

Henrietta Happenings



FALL 2014

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From the Supervisor

Dear Residents,

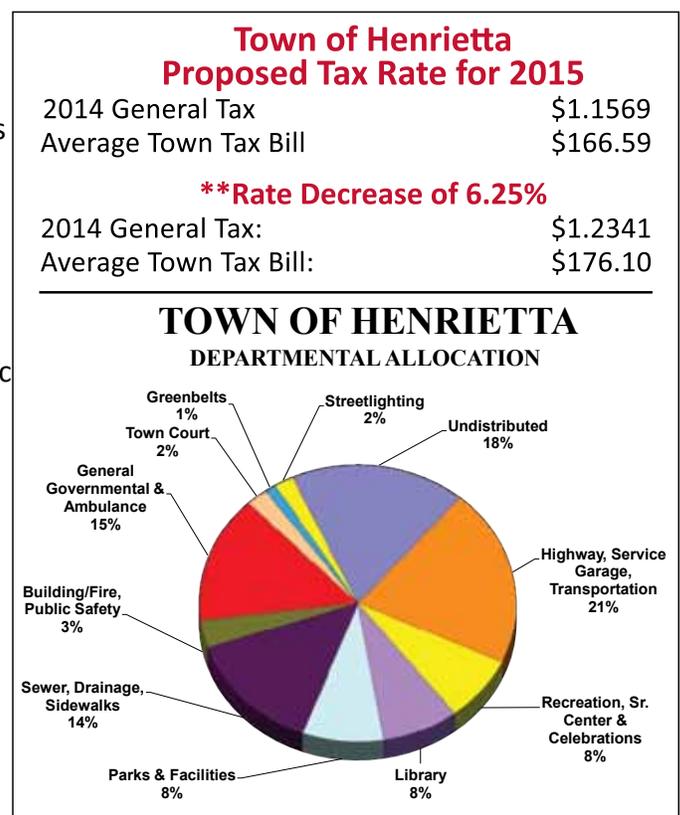
Autumn is upon us and I hope you are enjoying the beautiful fall weather. I'm pleased to announce that the \$100 taxpayer assistance checks have been mailed to the owners of "owner-occupied" residential homes in Henrietta.

I would like to share my first budget as Town Supervisor. The Board and I faced some real challenges when I took office. The 2015 budget reduces the tax rate by 6.25% matching the same rate dating back to 2005. This budget is based on actual expenses and actual revenue. We followed the New York State Comptroller's Office recommendations and estimated revenues based on realistic expectations in this economy. This is a real budget with appropriations that make fiscal sense.

I would like to thank Finance Director Barbara Chirido for her valuable expertise in preparing the 2015 Town of Henrietta Budget. See rate comparable and allocation graphs shown. Barbara's full budget presentation is available for review on our town web site.



Barbara Chirido



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FROM THE OFFICE OF BUILDING AND FIRE PREVENTION

I would like to extend a fond farewell to Summer! It has gone too fast! As the Fall approaches, please remember to change your batteries in your Smoke & Carbon Monoxide Detectors. We will be in the heating season soon, so better to protect your family and friends by having fresh batteries.

As I have been driving around town, I have noticed a number of residences that do not display their house numbers, as required by Town and NYS Code. Although you may have them on your mailbox, this does not help if the mailbox is knocked over or vandalized. State and Town Code requires that all buildings be identified by displaying numbers on the side facing the street. All numbers shall be in Arabic format with a minimum of 4 inches in height and mounted in a secured fashion to the front wall or

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porch of the building. They should be mounted to a height between 4 feet and 10 feet above the adjacent grade and shall be of contrasting colors. Remember in times of emergency, delays may occur if the number of your house cannot be found. Help the Fire Department, Ambulance and Sheriff's Office find your house sooner to provide the help you need.

As always, if you have any questions or concerns with this or any other subjects pertaining to the Town of Henrietta, please contact me. We will strive to answer your questions as timely as possible.

Have a Fire Safe Day!!

