

# Henrietta Happenings



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## From The Supervisor

Summer 2016

As we all enjoy our summer, here's an update on Henrietta's Town activities.

The Recreation Center building is going exceedingly well. We are ahead of schedule due to the good weather. We expect to be using the building sometime in November or earlier! The cost of the building at this point is under budget.



The update of the heating, ventilating, and air conditioning (HVAC) system in the library is moving forward and will be completed before long with a total cost of approximately \$400,000.



The Library committee is wrapping up their planning suggestions and will soon have a recommendation on a new building or renovation with an addition. The Library Board is starting a capital campaign to help fund the project.

Your Town Board has hired Labella Associates to assist with the plan to update the Town Hall HVAC and electrical system. In the very near future we will have a cost and potential plan to get it done!

The construction of new public bathrooms on the west side of the Town's Veteran's Memorial Park is now complete. The Parks and Drainage team saved the Town well over \$100,000 by doing all of the work themselves. Special thanks to our Parks and Drainage team for all their hard work on this project.

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## From our Supervisor continued

The new sewer line for the Recreation Center and the overflow sewer from Fair Avenue to the Senior Center was completed in June. This project was funded by Morgan Management and Spoleta Construction, a \$150,000 value donated to the Town.



Our Senior Center celebrated its 25 year Anniversary with a community picnic for all. Special thanks and appreciation to Shelly Gorino for over 20 years of great service to all our Henrietta Seniors.

Department of Public Works (DPW) crews have been hard at work with our summer roads programs, 12 miles of Town roads will be upgraded this year. Henrietta's DPW Department has also implemented new summer hours from June-September, Monday-Thursday 6:00am to 3:30pm and Friday 6:00am-10:00am. "Thanks for all your hard work."

John Summers recently donated a 200 foot strip of land that runs along the Genesee River from the Farrell Road Extension to the Kodak/Riverwood parcel. The Town has also acquired an additional 40 acres at the end of Farrell Road bringing the Town of Henrietta's Land Bank total to approximately 200 acres.

The Town Board has almost completed an update to the Town's Comprehensive Land Use Plan. A draft Generic Environmental Impact Statement (GEIS) has been prepared and will recommend some possible land use changes in our southwest quadrant.

A call for an Agriculture & Farmland Protection Plan (AFPP) was a result from our last GEIS public meeting. An AFPP would put in place areas of farmland to be preserved going forward. The Town has applied for the grant from New York State Department of Agriculture and Markets (NYSDAM) to develop a plan for Henrietta. We will be hiring a consultant and setting up a Farmland Advisory Committee to assist in this endeavor. More information regarding the AFPP and advisory committee will be coming soon.

