

Henrietta Happenings



Winter 2019-20



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From the Supervisor...

First and foremost, I want to thank residents for their faith in me and my efforts as Town Supervisor. Second, I would like to express my deepest sympathies for everyone who knew Peter Minotti, who left us far too early, just prior to the printing of this newsletter.

As this is the Winter edition, there will be a large portion committed to the budget. In a nutshell, we were able to hold the tax levy flat and even drop it slightly while still providing additional headcount for much needed areas such as plowing, paving, mowing, and drainage. What does that mean? It means the Town will collect fewer property tax dollars in 2020 than it did in 2019. In addition, thanks to the growth in the Town, it means your **Town property tax rates WILL GO DOWN** by about 4.6%. For more details, please see the Budget Section.

As you can see in the photo above, the new metal roof has been completed for the Senior Center. The Center has been in need of a new roof for years. Due to the low pitch angle of the roof, I did not want to just replace it with asphalt shingles again or we would have the same problem in too short a time. So last year we looked at going metal. Unfortunately, the bids all came in over budget so we had to scrap it and come up with a way to get it done in a more cost effective manner. We were able to do so thanks to the hard work of our DPW Facilities Crews and the new roof looks great.

The other big change this fall has been the redesign of the Town's website. We started from scratch as there were so many issues with the previous website. Our IT Director, Andrew Stewart, led the efforts, but all of our Department Heads contributed greatly by updating their information. One of the major criteria for this new website was maintainability. The old website

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From the Supervisor...

was difficult to update. This one is easy. And so Department Heads will each be able to modify their own pages and start to put more information on the site. Be aware that this is still a work in progress. We have a lot more information we want to continue to add to the website, but even in its early stages, the new website was much easier to navigate than the old and so we have already cut over even though we are still updating some of the older information.

There are some major efforts underway with respect to our Town Codes. We are now completing the tabled efforts from the Comprehensive Land Use Plan Update. Because we had an expiring moratorium on multi-family developments, and because we were overhauling so much of our zoning and land use codes, there were a few efforts we tabled until later. The first was with respect to large scale solar projects. We are developing our codes to allow them in rural residential portions of towns as a means of auxiliary farm income to help farmers in Town survive in the increasingly difficult and low-margin realm of agriculture. But the codes will also work to keep them from being eyesores, make sure they are never left to rot, and that the ground underneath the panels can be restored to healthy farmland by planting nitrogen fixers and pollinators. The second deals with incentive zoning, which would allow us to further encourage community benefits such as the reuse of long vacant buildings, bringing water and sewer to properties that do not have them, and the expansion or addition to our park lands. We are addressing these efforts through a supplement to the GEIS completed this past February. Preliminary schedules have public hearings held in December and January for adoption in February.

I would also like to update our Town Code for signs, especially with regards to temporary event signs (which political lawn signs fall under). There is ambiguity in the Code and worse, in my opinion, the only people we can go after for illegal signs are the property owners. I would rather see the organization behind the illegal signs (the company if they are commercial signs, the campaign committee if they are political signs, the organization if they are event signs, etcetera) be primarily responsible and thus the ones who the citations go after and who ultimately must pay a fine if the problems are not rectified. Similarly, I would like to explore the possibility of holding a resident/tenant responsible for other Code issues they create rather than only being able to go after the property owner.

We are exploring what efforts we can take on behalf of residents who live or operate within a historic building, on a farm, or in the rural residential portion of Town. A 2011 Town Survey asked what was most important to residents and preserving our history, agricultural heritage, and open space were the top responses. But there is a cost associated to the property owner to do so. We want to do what we can to help offset that without creating a burden for other taxpayers. How can we do so? By taking the necessary steps that allow homeowners to write-off the costs of preserving historical properties against their State Income Taxes, by allowing them to defer the increase in assessment for any improvements made to their properties, and by relaxing some Town codes with respect to driveways, for instance. If you are interested in participating in this effort, please contact me at supervisor@henrietta.org.

During the bicentennial, I created the Henrietta Town Scholars program at RIT which helps students from Henrietta afford to attend RIT. We have our first Town Scholar awarded this year to Octavia Espinoza, so if you see her, be sure to congratulate her on her academic achievement. I would like to create a second scholarship in honor of recently departed Deputy Town Supervisor Peter Minotti.

I will match up to \$50,000 in donations to the fund. If interested, please contact me at supervisor@henrietta.org.



Peter C. Minotti, 1954-2019

Deputy Town Supervisor Planning Board Chairman

On Sunday, November 17, the Town of Henrietta suffered an immeasurable loss. Peter Minotti passed away unexpectedly, leaving a massive whole in the heart of our Town.

Peter had served on the Planning Board for 30-years, including 20-years as Chairman. For the past two administrations, he has served as Deputy Town Supervisor, and for me, he was the first member of the Town administration to reach out to me, literally the day after the election, and has helped guide me through my first term in office.

The outpouring of love and loss from coworkers, colleagues, developers, and residents has been inspiring. If the life of a person is measured by the number of people's lives he touched for the better, then Peter Minotti led a truly amazing life.

Again, if you are interested in donating to the scholarship I will be creating in his name, please contact me at supervisor@henrietta.org





Changing of the Town Board

I would like to give a shout out to the out-going Town Board members as this Town Board will always have a special place in my heart thanks to the speed at which we hit the ground running and all that we have been able to accomplish in the two years since I took office. The Supervisor may lead many of the efforts, but any real change cannot happen without the collective efforts of the Town Board and I could not have asked for a better group to help me get started. It was a good combination of experience and new blood, of Democrats and Republicans, of Town Board Members committed to improving the Town regardless of political affiliation.

Rick Page was the senior statesman on the Board and had always believed in term limits, even if self-imposed, and so his plan was always to retire after this term. Rick has been someone who I have been able to call on for advice. I plan to keep him involved in Town governance as long as he is willing to put forth his time, but I will miss his calm demeanor on the Board.

