

# Henrietta Happenings



Spring 2020

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Recreation Brochure  
Inside!**

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## *From the Supervisor...*

### **CORONAVIRUS UPDATE**

As you can imagine, the content of this newsletter changed a few times prior to printing. The Coronavirus pandemic has affected everyone, including your town government. We have closed all of our facilities, reduced our in-office staffing by 50% or more, and are working on essential services only.

Unfortunately, some tasks must continue as the State or County has not delayed all of them. For instance, as of the writing of this newsletter, the State has not introduced any extensions for the reassessment process. This is especially problematic because without it, Henrietta will not be at full valuation which has bad consequences for our tax payers. Which means we will need to do the reassessments during a time when our residents have enough stress in their lives. More on that in a moment.

We are striving to provide as much support as we possibly can. For a week or so, the Library was providing a drive-through service for books and materials, which was very well received. Unfortunately, an executive order closing all libraries in the State ended that program. Our Senior Center staff have been working on collecting non-perishable food donations and disinfecting the exterior packaging before turning them over to RHAFT for distribution to the community. Our Buildings and Grounds crews have been working to keep our parks open for people to exercise and enjoy the outdoors. We ask that people refrain from any activity that involves close contact with non-family members and especially crowds, and that they refrain from activities that involve touching "public surfaces" like playgrounds or exercise stations on a fitness trail.

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## *From the Supervisor...*

We know that a lot of people are hurting due to being laid off from work. We have worked with the County Executive to extend the deadline for the third installment payment of property taxes as well as holding the interest flat for partial payments. Our Town Clerk's Office and our Planning and Building Departments have each set up stations in the lobby for residents to perform some tasks through a drop box so as to keep essential businesses and functions moving forward while still closing the facilities to keep employees safe and reduce public interactions.

And the effects of the economic slowdown will be felt for some time. Not just by workers and not just by companies, but by governments as well. About 25% to 30% of the Town's budget comes from Sales Tax revenues. They will be down significantly due to the pandemic. However, this Town has long had strong fiscal policies regarding carrying a sufficient fund balance to see us through downturns in the economy. Even if half of that revenue disappears this year, our current fund balance will cover us financially. But it may cause a delay in some of the items we had on our "to do" list with respect to the Town. We will look at postponing some initiatives rather than raising taxes next year, although the hope was to again lower them like we did this past year. Whether we will still be able to depends on how long this pandemic lasts.

Remember that what each of us does affects the whole community. So please try to do your part to keep your community safe and flatten the curve. The number of cases in the US has skyrocketed and in order to prevent our health care systems from being overloaded, we all need to work together to minimize the spread of this disease allowing those who are in critical condition to get the hospitalization and ventilators they need in order to pull through the worst stages of their infection.

We hope our residents are staying safe and healthy and we look forward to when the curve has been flattened, and hopefully widely available testing allows people to start to return to work so we can start to recover from the social and economic issues from this disease in addition to the medical issues.

Please visit [www.henrietta.org/covid](http://www.henrietta.org/covid) for the latest information on the Town's response and the status of our facilities.

### **CASTLE ROAD UPDATE**

This has been a cursed project from the beginning. Originally, our plan had been to have everything ready and then replace the bridge this coming summer. Unfortunately, the massive storm that took out the bottom of the culvert changed all that. Delays in material availability, delays from engineers, and delays from contractors all pushed back the installation date of the bridge. Still, we were able to get the new culvert installed by January. But then it was discovered that the original guard rail system designed for the completed bridge would not work due to changes in the conditions discovered on the project. As of the writing of this newsletter, the new guard rails have been designed and we are expecting them to be installed soon, but if the track record for this project continues, Mr. Murphy will raise his ugly head and something else will go wrong — such as the plant making the necessary guardrail plants being unable to complete the order due to the pandemic, although that hasn't happened yet. The only good news out of it is we will save money by not having to put down temporary pavement since the asphalt plants should be reopened by the time the guardrail has been installed. We apologize for the delays this has caused for the residents in the area and the many people for whom that is an important access road.





**Thank you! to All Keeping Us Safe!**



**Thank you to the health care professionals, CHS Ambulance, Henrietta Fire District, and Monroe County Sheriffs Office for keeping us safe, and to all employees working in essential businesses, for your service during this tough time.**





# Reassessment Process



Part of being completely open and honest is that I sometimes have to deliver unwelcome news. This is such a time. Due to fast-rising home prices in Henrietta, the New York State Office of Real Property has determined that the Town is not currently assessed at 100% market value. In order to get to full valuation we will have to reassess approximately 13,000 properties this assessment cycle. Why does it matter that our assessments aren't at 100% market value? Because if they are not, your Star Savings and other such exemptions and checks will be decreased by a significant amount. In addition, the County Tax Rate for Henrietta residents would be higher than the established rate to offset us not being at full valuation.

For this reason, our Assessment Department will be working diligently to complete the number of reassessments needed to meet the State's requirement for full valuation. For some fast-growing neighborhoods, this could mean a reassessment even though your neighborhood was reassessed not too long ago. For some neighborhoods that were largely unaffected by the reassessment process in the past, this could mean some significant increases as the move to full valuation will be coming in one large step instead of multiple smaller steps.