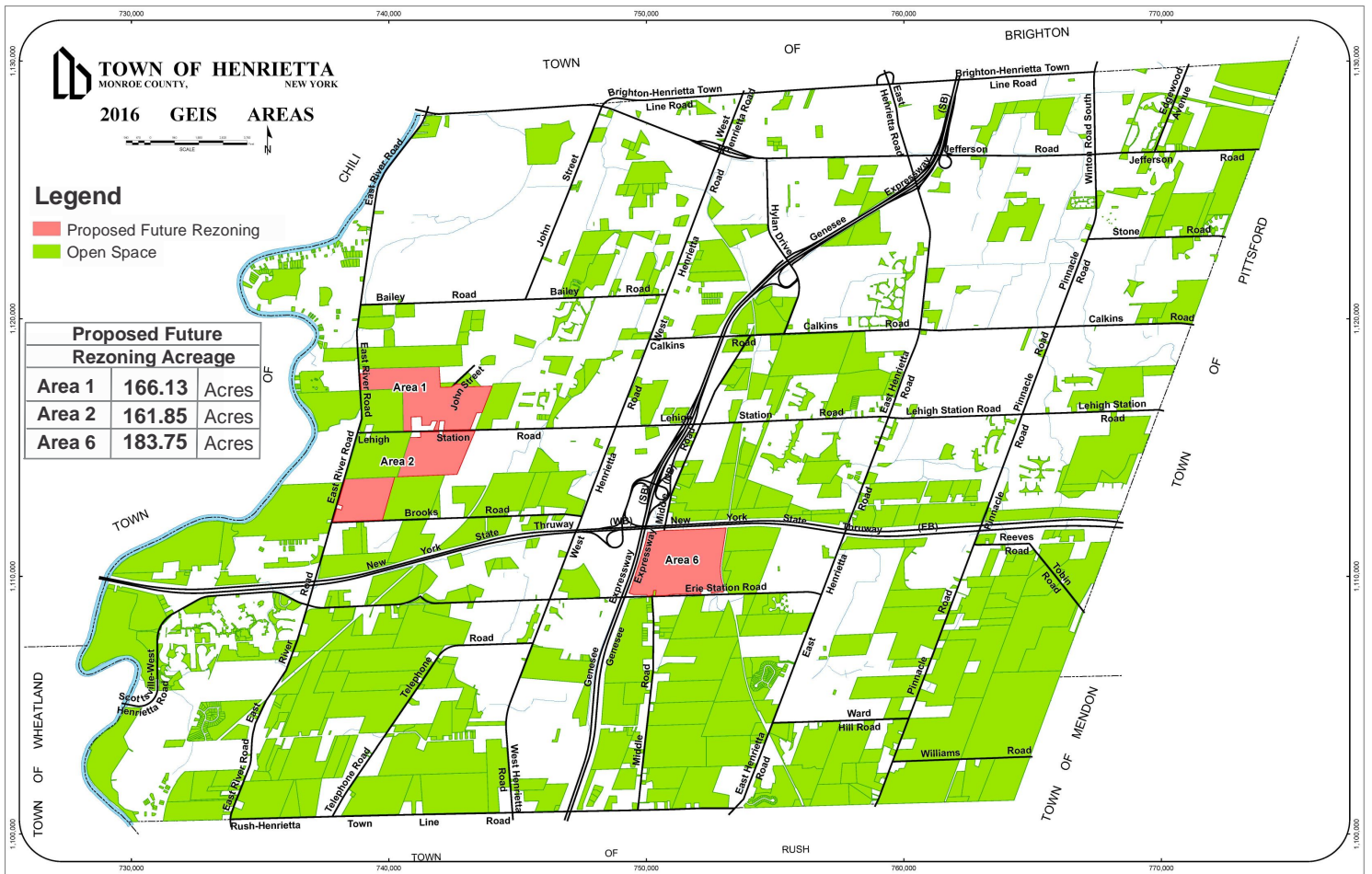
### LAND USE PLAN UPDATE

The draft GEIS is part of a smart growth plan to provide additional development guidelines for the future. Specifically, it considers directing industrial development in the areas specified below. Once the updated Comprehensive Land Use Plan is adopted and in place, any rezoning would be an additional process only at the land owner's request.

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# From our Supervisor continued

## UPDATED 2016 LAND USE PLAN MAP



### DRAFT GEIS FACTS

- Town of Henrietta has a total of 19,936 acres
- 8,000 acres of open space
- There are 8 vacant industrial buildings out of a total of 191 as of June 1, 2016

As a result of resident's comments at the April 6, 2016 Public Hearing the Town of Henrietta has:

- Begun developing an AFPP, Agriculture & Farmland Protection Plan
- Evaluated local infrastructure to a high degree and produced an inventory of vacant industrial buildings which will be included in the GEIS
- Significantly reduced the potential development areas from the original draft GEIS

Have a great summer!

Jack W. Moore, Supervisor

# Library News

We're currently in the midst of strategic planning here at the library, looking ahead to what our priorities will be over the next few years and fleshing out some plans. Before we looked ahead, though, we spent some time looking back to see what our most recent successes have been.

## Here are some highlights from 2015:

- We were open 302 days.
- 211,829 people visited the library.
- 21,821 people attended events and classes for children, teens, and adults.
- We gained 2,841 active borrowers. We currently have a total of 12,632 active borrowers in Henrietta.
- The Friends of the Henrietta Library donated over \$10,000 to the library. This money paid for dozens of programs, all the materials for our pop-up libraries, custom bookmarks designed by local photographer Claire Talbot, and two new display units.
- The Henrietta Chamber of Commerce awarded us the 2015 Community Service Award.
- We were awarded grants to support technology programming for kids and internal brand development.
- We created e-mail newsletters currently enjoyed by hundreds of readers.