Scott Adair and I butted heads occasionally but that's not such a bad thing — I want people with different viewpoints than my own as I believe it makes for better decision making. Scott brought knowledge and experience to the Board, especially with respect to financial matters. While I thought he occasionally let politics interfere now and then it was never to the detriment of the Town — Scott put the Town first, like all of us on this Board.

Fortunately, I have Rob Barley and Mike Stafford for two more years and hopefully beyond because their help in moving the Town forward is immeasurable. They each bring a different perspective to the Town Board and have been strong proponents of important issues within the Town. I look forward to many more years of serving together.

But with the departure of Rick and Scott comes the arrival of Millie Sefranek and Lisa Bolzner. And for the first time in Henrietta Town Board history, I can say with some certainty, “old white guys” will not be in the majority on the Town Board. Again, as someone who believes the greater the diversity of input, the better the decision making process, the addition of two women to the Board is a much needed addition.



I have known Millie Sefranek (at left) for years and this past January, worked hard to convince her to run for Town Board. I am so happy she finally agreed to do so and am even more excited that she won the election to join us on the Board. Her knowledge, insight, and perspective will be very welcome additions to the Board and I look forward to what we will be able to accomplish together.

I have only recently met Lisa Bolzner (at right) but I have heard good things about her from people I have spoken to. As a Republican, she will be able to bring a different perspective to the Board and the broad spectrum of political views that all of us represent will lead to stronger governance, in my opinion.



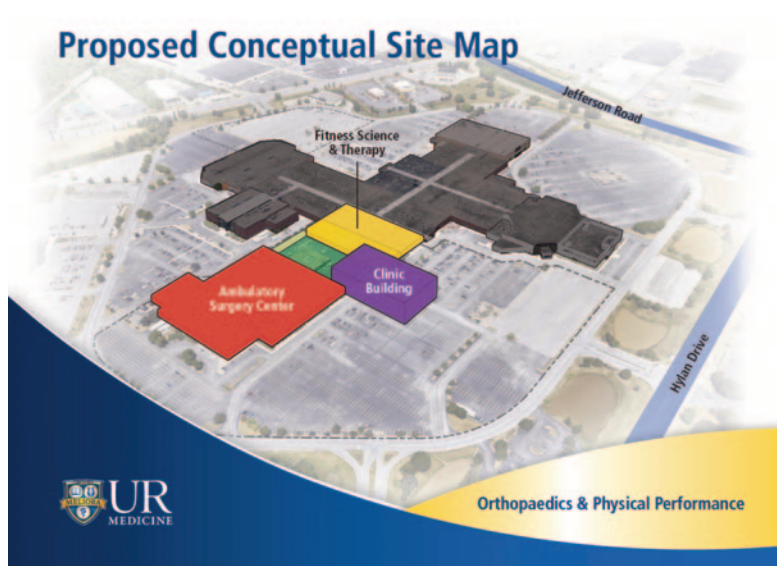
We have already begun to include Millie and Lisa in our Town Board Meetings as observers so that they can hit the ground running in January. Welcome to the team!



UR Orthopaedics at the Mall

From before I took office, I have been working in some aspect with the Mall. The Town Board updated the Comprehensive Land Use Plan to introduce the concept of multi-use zoning overlay districts with the idea of breathing new life into the tired retail areas of the Town. In November, that work bore fruit as the University of Rochester announced that it will be opening an Orthopaedics & Physical Performance Center in the former Sears building and adjoining wing of the Marketplace Mall, breathing new life into the mall. Similar projects across America have yielded great results, rescuing failing malls from the decline of in-store retail.

Since 2017, the Mall has lost nearly \$30-million in property value due to major tenants closing and empty store fronts. While the UR Medical Center will be tax exempt due its nature as a university medical center, if it can halt the decline in value, it will more than make up for the loss in property taxes, and if it can reverse some of that loss, like what has happened at other similar projects, then it can add significantly to the property tax rolls.

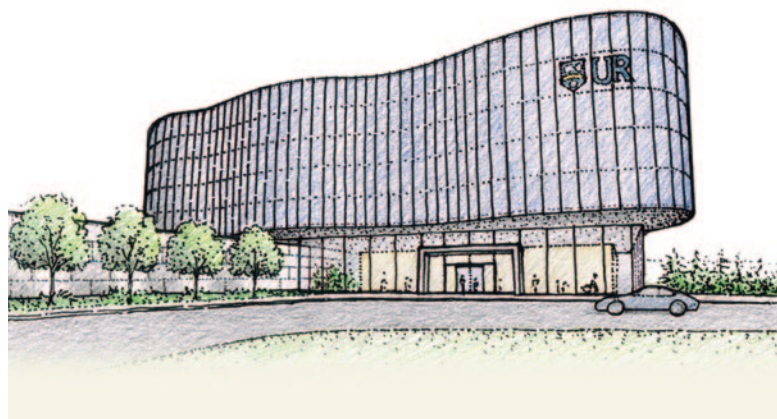


University of Rochester Plans \$240 Million Orthopaedics Campus to Expand Surgical, Outpatient Care

Patients with bone and joint conditions could receive treatment at one of the most comprehensive centers for orthopaedic surgery and outpatient care in the United States upon completion of a medical campus to be built alongside The Marketplace Mall, in a project plan announced today by the University of Rochester.

The UR Medicine Orthopaedics & Physical Performance Center would be the biggest offsite building project in University of Rochester history, covering approximately 330,000 square feet. URMC aims to create an orthopaedics center unlike any other in the Northeast: an expansive facility that would combine ambulatory surgery and other essential orthopaedic services in one convenient spot, with every detail of the building and its surrounding campus designed for patients with painful mobility challenges.

Please visit <https://www.henrietta.org/news> for the full UR Medical Center press release.