I do not wish to alarm people. A change in assessment does not necessarily mean you will be paying more in taxes. What determines how much our residents pay in taxes is the amount of money each taxing jurisdiction votes to levy. That includes the Town, County, School District, and Fire District. As we saw this year with the Town taxes, if the tax levy remains the same, and there is growth in the Town, that jurisdiction's tax rate will drop – the Town's dropped by 4.6% from last year to this year. While we are far away from the budget process, I do not anticipate any significant increase in the Town's tax levy and expect it to potentially remain flat. And as last year, as it is under control of the Town Board, I can say that the Ambulance rate will remain flat or even lowered slightly, as it was last year.

Unfortunately, as we also saw this year, increases in the tax levy from other jurisdictions can add more to your tax bill than the drop in the Town's rate can take away. This past year, the increase to the Fire District tax levy outstripped the savings from the Town's tax levy. With a proposal to build a new fire station and plans in the budget to add more full-time fire fighters, I expect the increase in the Fire District's tax levy to increase.

The School District's tax levy growth is regulated by the tax cap. Last year's growth was small enough that the increase in assessed value meant that the School Tax rate actually went down for Rush-Henrietta Central School District. I expect to see something similar this coming year, although again, it is far too early to know with any certainty, especially since the State's budget crisis will affect our schools.

As far as the County rate, between it being a new administration and all of the uncertainty surrounding the pandemic, I cannot guess what impact that will have on the tax rate. I do not believe the County is in as strong a fiscal standpoint from a reserves standpoint, so I would not be surprised to see taxes go up.

One thing to keep in mind: while being reassessed means that taxes will most likely go up for **some** residents, not being at full valuation means that taxes **will** go up for **all** residents. It is for this reason we are striving to stay at full valuation, even though it will be a tough process.

The other major issue with the lack of a delay on the assessment process is that we will have to conduct the grievance process during a time when face-to-face meetings are not allowed. The Town is working to make the process as painless as possible. We will be sending forms to help residents who believe they were reassessed improperly to provide an alternate selection of comparable properties and have reached out to realtors to ask for their help in guiding residents in the selection of those comparable



# Reassessment Process



properties — it is essential that they be properties listed in the “Sales Book” from the assessment process. This is because the Assessment Office can only accept sales from that book for comparable as they rule out sales that may be artificially low due to it being an estate sale or a sale to a relative, as well as sales that are artificially high due to a recent flip or other factor.

In addition, we will also be including a form to help residents provide information regarding condition, in the event the Town is unaware of a condition that negatively affects your assessed value. It may sound strange that the Town is providing assistance with the grievance process but remember that the Town’s goal is not to assess at the highest value possible but to assess at the fairest value possible — that is, the value that is as close to the true value of the property as possible. For this reason, if you know something about your property that we do not, we need to know that so we can adjust your assessment accordingly. Just keep in mind that the effect on your property value may not be as much as you think it is.

Note that for commercial, the Town cannot legally take the impacts of the Coronavirus pandemic into this year’s assessment numbers because the valuations are based on the PREVIOUS year’s numbers, whether by comparable sales or by the income approach.

Personally, I hate the assessment process – for a number of reasons. First, it is complicated and arcane and few truly understand it all. Second, it creates incredible uncertainty and angst among property owners, especially those on fixed incomes. Third, there is nothing the Town does that generates more animosity towards the Town, made worse in that the assessment process is dictated by the State and so we couldn’t relax things if we wanted to, or at least not without the repercussions discussed above. Fourth, due to its subjective nature, it will always create a dispute between property owners and the Town. Fifth, it is a costly process, between payroll cost for the many people needed to make it happen, whether at the Town, County, or State level, and the legal costs for when people sue over their assessments, it is a lot of tax payer money spent to collect tax payer money.

I would love to see an objective formula used based on use of critical resources (land, infrastructure, and so on) and have even started to write something up, but it is far too complex to share here. The issue is, it would require Albany to fully sign on and the problem with getting my proposed method passed is it would make it such that assessments only changed when you physically altered your property, expanding or contracting your house or other measured area. As such, there would be no “artificial growth” due to reassessments and as such, no means for politicians to hide tax increases. If an entity increased taxes, everyone would know precisely to what amount. Instead, with today’s system, you hear politicians say, “I didn’t raise taxes,” when what they really mean is, “I didn’t raise tax rates.” But if property values go up and the tax rate remains the same, then you are paying more in taxes. While everyone understands that to a degree, the ability of politicians to dissemble and obfuscate when it comes to taxes still exists today. I am not sure that most politicians are ready for full transparency.

Even so, I continue to work on my proposal because if adopted, I estimate it would save about \$12-million in tax payer costs in Monroe County alone. So, I have reached out to my former colleague, Tom Golisano, who has agreed to help promote it once the proposal is ready for sharing. Whether we’ll be able to get enough people in Albany to support it is yet to be seen.

In the meantime, we will need to deal with years such as this when the State dictates that we have to reassess large portions of our Town in order to avoid penalties for our tax payers.

- Steve



## *From the Assessor...*

The tentative assessment roll will be available online for the public to view on **May 1st**.