So far in 2016, we've been working to build on our strengths and plan to further develop them. The areas we'll be focusing on are early childhood literacy, DIY/"how to," services for readers, communications, and technology access/training. To learn more, stop by the library or visit us online (on Facebook, Instagram, and [hpl.org](http://hpl.org)). You'll find information about our new Robotics for Kids programs, our ever-popular expanded Tween Tech Labs, and Minecraft for Teens programs alongside a full slate of storytimes, concerts, and classes that will keep the whole family learning all summer and beyond. As ever, I welcome your comments and questions.



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# From the Town Historian

## Preserving History

For almost forty years, the Historic Site Committee, formed through a town board resolution in 1978, has been working to “safeguard the town’s historic, aesthetic and cultural heritage.” This has been done through the creation of historic site districts. Currently there are 85 homes that have been placed in thirteen historic site districts.

In recognition of National Preservation Month in May, the committee sent letters to the owners thanking them for helping to preserve the architecturally significant structures within the town by volunteering to place their homes in an historic site district. The listing of these structures is available on the town website. You will notice that one of the first buildings to be placed in an historic district was the West Henrietta Baptist Church which celebrated its 200<sup>th</sup> anniversary last year.

In addition to inviting homeowners to join an historic site district, the Historic Site Committee presents awards to property owners who have done an outstanding job either renovating or repurposing an historic structure. Two examples of these structures located on East Henrietta Road are the Dog Groomers Institute that was originally the Methodist Episcopal Church and the red brick school master's house \* built c. 1825 which now is used for office space.

On May 18 the committee presented the 2016 Architectural Heritage Award to the Payne family, owners of CountryMax, for the renovation of the barn located on the former Halpin property on West Henrietta Road. In addition to keeping the structure of the dairy barn, the Payne family used wood from the barn,



and equipment such as the milk stanchions and milking pails to decorate the store. Photographs from the Halpin family album, including a picture of John Halpin Senior and his wife Esther Schafer Halpin are on display. John and Esther purchased the farm in 1924 and began raising dairy cattle.

**Halpin Property**

\*School master for the Monroe Academy which is no longer standing.

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## Town Historian continued

The historic significance of a property is enhanced by the stories about the people who lived in the houses, worked on the farms, worshiped in the churches and attended the schools. As my volunteers and I have been organizing the files for the Historic Site Committee, we have noticed that many family histories are missing. If you have information about the previous owners of an historic property, please share it with the historian's office. This property may not currently belong to an historic district but still is an important part of our collective history. We can easily scan documents and photographs. Please call 359.7042 to arrange your visit.



**CountryMax**



Photos courtesy of Gary Goodridge

The Historic Site Committee may be e-mailed at <[hsc@henrietta.org](mailto:hsc@henrietta.org)>

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# From the Town Clerk

## Town of Henrietta PASSPORT NIGHT

Thursday, July 21st  
5:30 p.m. — 7:30 p.m.

### BY APPOINTMENT

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



### Did you know...?

The Henrietta Town Clerk's Office provides Notary Public services at the Henrietta Town Hall, Monday- Friday, from 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. There is no fee for Henrietta residents and a \$2.00 fee for non-residents. Please remember to bring a photo I.D. that includes a signature, and don't sign any documents until you are in front of the Notary Public as we are required to witness your signature.

## Curbside Recycling

Is this item recyclable? Sometimes it can be hard to remember, especially if it's an item without a recycle symbol clearly marked. So as a refresher, the following commingled materials can be picked up by your residential refuse collector for recycling.

### Acceptable Paper Items

Newspapers and inserts  
Magazines and catalogs  
Junk mail, advertisements and brochures  
Clean cardboard (flattened)  
Pizza boxes (clean, empty and flattened)  
Paper egg cartons (**NO styrofoam**)

Paper boxes - cereal, cracker, soda, tissue, shoe, gift, toy, pasta, etc. – flatten (NO plastic liners)  
All books (including phone books)  
Home office paper, files, school papers, etc.  
Shredded paper must be in brown paper bags.  
All envelopes (including windowed envelopes)  
Gift wrap

### Acceptable Metal, Plastic & Glass Items

Gable-top cartons and drink boxes (rinsed)  
**Clean**, empty plastic containers and items #1 through #7 (with or without caps, but **preferably with caps**) (**NO styrofoam, empty prescription bottles, pesticide containers, bulky containers, bulky items, and bags or filmy product wrapping**)  
Metal Pots, Pans and Aluminum Foilware  
License Plates (defaced)

Metal Food and Beverage Cans (rinsed – lids are accepted)  
EMPTY Aerosol Cans (with caps) (NO pesticides or spray paints)  
Glass food and beverage bottles, jugs and jars (rinsed – with or without caps) (NO drinking glasses, window glass, pyrex, light bulbs, etc.)

