

Henrietta Happenings



Winter 2015

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From The Supervisor



As we enter into the New Year, I along with the Town Board wish to plan for the future. We would like to explore a capital building and renovation plan for the Town of Henrietta that will not increase your tax rate. The community is in need of its own recreation and court facilities. For over 20 years the Town has rented space to serve a portion of its recreation programs and Town Courts. That cost to our taxpayers has been approximately \$208,000 per year. In addition, the 50 year old Town Hall and the 30 year old Library are no longer meeting the needs of the community. A capital renovation plan will ensure that Henrietta's future generations will inherit well equipped facilities for future use.

We are currently addressing the need for a recreation facility. A committee made up of people from our community has met with engineering firm Passero Associates to discuss the services that will most suit our community's needs in a recreation facility. Together they have come up with a concept plan of an approximately 40-50,000 square foot building with a walking track and space available for gymnastics. All recreation staff will be housed in the new facility. See proposed concept plan on page 4.

As your supervisor, I along with the Town Board will hold a public informational meeting to present the concept plan on Monday January 26, 2015 at 7:00pm in the main meeting room of the Town Hall. The purpose of this meeting is to assess community support and input for the proposed recreation facility.

Jack W. Moore, Supervisor

Town News

Dog Park, located at Lookup Park, was created with the help of DPW employees and a grant from New York Senator Pat Galavin at a cost of \$72,000. The park opened in July 2014 and is part of the County Dog Parks. Henrietta is the only Town in Monroe County to have its own Dog Park. As of December 1st, we have 400+ paid members to Dog Park!

- Renovation at Lookup Park main building is underway by our Parks department, to become an additional cabin rental in early Spring. The renovation is being led by Tim Ochses and Scott Layfield.



We can't wait to put the finished project to use!

Updates in Henrietta

- The Parks department has completed the 2014 grass mowing season. Job well done by all. The grounds and Parks never looked better, due to a renewed effort by all full-time and seasonal employees.
- Did you know that this department mows 1,400 acres of parkland, grounds and green belts on a weekly basis?
- The scheduled sewer maintenance work went well under the direction of Mike Catalano, Foreman of Sewer and Town Engineer Chris Martin.
- A new overflow parking lot was installed in early Spring at the Tinker Nature Center on the north side of the road to enable more residents to enjoy different functions at Tinker. This project was led by DPW employees Don Youngman & Larry Harper.

What's New in Henrietta

Martin Road Park

A soccer and lacrosse kickwall has been built at the Martin Road Park. The DPW crew, led by Don Youngman and Bob Tobey saved the Town many thousands of dollars.



Three new soccer fields have been graded and earth moved at the north end of Martin Road Park, making it ready for seeding next Spring.

The Supervisor wants to thank all DPW employees, especially Tim Ochs, Tim Lessing, Craig Barber and Wasly Goudsalack for their hard work and commitment to getting the job done very quickly and way under budget by approximately \$100,000.

Weather held us up from seeding this Fall. The other fields at Martin Road were done by private contractors at a cost in 2002 of \$53,000 for two fields and 2005 at a cost of \$121,000 for three fields.



Leaf and brush drop off done by DPW at the Martin Road Park was a huge success. Looks like it should be continued next year. Also in Spring of 2015, a brush and debris drop off will commence in April.



DPW Update

A generator was installed at the DPW garage to supply electric to the entire building when we experience an interruption of service. The building was built in 2001 and has never been equipped with a generator for emergency situations. Thanks to the Deputy Commissioner of Public Works, Chuck Marshall, for his diligence in making this project happen and to guiding the contractor of RG&E to project completion. Chuck also helped obtain a grant to pay for the majority of the project (\$75,000).

Did You Know.....

Great Summer & Fall work has been completed by DPW Crews:

4.8 Miles of Roads Paved
5.5 Miles of Roads Sealed
4.75 Miles of Roads Stoned & Oiled

Our Parks crew mow 1,400 acres in one pass

In a full snowplow run the DPW sends out:

+ 22 Road Plows

+ 4 Sidewalk Plows

+ 5 Facility Plows for Town of Henrietta Property

= 31 dedicated employees to ensure our safety, all season, all times of day and night.