Budget Discussions



2019 Budgetary Year in Review

PROJECTED EXPENSES/REVENUES TO BUDGET

Fund	Expenses	Revenues
General	\$100,000 under	\$1,300,000 over
Highway	\$50,000 under	\$38,000 under
Library	\$80,000 under	\$10,000 under
Drainage	\$700,000 under †	\$2,600 over
Sewer	\$158,000 under	\$250,000 over ◇

- † Castle Road Culvert was well under estimates
- ◇ Includes 2018 revenue that came in 2019 & 2017 and 2018 Sewer HUD Grants

4th quarter expenses and revenues still outstanding

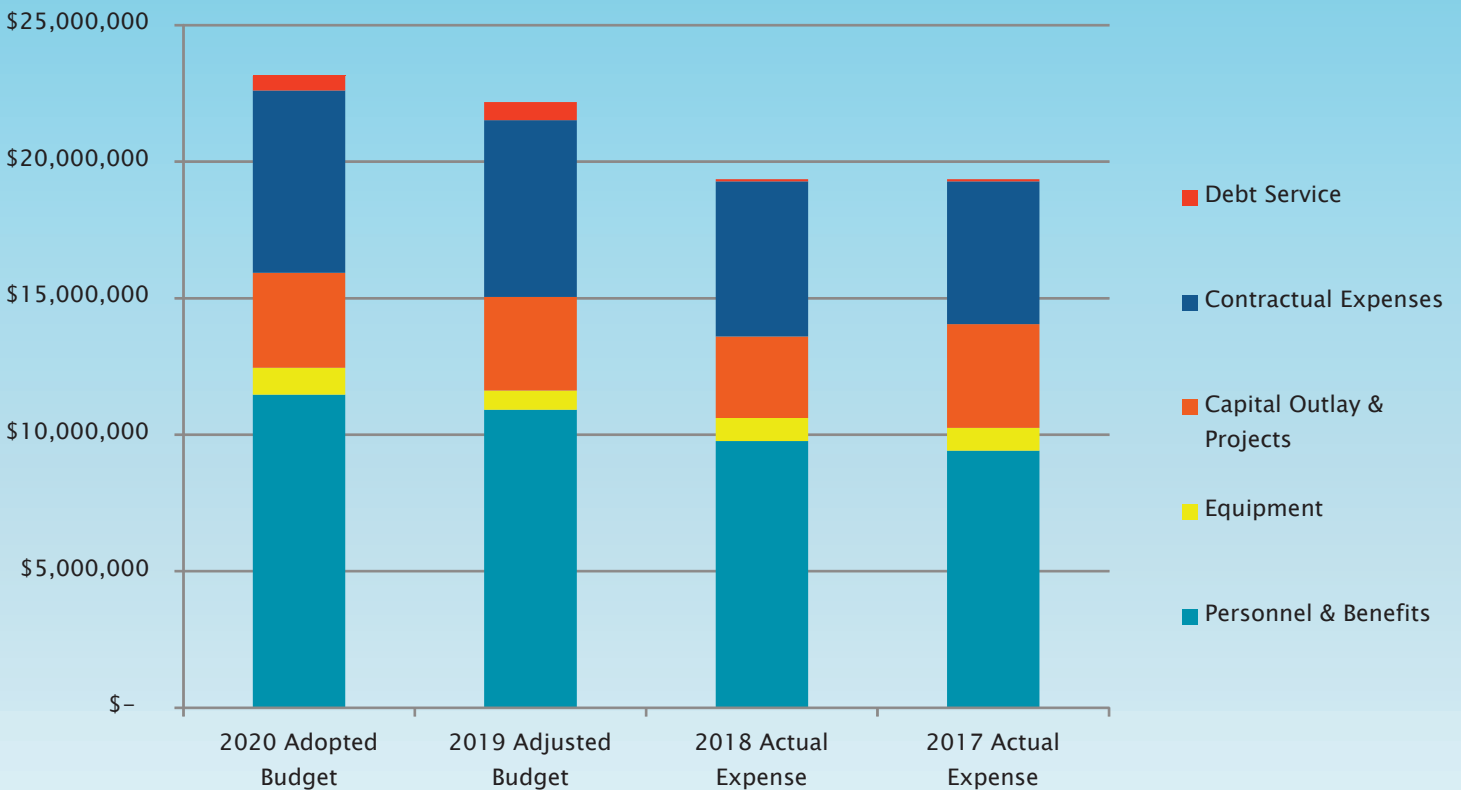
MAJOR EXPENDITURES IN 2019



Clockwise: New Library, Martin Road tennis courts, Pre-School Playground, two new Plow Trucks, Castle Road Culvert, Senior Center Roof

Year over Year Expenditures

Category of Expense net of Fund Transfers, Admin Chargebacks and Transportation Project



Budget Discussions



Final Budget Amount: \$23,136,041 ‡
Tax Levy Change from 2019: \$0.00
Projected Tax Rate Change: Drops 4.6%