To access the Tentative Assessment Roll from your computer:

Go to the Forms & Permits section of the Town of Henrietta website: <https://www.henrietta.org/forms>

Click on **2020 Tentative Assessment Roll**

If you do not have access to a computer or the internet, feel free to call the assessor's office directly at 359-7032 for tentative assessment information.

The tentative roll reflects the tentative property assessment for all parcels in the town which is used to apportion the school and property taxes after the assessment roll is final on July 1<sup>st</sup>. If your assessment is going to change, you will be notified with a letter from our office the first week in May. Please read **both sides** of the notice carefully as it explains what a change in your assessment means and what you can do if you disagree with the assessment.

Our goal and purpose is to maintain a fair and equitable assessment roll. To achieve this goal, the assessor's office continually reviews real estate sales and analyzes neighborhood property values throughout town. One of the ways our assessment roll is maintained is through field inspections. This helps us keep property inventory records current. We also review and inspect new construction, demolition, or property improvements throughout the Town. Accurate property information is crucial to maintaining a fair and equitable assessment roll each year.

Beginning May 4<sup>th</sup> through Grievance Day on May 26<sup>th</sup>, property owners who do not agree with their assessment should call 585-359-7032 to be mailed an RP-524 grievance application as well as Market Value/Condition Issue worksheet. The application and worksheet will aid residents in understanding what the grievance process entails and the type of information to collect prior to submitting their grievance packet. The first side of the worksheet allows residents to propose three different comparable properties – we emphasize using properties that are listed in the Town of Henrietta Sales Book available at [www.henrietta.org](http://www.henrietta.org) as this is the full list of sales that can be used as comparables deemed “marketable” per NYS guidelines. The second side of the worksheet allows residents to provide information regarding the condition of their property that may be different than what is represented on the tentative role. There are a number of conditions that can affect a property's assessed value, such as a damaged roof or major structural issues, which can be addressed on the worksheet.

As the normal in-person grievance hearing process will most likely be affected by the Coronavirus pandemic, we have developed a mail-in or phone-in grievance hearing process. Once completed and received, the worksheet provided will give both the Board of Assessment Review as well as the Assessor a clear picture of a resident's specific grievance to help determine if the tentative assessment is an accurate reflection of market value or needs to be adjusted.

You may begin seeing the more visible aspects of our activities as the weather improves. Field inspectors will be physically inspecting properties, measuring structures and updating photo files in several neighborhoods throughout the spring and summer as weather conditions permit. During these field inspections, if no one is home, we'll leave a bright yellow “door tag” with a phone number to call. Please call the office to confirm your property information if we have left a door tag. Field inspectors will always have a Town of Henrietta photo identification badge.

Sarah Lippincott, Assessor – Town of Henrietta, (585) 359-7032, [assessor@henrietta.org](mailto:assessor@henrietta.org)





# Henrietta Public Library



## In our first six months at the new library...

### 1,739 Library Cards

from July 2019 to January 2020 we issued 1,739 new library cards and updated 2,675 more



### 36,190 Books and Materials

in our first six months, we checked out 36,190 more books and other materials than we did the previous year



### 13,942 Visitors to the Library

in our first six months, almost 14,000 people attended our classes and events, an average of 2,300



## Come visit us at 625 Calkins Road today!



We're more than halfway through our first year in the new library. Book checkouts are up, meeting and study spaces are in almost constant use, and events and classes are more popular than ever.

We've had visions of warmer days dancing in our heads since Josh Duncan from our own DPW installed the beautiful new book-themed bike rack he designed and built for us. We've also been adding to our popular Discover-It-Yourself collection, so now in addition to borrowing things like an ice cream maker and birdwatching kit, you can check out an air fryer, a karaoke machine, a podcasting microphone, and games like Tsuru and Ticket to Ride.

In the coming months, we'll be adding LEGO kits to the DIY collection, starting a circulating puzzle collection, and, of course, bringing you all the books you ever wanted to read. Our class and event schedule is packed for April and May, and we're starting to plan out summer. Stop by the library for our full class schedule or visit us online at [hpl.org](http://hpl.org).

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



# Select Slides from the 2020



## 2019 BUDGET YEAR IN REVIEW

Fund	Expenses	Revenues
General	\$450,000 under	\$1,900,000 over
Highway	\$215,000 under	\$50,000 under
Library	\$80,000 under	\$5,000 under
Drainage	\$550,000 under ‡	\$9,300 over
Sewer	\$119,000 under	\$230,000 over ◊

‡ Castle Road Culvert was well under estimates  
 ◊ Includes 2018 revenue that came in 2019, plus 2017 and 2018 Sewer HUD Grants

## 2019 BUDGET YEAR IN REVIEW

2019 ended strong, with all expenses being under budget and the majority of the revenues being over budget. Highway's expenses and revenues were down as the rainy weather and work on the library, kept us from doing as many repairs on county roads. Drainage was well under on expenses as the culvert came in well below estimates. Sewer was well over on revenues because some previous year revenues came in.