Proposed Recreation Center

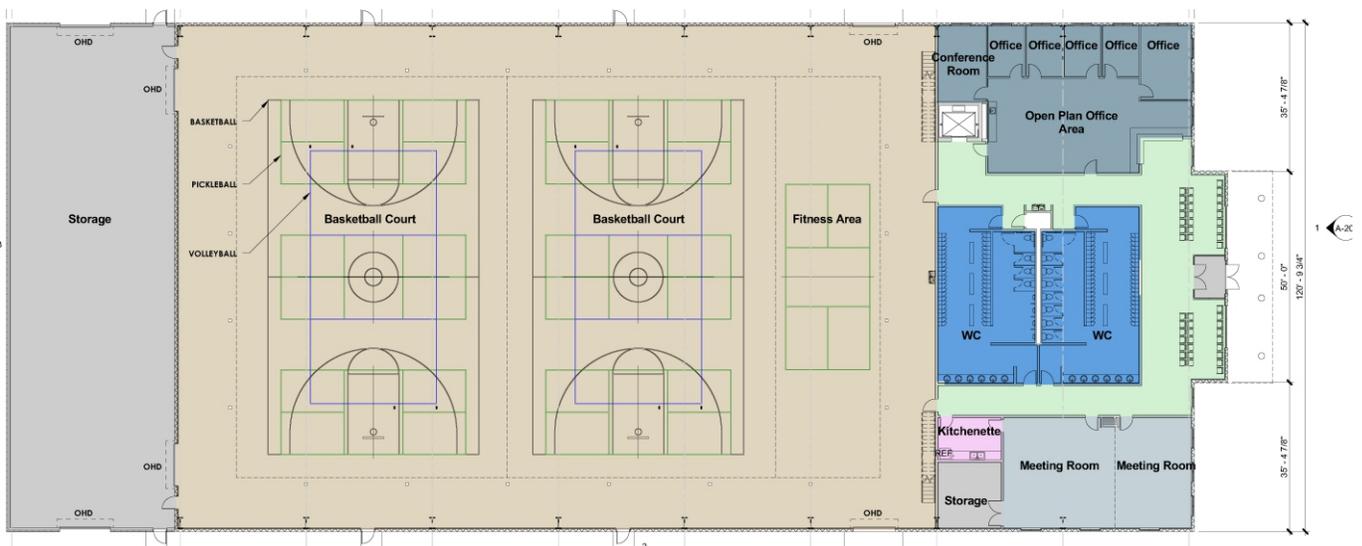
PROPOSED TOWN OF HENRIETTA RECREATION CENTER CONCEPT



Project Description:

Henrietta is a thriving community with many and varied recreational programs. Currently, the Town uses a number of owned and leased facilities to provide these services. One type of facility that the Town is severely lacking is a large multi-sport facility for indoor training for sports that are typically held out of doors, and a facility that could consolidate those many activities into one building. The new Henrietta Recreation Center as conceived is being proposed as a building project that can be accomplished in three phases.

The first phase is a multi-sport high-bay building that would contain a large activity space, meeting rooms, waiting area, restrooms, office space, storage space, and a mezzanine-level walking track and space for the gymnastics program. This building would serve as the centerpiece for any potential future development, and would serve a broad variety of constituents (from the young to very old). The space as proposed has the potential to be used for basketball, volleyball, and pickleball. The mezzanine offers a place for the gymnastics program and a raised walking track.



News from Parks and Recreation

Winterfest

Join us at the 1st annual Winterfest Event to be held on Saturday, January 31st from 11:00am - 3:00pm. This free event will be held at Veteran's Memorial Park near Bushman and Roberts Cabin.

Ice skating

Live Entertainment

Games

CRAFTS

Horse Drawn Wagon Rides

Snowman Building Contest

Sledding

Broom Ball

Much more!

Food and beverages will be available, including hot dogs, chili, hot chocolate and more.



This event will be weather dependent. For a status update on the day of the event please call our weather line at (585) 234-1042. Bundle up and we hope to see you there!

Town Updates

Community Garden program

Henrietta residents will be able to grow their own crops at Tinker Nature Park. Registration is required along with a program fee. Plots will be 4' x 12' raised bed and limited to 2 plots per household. Space is limited so please register soon if interested. For more information please refer to our Winter / Spring 2015 program guide or call our main office at (585) 359-2540.

Winter Program Registrations are now being accepted. Spring program registration will begin on Monday, February 23rd for residents, and Monday, March 2nd for non-residents. We're implementing online registration, allowing you to register and pay for programs without having to do so in person at the Town Hall. We are hoping to begin online registration for our Fall 2015 season. More information will be released in our summer program brochure as well as on our website at that time.