### Unacceptable Items

Food or Liquid Waste  
Plastic Bags/filmy product wrapping  
Sharps/Syringes  
Ropes, Cords and Hoses

·Clothing  
·Styrofoam  
·Rx Bottles

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# Town Clerk continued

On the topic of recycling, you may have noticed that on windy days, due to open recycling containers, materials designated for recycling can become airborne and litter our neighborhoods. In order to help us keep Henrietta beautiful, please remember to flatten items where possible and to stack them in a way that will minimize debris. On particularly windy days, in order to prevent you and your neighbors from having to chase materials down the street, it is advisable to either delay recycling or to take your recyclable material to Monroe County ecopark at 10 Avion Drive, Rochester, NY 14624.



10 Avion Drive | Rochester, New York 14624

**ecopark is your one stop drop off facility for expanded recycling options**

Monroe County ecopark is a great place to take items that can't be picked up by your refuse collector, such as electronics or household appliances.

For more information on what materials can be taken to Monroe County ecopark and specific requirements, please visit their website at [www.monroecounty.gov/ecopark](http://www.monroecounty.gov/ecopark) or email [mcdes@monroecounty.gov](mailto:mcdes@monroecounty.gov).

But what about items that don't fit into your recycling bins to begin with? As you already know, online shopping has become really popular and as a result, many of us have lots of cardboard to recycle which often doesn't fit into our designated recycling bins. What's the best way to gather all of this flattened cardboard to ensure that it will not only get picked up with the rest of our recycling but that it will also get recycled? Although each residential refuse collector is required to pick up recycling, they all handle the recycling differently. For your convenience, we have gathered the following information. However, for any specific questions, please contact your refuse collector directly at the phone number listed.

**Hours of Operation**  
 Wednesday (New Evening Hours).....1pm – 6:30pm  
 Saturday.....7:30am – 1pm  
 (Closed on Holidays)

	<b>Recycling Container</b>	<b>What to do with cardboard that does not fit into the container</b>	<b>Where does the recycling go?</b>	<b>Phone #</b>
<b>Al's Maintenance</b>	Toter with lid	Flatten cardboard into bundles – maximum size 5' x 5' x 3'	J.C. Fibers in Rochester	585-247-2570
<b>Coakley Disposal</b>	16 gallon bins / toter with lid available upon request	Flatten any size cardboard and place under the recycling bin	Centerpoint Transfer Station in Scottsville and/or Monroe County Recycling	585-624-4344
<b>Feher Rubbish Removal</b>	16 gallon bins	Flatten cardboard into bundles – maximum size 3' x 3'	FCR Recycling in Ontario County and/or J.C. Fibers	585-479-4007
<b>LT Disposal</b>	16 gallon bins / toter with lid available upon request	Flatten any size cardboard	Casella Zero Sort Processing in Ontario County	585-889-4760
<b>Waste Management</b>	16 gallon bins	Flatten cardboard into bundles – maximum size 4' x 4' and place near your recycling bin	Monroe County Recycling Center	585-647-5233
<b>Youngblood</b>	16 gallon bins / toter with lid available upon request	Flatten cardboard into bundles – maximum size 4' x 2'	J.C. Fibers in Rochester	585-254-7081

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# Town Clerk continued

## Free Rabies Clinic

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 **August 17, 2016 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.