‡ Net of Fund Transfers, Admin Chargebacks and Transportation District Project

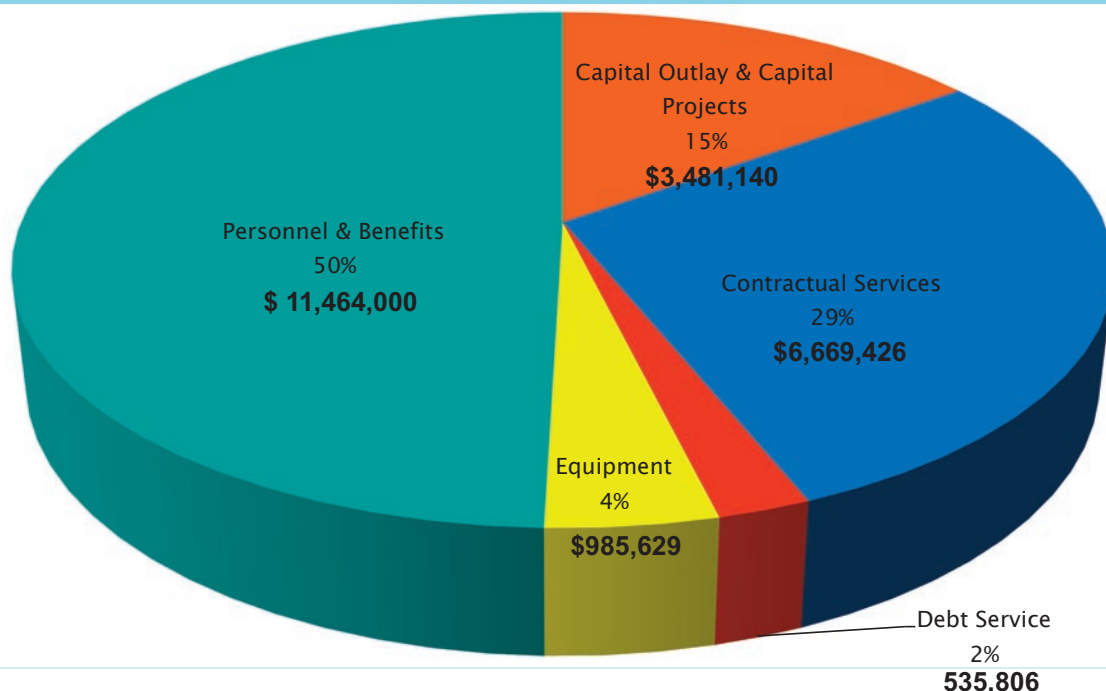
What does this mean? It means the Town will collect the same amount of tax dollars as it did last year. But because of the growth in the Town (2% real growth, about 3% due to rising property prices) your tax rate will drop by about 4.6%.

How were we able to do this? By applying the \$457,000 in budgetary savings from 2018 to keep this year's taxes down. And we were still able to make some important additions to the budget, which is why the expenses are actually going up even though we are collecting the same amount in taxes:

- Highway: we added a new driver and truck to help with **plowing and paving**
- Parks: we added a new operator and tractor to help with **mowing**
- Engineering: we added a new engineer to help redesign problem **drainage** areas
- Facilities: includes the cost for necessary Town Hall **renovations**, including a much needed new roof

And we were still able to maintain our target 20% contingency fund so we remain fiscally sound and able to weather a recession, should this decades long bull market ever come to an end.

2020 Town of Henrietta Adopted Budget



From the Town Clerk's Office

2020 COMBINED TOWN & COUNTY TAX COLLECTION

If you are responsible for payment and have not yet received your tax bill by January 7th, please call (585) 359-7035 or email townclerk@henrietta.org to request a duplicate bill at no charge. You may also view the bill 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. We do NOT honor "postage meter" marks. 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 (3% convenience fee applies), please visit www.monroecounty.gov

The deadline for both first installments AND full payments is:

Monday, February 10th!

For complete payment information, please visit <https://www.henrietta.org/townclerk/page/tax-bills-payments>.

Do you plan on paying your taxes by installment?

If paying by installment on the Combined Town and County tax bill, you'll see there are four payment stubs on the second page of the bill, each with amounts and dates listed. It can be confusing, so here's what you need to know: The amount of interest owed is based on the date the payment is made. What that means is that there is no interest on ANY payments made on or before February 10th – it doesn't matter whether you're paying the 1st, 2nd, 3rd, or 4th installment. Conversely, there is interest on ALL payments made after February 10th, regardless of which installment.

If you're looking at the installment stub, the amount due is a correct amount as long as you're paying within the date range listed. Let's use the third installment as an example:

- If you're paying between March 1st and 31st, you'll owe the total installment amount shown on the bottom of the stub;
- If you're paying BEFORE March 1st, you'll owe less interest.
- If you're paying AFTER March 31st, you'll owe more interest.

Additionally, even though there are date ranges listed on the installment stubs, you can make those payments anytime. So sticking with the third installment as an example, you don't have to wait until March 1st to make a payment. If you have the means to pay earlier, you can certainly do so – you'll even save yourself a little bit of money.



2020 DOG PARK PERMITS



Dogs at play, Pittsford Dog Park, courtesy Town of Pittsford

Have you heard that there is now a new Monroe County Dog Park right next door in the Town of Pittsford? That means that your dog park permit will allow you to enjoy all of the following parks:

- Henrietta Dog Park, 3850 E Henrietta Road
- Pittsford Dog Park, 34 East Street
- Ellison Park, Blossom Road east of N Landing
- Greece Canal Park, 241 Elmgrove Road
- Sweden Town Park, 4752 Redman Road

On that note, we are currently selling 2020 dog park permits, which will be valid until 12/31/2020, for \$24 per dog. If you registered your dog(s) for the Henrietta Dog Park in 2019, you should have received renewal forms in the mail from Monroe County, as well as a reminder postcard from us. As a reminder, each year you must show a current dog license and rabies vaccination certificate in order to complete the dog park registration.

Please note that if you wish for your dog park fees to stay in Henrietta, you should renew at the Henrietta Town Clerk’s Office or by mailing your renewal forms to us at: 475 Calkins Road / Rochester, NY 14623. Replacement access cards can also be purchased in our office for \$20.

For more information, please visit <https://www.henrietta.org/townclerk/page/henrietta-dog-park-lookup-park>

COMBINATION TRASH/RECYCLING TRUCKS IN HENRIETTA



After carefully sorting out your recycling prior to collection, it can be unnerving to see that recycling goes into the same vehicle as your trash. But what you may not realize is that some of our licensed refuse collectors are utilizing combination trucks with a dividing wall that keeps trash and recycling separated within the same vehicle. Both Casella and Waste Management have trucks like these operating within Henrietta.