Lookup Park main building is being renovated into a rentable cabin. Reservations for this cabin will begin after its completion sometime this spring. Please continue to check in with our main office for updates on availability. We will also be installing a 9-hole disc golf course this spring at Lookup Park. This short course is perfect for youth and beginners as well as experienced disc golfers looking to work on their short game!

Credit Card Transactions: As a reminder.... There is currently a 2.65% fee being added to all credit card transactions as a result of our bank now charging the Town. In the past, the bank "ate" this fee as a courtesy to the Town, this is no longer the case. The fee will only be paid by those utilizing credit cards, not all Town residents. Debit cards are processed as credit cards so the fee also applies for this use. No fee will be added if paying by cash or check.

*From all of us at Henrietta Parks and Recreation,
we hope you have a happy new year and a safe
and enjoyable winter season!*

Jason R. Kulik
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FOGs and the Town of Henrietta



When you think of fats, oils and grease (FOGs) you may think of tasty food. What you don't think about is what happens when you dispose of it and that it matters how you get rid of it.

FOGs, because they don't dissolve in water, when put down the drain go into the sanitary sewer system and stick to the insides of pipes. These clogged pipes lead to costly sewer backups and overflows, increased sewer rates, and public health and environmental hazards. Town of Henrietta is doing something about it. By educating residents and business owners of our requirements, we hope to prevent their negative effects on our sewer system.

What are FOGs?

- Meat Fat
- Cooking Oil
- Coffee Grounds
- Egg Shells
- Butter
- Lard

Sewer Blockage Formation

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.

What are Businesses Doing?

As fats, oils, and grease aren't only discharged by residents, the Town has special requirements for businesses to deal with FOG. Food and oil handling establishments, such as restaurants and automotive repair shops, are required to install and maintain **grease traps** or **oil interceptors** and have a management plan in place to prevent FOG discharge.

What You Can Do!

- Wipe down greasy pots and pans with a dry paper towel and dispose of it in the garbage.
- Do not pour FOGs down the garbage disposal or sink drain.
- Do not use hot water to wash the grease down the drain
- Pour cooled oil, fats and grease into a can or other container with a tight lid (coffee can, glass jar or plastic container) and dispose of it in the garbage.
- Use baskets or strainers in sink drains to catch food scraps and other solids and dispose of them in the trash.
- Drop off large amounts of FOGs at EcoPark, especially if you used a turkey fryer this holiday season or change your own automotive oil. Once cooled, pour the oil into a container and dispose of it at your County collection center.

Working together we can all help prevent sewer clogging and sanitary sewer overflows (SSOs) and protect our environment.

To learn more about EcoPark and where you can go to recycle you can go to: <http://www2.monroecounty.gov/ecopark>

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This article was written by Sarah Clauser and Amy Lang

Update On The Dog Census

We at the Town Hall are happy to report that the dog census has officially been completed.

Since the first notice regarding the dog census, the Town Clerk's Office has issued over **2,000** new dog licenses!

A big thank you to all of our residents for your cooperation and to our dog census team for their hard work!



ADDITIONAL OPTIONS FOR DOG LICENSING



We don't want to make licensing your dog a burden, therefore we now offer a few additional options for your convenience:

- 1) Licensing your dog for multiple years, so that it will correspond with a 3 year rabies vaccination. Just like our one year dog license, this fee will be non-refundable, but it will enable you to make fewer trips to the Town Hall.
- 2) Licensing multiple dogs to expire at the same time each year.



SHOULD YOUR DOG WEAR THEIR DOG LICENSE TAG?

Keep in mind that licensing “mans best friend” is a State Law and an indicator that the dogs rabies vaccine is up to date.

The State also requires that your dog WEAR the tag. The license is a visual sign to everyone that you are obeying the law and that your dog is not a danger.

The tag also protects your dog if it's ever lost or stolen, making a reunion with you that much easier.

Another great reason to have the license tag on your dog at all times, is for the parks. Henrietta just recently opened a dog park that is a part of the Monroe County dog park system. While you do have to register for the park, the dog must also be licensed and legally should be wearing the license tag while you are in the park.

Having your dog wear the license at all times is safer for both your dog and for others around you!

Written by Jennifer Miranda, Deputy Town Clerk

From the Town Historian

A Gift from Henry Hansen

During this past year many of you have attended events at the Hansen Nature Center. Saturday morning workshops provide the opportunity to learn about native plants, the use of herbs, and how to attract birds and butterflies to your back yard. Children who visit the Hansen Nature Center look at the turtles, snakes and the observation bee hive, as well as the taxidermied examples of wildlife that is native to this area.