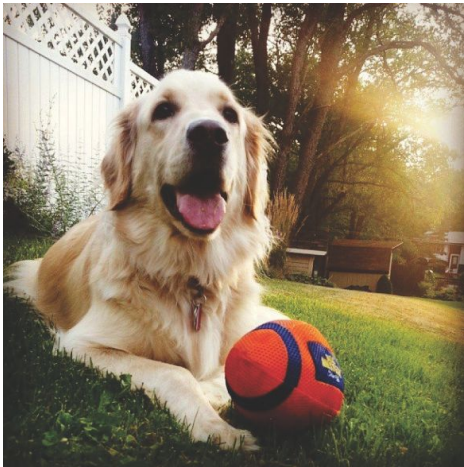
New York State law also requires dogs to be licensed in the town they reside at 4 months of age. The Town of Henrietta will be set up at the same location & time for **Henrietta residents only** to obtain a license for their dog or to renew their dog's license. Spayed/neutered dogs cost \$9.00, non-spayed/non-neutered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



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## What do I do if I've lost/found a dog?



If you have lost or found a dog there are certain steps to take to help ensure the dog is returned as quickly as possible. The first thing you should do is **call the Animal Control Officer at 585-359-7009**. If both the owner and the person who found the dog call Animal Control, the dog is returned to the owner promptly. If the dog is wearing its license tag, Animal Control can look up the information in our dog licensing system and contact the owner immediately. Since information about the dog cannot be given to anyone other than the owner, contacting Animal Control will save time. Animal Control will also scan the lost dog for a microchip to aid in the identification of the dog owner.

Please refrain from posting photos and information on Facebook. Often times when missing or found dogs are posted on Facebook the information is incorrect, incomplete, or the dog has already been

returned to the owner by Animal Control.

If you find a dog in a town other than Henrietta you need to contact the Animal Control Department in the town where the stray dog was found. State law prohibits stray dogs from being processed in a town other than the one in which they were found.

Suzette Saint-Ours  
Animal Control Officer  
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585-359-7009

**Remember to always call your local  
Animal Control Department FIRST!**

# Parks and Recreation

Our Recreation team is excited for this summer's programs and special events! Please visit our online registration page to view the most up to date information about programs, special events, and parks facilities at <http://parksandrecreation.henrietta.org>. Note that fall program registration will begin for residents on August 15<sup>th</sup> and for non-residents on August 22<sup>nd</sup>. The fall parks and recreation brochure should arrive in residents' homes early August.

The Town of Henrietta's Memorial Day Parade was held on Sunday, May 22<sup>nd</sup> and was a tremendous success. Over 50 groups marched in the parade and the streets were lined with families from R-H High School all the way to Veterans Memorial Park. Thank you to all who participated in the parade and to the residents who came out to observe and support the event. I would especially like to thank the Monroe County Sheriff's Department and Town employees who assisted with traffic control. This allowed our parade to run smoothly and safely. To view photos, please visit our Facebook page by searching "Town of Henrietta".



On May 13<sup>th</sup>, 2016, Karen McArthur, Assistant Recreation and Youth Bureau Director retired after serving the Town of Henrietta for 35 years. Karen has left a positive impact in our community serving youth and families through her work with the Youth Bureau. On behalf of the Town of Henrietta, we thank Karen for her efforts and contributions to enhancing the quality of life for our residents.

I am excited to welcome our new Recreation Supervisor, Craig Ross to our team. Craig began working with us on May 10<sup>th</sup> and is responsible for planning and supervising a variety of youth and adult sports programs. He will also be an asset in developing new program offerings as we transition into the new Recreation Center. Craig is a graduate of Cortland University where he received a degree in Recreation Management.

Veterans Memorial Park has been receiving a facelift as many new projects are underway. An access road was constructed behind softball field #2 which connects the Memorial Drive parking lot with the Cabin Road parking lot. As part of this project, the parking lot at Bushman Cabin will be expanded in September. This will allow for additional parking and smooth traffic flow for our larger events including the 4<sup>th</sup> of July Celebration.

From all of the staff here at Henrietta Parks and Recreation Department, we hope you and your families have a safe and enjoyable summer!



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# Building and Fire Prevention

As summer approaches, we ask that everyone be mindful of their neighbors regarding outdoor recreational fires. Though many of us enjoy the smell of wood smoke, remember that doesn't pertain to everyone. Please check with your neighbors before you start a recreational fire. This office receives numerous complaint calls of wood smoke from residents. It is important to the quality of life that people be respectful of their neighbors. You can find the requirements set by the NYS Uniform Fire Prevention & Building Code, regarding this issue. I have included it with the Town website under FAQ's (Frequently Asked Questions).