One of the most obvious differences in a combination truck is that all material is put into the truck through the side – it helps

with both safety and efficiency. So from behind, you won’t see an opening, but you will see two distinct truck sections: the larger section is for trash and the smaller section is for recycling. As noted on the photo below, although all material is put into the same door, there is a divider between the recycling and the trash to keep it separated. Even when the truck makes it to its final destination, the trash and recycling sections cannot be opened at the same time, further preventing recycling from inadvertently ending up with the trash. This particular vehicle also runs on compressed natural gas (CNG) making it both quieter and more environmentally friendly.



Building & Fire Prevention



PERMITS

Building permits are issued to maintain compliance with state and local codes, ensuring life safety and energy conservation. Unfortunately, most codes were implemented as a result of something bad happening in the past. Our job in the Building and Fire Prevention Department is to do all we can to not let the bad stuff happen. Please check out the **Building and Fire Prevention** page on the new town website at henrietta.org/building for more information including permit applications and fees. Feel free to give us a call at 359-7060 with any questions or to see if your particular project will require a permit.



SAFE AND SOUND FOR THE HOLIDAYS

As we approach the busy holiday season it's important to keep safety in mind. When decorating for the holidays, inspect and replace old worn out electronic equipment and components. Be mindful of where you place extension cords; do not run under carpets and if using outdoors be sure they are approved for exterior use. If you are going to burn candles, locate them away from combustible materials such as curtains, walls and any decorations. Battery operated candles are a safer alternative. Keep fresh cut trees watered and away from heat sources so they don't dry out and become a potential fire hazard.

Keep stoops and sidewalks clear of snow and ice to help prevent injuries. Let's all keep an eye out for our neighbors, especially for the elderly that may live alone. You never know...ten minutes of your time to check the wellbeing of your neighbor just might save a life.

It is important this time of year (and all year round) that your house numbers are clearly visible from the road so that emergency personnel can find your location as quickly as possible; in an emergency, seconds count. Also, please do your best to keep fire hydrants visible and accessible to emergency personnel.



SMOKE AND CARBON MONOXIDE DETECTORS

Change your Clocks; Change your Batteries. A good practice when replacing the batteries is to write the date right on the batteries with a permanent marker for future reference. Some of the newer detectors come with 10-year sealed batteries, which is the typical life span of the detector (check manufactures specifications).

TEMPORARY OFFICES DURING RENOVATIONS

As we move forward with the Town Hall west wing renovation project, the Building and Fire Prevention Department is temporarily located in the old Town Library at 455 Calkins Road. Other than the location change, it will be business as usual, mostly. Check payments will be your best option since cash and credit card payments will require you to pay at the Town Clerk's Office next door in the Town Hall **after** you see us. We apologize for the inconvenience.



Engineering & Planning



BEWARE OF THE GREASE GOBLIN

The grease goblin was last seen loitering in sinks and drains and has also been spotted lurking about in the Town's sanitary sewers and pump stations. The grease goblin is composed of Fats, Oil, and Grease (F.O.G.) from meat fat, cooking oil, coffee grounds, egg shells, butter, and lard. These items don't dissolve in water and when you pour them down the kitchen drain they either stick or congeal to the pipes located inside your home or to the Town's sanitary sewers and pump stations. These clogged pipes lead to costly sewer backups and overflows, increased sewer rates, and public health and environmental hazards. The grease goblin also dines at our favorite restaurants, automotive repair shops, and other establishments that produce grease and oil.



HOW TO DEFEAT THE GREASE GOBLIN

Restaurants, automotive repair shops, and other businesses that produce oil and grease are required to install grease interceptor traps and oil separators in order to trap the grease and oil. These traps and separators are maintained to keep oil and grease out of the Town's sanitary sewer system.



As residents, here's what we can do to defeat the grease goblin by eliminating the amount of grease and oil that gets discharged down the drain:

- Collect cooking grease in a heat-resistant container; or absorb it with coffee grounds, kitty litter, or used paper towels and put into a lidded container - either way, dispose of the container in the trash.
- Wipe down greasy pots and pans with a paper towel and dispose of it in the garbage.
- Do not pour grease or oil down the toilet or kitchen drain. Hot water does not help.
- Use baskets or strainers in sink drains to catch food scraps and other solids then dispose in the trash.
- Never pour used oil into a catch basin or storm sewer.
- Dispose of large amounts of grease and oil at Monroe County's EcoPark, especially from deep fryers or oil changes. Once cooled, pour the oil into a container and bring it to the EcoPark: To learn more about where you can go to recycle grease, oil, and other items visit www.monroecounty.gov/ecopark.
- Encourage your neighbors to help keep F.O.G. out of their drains as well.
- Never flush disinfection wipes down the toilet as they can clog pipes and damage the pumps located in the pump stations, even those claiming to be "safe for septic systems."

By working together we can defeat the grease goblin by keeping grease and oil out of our sewer system which will prevent sewer clogging and sanitary sewer overflows and protect the environment.



The start of a blocked pipe begins when grease and solids collect on the top and sides of the pipe interior. The build-up increases over time when grease and other debris are washed down the drain. Excessive accumulation will restrict the flow of wastewater and can result in a sanitary sewer overflow, like the one seen at the top of this page.

Department of Public Works

WINTER'S CHALLENGES AND SNOW SAFETY

Winter's ice and snow brings ever-changing challenges to drivers, pedestrians and our Public Works employees. Henrietta's Public Works Department is constantly addressing the onslaught that winter hands out each year, but it is mother nature who determines the timing and amount of a storm. We do our very best to create safe passable roads, sidewalks and parking areas during and as soon as the storm is over. However, we need your help as well.



Keeping snow out of the street when clearing driveways, using the correct speed for the road conditions, and not parking in the street overnight are just a few ways to help us help you. As winter approaches, The Town of Henrietta would like to remind you of necessary rules and regulations that provide for your safety and for the safety of the traveling public on main roads and neighborhood streets within the Town of Henrietta during the winter season. We appreciate your cooperation.