This facility was given to the Town of Henrietta through the generosity of Henry Hansen and his family. Henry and his wife Dorothy moved to Henrietta, and in 1951 began a farm equipment business we know as Monroe Tractor. Due to their hard work and attention to detail, the business succeeded and expanded beyond Henrietta.

In 1994, Henry Hansen provided the funding that allowed the purchase of a log cabin style building to provide space for interactive educational programs. In the dedication program, Henry was quoted as saying, "I've been in business in Henrietta since 1951. I just feel as though it's kind of my home now. I felt I wanted to donate something. I expect I'll have family in this area for quite a few years. It is something to show that we were here, that we've roots here."

The Hansen Nature Center was so successful and popular that an expansion became necessary. In 1998, Henry Hansen provided the funds for the addition that more than doubled the size of the nature center. The original cabin is now used as an educational classroom. The addition houses the display cases and seasonal exhibits. One of the first taxidermied animals donated to the museum was the beaver, and it was donated by Henry Hansen.

In October, at the age of 94, Henry Hansen passed away. In addition to the gift of the Hansen Nature Center, he donated the money for the new bandstand and amphitheater at the Veteran's Memorial Park on Calkins Road. He will be remembered as not only a successful businessman but also as a generous citizen who felt it was important to share his success with his community.



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Building and Fire Prevention

Hints for a Safe Winter Season

Winter is right around the corner and it's time to prepare for extended cold weather operations.



If you have a wood burning appliance, (fireplace or woodstove) make sure you keep the flu clear and use only seasoned firewood to reduce the amount of creosote traveling up the flu which can result in a chimney fire.

Also insure your sidewalks and driveways remain clear for access in case of emergencies. To help reduce the chance of a fall, keep sidewalks salted.

After all the recent holiday celebrations, there were lots of food preparations going on and now is the time to make sure your stove tops and ovens are clean. Dirty stoves and ovens result in a large portion of kitchen fires every year. Kitchen fires are the leading cause of residential fires, which are also the leading cause of fire deaths in America today.

Please keep a clean stove and oven and NEVER leave food unattended while cooking.

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We have a new sign at the main entrance, thanks to our Sign Department employees John Kelly and Pat Herman. These are the guys that put our flags up and down for National Holidays.

Thanks guys, great job!



From the Town Clerk

WHY ONLINE BILL PAY IS NOT RECOMMENDED FOR TAX PAYMENTS

Online bill pay through your bank is the newest and at times most convenient method of paying your bills. But utilizing online bill pay for your taxes can be risky, and every tax season online bill pay results in many of our residents owing additional interest.



- **It's not really paperless**

Not every bill can be paid electronically, including property tax payments. Instead, the bank mails us a check for your payment. We then have to print a new bill so that we can process your payment to ensure you receive the proper credit, resulting in more paper than if you pay via other methods.

- **No USPS postmark on the envelope**

USPS postmark is utilized as date of payment (no postage meters), but online bill payments arrive without one. With no USPS postmark, whatever date the envelope is actually received is used. If mail is lost or delayed by the Post Office, you are responsible for any accrued interest.

- **Delays in processing**

Your bank moves the money to a holding account when you request the check. Then they transfer money to a third party check processing company. If you make the payment close to the deadline, any extra time can result in you owing additional interest.

- **No payment stub included**

Our bank's processing team separates online payments in order to research what parcel was meant to be paid. If we are not able to determine what parcel the payment is for, it will be returned to the sender.

- **You won't know if there is a problem**

Your balance will be debited when your bank moves the money from your account to their holding account. If the envelope gets lost in the mail, destroyed by a sorting machine, etc., you will have no way of knowing we didn't receive your payment.

From the Town Clerk continued

2015 TOWN & COUNTY TAX COLLECTION

Tax bills for the Town and County tax were mailed to real property owners on December 31, 2014. If you are responsible for payment and have not received your tax bill by January 9, 2015, please call (585) 359-7035 to request a duplicate bill at no charge.

All tax payments must be made at the Town of Henrietta Town Clerk's Office from January 1 to May 31 and at the Monroe County Treasury after May 31.

The deadline for both full payments and the 1st installment is Tuesday, February 10, 2015.

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. Please make all payments payable to "Receiver of Taxes, Henrietta". Payments can be made at the Town Clerk's Office by cash, check, or money order. To pay with a credit card (3% convenience fee applies), please visit www.monroecounty.gov.

