing it over plywood, and we also did not include removal of the old roof in the bid as our Town DPW crews can do the tear off. This brought the bid price below our budgeted amount and we expect the roof to be done in August.



## CHICK-FIL-A

We have heard back from the NYSDOT and they support the Town's position of requiring a left turn light for the northbound Marketplace Drive intersection in order to mitigate the issues of Chick-fil-A customers leaving the restaurant and wanting to turn onto Jefferson Road westbound. Benderson Group, the developers of the plaza, is doing the planning to add the lights and will indicate to the Town their commitment to do so. At the same time, Chick-fil-A is continuing with other approvals, such as signage and front setback. The application to build is on hold until we receive a commitment from Benderson or Chick-fil-A to install the left turn signals.



### **DOLLAR GENERAL AND CARTWRIGHTS INN**

The application to construct a Dollar General store on the Cartwright site was denied by the Town Board under Article X of the Town Code regarding historic sites. As I had mentioned previously, I had to recuse myself because I was working with a local developer to try to purchase and restore the former Cartwright Inn, offering my personal financing to try to make it happen. As of the writing of this newsletter, no deal has been made to acquire the property.



### **APARTMENT COMPLEX DEVELOPMENTS**

The Lehigh Park Apartments Phase II was approved by the Town Board. There were a number of stipulations attached such as maintaining sufficient buffering to the Florendin neighborhood to the east, as well as making improvements to the Lehigh Valley Trail and to the drainage issues in the area.

The Dunnwood Green Apartment project was also recently approved. This project is in conjunction with the Locust Hill Country Club and is being built right in the middle of their

property on the area that used to be the bus loop for the LPGA events. The deal will bring in significant revenue for Locust Hill so that they can make improvements to their facilities without having to raise membership rates. Combining those new revenues with the potential increased membership from millennials or empty-nesters who might want to rent the new apartments, the project should help Locust Hill remain viable going forward, thus preserving one of the largest greenspaces in Town.

### **GREEN BELT MAINTENANCE**

It has NOT been a good year for greenbelt maintenance. The heavy rains we have received in late-spring and early-summer have caused issues everywhere but especially in some of the greenbelts that also serve as drainage swales. Combine the horrible weather with a lack of seasonal help, and we have been behind on mowing all year long. Whenever we have had a stretch of three or four days of dry weather, I have authorized overtime to try to get into the wetter greenbelts to mow. Even then, some of them still bogged down the mowers or were turned muddy.



We are looking at a couple solutions for next year, because based on recent trends, I expect the wet summers to continue. First, we are test driving what I call a “swamp buggy mower” – basically a lightweight mower with large tires that allows it to operate in wetter and even bog-like conditions. If it proves successful, we will look at putting one into the budget. Second, I am going to propose increasing the wage rate for seasonal employees as the wage compression caused by the increasing minimum wage may play a part in why we have been having trouble finding seasonal help.

If you have something you would like an update on in a future Henrietta Happenings, please contact the Town Supervisor at 359-7000 or at [Supervisor@Henrietta.org](mailto:Supervisor@Henrietta.org)

# Building & Fire Prevention



## NEW DIRECTOR OF BUILDING AND FIRE PREVENTION

Please join us in congratulating Kevin Wilson on his promotion to the Director of Building and Fire Prevention following the retirement of Terry Ekwel, although Terry has not completely retired — he will be filling the role of Fire Marshal on a part-time basis through at least the end of the year. We thank Terry for all of the great service he has provided our Town, including saving tax dollars by filling two roles for so long.



## NEW BUILDING PERMIT RULES IN PLACE

The Town Board enacted new rules regarding Building Permits with respect to expiration, extension and renewal. Building Permits are good for 12-months for small projects, 18-months for medium projects, or 24-months for large projects, as per the project size classification in the Building Permit Fee Schedule. Prior to a permit expiring, you may extend it for up to 6-months by reaching out to the Building Department. Once a permit expires, it may NOT be extended, but it may be renewed ONE TIME by paying the renewal fee as per the Building Permit Fee Schedule, which will grant a new period of time equal to the original period of time.