Also, the snow piles at the end of driveways and along the street can make attractive spots for play. But these areas are especially dangerous due to the operation of snow removal equipment and traffic in general. Please discourage your children from playing in these areas for everyone's safety.



SNOW REMOVAL IN HENRIETTA

The Highway Department is responsible for snow and ice removal and control on 458 lane miles of Town, including all roads except the interstates. We have added two trucks to the Highway fleet to help improve cycle time when plowing the roads. Presently it takes us up to 5 hours to clear one pass on the road system. Our Highway Department follows the "Sensible Salting Guidelines" established by the County of Monroe and the Environmental Management Council. This requires us to use only enough salt to make our highways safe for motorists and requires motorists to reduce their driving speed according to

road conditions. When following our plow trucks, please allow adequate distance between your vehicle and the plow trucks. These vehicles may make sudden maneuvers during their operation, such as crossing into other lanes, making wide turns, moving slower than normal just to name a few. Drivers should never pass the plow trucks for their safety and ours.

WINTER PARKING

In order to facilitate snow removal operations and eliminate potential hazards, the parking of vehicles on all highways within the Town, including the shoulders of the roads, is prohibited between the hours of 2:00 AM and 9:00 AM from November 1st to April 1st. Vehicles in violation of this ordinance are subject to a parking ticket (minimum \$50.00). Repeat violators or vehicles that prevent plowing of a street may be towed and the vehicle's owner will be responsible for all towing and storage charges incurred by the Town.





PLOW-STRUCK MAILBOX POLICY

The Town of Henrietta is one of a small number of towns that still repairs or replaces mailboxes damaged during snowplowing operations. Since there is no statutory or legal authority which grants an owner or resident the right to place a mailbox along a public road in the right-of-way, our repairs and replacements are done as a courtesy and must be limited to standard size steel rural mailboxes and steel pipe posts. Custom posts and mailboxes cannot be replaced with anything other than the standard replacements. If you have an expensive and/or decorative mailbox or post, you may want to consider the option of storing it for the winter and replacing it with an inexpensive substitute. This decorative category also includes the one-piece plastic post and mailbox combinations, which are extremely susceptible to winter damage.

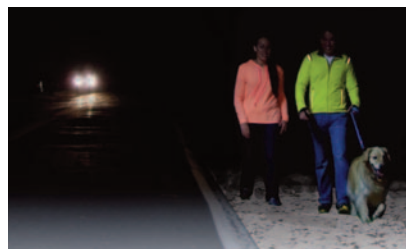


LAWN REPAIRS FROM PLOW DAMAGE

On occasion town plow trucks do some damage to the grass areas along roads, due in part to the size of the plow truck and the icy conditions they operate on. Wooden stakes are installed to help guide the drivers to stay away from the turf which helps, but poor visibility and vandalism can decrease the success rate. We do our best to identify the areas as soon as the snow melts and in most cases the turf can be rolled back into the open cut. If for some reason this procedure cannot be followed we will make a list of those areas for repair in the spring of the next year once topsoil becomes available.

WEAR VISIBLE CLOTHING WHEN WALKING ON STREET

Snow and ice can greatly decrease a car's stopping time. Far too often, pedestrians wear dark clothing that prevents motorists from seeing them until it is far too late to stop and this is only worsened by bad driving conditions. If you find yourself unexpectedly out on the road in dark clothes, consider turning on your cell phone's flashlight so that motorists have a better chance of seeing you.



Pedestrians in dark clothes, like above, are much harder to see at night. Wear bright clothes or carry a light.



LEAF AND BRUSH COLLECTION NEXT SPRING

When the snows clear, there are often leaf piles that need to be disposed of. Or perhaps you are doing spring trimming and need to dispose of brush, yard trimmings or fallen branches. The Town's collection site will be open in the Spring the following weekends from 10:00 am to 3:00 pm:

- April 18 & 19, April 25 & 26
- May 2 & 3, May 9 & 10, May 16 & 17

Located across from Martin Road Park



Tinker Nature Park



Tinker Nature Park Winter 2019/20 Schedule

Tinker Nature Park would like to thank the wonderful efforts of the Town of Henrietta's IT Department in working to create a more efficient and user-friendly website! We are now included under the Henrietta domain and have a new address. Please visit the website (below) or call 359-7044 for information.

<https://www.henrietta.org/parksandrecreation/page/tinker-nature-park>

*Tinker Homestead Tours by Appointment
Tuesday – Saturday: 10:00 am – 2:00 pm*

*Hansen Nature Center is open Tuesday – Saturday from 9:00 am – 4:00 pm
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

First Fridays — December 6, January 3, February 7, March 6, 9:30 am - 10:30 am

Get your preschooler outside during winter! Preschoolers and their parents will enjoy a themed story time (with a collection of cuddly stuffed animals), and then head outside for a walk in the woods! In case of inclement weather, a craft will be provided instead. Activity starts at 9:30 promptly.

Victorian Christmas — December 7-8, 12:00 noon - 3:00 pm

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

Tree Recycling and RHAFT Drive — January 11-12, 10:00 am - 2:00 pm

Drop off your old Christmas trees at Tinker to be recycled into mulch for our trails! No bags, strings, or plastic of any kind!

Please bring a canned good or other non-perishable for the RH Area Food Terminal

Earth Day — April 18, 10:00 am - 2:00 pm

Celebrate Earth Day at Tinker with a live animal show, educational talks, crafts, and more!

Art & Garden Party — June 27, 11:00 am - 3:00 pm

The Tinker Homestead and Farm museum will be open to view art submitted for exhibition by local artists from Henrietta and the surrounding areas!