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TOWN HISTORIAN NEWS

The town museum has a new display featuring the dairy operation that was once located at the Tinker farm. Around 1920, Glen Tinker purchased about two dozen cows. For approximately forty years milk from these cows was trucked to the Dairylea Dairy in Rochester for processing and distribution.

The "then and now" photographs of the one room schoolhouses that were used during the 19th and first half of the 20th century are still on display. We have maps of the town that show the locations of these early schools. Some of them are now private homes. We also have a school bell from the Ridgeland School that was donated by Jim and Arlene Hayton.



You may remember that this year is the 100th Anniversary of the beginning of WWI. I would be very glad to receive any information about town residents who served in that war. If you have discharge papers or photographs that you would like to share, I am able to scan documents in my office and return them directly to you.



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TINKER NATURE PARK – UPCOMING PROGRAMS

Soap Making Using Botanicals: The Final Garden Program of the Season will be held on November 8th at 10am in the Hansen Nature Center. The class will be presented by Beth Byrne, certified under the Hand Crafted Soap and Cosmetic Makers Guild and managing editor for *Saponifier Magazine*. Beth will demonstrate various methods of cold-process soap making using botanicals such as herbs and fruits. Please call 359-7044 to reserve a seat.



Christmas at Tinker Nature Park: Saturday, December 6th and Sunday, December 7th from noon – 3pm. At the nature center make an ornament with Santa; enjoy cookies and cocoa, and holiday music with Dean Santos. Tour the Tinker Homestead

decorated for a Victorian Christmas, with traditional holiday music by Warren and Jessica. The Tinker Homestead will remain decorated through the holidays. Tours are available Tuesday – Saturday between 10am – 2pm. Please call 359-7044.

During the winter months, snow conditions permitting, the nature center will be renting snowshoes and cross country skis. Rentals are available Tuesday – Saturday between 9am and 3pm and are for use in Tinker Nature Park only. Rental cost is \$3.00 for either and is based on first come, first served.

Tinker Nature Park now has a Facebook page! You can also find us at: <http://sites.google.com/site/hansennaturecenter> or at: <http://tinkernaturepark.blogspot.com/>

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TOWN OF HENRIETTA LEAF & BRUSH DROP OFF AREA

- Place:** Martin Road Park, south side
- Location:** 1344 Martin Road
- When:** Fall Weekends:
Oct. 18-19
Oct. 25-26
Nov. 1-2
Nov. 8-9
- Times:** Saturdays: 8-4
Sundays: 10-4
- Leaves:** Can be loose or in paper bags, NO PLASTIC.
- Brush:** Must be in easily movable sizes for hand unloading.



UPDATE TO THE TOWN CLERK'S OFFICE

My name is Rebecca (Becky) Wiesner (pronounced Wise-ner) and I was recently promoted to the position of Town Clerk/Receiver of Taxes, after serving two years as Deputy Town Clerk.

I have a Bachelor of Science in Interior Design from Philadelphia University and a Master of Fine Arts in Historic Preservation from the Savannah College of Art and Design. Prior to moving to Henrietta I worked in New York City as an architectural conservator. We moved to Henrietta in March of 2012 when my husband was offered a position here. We truly love Henrietta and plan on it being our forever home.

Jennifer (Jenny) Miranda has been promoted to the Deputy Town Clerk position and Adelaide (Addy) Gondoli was hired as our new Part-Time Clerk. Addy joins Janet Howland, who has been with the Town Clerk's Office for the past 6 years.

My staff and I look forward to meeting the needs of the community in a professional, competent and timely manner.

PASSPORT SERVICES

We don't want you to miss out on passport services while we train our new staff in all things passports, so through the end of the year, Monroe County will be helping us fulfill passport appointments here in our office every other Tuesday morning between 9 a.m. and noon. Available dates include:

- October 14
- October 28
- November 11
- December 9



We can also take your passport photos! For more information or to schedule an appointment, please call 359-7038.