Due to the popularity of Sky Lanterns, we must warn all Town residents that the NYS Fire Code prohibits the use of Sky Lanterns unless they are tethered or anchored to the ground. Because this is considered a form of "open, uncontrolled burning", the NYS Office of Fire Prevention and Control has deemed this activity illegal.

Also be aware of the dangers of swimming pools and make sure your pool alarm is in good working order. We have already experienced drowning of young children in pools across the state. Children are naturally attracted to water, so it is important to maintain a watchful eye and make sure your pool alarm is active.

Again, just a reminder that home projects will result in an easier effort if you plan ahead for Permit submissions. It is a busy time for us and we are running 10 days to 2 weeks for permit review. We will do our best to get them issued in a timely manner. Please do not show up on a Friday afternoon with Permit application in hand expecting us to issue the Permit before you leave. Plan accordingly.

The Building & Fire Prevention Office wishes all Town residents a safe and fun summer!  
Please do not hesitate to contact us with any concerns or questions at: 585-359-7060.

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# The Assessment Office

## Important STAR Information

There have been recent NYS legislative changes to the STAR exemption program, specifically affecting new applicants. As a result, homeowners who are new to the program should be receiving a STAR check directly from NYS instead of receiving a school property tax exemption. The amount of your benefit should be the same, regardless of how you receive it.

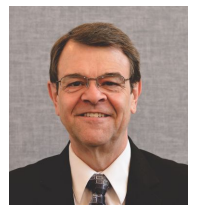
Beginning with the current 2016-2017 school year, new STAR applicants will need to register with the NYS Department of Taxation and Finance to receive a STAR check. Even if you already applied with our office, you will now need to register under these new procedures. Registration can be accomplished either online or by telephone.

Current Basic and Enhanced STAR exemption recipients will keep their exemptions as long as they continue to own the home as a primary residence.

Current Enhanced STAR exemption recipients must continue to file a renewal application with the local assessment office each year, just as in the past.

New applicants who are affected by these NYS legislative changes, who applied for the STAR exemption locally since March 1, 2015, were mailed a notification letter within the past few weeks outlining what they need to do to register.

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## Cookies, Where's The Milk?

Cookies are small text files that websites put on your computer to store information about you and your preferences. Cookies can enrich your browsing experience by allowing sites to learn your preferences or allow you to avoid signing in every time you visit certain sites.

“Cookies were designed to be a reliable mechanism for websites to remember basic information (such as items added in the shopping cart in an online store) or to record the user's browsing activity (including clicking particular buttons, logging in, or recording which pages were visited in the past). They can also be used to remember arbitrary pieces of information that the user previously entered into form fields such as names, addresses, passwords, and credit card numbers.” (Wikipedia February 2016)



As you can see, cookies are useful ways to save your preferences such as your login name for a particular site, but they can also be problematic if you do not want your credit card information saved after shopping on a website. What can we do?

First thing, make sure your web browser is up to date from your software vendor. Most companies will alert you if you need an update when you open your browser. Be careful not to checkmark any other add-ins they are offering when updating the installation. Examples would be extra tool bars

that you may or may not want, or even a Virus protection “free trial” offer. To prevent having unwanted items installed, always read the screen before hitting continue.

When you are making an online purchase, you most likely will be presented with a choice to save your credit card/payment method for next time. It's not a bad idea to decline this convenience! Usually it's a check box that you do not have to check.

Every browser contains Options that allow you to delete your cookies, browse history, passwords and various other types of data stored on your computer about your web browsing preferences. Step by step instructions are available on the internet for your browser. (Just Google© it!) After deleting this information, you may notice that you have to re-enter your login names, ship to addresses, etc., but this slight inconvenience can save you some trouble down the road.



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# Department of Public Works

Public Works projects are in full swing. This means heavy equipment, dump trucks and employees will be working throughout the town. Please be aware of these activities and be alert when traveling near 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.

In general, the capital improvement work for 2016 includes road maintenance paving, surface treatments, catch basin repairs and gutter replacement work, installation of drainage and a new porous pavement parking lot at the Bushman Cabin in Memorial Park and continuation of sanitary sewer lateral and main repairs. Specific projects and tentative construction dates are listed on our website, [www.henrietta.org](http://www.henrietta.org) and updated each Monday.