## SMOKE DETECTOR BATTERIES

This is the time of the year when we ask that you check the 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 the batteries in your smoke detector or carbon monoxide detector recently, now is the time to do so.



## NO OPEN BURNING

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. The Town will NOT pick up yard waste, although you may drop it off at the Brush Drop Off across from Martin Road Park — see the next page for more details. 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.

## CHECK FOR SAFE CONDITIONS

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 openings. Also, it will help the Fire Department to get to the source of the problem faster and save property damage.



# Department of Public Works



## HEAVY EQUIPMENT WARNING

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.



## TOWN PAVING PROGRAM

These roads that have been Micropaved as a part of our 2019 paving/maintenance program:

Wright Road	Floyd Drive	Rayne Drive	Sienna Drive
Holiday Road	Garden Parkway	Mertensia Lane	Silverberry Road
Locust Hill Drive	Running Creek Circle	Bard Lane	Faircrest Road
Rouge Road	Shady Creek Road	Dover Road	Eton Court
New London Road	New Tudor Road	Beech Hill Crescent	Cobblefield Way
Langston Point	Oakshire Way	Tulane Parkway	Crockett Drive

We are scheduling the next phase of our paving program work to begin on July 22 with gutter and catch basin work on several of the roads scheduled for milling and paving with hot mix asphalt. A total of 18 roads are scheduled to be milled and paved, and that is in addition to the newly paved Minerva Campbell Way, which connects Memorial Drive to Fair Avenue and provides access to the Recreation Center and new Library. An additional five roads will receive the Nova Chip sealing process. In all, we are repaving or sealing over 10% of our Town roads. We will post the updates on the town website as work progresses and do our best to keep the information current as we can.

## SUMMER HOURS IN EFFECT

Reminder to all residents, summer operation hours are in effect. The Public Works department starts work at 6:00AM Monday through Thursday and concludes the day at 3:30PM. Friday the hours are 6:00AM until 10:00AM. These hours were used last summer as an experiment which was successful and proved to be more efficient to accomplish the annual capital and routine projects.

## LIBRARY SITE WORK

We spent the months of May, June and half of July prepping for curbing and sidewalk installation, then paving all of the parking lots and driveways around the new Library. Additionally we backfilled, installed topsoil and sod to the site to get it ready for the July 20 opening. Finally we paved Minerva Campbell Way which is the new road that connects Fair Avenue to Memorial Drive in our Veterans Park.



## BRUSH DROP OFF

The Town will have the brush drop off site at Martin Road for five weekends as follows; October 19 & 20, October 26 & 27, November 2 & 3, November 9 & 10 and November 16 & 17. The site will open each day at 10:00 am and close at 3:00pm

# Parks and Recreation Improvements

## MARTIN ROAD PARK TENNIS COURT RESURFACING

We have resurfaced the tennis courts in Martin Road Park and have repaired the nets. Included in the new striping are two outdoor pickle ball courts. We hope to resurface the courts at Memorial Park in the next year or two, assuming funding is available.



## NEW PLAYGROUND FOR PRESCHOOL AREA

We will be adding a preschool age playground with a shade structure and poured rubber suface in a fenced in lawn area just to the south of the Rec Center so that children in our Preschool programs will have a place to play. Below are renderings of the new playground equipment.