Convenience Fee on Card Transactions

Something to keep in mind the next time you stop in to the Town is that we are now charging a 2.65% convenience fee on all card transactions. Our bank had previously reimbursed the Town for the service fees associated with credit card payments, but they have recently decided they would have to start passing on those fees to the Town. Due to the quantity of credit card payments we process each day, this results in hundreds of dollars in fees each month. To cover the associated costs, rather than increasing all of our fees for everyone to cover the credit card service fees, the Town has decided to pass on the fee to only those who choose to use credit cards. So effective September 8th, the Town began adding a 2.65% convenience fee to all transactions paid with any card.



Since debit cards are currently processed as credit on our system, this unfortunately applies to both credit cards and debit cards. To clarify some of the questions we've had from residents who've come to our counter, no part of that fee is kept by the Town. The entire 2.65% convenience fee goes directly to the bank to pay for the costs incurred in connection with the charge. We know that this isn't an ideal situation for our residents and apologize for any inconvenience, but it seemed like the fairest option for everyone and hope that you will understand.

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One of my favorite things about my job is seeing the library full of children and families enjoying time together. Happily, this is what we see most days. Our children's program attendance is already 300% higher in 2014 than it was in 2013, and it just keeps growing.

This is in large part due to the head of our children's department, Anne Hicks, who has worked with our staff to create a space that encourages children's engagement and learning on multiple levels. We have all types of books along with magazines and an extensive comics collection. We also have movies, TV shows, music CDs, Nintendo DS games, audio books, and ebooks for kids. We have toys, too—a LEGO table, a train table, play food, magnets, a felt board, board games, an iPad, computers, and more. Whenever you come in, there's something for kids to do, and it's all designed to support learning and build skills.

In addition to what you'll find here every day, we have an active calendar of programs and events for families. We have storytimes for babies, toddlers, and preschoolers. We have our monthly Music and Movement for Preschoolers programs, Toddler Dance Parties, Preschool SCIENCE-times, LEGO Club, and the American Girl Club. Anne has been offering more afterschool technology programs on topics like

light painting and MaKey MaKey. Our new part-time children's librarian, Annalise Ammer has added even more creative afterschool options, and our clerk Cathy Lathrop is offering PJ Storytime every Monday night. Thanks to support from your tax dollars, our Friends of the Library group, and other donors, we are able to offer all this to our community at no additional charge. For a full list of classes, stop by the library to pick up a brochure or visit us online at hpl.org.

In addition to Anne and Annalise, staff members Amy Beikirch and Erin Denham help keep our children's programs and room active and lively, and all our page staff (especially Pat LaFleur!) put a ton of effort into keeping the children's area organized and safe. Every member of our staff participates in children's services in some way, and we're all committed to making sure that everyone who visits us has a quality experience, no matter what their age.

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The Henrietta Department of Public Works has been working hard to complete a wide magnitude of projects throughout this year. This construction season proved to be a tough one, so far. We encumbered a late start due to a lingering winter; had quite a few rain days this summer; and now it seems that we have an early arrival of fall. Other than that, it has been fun.

They were able to complete over nine miles of pavement maintenance. We will continue with the Road Program into the fall “weather permitting” while we work on additional catch basin, drainage culverts, sidewalks and piping projects. As much as we are all cringing, winter will be here soon. It looks like we might be in store for another long cold winter. The following is our yearly reminder of winter policies that will take effect come November.

The Parks Department has been busy mowing and maintaining the 1,400 acres of parkland and greenbelts that the Town owns. Just like everybody else, they have had to mow frequently to keep up with the growth. The dog park was completed and has been a huge success. We have received many positive comments and we have received many requests for additional parking. We will attempt to address that issue this fall, if weather permits. The additional parking lot for Tinker Park has also been completed, just in time for the Civil War reenactment and the Harvest festival in September. This parking lot should help alleviate the parking issues that exist at Tinker during the heavily attended functions there. They are still trying to complete the renovation of the bathroom facility at Bushman cabin and the cabin renovation of the golf shop at Lookup Park. Let’s hope that we can get these projects completed this year.