To pay in person, please visit us at:

475 Calkins Road
Henrietta, New York 14457
Monday – Friday, 9:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.



To pay by mail, please mail payments to:

Receiver of Taxes, Henrietta
P.O. Box 579
Henrietta, New York 14467

For a complete list of payment options and a schedule of the amount of interest due after February 10th, please visit www.henrietta.org under **Quick Links** on the right hand side.

Rebecca Wiesner
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Department of Public Works

I would like to thank the entire Department of Public Works staff for their hard work and efforts throughout the year. Over 3,500 work orders came into the DPW. This work, along with the regularly scheduled yearly maintenance, has made this a very busy year. I would also like to thank you, the Henrietta residents, for your patience during the past construction season. You were tolerant and considerate as we paved, slurried, chipsealed and dug up quite a few miles of roadways and roadway culverts.

Craig Eckert, Commissioner of Public Works

The Highway Department continues to maintain over 134 miles of Town roadway, in addition to providing support to the nearly 100 miles of County roads and infrastructure and 90+ miles of State roadways.

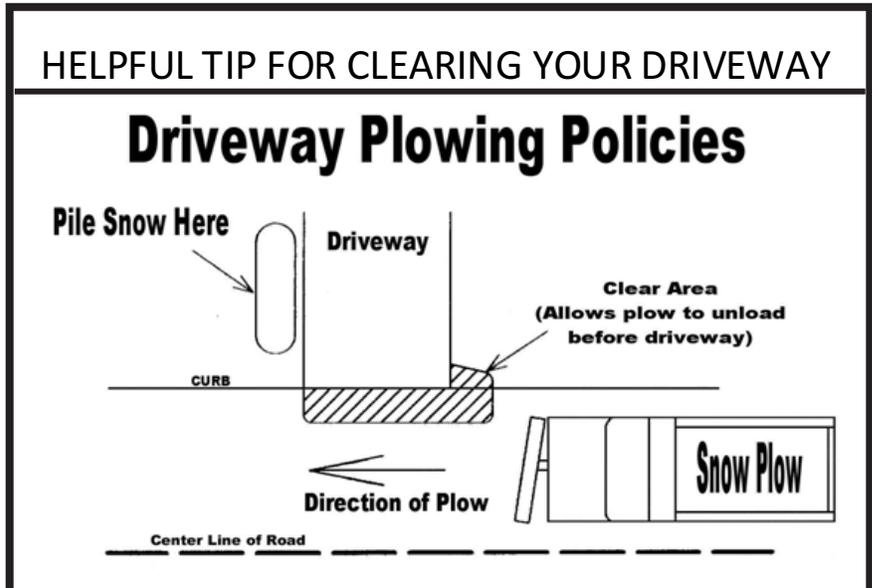


The Town of Henrietta adheres to the “Sensible Salting Guidelines” provided by the New York State Department of Environmental Conservation, unless intense storms call for different methods. This year's 20% price increase in road salt may have some effect on how we maintain the roads throughout the winter. Please remember to adjust your speeds accordingly and allow for extra time when traveling in winter conditions.

It is State law that the Town maintain all State and County “main” routes prior to Town or “sub” routes. This is to guarantee access for emergency personnel and first responders.

Please allow adequate distance between you and the plow equipment and please, DO NOT attempt to pass this equipment. Our staff is trying to clear the roadway and may make abnormal maneuvers in their attempt to clear snow and place salt.

The following may be useful for some residents when clearing your driveway. It may help your driveway to stay clear even after plows have gone by.



Department of Public Works continued

The Parks Department has been busy mowing and maintaining all of the parkland, green space and facilities within the Town. They have answered over 1,100 work order requests this year and continued to maintain over 1,400 acres of Town parks and green space. Throughout the winter they will be working on trail maintenance, equipment maintenance, along with facility maintenance and upgrades and of course, snow removal of Town Parks and facilities.



The Sewer and Drainage Department has been busy maintaining the Town's entire storm and sanitary infrastructure. They have answered over 700 resident requests this year. This Department has continued to maintain over 200 miles of sewer pipe, 4,600 manholes and 18 pump stations. The Sewer Department received an upgraded camera system this year and were able to camera over 10 miles of pipe and had the flush truck clean over 15 miles of pipe.

The Town has also completed dozens of individual pipe patches to the system.

The 2014 Sanitary Sewer Repair Program has been completed. This year's program involved the reconstruction of over 30 sewer laterals and 80 spot repairs to the system. They have already started the 2015 sanitary sewer flushing program. This work will help to identify problem areas in the pipe and schedule future repairs.