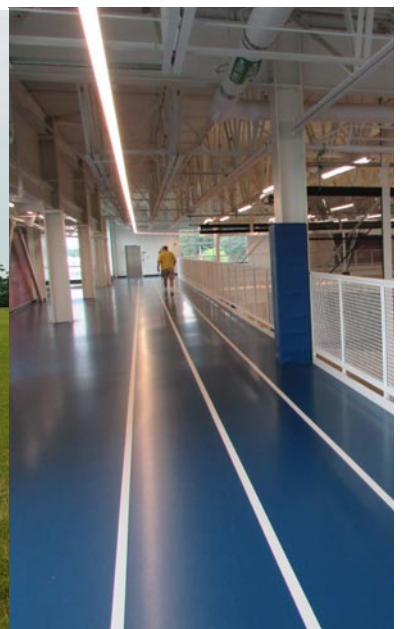
## EXPLORATION OF A POSSIBLE SPRAY PARK

The Town is exploring the feasibility of adding a Spray Park to Veterans Memorial Park. The proposed location would be to the west of Bushman Cabin, near the restroom facilities. If we cannot build a spray park from surplus funds, then it will be on hold until we can because we will not raise taxes to build the park. We are currently getting proposals from three different vendors to get an idea of what we can build and how much it will cost. If we find it is feasible, we will put together a formal proposal, have public information meetings and eventually a public hearing and referendum to decide on whether to commit the funds to building one.



## ADDITIONAL PARK ENHANCEMENTS

The Town has also been making numerous other enhancements to the current park amenities. From improving safety in both the Rec Center and baseball fields with the addition of protective padding to I-beams and light poles to new surfacing for all of our existing playgrounds to plans for replacing all of our park light fixtures to LEDs, either with entirely new poles or just replacing the light fixture. We are looking into adding a second road bridge for access into Veterans Memorial Park and to provide better handicap access to the park during large events such as Independence Day and the Concert Series. We will be expanding Veterans Memorial Park to the southwest with the addition of a nature trail.





# Engineering Department

## WHO WE ARE

There are seven employees who work in the Engineering Department as engineers, technicians, administrative assistants, and interns. Many of us are residents or have lived in the Town at one time in our lives. Also, we have interns who attend the Rochester Institute of Technology and are working towards their degree in Civil Engineering Technology. So like you, we are also a part of the great Henrietta Community.

## WHAT WE DO

The Engineering Department serves two basic functions, to work on various Town sponsored projects and to provide assistance to developers and residents through land development projects.

For example, some of the Town projects that we worked on last year include preparing plans for the repairs to our sanitary sewer system, enhancing our Town by preparing plans for replacing the Senior Center roof with a new metal roof, preparing site plans for the new library, and for adding new sidewalks and trails along the Genesee River, East River Road and Hylan Drive, the replacement of a drainage culvert on Castle Road, and assisting the Drainage Department in their continuing effort to improve regional and residential drainage problems within the Town.

Our other basic function is to assist developers and residents through the site and subdivision development process by providing guidance and ensuring that the project is being designed and constructed in accordance with Town standards and requirements. Also, it is our responsibility to make sure that residents know about these projects and that they have a voice to express their concerns.

## OUR MISSION

The mission statement for the Engineering Department is to provide exceptional engineering services to our residents, visitors, business communities, developers, and Town staff members in a professional and fiscally responsible manner.

On a personal note, I am proud of the people and the work that the Engineering Department does for the Henrietta Community.



Chris Martin  
Director of Engineering and Planning





# Castle Road Culvert Replacement



After over 65 years of faithful and dedicated service to the Town, I would like to announce the retirement of the Castle Road Culvert. This 140" span by 92" high corrugated metal pipe arch was installed sometime in the 1950's and is located approximately three hundred feet east of Shady Creek Road. The creek that passes through the culvert is part of the Allen's Creek tributary and has a watershed area of over 2.9 square miles. It has withstood such rainfall events as the August 27, 1992 storm that dumped over 1.2 inches of rain over the Town in twenty five minutes, the more recent June 20, 2019 storm which contributed 1.4 inches of rain in less than an hour, and of course many many storm events in between.

Its replacement will be an 18'-0" wide by 8'-0" high precast concrete box structure approximately sixty feet in length. The new culvert will be imbedded in the ground twelve inches so that it will have a natural stream bottom and will be able to handle a one hundred year storm frequency event.

The design of the culvert is almost completed and a tentative construction date of either this upcoming winter or next summer is anticipated. The construction cost for the new culvert has an approximate price tag of \$640,000.

Though it will be sad to see the existing culvert replaced after withstanding so many storms over the past sixty years, it's nice to know that its new replacement will be able to withstand stronger storm events and should serve the Town for well over eighty years.