The Sewer and Drainage Department has been busy with drainage projects, including a swale on Telephone Road that required 230 large concrete retaining wall blocks as well as keeping up to date with the yearly sanitary sewer flushing program. The 2014 Sanitary Sewer Repair Program should be complete by the time this newsletter hits the mailboxes. They have also completed the reconstruction of over 600 feet of sidewalk repairs throughout the Town. They will continue with their maintenance schedules until they start to switch the equipment over for winter work.

TOWN OF HENRIETTA HIGHWAY WINTER POLICIES

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.

The Henrietta Highway Department is responsible for snow and ice control on Town, County and State roads within the Town of Henrietta, with the exception of the NYS Thruway and I-390. Our Department of Public Works is staffed twenty-four hours a day during the winter season and may be reached at 359-7005. Our Highway Department follows the “Sensible Salting Guidelines” established by the County of Monroe, in conjunction with 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.



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 15th. 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.

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.

Driveway Clearing: When clearing your driveway of snow, please remember that New York State Law requires that the snow remains on your own property. Any snow pushed, blown, or plowed onto any street is a safety hazard and may result in tickets being issued under New York State Vehicle and Traffic Law. If your driveway is plowed by a private contractor, both the homeowner and the plow operator share the legal responsibility for compliance with these regulations.

Thank you for assisting the Town in trying to ensure motorist safety during the winter months.



Craig Eckert
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PARKS AND RECREATION UPDATES

The Parks and Recreation Department had a fantastic summer. We hope you and your families took advantage of all the wonderful programs, camps, and events that were offered. Even though the weather was a bit spotty at times, all of our events and programs were a tremendous success. A special thanks to all of the volunteers and staff who contributed to parks maintenance and recreational program offerings. Without you, parks facilities and recreation services would not be possible for our community to enjoy.

Note that registration for Fall and Winter programs has begun. You can view programs online at the Town website www.henrietta.org or stop into the Recreation Department for more information.

A Disc Golf Course will be installed in the spring at Lookup Park. This course has been designed with the assistance from Ryan Hand, President of the Greater Rochester Disc Golf Club. It will feature 9 holes for people of all ages and abilities to enjoy, especially families and youth. It is a great course for beginners to play but will also allow advanced players to work on their short game. The course is free to play but users must provide their own equipment. Look for future recreation programs to be offered at the course this spring! For more information about the sport of disc golf, please visit the GRDGC website at www.grdgc.org.

A kick wall has been constructed at Martin Road Park. The wall can be used for all types of sport practice drills including soccer, lacrosse, field hockey, etc. Multiple soccer fields are also being implemented at the north end of Martin Road Park as well.



Join us and help participate in the National Make a Difference Day event to be held on Saturday, October 25th at RH Senior High School from 9:00am – Noon. For information about this event please call our office at (585) 359-2540.

We are sorry to inform you that the Town New Year's Eve Celebration will not be held this year. This is primarily due to a venue not being available. Mark your calendars however; the recreation staff is planning an outdoor Winterfest event to take place on Saturday, January 31st. More information will be available in the Winter Spring recreation program guide.

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FROM THE ASSESSOR'S OFFICE

If you are a senior citizen and are receiving the Enhanced STAR property tax exemption, you will be receiving an even greater benefit for this 2014/2015 school tax year. The New York State Legislature increased the Enhanced STAR exemption amount from \$63,300 of property value to \$64,200 of property value. This recognizes the stable real estate market and strong property values statewide.

Also, the annual cost-of-living adjustment has increased next year's income ceiling for this exemption to a new, higher level of \$83,300. Remember, the 2013 income tax year will be used to determine eligibility for 2015.

Many are taking advantage of automatic renewal option for the Enhanced STAR. If you choose that option, your income can be automatically verified with no extra paperwork on your part. For information on the *Income Verification Program*, just contact our office.

As always, if you have any questions, feel free to call the Assessor's office at 359-7032.