## 2019 MAJOR EXPENDITURES



Library, Martin Road tennis courts, pre-school playground, Senior Center roof, Castle Road culvert, two new plow trucks

## 2019 MAJOR EXPENDITURES

Of course, by far the largest expenditure in 2019 was the completion of the construction of the new Henrietta Public Library. The Castle Road Culvert was a hefty expense as well. We also put a new roof on the Senior Center, resurfaced the Martin Road tennis courts, and built a new Pre-School playground outside the Rec Center. We added two new plow trucks, one to replace an old truck and one to add additional plowing capabilities.

## FUND BALANCES OF MAJOR FUNDS

Fund	End of 2019	End of 2020 (est)
General	\$6,514,472	\$4,327,669 (34.3%)
Highway	\$ 753,312	\$ 541,199 (11.61%)
Library	\$ 430,223	\$ 330,167 (13.3%)
G/H/L Cmb.	\$7,698,087	\$3,872,204 (20.1%)
Drainage	\$1,850,111	\$1,217,667 (91.9%)
Sewer	\$3,964,423	\$3,536,007 (181.8%)

Since General Funds can be used for General, Highway, or Library, we look at the combined funds to determine levels

## FUND BALANCES OF MAJOR FUNDS

We ended up with healthy fund balances thanks to being under on expenses and over on revenues. We applied the majority of that excess towards keeping taxes low — as such there was no new taxes levied by the Town. As General funds can be used for general, highway, and library, but not the other way around, we treat them as a whole and make sure we have 20%, which is essential for us weathering this pandemic.

## NEW TOWN BOARD MEMBERS



Lisa Bolzner, Millie Sefranek, Steve Schultz, Mike Stafford, Rob Barley

## NEW TOWN BOARD MEMBERS

Congratulations to Millie Sefranek and Lisa Bolzner for their successful campaigns to become our newest Town Board members. For the first time in the history of the Town, white men are in the minority on the Town Board. In fact, there was not a single election in Henrietta where a female candidate lost to a male candidate. This is great news for increased diversity in Town governance.



# State of the Town Address



## 2020 ADOPTED BUDGET

With the strong growth in the Town, and with our fund balances from 2019, we were able to hold the Tax Levy flat from 2019, meaning there were no new Town taxes for this year. At the same time, we were able to add head count to the Highway and the Buildings and Grounds Departments to handle the increased workload in Town. Because of growth in the Town, the tax rate actually DROPPED by 4.6%!

## 2020 MAJOR EXPENDITURES

We have a number of major projects underway or in the plans. We are nearly done renovating the west wing of Town Hall as well as repairing the roof. Bids went out for both the landscaping around the Library & Rec Center as well as the repairs of the cobblestone house at Tinker. We're adding a second entrance into Veterans Memorial Park that includes a culvert over the creek. We're building a sidewalk along Hylan Drive.

## DEBT SERVICE FOR THE TOWN

The Town is only carrying a few bonds. There are two bonds that were issued to pay for the new Library, as per the resolution voted on in 2017. Those bonds will be with us until 2047.

We also have a few sewer bonds that were used to pay for extensions and improvements. Those are largely paid down and will be paid off in 2028.

## NEW TOWN JUSTICES

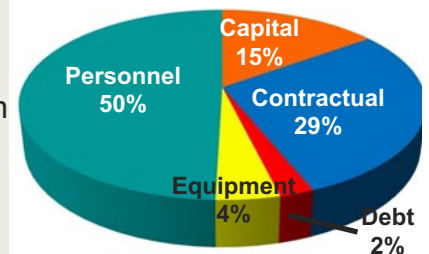
Congratulations to Sue Michel and Bob Cook on their successful campaigns to become our newest Town Justices. Sue becomes the first female Town Justice in the history of Henrietta, something that should not have taken until 2020. I did not have a photo of just the new justices, so I had to use one of all four successful candidates.

## 2020 ADOPTED BUDGET

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 Projects

## 2020 MAJOR EXPENDITURES



Town Hall west wing renovations, Library/Rec Center landscaping, Tinker House repairs, Hylan Drive sidewalks, Town Hall roof repairs, new Veterans Memorial Park culvert, new plow trucks and equipment

## DEBT SERVICE FOR THE TOWN

Debt	Balance	Payoff Date
Library Bonds Principal	\$8,769,163	12/15/2047
Library Bonds Interest	\$5,025,056	
Sewer Bond Principal	\$ 385,000	9/01/2028
Sewer Bond Interest	\$ 19,257	

## NEW TOWN JUSTICES (CENTER)



Lisa Bolzner, Sue Michel, Bob Cook, Millie Sefranek. They join Steven Donsky (not pictured)



### CHANGES TO TOWN CODE 2019

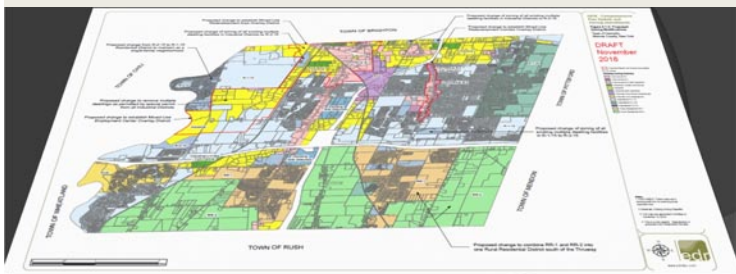


New Tree Codes: helps repopulate Town Parks, and allows for removal of dangerous trees

### CHANGES TO TOWN CODE 2019

We adopted new tree codes that includes a Tree Bank to help repopulate Town Parks depleted by wind storms and the emerald ash borer. Any developer who cannot put in their full tree allotment must instead put any missing trees into the Tree Bank for use on Town lands. In addition, we added code that allows the Town to ask residents to remove trees that present a danger to life and property of their neighbors.