The Public Works Department began a trial period of new operational hours effective June 6<sup>th</sup>, 2016 and ending on September 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2016. The department hours are as follows: Monday – Thursday 6:00AM – 3:30PM and Friday 6:00AM – 10:00AM, the change was made to allow for a more efficient work day.



Summer is the season for yard clean-up and home improvements. Both of these activities generate many telephone calls to the Highway Department with questions regarding debris disposal. The Town of Henrietta does not pick up brush or any other debris, your refuse hauler is required (by Town code) to remove this material from your property.

Brush must be cut and bundled in four (4) foot lengths to be removed by your trash collector. Tree stumps, large logs and long limbs will not be taken by your trash collector. These items are your responsibility

to dispose of, normally by a tree surgeon. Twice annually, once in the spring and once in the fall, the town opens the Martin Road Park South to accept brush and yard debris from town residents. Dates will be posted in the fall newsletter for the next open period.

Construction debris will be removed by your trash collector “in reasonable quantities”. This means that a few pieces of scrap lumber will be taken with your household trash, however, a large quantity of lumber, drywall, roofing material, etc. will not. For an additional fee, your collector will take larger quantities, but prior arrangements should be made between you and your trash collector. Concrete, bricks, rock, sod and dirt will not be removed by your trash collector.

The Town of Henrietta, in conjunction with the County of Monroe, want to remind all residents about the household hazardous materials collection program. Residents can use this resource free of charge and in doing so you will help improve water quality in our streams and creeks. Many household items are frequently disposed of by pouring them down a catch basin or into a creek. This program provides an environmentally safe way to dispose of these items. The County of Monroe offers this service throughout the year at their collection facility on Avion Drive, which is off Paul Road behind the airport. Residents are encouraged to call 760-7600 to make an appointment to drop off items or to ask questions about the items that they will accept. Links on the Town's website will also provide specific information about this program.

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## Important Improvements along Jefferson Road

### A collaboration among NYS, Town of Henrietta, Monroe County and RIT

Drivers traveling along Jefferson Road between East River Road and the entrance to Park Point will notice some new and improved lighting fixtures that are more energy efficient and more effective, thanks to funding support from the State of New York and a unique collaboration among Rochester Institute of Technology, the Town of Henrietta and Monroe County. The new light poles will be fully installed by mid-summer, and will use LED lighting that is brighter and more energy efficient. Once the lighting installation is complete, work will follow to improve the sidewalk from Lowenthal Drive to John Street, creating a much improved look and feel to the area. This is one of the major gateways to the Town of Henrietta for residents and visitors alike. As part of this collaborative arrangement, RIT will assume responsibility for maintenance of the new lighting fixtures.

These important improvements were made possible through the efforts of several members of our legislative delegation, including Assembly Majority Leader Joe Morelle and Senator Patrick Gallivan, as well as former NYS Senator Jim Alesi and former NYS Assemblymember Joe Errigo, with funding made available from the NYS Department of Transportation.

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### Henrietta Ambulance Receives Recognition

Our local EMS service has received several accolades and a pending accreditation from an international association.

Emergency Medical Technician (EMT) Eric Thomas was honored at Henrietta Ambulance's annual awards dinner held in February. Awarded with EMT of the Year for 2015, the honor is given each year to a provider that excels at the position and who acts as a role model for other members.

Paramedic Eric Rathfelder was awarded with Paramedic of the Year for 2015 and has also been recognized as the Monroe-Livingston Paramedic of the Year. Eric is part-time at Henrietta Ambulance and works full-time as a Rochester Police Officer.

Henrietta Ambulance's Chief Reg Allen has been awarded the Harriet C. Weber EMS Leadership Award through the Monroe-Livingston Regional EMS Council. This honor is given to an individual who exhibits innovation, dedication, responsibility and executive skills while expanding the role of EMS. Reg has been Chief for the past 9 years and has been involved in EMS since 1980.

In addition to the individual awards, Henrietta Ambulance also received Agency of the Year for 2015 within the Monroe-Livingston region.