Nathan T. Gabbert
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GPS and the Town of Henrietta

This article was written by Jeremy DiFilippo and Stephen Macintyre

The Town of Henrietta currently has over six thousand manholes, five thousand storm basin inlets and nearly a thousand more storm outlets emptying into various drainage areas scattered throughout the area. Each year, the number increases as new subdivisions, roads and buildings are constructed within the Town.

Such an infrastructure needs to be periodically checked and maintained by Town personnel, but in order to check and maintain them, you have to be able to find them; even that manhole that was installed over half a century ago and may be covered with brush or soil.

Keeping track and mapping all of these essential structures falls on the Town's Engineering Department.

"Several years ago," explained Chris Martin, Director of Engineering and Planning, "the Town began using a high precision GPS unit to relocate these structures and to map them electronically."

GPS or Global Positioning System as it is known, was originally developed by the military over thirty years ago using a series of orbiting satellites that could pinpoint the location of any object on or near the earth's surface. Today, this same system can be used by anyone to help them in locating where they are or how to get to another location, anywhere on the globe.

But how can GPS be useful for locating stationary manholes and storm basins?

"GPS has several beneficial applications that are attractive to the Town" stated Jeremy DiFilippo, a Geographic Information System

(GIS) Operator employed by the Town. "The high precision GPS unit that the Town uses can actually electronically map the location of these structures within inches and can even indicate how high the top of the manhole is above sea level."

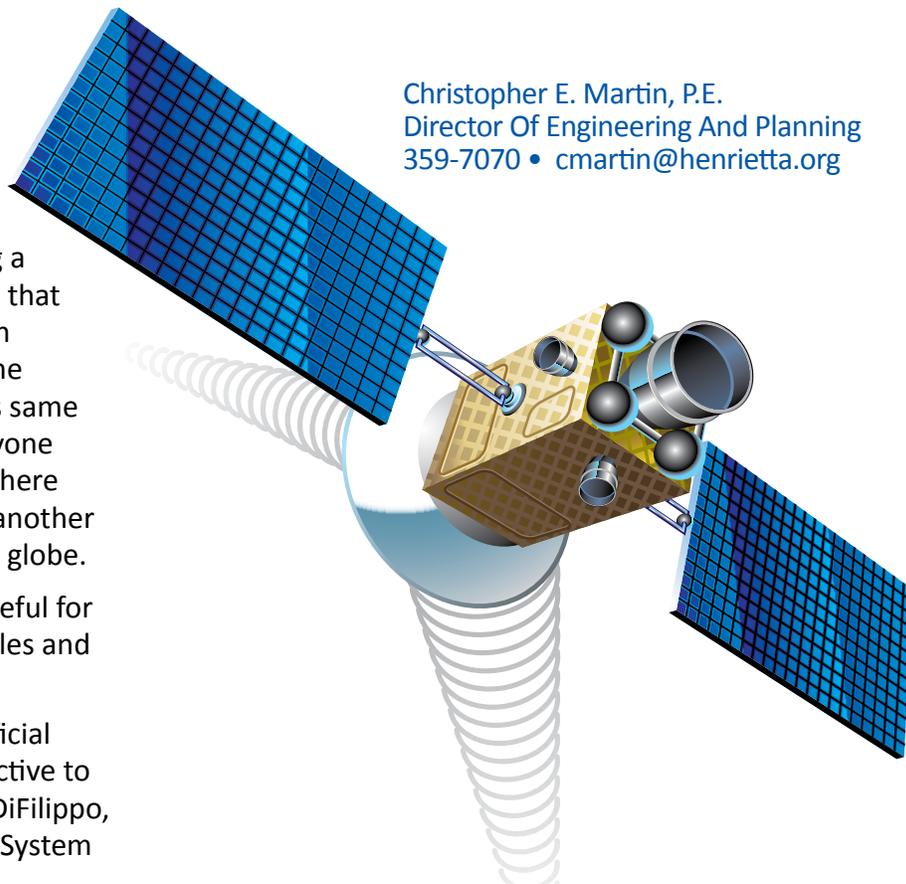
"Also," DiFilippo added, "what used to take a crew of two persons a whole day to set up and locate them using traditional survey methods, can be done by one person using the GPS unit in a couple hours or less."