### CHANGES TO TOWN CODE 2019



Adoption of Comprehensive Land Use Plan Update, including Farmland Protection

### CHANGES TO TOWN CODE 2019

We adopted our Comprehensive Land Use Plan update, which included our Farmland Protection plan. The plan also created multi-use overlay districts in an attempt to breathe new life into “tired retail areas.” The updated plan also removed multi-family residences (apartments and the like) out of industrial and many other areas so as to cut down on the massive growth in apartments, especially in areas that cannot support them.

### MAJOR DEVELOPMENTS FROM 2019



Paychex Campus expansion, Riverwood Tech Park remodel, Amazon Distribution Center expansion

### MAJOR DEVELOPMENTS FROM 2019

There was a lot of commercial development in 2019, including the Paychex Campus expansion on Calkins Road, the remodel and opening of the Riverwood Tech Park — the former Kodak facility on East River Road, and smaller projects such as the Amazon Distribution Center on Clay Road. There were also a lot of new retail stores, restaurants, and new homes built as well.

### NEW TOWN WEB SITE!



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The old Town Web Site had bothered me for a long time, but as there were a number of very pressing security, redundancy, and software issues that had to be taken care of first, the new web site had to wait. But our IT Department was able to lead the effort this past summer and fall and the new web site is up and running. It is MUCH easier for us to maintain, meaning the content should be more up to date and useful.



# State of the Town Address



## CHANGES TO TOWN CODE 2019

We adopted new code to allow for large scale solar arrays on active farms in the Rural Residential zoning district to help farms remain financially viable. They can be no more than 25-acres and can cover no more than 25% of a farm's property. We also adding new incentive zoning codes to help extend infrastructure, especially water and sewer, to homes that don't have it, as well as incentives for developers to reuse existing vacant/old buildings.

## MAJOR DEVELOPMENTS FROM 2019

The largest new development project in 2019 was the new VA Medical Center and Outpatient Clinic that opened on Calkins Road, although our new Henrietta Public Library was a close second. The grand opening for both were great events. For the new library, we held a ceremonial "book brigade" to pass the last book from the old library to the new. It was well attended and created many lasting memories.

## MAJOR DEVELOPMENTS IN 2020

The most exciting commercial development in store for 2020 is the new URMC Orthopaedic facility being built at the Marketplace Mall. This has the potential to keep the mall viable for years to come. But there are many other projects underway, such as the new Delta Sonic facilities, Chick-fil-A, and a Hobby Lobby in a new plaza on Jefferson Road to be named after former Deputy Town Supervisor, Peter Minotti, and his father, Lee Minotti.

## LOOKING FORWARD

We are finalizing a proposal to upgrade all of our street lights to LED lights. The savings on the electrical bills will cover the cost of the improvements and save additional dollars. We are also working on designs for a new Town Court to bring them to the Town Campus and get them out of rented commercial space. And we are working with the Monroe County Sheriffs Office to add a Town Constable to patrol family neighborhoods.

## CHANGES TO TOWN CODE 2019



Large Scale Solar for active farms, Incentive Zoning to extend infrastructure and reuse old buildings

## MAJOR DEVELOPMENTS FROM 2019



VA Medical Center and Outpatient Clinic  
New Henrietta Public Library!

## MAJOR DEVELOPMENTS IN 2020



URMC @ Marketplace, Hobby Lobby @ Minotti Crossings, Chick-fil-A, and Delta Sonic

## LOOKING FORWARD



LED Streetlight Upgrades, New Town Court Building, Exploring Town Constable for patrolling family neighborhoods, especially with speeders



# Things to Do During Isolation



## USE OF TOWN PARKS

Throughout the entire pandemic, our Town Parks have been open for use, especially with respect to outdoor, largely solo activities like walking and hiking, such as on the trails of Breese Park seen above.

We ask that people refrain from using playgrounds, exercise equipment on fitness trails, and similar equipment that might conduct the Coronavirus from person to person. Please note that due to the virus, the restrooms in the parks have been closed, so please plan accordingly.



While we have not closed our athletic courts down, please refrain from contact sports or any group activity. We know a lot of families use them for exercise and we would hate to shut off the access to those using them responsibly because too many people are using them irresponsibly.

Monroe County has closed all dog parks across the county and as the Henrietta Dog Park is part of the county system, our dog park will remain closed while that mandate is in effect.

## FREE FISHING WEEKEND, JUNE 27<sup>TH</sup> AND 28<sup>TH</sup>

Did you know that during the last weekend of June anyone can fish the waters of New York State and no license is required? The free fishing weekend is a great opportunity to try it out for the first time or, if you haven't gone in a few years, to remember the pleasure of fishing once again – especially if you've been cooped up in the house!