This Department is also responsible for clearing all of the sidewalks and crosswalks within the Town during the winter months.

As always, if you have an issue or something that you would like to make us aware of, please do not hesitate to contact us at 359-7005.

Happy New Year from the entire DPW staff

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From the Assessor's Office.....

The primary function of the Assessor's Office is to maintain a fair and equitable assessment roll, which is the basis for the property taxes you pay. This assessment roll is prepared annually, by analyzing real estate market conditions and maintaining property ownership records. We are currently in the process of compiling the 2015 assessment roll.

In addition to constantly reviewing sales and construction data, we have a significant field presence too. Whether your property includes new construction, remodeling, or perhaps an addition, deck, or other improvement, we may be knocking on your door to ask to take a look at these new features. We may simply ask to confirm the information we already have in our files. Either way, the better the

information we have, the more fairly we can assess your property and your neighbors', too.

Watch your mail for renewal applications for any property tax exemptions you may have. Most exemptions do not automatically renew from year to year and require annual renewal. If you currently have a renewable exemption, the Assessor's office will be mailing individual renewal applications to you in January which must be returned by March 1, 2015.



STAR program

If you are a new homeowner, and have not done so, you should make your one-time application for the Basic STAR anytime between now and March 1, 2015. Basic STAR exemptions do not need annual renewal with our office. If you are turning age 65 during the

year 2015, you might qualify for even greater tax savings with the Enhanced STAR, or the Limited-Income Senior's Exemption.

Don't forget: all exemption applications, whether new or renewals, must be returned by March 1, 2015!

As always, the Assessor welcomes the opportunity to speak to community groups (of twenty or more) to discuss how changes in the local real estate market will affect property assessments into the future. The public information aspect of this function is very important to us.

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

Nathan T. Gabbert
Assessor - Town of Henrietta
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Library News

Don't let the dark days of winter get you down, get out there and try something new!

Our adult programmer, Rosanne Rosella, has her usual dynamic mix of programs. If you're looking for something really active, try our annual series of dance lessons—this year with a denim theme! —on January 29, February 26, March 26, and April 23.



Come to classes on:

-  Storytelling
-  Floral arranging
-  Preventing identity theft

Our Tech Tutors can help you learn how to better use technology—perfect if you've received a tablet for Christmas and are still figuring out what to do with it. And, of course, we have books: books to help you learn things, books to help you escape, audiobooks, and books you can download to your tablet or phone right from home.



For a complete list of options, stop by the library, call us, or visit us online at hpl.org.

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Winter at Tinker Nature Park



Winter is an excellent time for wildlife viewing. To enhance the winter experience, Ski and Snowshoe Rentals will be available at the Hansen Nature Center as conditions allow. Rentals are available from 9am – 3pm, Tuesday thru Saturday on a first come/first served basis. The cost for rental is \$3 and is for use in park only.

Saturday February 7th from 6 – 9pm

Evening Ski/Snowshoe

This program is for adults and registration is required as space is limited. Please call 359-7044 to register. A limited number of snowshoes will be available for rent on a first arrival basis, or you may bring your own equipment.

Nature Center Hours

Tuesday – Saturday from 9am – 4pm, closed Sunday, Monday and Holidays.

The park is open 7 days a week from 7am until sundown.

Restrooms are available by the main parking lot.

Please remember that Tinker Nature Park does not allow dogs.

Proceeds benefit Tinker Nature Park.

For upcoming programs you can check our website at:
sites.google.com/site/hansennaturecenter.



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SPECIAL MEETING DATES for JANUARY & FEBRUARY:

Town Board	Henrietta Town Hall- Main Meeting Room	7:00pm	January 21 st
Community Information Meeting for proposed recreation center building	Henrietta Town Hall- Main Meeting Room	7:00pm	January 26th
State of the Town Address	RIT Inn & Conference Center	12noon	January 27th
Planning Board	Henrietta Town Hall- Main Meeting Room	7:00pm	January 27 th
Zoning Board	Henrietta Town Hall- Main Meeting Room	7:00pm	January 28 th
Conservation Board	Henrietta Town Hall- Main Meeting Room	7:00pm	February 3 rd
Town Board	Henrietta Town Hall- Main Meeting Room	7:00pm	February 4 th
Town Board	Henrietta Town Hall- Main Meeting Room	7:00pm	February 18 th
Planning Board	Henrietta Town Hall- Main Meeting Room	7:00pm	February 24 th
Zoning Board	Henrietta Town Hall- Main Meeting Room	7:00pm	February 25 th