# ABB Awards



**ANTOINETTE BROWN  
BLACKWELL**  
(1825–1921)



## ANTOINETTE BROWN BLACKWELL AWARD RECIPIENTS

Each year, the Antoinette Brown Blackwell Society awards deserving recipients with scholarships and/or awards. The society is named after Antoinette Brown, who was born in Henrietta and grew up in a fieldstone house on Pinnacle Road that is now on the National Register of Historic Places. She was a prolific writer and lecturer on such topics as temperance, abolition, and women's suffrage. Recognized as the first female minister in the United States, she was inducted into the Women's Hall of Fame in 1993.

### 2019 ANTOINETTE BROWN BLACKWELL HENRIETTA WOMAN OF THE YEAR — SADIYA OMAR

Sadiya Omar and her family came to the United States in 2001. They established a home in Henrietta and Sadiya began helping other refugees from her homeland of Somalia and other countries, as well, who did not know English and could not find the resources they needed. She is the Vice-president and co-founder of the non-profit organization Refugees Helping Refugees (RHR) which offers free services to help refugees and immigrants become self-sufficient.



Her colleagues refer to her as the Somalian version of Mother Teresa because of her utter selflessness and compassionate way of being in the world. Sadiya received the Farash Prize for Social Entrepreneurship in 2014 and a national Jeffersonian Award for Outstanding Public Service in 2016.

### 2019 ANTOINETTE BROWN BLACKWELL SCHOLARSHIP WINNERS — TWANDA DIXON

Twanda Dixon is a member of National Honor Society and the Spanish National Society and has received the Urban League Early Recognition Black Scholar Award, the Digital Citizenship Award and the Royal Comets Award. She has volunteered for Hurricane Relief Efforts, CURE Childhood Cancer, Food-link and the Open Door Mission Samaritan House.



Twanda belongs to Rochester Institute of Technology's STEP Program and the FIRST Robotics-Team 191, X-cats. She will attend RIT this fall to study New Media Interactive Development.