After the Free Fishing Weekend, those over the age of 16 need to have a fishing license. For New York State residents, annual fishing licenses cost \$25.00 for ages 16-69 and \$5.00 for ages 70+. You may be eligible for a free or reduced fee license if you are active-duty military or a military veteran with 40% or more service-related disability. For more information on license requirements and fees, call the Town Clerk's Office at (585) 359-7035 or visit the DEC's website at [www.dec.ny.gov](http://www.dec.ny.gov). Let's get fishing!

## VIRTUAL LIBRARY SERVICES

The library is offering a number of online services and activities that are fun for all ages:

For obtaining library cards online to download ebooks and audiobooks: <http://hpl.org/>

For a schedule of interactive online storytimes, classes, and workshops: <https://hpl.libcal.com/>

For questions about anything, by emails daily at: [henrietta.information@libraryweb.org](mailto:henrietta.information@libraryweb.org)





# Helping the Community

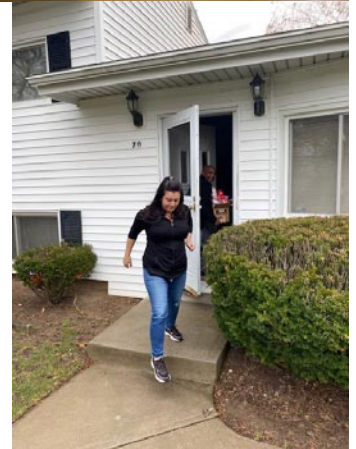


## HELPING THE RHAFT FOOD CUPBOARD

Volunteers and staff at the Senior Center have been taking in non-perishable food items and disinfecting the packaging and then delivering them to the RHAFT Food Cupboard for delivery to members of the community in need of supplemental food items.

If you wish to donate food items, or are a senior in need, please call the Senior Center at (585) 334-4030.

If you have need of supplemental food assistance, please call RHAFT at (585) 453-2370.



## GRAB-N-GO LUNCHES

The Senior Center parking lot is one of the distribution centers for the Rush-Henrietta School District's Grab-n-Go lunches for students at home.

Henrietta's Recreation staff members brightened the day for those receiving the lunches by filling them with the Easter Eggs that were originally going to be part of the Easter Egg Hunt activities.

The Senior Center is looking to start a similar program for seniors. Call 585-334-4030 if interested.





# Building & Fire Prevention

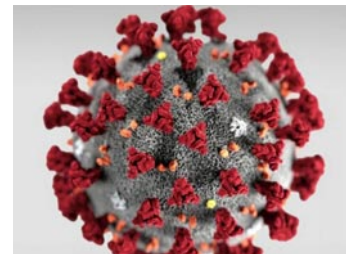


Spring is in the air, as we all come out of hibernation to take advantage of nicer weather, Please be safe and keep the following in mind. As always if you have any construction or property maintenance questions that you can't find the answer to on our web page, please contact us here at the Building & Fire Prevention Office at: 585-359-7060 and we will do our best to help you.

Kevin D. Wilson, Director

## OFFICE TEMPORARILY CLOSED DUE TO CORONAVIRUS

Please note- as of the writing of this, per executive order 202.6 enacted to address the COVID-19 outbreak we are not issuing permits for any non-essential construction projects. We continue to accept applications for review to stay ahead of the expected influx once construction is allowed to continue through a drop box. We appreciate your patience at this time of uncertainty.



## Building Permits

Life safety is the primary reason for the permitting process as well as the protection of property values. Also, if you are selling your home the financial institutions will want to verify that the Town was aware of any improvements to your property and that they were done properly and inspected. Remember to think ahead for those Spring and Summer projects that need Permits from this Office. Please call for assistance, 585-359-7060, if you need help determining if your particular project matches the list of projects that do or do not require permits. There is also a lot of good information on the Building and Fire Prevention web page at [Henrietta.org/building](http://Henrietta.org/building). We have a constant flow of permit applications throughout the year and our typical turnaround time is less than a week, however the Spring and Summer months are our busiest, so please be patient.



## DRAINING AND OPENING POOLS — AND POOL ALARMS

When opening your pool for the season be mindful not to direct the pool cover drainage water towards neighboring properties. Safety info; a pool alarm is required for pools installed, constructed or substantially modified after December 14, 2006. Please contact us with any questions concerns regarding pool safety.



## No OUTDOOR BURNING OF WASTE

Open burning has been prohibited since the early 80s. Though burning of yard waste in not permitted, there are provisions for small recreational fires. For more information about what is allowed, please visit the Building & Fire Prevention FAQ pages on the Town's website:

<https://www.henrietta.org/building/page/recreational-fire-guidelines>



## CHECK YOUR SMOKE AND CARBON MONOXIDE DETECTORS

Typical life span of smoke and carbon monoxide detectors is 7-10 years (check your particular devices manufactures specifications). Check the batteries several times a year and replace at least once a year, some newer models have a 10-year sealed battery that require virtually no maintenance. It is a good practice to write the in-service date on new equipment and batteries when installed.