Martin agrees, "Having this asset helps the Town in being more fiscally sound by not only cutting man-hours needed, it also eliminates the need and the cost to contract outside surveyor services. This allows us to lower the costs associated with town projects that are designed in-house."

For further information regarding this article, contact Jeremy DiFilippo, GIS Operator (444-2281) or Chris Martin, Director of Engineering and Planning (359-7070).



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My goal is to continue to improve all aspects of life in Henrietta and I would like to share my list of current action items.

“IN THE WORKS”

Rental Registry - New zoning code for single family rental property will soon be in place. This will allow the Town to inspect rental properties every three years for safety, code requirements and property maintenance issues. If you have a rental property in your neighborhood, please call the Supervisor’s Office at 359-7001 with the address and we will add the property to our rental list.



Town Wide Dog Census – The door to door campaign to register all dogs is currently underway. Dog registration is a requirement of New York State Agriculture and Markets Law. We kindly ask for your cooperation with town staff as they carry out their census duties.

Town Wide Open Ditch Study – This town wide study will be conducted by BME Associates. This information will allow the Town to clean all open ditches in 2015. Some ditches have not

been cleaned in over 60 years.

Town Hall and Library Building Study – LaBella Associates D.P.C. will be evaluating the 50 year old Town Hall for renovation versus an estimated cost of a new building. This will assist the Town Board in making an informed decision regarding future building plans. The 35 year old Library will also undergo review as part of the evaluation.



Henrietta Dog Park – The grand opening took place in July of this year. The Henrietta Dog Park is also part of the Monroe County Dog Park System and consists of 2 ½ acres located within Henrietta’s Lookup Park. Senator Patrick Gallivan assisted Henrietta by securing a grant of \$72,000 from New

York State for the dog park. Dog Park Information can be found on our web site www.henrietta.org.

Zoning Code Revisions – Revisions of the code started in 2009 and were incomplete. This project has now been addressed and completion will take place in 2 steps. First, a public hearing will be held to discuss 22 newly proposed codes for adoption. A second public hearing will be held to discuss changes/updates to 167 existing codes already in place.

Property Maintenance –

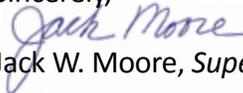
These issues continue to be the focus of the Henrietta Code Enforcement team who write approximately 25-30 property code violations each day. Since January of 2014, the Town Board has held 4 special public hearings addressing property owners who have continuously violated town code. This enables the Town to hire a private contractor to clean up the property and



in some cases repair/restore the property back to an acceptable condition. A bill is sent to the property owner and if not paid, the bill is then added to the Town/County Tax Bill. This administration will continue to clean-up Henrietta as the problems arise.

Building Projects – We have received requests and inquiries regarding new building projects within the town of Henrietta. As a courtesy, future newsletters will contain a list of new building projects. Please continue to back page for our current list.

Sincerely,


Jack W. Moore, Supervisor

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BUILDING PROJECTS

PERMIT #	PROJECT	SQ. FT/USE	TYPE	CONTRACTOR
C2014-0021	Field & Stream 1200 Miracle Mile	54,994 SF retail sales	new build	Montgomery Dev.
C2014-0027	John. St. Development 1275 John Street	90,057 SF shell permit Business use	new build	LeFrois Builders
C2014-0031	Mary Cariola 5861 East River Rd.	3,800 SF single family residence to house 6 severely developmental disabled individuals	new build	The Nichols Team
C2014-0040	Toshiba 2165 BHTL	300SF warehouse/minor repairs Office/warehouse use	renovation	Flaum Mgmt.
C2014-0050	RHAA Pavilion 5970 West Hen. Rd.	1800 SF Pavilion Recreational use	new build	Warren Zimmerman
C2014-0051	Pole Position 15 Miracle Mile Dr.	52,864 SF raceway Recreational use	new build	AVIV Construction



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