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 News



On days when the weather cooperates during the winter months, our **field inspectors** will continue to be out physically inspecting properties, measuring structures, reviewing permits (for new construction, demolition, and improvements) and updating our photo files. During these field inspections, if no one is home, we will leave a bright yellow “door tag” with a phone number for you to call. If you receive one of these “door tags,” please call the office to confirm your property information. These field inspections allow the Assessor’s Office to achieve our goal of maintaining a fair and equitable assessment roll. All field inspectors will have a Town of Henrietta **photo identification badge**.

With **exemption** season upon us, most exemption applications were mailed out in November. Agricultural exemption applications will be mailed out in January. All exemption applications are due back to our office no later than **March 1, 2020**. If you have any questions or did not receive your application, please call our office.

As a reminder, seniors currently on the **Enhanced STAR Exemption Program** will no longer receive a notice from our office to renew their exemption. NYS will contact you via the US Postal Service if they require any information from you.

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

If you have questions regarding your **Property Tax Relief Credit check**, you can contact NYS Taxation and Finance at (518) 453-8146.

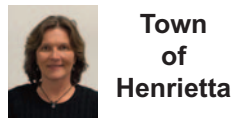
A Field Inspector from the Town of Henrietta Assessor's Office will be performing data collection in the form of exterior measurements and photographs of your property improvements to verify our inventory for assessment purposes on the following streets during the month of December:

Sussex Rd, Viscount Dr

If you feel you have interior condition issues which may have an impact on the market value of your home and would like to schedule an appointment for an interior inspection please call our office at (585)359-7032.

Sarah Lippincott
Assessor
(585) 359-7032
assessor@henrietta.org

All our employees are credentialed. If they don't have a Town Badge, they aren't representing the Town. Barb and Tracy are our newest additions to the Assessor's Office.



Krenzer, Barbara
Assessor's Office
ID # 1234

Sample Badge



Barbara Krenzer



Tracy Morse



Updates on the New Library



SOMETHING FOR EVERYONE AT THE NEW LIBRARY

In the last three months, we have issued 1,000 new library cards and updated hundreds more. Over 60,000 people have walked through our doors, and 7,600 have attended workshops and classes here. We've checked out 22,000 more books than we did during the same time period last year. 22,000 books. That's a lot of books.

We built our new library to accommodate more people, and it's been a joy to see it full of people every day reading, studying, and learning.

For those of you who haven't been here yet, visit hpl.org to check out our events schedule or just stop in to find a fantastic selection of books and movies, comfortable places to meet or work quietly, and something interesting going on all the time.

We'll look forward to you visiting us soon!

Adrienne Pettinelli
Library Director



1,000 NEW

in the past three months, we've issued 1,000 new library cards and updated hundreds more

LIBRARY CARDS



22,500 MORE

in the past three months, we've checked out 22,500 more materials than the same time in 2018

BOOKS AND MATERIALS



2,600 MORE

in the past three months, 2,600 more people have attended our classes & events than the same time in 2018

PEOPLE





Updates from Prior Issues

CASTLE ROAD CULVERT REPLACEMENT

The contractor that submitted the lowest bid to replace the culvert was not responding with the urgency the Town felt the project needed, and so the Town canceled their bid award and brought in the second lowest bidder to do the work. They have responded with much greater urgency and have the new culvert ordered and being built. They have also begun to excavate and will be preparing the diversion pipe to carry the stream around the location where the new box culvert will be placed. The culvert is still expected to arrive in early December but the early onset of winter has not been helping the project. Hopefully we'll see enough sustained non-freezing temperatures that they will be able to properly set the culvert prior to the full onset of winter. We do not expect the project to be fully completed until the spring, but we do expect to be able to open the road with temporary pavement and protective barriers in December or January. As the developer has begun to cut into the road, he confirmed our suspicions that voids had formed so as inconvenient as this has been to have the bridge closed prior to the new box culvert arriving, it was clearly the right decision to make from a safety standpoint. A sinkhole could have formed at any time.



EAST RIVER ROAD WATER MAIN REPAIR AND NEW SIDEWALK

The Monroe County Water Authority has begun to replace the water mains on East River Road. Because it made no sense to build a new sidewalk only to have it ripped up, we elected to wait until the new water mains have been installed and are operational before we begin construction on the new sidewalk. But the state funds have been secured, the plans are being completed, and easements are being obtained so that when the water main work is complete we will be able to move right into construction of the new sidewalk and bicycle path, which will be similar in design to the path on John Street.



HYLAN DRIVE SIDEWALK

The Town has funds left in the Jefferson Road Transportation Taxing District. This was a special taxing district created to cover some of the costs of rebuilding Jefferson Road, especially from West Henrietta Road to Marketplace Drive. As all of the road work is complete, the remaining funds, which must be spent within the taxing district, will be used to build a new sidewalk along Hylan Drive from I-390 up to Jefferson Road. We have begun the initial selection process for bringing in a design team to lay out the sidewalk, including determining whether it will be more cost effective to go up the east or west side of the road.



About Town...

CHS MOBILE INTEGRATED HEALTHCARE COMMUNITY UPDATES

As always, there is a lot happening lately with your local ambulance agency, CHS Mobile Integrated Healthcare. There are some exciting things in the works that we look forward to sharing with you.



As the winter weather is upon us, please remember winter weather safety. Be certain your furnace is working properly; call a heating contractor if necessary. Test your carbon monoxide detectors to be sure they are working. If there is a power failure, do not heat your home with your gas stove, a propane heater, a kerosene heater or any other device that produces carbon monoxide. If you use a generator, run it outside well away from the house. Finally, be sure to check on your neighbors. Winter weather safety is a community effort.

In other news, we're proud to announce that we've been awarded a \$505,000 grant from the federal government. The grant money is specifically allocated toward the purchase of new cardiac monitors for all our response vehicles. We expect to have the new monitors in service in the first quarter of 2020.