# Engineering & Planning



The Engineering & Planning Offices are currently closed to the public, due to the Coronavirus pandemic, but we are still operating out of the former library building with half our staff in the office and half at home one week, then switching the next. We continue to process site and subdivision plans for essential projects, as well as all of the projects currently in the design phase for the Town. We are still processing applications, so anyone with projects in the works can submit an application either online or by dropping it off in the lobby of the old library.

Please visit us on the Town's website at <https://www.henrietta.org/engineering> or call us at 585-359-7070 if you have any questions.

Chris Martin, Director

## NEW DEPUTY DIRECTOR OF ENGINEERING

Please join us in welcoming Christopher Hauser to the Town of Henrietta Engineering Team as the Town's new Deputy Director of Engineering & Planning. Chris came to the Town from the DDS Companies where he designed the layouts for natural gas systems. He also has a Bachelor's degree in Civil Engineering from the State University of New York at Buffalo. At the Town he will be working on designing municipal projects, looking into and solving drainage complaints, and many other exciting projects. We look forward to working with Chris.



## HELP CONTROL INVASIVE SPECIES

Invasive species are non-native species that can cause harm to the environment, the economy or human health. Invasives come from all around the world. As international trade increases, so does the rate of invasive species introductions.

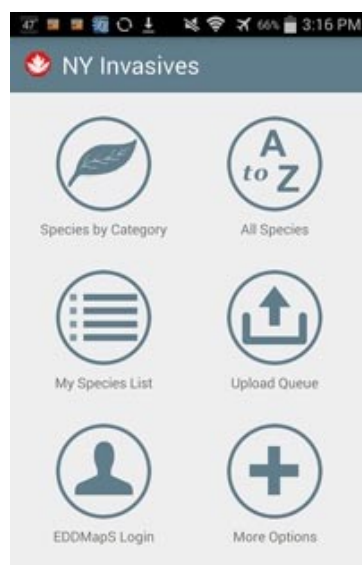
Do you believe that you are having issues with an invasive species? Or is a wildlife species being a nuisance? The New York State Department of Environmental Conservation has a couple of websites that may be useful.

<https://www.dec.ny.gov/animals/265.html>

<https://app.box.com/s/qontztav8yj5m0tcs1wljzu2b7xbswcd>



There are also a couple of apps available for assistance with identifying and logging.



Hydrilla is a common invasive species in water ways, and the Emerald Ash Borer has killed most of our ash trees.



## STREET PAVING

Below is the list of streets we are looking to repair, repave, or resurface for 2020, but please be aware that the schedule will be affected by the pandemic, both in terms of available workforce (since we are currently working half crews) and available funds (some of the funding comes from the State, so that funding may disappear due to budget constraints).



The Town uses three different methods based on the needs of the road.

### Full Mill and Pave

Saginaw Drive	Tumbleweed Drive	Barnfield Road	Stark Road	Church Hill Road
Hill Terrace	Gatehouse Circle	Blackhawk Circle	Chippewa Circle	Southern Hills Trail
Fox Chapel Road	Tomahawk Trail	Pueblo Circle	Navajo Circle	Chieftan Circle
Buffalo Horn Circle	Cape Cod Way	Cobblestone Drive	Quaker Drive	Grail Drive

### Nova-Chip or Fiber Mat

Cedarhurst Drive	Lovelace Lane	Palm Desert Drive	Blue Avacado Lane	Ice Rose Lane
Green Acorn Lane	Green Aster Drive	Green Isle Road	Martin Road	

### Micro-Pave

Colony Lane	Mystic Lane	Masthead Way	Astolat Road	Parkmeadow Drive
Colleen Way	Aleta Drive	Kerry Park	Robinwood Trail	Compton Crescent
Aldgate	Kramer Street	Queensway Road	Princess Drive	Thrasher Circle
Manordale Lane	Belmanor Drive	Falcon Drive	Rawhide Drive	Cascade Road
Overland Trail	Pecos Circle	Pinion Drive	Yellowstone Drive	Yosemite Circle
Riverton Way	Beaconsfield Road	Appledore Circle	Eagan Boulevard	Mountbatten Street

## POTHOLE FILLING

As the weather warms up, it will be prime time to fill potholes. Most of the potholes we get complaints for are actually on State or County roads. There are three numbers you need to know, depending on where you are:



For potholes on State Roads (Thruway, I-390, Jefferson, East Henrietta, West Henrietta, Lehigh Station east of West Henrietta, and Erie Station west of West Henrietta) please call the **NYS DOT** at **1-800-POTHOLE** and report it.

For potholes on County Roads (most major roads that are not listed above), please call the **MC DOT** at **585-753-7700** and report it.

For potholes on any side street, please call the **Henrietta DPW** at **585-359-7005** and report it. In all cases, please note the street location and which lane(s) it is in.

## BRUSH AND YARD WASTE DROP-OFF

The Martin Road Park, south lot, will once again be opened for yard waste drop off every weekend in May — drop off times are from 9:00 a.m. until 3:00 p.m. The April dates were canceled due to Coronavirus. If you have special needs, please call ahead at 358-7005, or to set up a special time.





# Department of Public Works



## DRIVEWAY IMPROVEMENTS

This time of year many residents are planning driveway improvements. If you simply wish to resurface an existing blacktop driveway or pave a gravel driveway without changing its width or location, no permit is required. It still doesn't hurt to contact the Highway department with any questions before you start the work.