The agency was recently visited by evaluators from the Commission on Accreditation of Ambulance Services (CAAS). With a pending accreditation, Henrietta Ambulance hopes to become the only local/town-based EMS service in the region and only the second in New York State to become accredited. CAAS accreditation is designed to help EMS agencies increase organizational performance and efficiency, increase clinical quality, and decrease risk and liability. The CAAS panel of Commissioners meets on June 27 to evaluate the results of the site visit to determine if the agency will be awarded accreditation.

CAAS information is available on their website: [www.caas.org](http://www.caas.org)

# Tinker Nature Park

We would like to welcome Emily Malley to the staff at the Hansen Nature Center. Emily has worked as a naturalist at Allegany State Park and as a volunteer at the Seneca Park Zoo. She is a graduate of RIT and is continuing her studies in Environmental Science.

The Gardens at the park are in bloom and are a wonderful spot for taking photographs of butterflies, bees and birds. "The Garden Tinkerers", volunteers made up of Cornell Master Gardeners, Henrietta Garden Club members and people who just enjoy gardening are always looking for volunteers to help with the gardens at Tinker Nature Park. If interested in volunteering please call 359-7044.

## Upcoming Programs

**Saturday, July 16<sup>th</sup>: 12:00pm – 3:00pm: Tinker Homestead Ice Cream Social and Open House.**

**August 5<sup>th</sup> - 7<sup>th</sup>: 13<sup>th</sup> Annual Civil War Encampment:** (6:30pm) Friday evening concert on the lawn featuring the Excelsior Brigade Fife & Drum.

Saturday & Sunday: Living history encampment 10:00am – 4:00pm, with battles at 2:00pm.

Programs include: Saturday 10:00am - Sweet History: The story of sugar and its role down through the ages. Come and learn about the "True Treats of the Civil War."

Saturday 11:30 - Period Wedding in the Amphitheater

Saturday 12:45–1:30pm "Songs and stories of the Underground Railroad"

Sunday 10:00 – Church Service

Sunday 11:30 – Ladies Dress Show and Tea

**September 17th: Harvest Festival. 11:00am-3:00pm.** Watch as we extract honey from our hives. There will be honey for sale, and you can sample food made with honey, tour the Tinker Homestead, listen to music. We'll also have horse drawn wagon rides and apple cider pressing. "Ask a Master Gardener" information table will be available to answer your garden questions.

For more programming information visit our website at [sities.google.com/site/hansennaturecenter](http://sities.google.com/site/hansennaturecenter)

We are on Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/Tinker-Nature-Park>

The Hansen Nature Center is open Tuesday – Saturday from 9:00am – 4:00pm closed Sunday, Monday and Holidays. Tinker Nature Park is open 7 days a week from 7:00am – sundown. Restrooms are available by the main Calkins Rd. parking lot.

Tours of the Tinker Homestead are available by appointment Tuesday – Saturday from 10:00am – 2:00pm. Please call 359-7044 to schedule a tour.

Volunteer opportunities are available as a docent at the Tinker Homestead and Farm Museum. Please call 359-7042 for more information.

Please remember to leave your dogs at home – pets are not permitted in Tinker Nature Park.

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

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



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## The Engineering Department

### Coming Soon to a Neighborhood Near You

“Only Rain Down the Drain” is the slogan used by Larry the H2O Hero to combat storm water pollution from entering storm sewer systems, creeks, streams and ponds. Pollutants such as automotive fluids, detergents, pesticides, fertilizers, grass clippings, sediments, and pet waste can enter the Town's storm sewers through catch basins which discharge downstream into creeks and ponds. Not only do these items pollute our bodies of water, but they can cause algae growth and reduce the amount of oxygen in our ponds and lakes.

As part of the Town's effort to help Larry the H2O Hero fight pollution, we will be installing “Storm Drain Markings”, like the one indicated below, near catch basins and storm inlets located along the roadway. Due to the thousands of catch basins located within the Town, it may take a while for us to install the drain marking in your neighborhood, but we would like to complete this task within the next five years. The “Storm Drain Markings” will serve as a reminder that only rain goes down the drain.

If you would like to learn more about what you can do to become an H2O Hero and help Larry fight pollution, please visit [www.H2OHero.org](http://www.H2OHero.org).



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