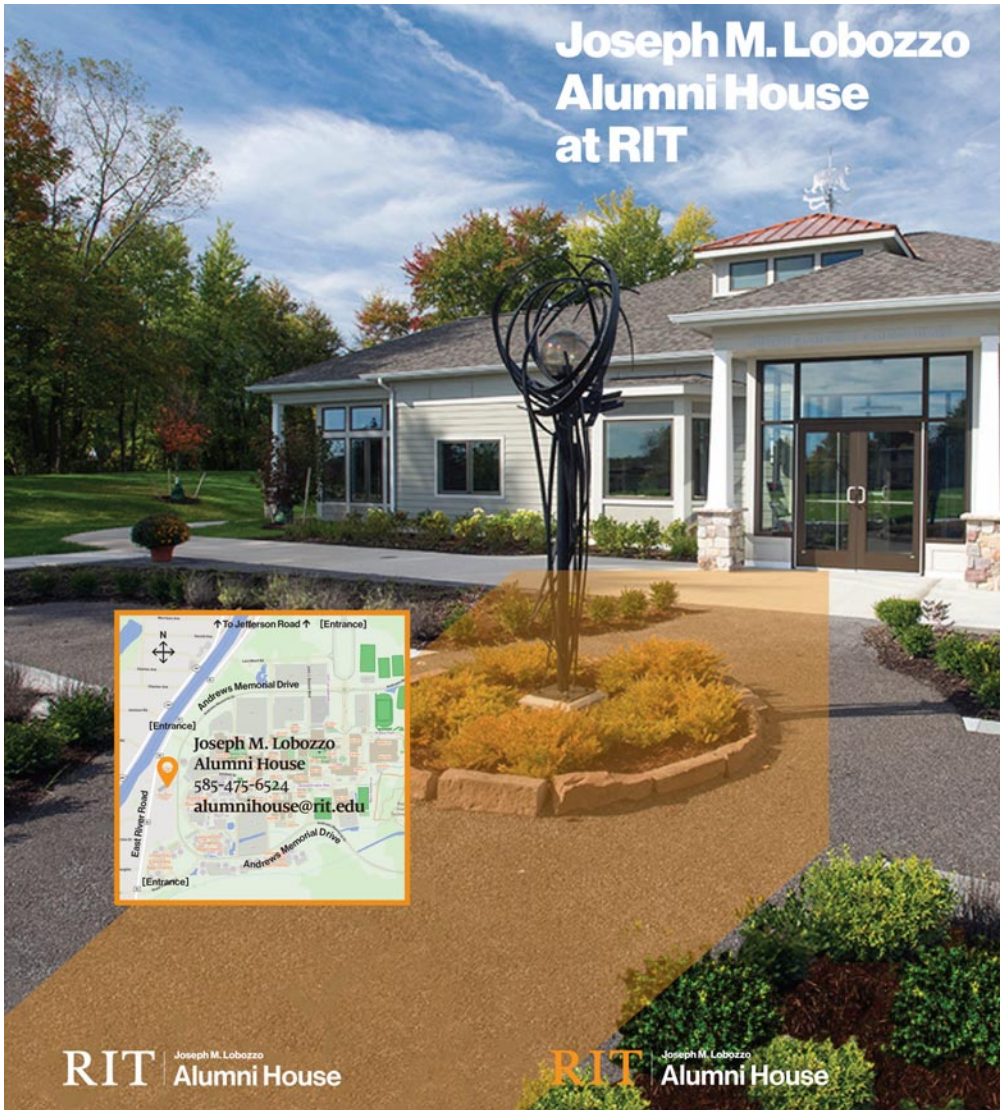
### 2019 ANTOINETTE BROWN BLACKWELL SCHOLARSHIP WINNERS — LILIJANA OLIVER

Lilijana Oliver is a semi-finalist for the National Merit Scholarship, and was nominated for the National Academy of Future Scientists and Technologists Award of Excellence. She began playing the viola in fourth grade and has performed with the Area All-State and All-County Orchestras.

As an athlete, Lilijana is the recipient of a Scholar Athlete Award, Most Valuable Female Runner Award, Coaches Award and was selected for the All Greater Rochester Cross-Country Team. She volunteers at the Ganondagon Seneca Art and Culture Center which keeps her connected to her Native American Lineage. Lilijana will attend Yale University and pursue a career in biomedicine.



# About Town...



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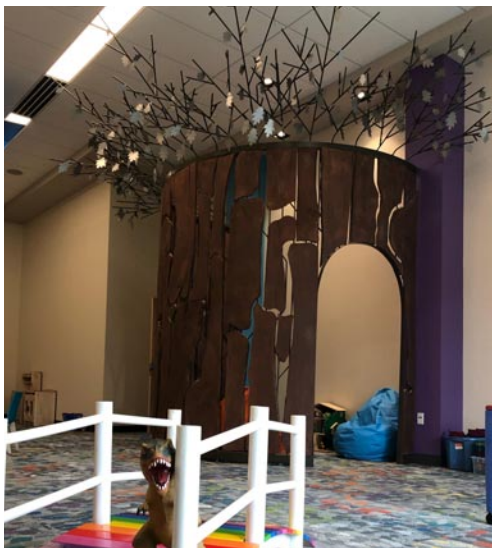
- Company meetings and retreats
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### Visit the House!

RIT alumni and friends are welcome to visit during regular business hours. Stop in Monday through Friday between 9:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m. for a cup of coffee and a personal tour of the house. Our staff and volunteers are well-versed in event planning, keeping you apprised of campus activities, and providing support for anything you may require. You'll find information on campus events, get directions to locations around campus, and maybe even catch up with some old friends!

The Loboazzo Alumni House is located on the west side of campus on Andrews Memorial Drive, across from the Red Barn. Come see it for yourself, today! For information, please contact us at:

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**Thursday, September 12th, 2019**

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Practice Range Open  
10:30 am  
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Lunch on the fly at the turn  
3:30pm  
19th Hole Hors d'oeuvres  
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