If you are planning any modifications to an existing driveway (changes to Town Code concerning driveways became effective January 1, 2012), your contractor must obtain a permit from the Highway Superintendent. Problems have arisen in the past with contractors doing work within the right of way or modifying a driveway that resulted in violations being issued. There are many reputable, competent contractors in Henrietta. Unfortunately, there are a few unreliable, incompetent contractors also. Please take the time to distinguish the difference.

## SEASONAL JOBS

All of the departments within Public Works will soon have seasonal jobs available to anyone over the age of 18, especially for grounds maintenance and highway crews. These jobs offer employment Monday through Friday 7:00 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. for twenty weeks. Hourly rates start at \$11.80 per hour. If you are a student with no job plans between semesters or a recent graduate that is looking for summer employment, these jobs are perfect for you. Students are not the only people to benefit from these opportunities: retirees, night shift workers or anyone looking for part time work and available to work daytime hours are welcome to apply. The jobs will be available after May 1st, 2020, depending on the Coronavirus situation. Interested parties should call 359-7005 for more information and applications.



## SNOW REMOVAL NUMBERS

This winter started early, with our first snowfall on November 7, but also ended early, with minimal accumulation in March. The early start caused us to exceed our salt budget for 2019, but so far the salt budget for 2020 is below the average usage.



There were a few large rain storms followed by snow storms, which causes issues because all of the salt is then washed off the road prior to the snow storm. But when that happened, our crews would get out and salt as soon as the rain has ended and the snow has started to as to try to get a new salt base quickly.

Here are the numbers of snow removal runs we did this past season:

- Total Salt Runs: 63 (down from 93 in 2018-19)
- Total Plow Runs: 34 (down from 43 in 2018-19)
- Total Salt Used: 6,658 tons (down slightly from 6,949 in 2018-19)
- Total Man-hours have not been fully tallied yet, but they appear down from the 8,119 in 2018-19





# Congratulations to the 2020 Hall of Fame Inductees



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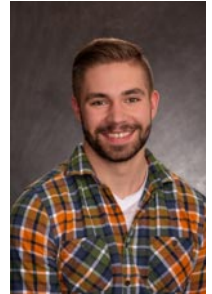
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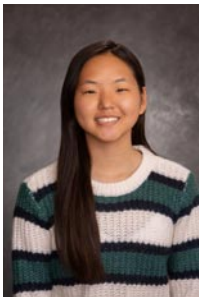
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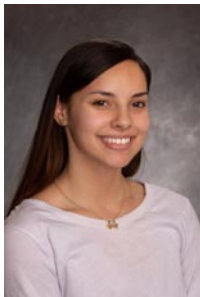
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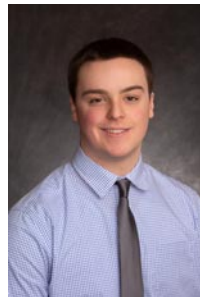
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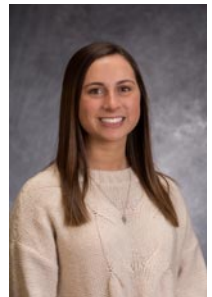
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Celeste Naughton



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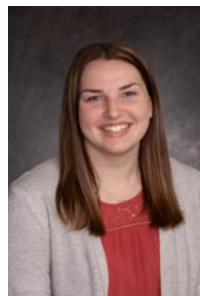
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Emily Tubbs



Madison White







Based on current knowledge, we are not dealing with a true airborne hazard. Droplets fall quickly to the ground or other surfaces where they remain. Touching those surfaces and then touching one's face is the true risk and should be avoided. What are those surfaces? They could be anything. Therefore, our workers should assume that all surfaces could be contaminated by COVID-19. This includes the waste, cart handles, truck body, door handles etc. Our workers are wearing gloves and washing and sanitizing their hands often to minimize the risk. At this time, we are not aware of any significant public health hazard from waste operations.

### Message to the public:

## PROTECT YOUR TRASH/RECYCLING WORKERS FROM COVID-19



**Maintain social distance**



**Carefully bag all waste**



**Keep recyclables loose**



✓ **Put all bags and recyclables into carts**

✓ **Keep lids on cart to avoid littering**



✓ **If needed, rinse containers. Make sure all containers are empty and dry**

✓ **Place only program recyclables in your recycling carts or bins**

✓ **No plastic bags or tissues in recycling**

✓ **Put carts out on time and retrieve carts quickly**

✓ **Wipe down your carts, especially the handles and lids, once you placed them at the curb**



✓ **No medical sharps or syringes in recycling**

✓ **Place any medical sharps or syringes in a rigid plastic container, clearly label it "Sharps," seal it tightly**

✓ **Put the container in the trash**







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## **THE MEMORIAL DAY PARADE HAS BEEN CANCELED**

The Memorial Day Parade, originally scheduled for May 17th has been canceled. We are looking at incorporating the festivities into a later event although nothing has been scheduled at this time.

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*Give blood.*

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

**American Red Cross**



The need for blood has not diminished during the pandemic. Supplies are running low. Give blood. Save lives.

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

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

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