Lastly, a number of our members attended the recent Vital Signs EMS Conference in Buffalo. CHS Chief Reg Allen and Chili Ambulance former Chief Bill Arnold both presented "EMS Mergers 101". The lecture was designed to educate other NYS-based ambulance agencies on the many benefits to teaming up with neighboring EMS agencies. Additionally, CHS was honored at the conference with an award for outstanding innovation from the New York State Department of Health. We were chosen for our implementation of a state of the art simulation-training program for healthcare providers including paramedics, EMTs, and in-hospital caregivers.

HENRIETTA FIRE DISTRICT'S 50TH ANNIVERSARY

As 2019, our 50th anniversary nears an end, we spent the year looking back at our history and how the town and fire district has grown over the years. From the beginning in 1969 the leaders of the district have tried to predict the growth of the town and match it with the fire district to provide necessary and adequate protection. Our Current Chiefs and Commissioners continue to do the same. The rapid and continued growth in the southwest corner of Henrietta has caused the district to re-evaluate the fire protection in that area to ensure that it is receiving the same level of services as the rest of the taxpayers and visitors to Henrietta. A committee has been hard at work determining where we were lacking and what is needed to make sure our services are equal across town. Working together with community members, our committee of volunteers, career firefighters and architects have come up with proposed design for a new firehouse at the current site of station 6. Needing public approval, the project will be coming for a vote in the near future. Please be on the lookout for more information as we move forward to provide the best possible service to Henrietta.



HENRIETTA FIRE DISTRICT VOTE FOR FIRE COMMISSIONERS

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the annual election for the qualified voters of the Henrietta Fire District will be held at 850 Bailey Road, West Henrietta, NY on December 10, 2019 between the hours of 4:00 PM and 9:00 PM, for the purpose of electing two (2) Fire District Commissioner. One Fire District Commissioner shall serve a five (5) year term commencing January 1, 2020 and continuing through December 31, 2024, and one Fire District Commissioner shall serve a three (3) year term commencing January 1, 2020 and continuing through December 31, 2022.



If your organization wishes to have something appear here in future issues, please contact the Town at sschultz@henrietta.org



AMERICAN LEGION POSTS NOW SERVING HENRIETTA AND RUSH

The American Legion celebrated its centennial this year and our veteran community continues to change and improve. The Rush and Henrietta American Legion Posts have merged. We are now one post which will serve both communities collectively. The Veterans of Foreign Wars (VFW) which also meets at our post on Middle Rd is another great organization that supports our community, veterans and youth programs. These organizations would appreciate new members such as you. New membership assists our organizations by increasing our visibility with Congress. Members can help out in any way your special skills could benefit our community. We have always asked our members to volunteer at least one day a year. This doesn't sound like much but the child you help at our fishing derby, the recipient of our scholarships, or older member that gets a ride to the doctor all benefit from the activities held through our organizations.



Another improvement is the Legion Act (Let Everyone Get Involved In Opportunities Service Act), signed into law earlier this year. This act greatly expands eligibility dates for membership requirements and allows male spouses of veterans as members of the Auxiliary. The new eligibility dates for veterans are from December 7th, 1941 to present. If you tried to sign up in the past and were told you were not eligible, stop in and we'll see if you are now able. We'd be very happy to have new members. The number of members we have greatly influences Congress's approval of veterans' programs.

The new VA Rochester Outpatient Clinic has officially opened on Calkins Road. Thank you to the town for following through and approving the building site. Our veterans currently receive excellent care in the Rochester area and the support is growing and expanding. This was not always the case. Years ago, the clinic was in the basement of the federal building downtown, which was understaffed and parking was a challenge. The facility on Westfall Road was a huge improvement but there were still limitations. This new facility on Calkins Road is a state-of-the-art medical complex with ample parking. RTS added a bus stop at the front door to improve accessibility. The VA is very interested in growing their patient base in this area. They currently serve about 13,000 patients each year and are looking to increase to 19,000 patients. If you have been told in the past that you do not qualify for VA medical benefits, please stop in and meet with a representative and check to see if your status or eligibility criteria have changed which has been the case for many veterans. You can stop in on a walk-in basis or make an appointment by calling Mr. Martinez at 463-2688. Mr. Martinez can check veteran's eligibility for benefits. (Many veterans may qualify for at least hearing aids or glasses). If you need a ride to the VA Clinic call the American Legion Post at 585-334-8228 and we will help get you to your appointment.

NEW HFD FIRE TRUCK UNVEILED AT RIT — RIT MAKES DONATION TO HELP DEFRAY COSTS



RIT helped pay for the new truck and also announced an additional annual contribution to support the work of the Fire District.



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JOIN US FOR THE 2020 STATE OF THE TOWN ADDRESS

Presented by Stephen Schultz, 48th Henrietta Town Supervisor



Stephen Schultz is entering his second term as Town Supervisor. Prior to serving as Town Supervisor, Steve was the co-founder of Pictometry and served as its Chief Technology Officer from 1996 through 2015, helping build the company from one employee, himself, to over 300. He has been granted nearly 100 patents on the underlying technology he created for Pictometry.

Prior to Pictometry, Steve worked in the RIT Center for Imaging Science where he developed new technologies in a wide range of fields including environmental, military, medical, and earth analysis. Steve has also been advising and investing in high technology start-ups across a spectrum of applications including multi-factor authentication and security, software to support first responders, system to analyze sounds to assist the Deaf and hard of hearing, and imaging systems to create detailed analyses of tread wear. Steve holds a Bachelor of Science Degree in Computer Science from RIT. He was named the Distinguished Alumni for the B. Thomas Golisano College of Computing and Information Sciences in 2007 and was named the Rochester Institute of Technology Outstanding Alumni in 2012. He is married with two boys, both in the Rush-Henrietta School District.

JOIN US!

When: Tuesday, January 28, 2020
11:30 AM Registration & Networking
12:00 Noon Luncheon Program

Where: RIT Inn and Conference Center
5257 West Henrietta Road

Cost: \$25 per person

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