



TOWN OF HENDERSON 2017 NEWSLETTER

TOWN ADMINISTRATION

Councilman Ed Glaser has been reappointed as Deputy Town Supervisor for 2017.

The Town Courtroom and Town Office will undergo a significant remodeling in 2017 with much of the cost funded by a grant from the NYS Office of Court Administration. Town Engineers from GYMO have finalized the plans and bid documents will go out soon. Included in the renovation will be a relocation of the judges' bench (which is used by the Town Board during Board meetings), creation of a private attorney/client consultation room and separate workspaces for the Town Assessor and Town Zoning Enforcement Officer. Improvements in the heating and air conditioning systems will also be part of the project as will upgrading much of the lighting to energy efficient LED lights.

The Town Board continues to work on putting the fishing promotion money obtained for us in the State budget by Sen. Patty Ritchie to good use. Last year several fishing tournaments were sponsored by the Town and the Henderson Harbor Performing Arts Association. New "Welcome to Henderson Harbor" signs were created north and south of the harbor on Rt. 3. A small workgroup of town residents has been discussing additional ways to put these funds to good use and already has come up with some good suggestions.

The Town Board is in the very preliminary stages of assessing the feasibility of new approaches to

developing a waste water system in portions of the town, most specifically along the Harbor Road and portions of the hamlet. While previous studies have indicated that such a project was not economically feasible, new approaches from both a design and financial perspective may open up new avenues to accomplish this important project. Town Engineers from GYMO Architecture and Engineering, along with engineers from Blue Line Engineering, are exploring various options for consideration by the Town Board.

Town Board Liaison areas

The Town Board continues its "liaison" process. This process is designed to facilitate and enhance communication between the Town Board and various individuals, entities and organizations in Henderson. While anyone can discuss anything with any Town Board member, by having specific areas of focus, each Board member can bring more concentrated attention and expedited follow-up in that area. If you have a question, concern or suggestion about a particular issue or topic, please do not hesitate to reach out to the Board member who focuses on that area.

The liaison areas are:

John Culkin: Town Clerk; Town Court; Town Bookkeepers; Public Health; Website; Inter-governmental

Ed Glaser: Highway Dept., Mooring and Harbor; Water Dept.; Fishing Promotion

Carol Hall: Sanitation/recycling; Recreation; Non-profit organizations, Town Library

Torre Parker-Lane: ZBA and Zoning Enforcement Officer; Planning Board; Commerce/Economic Development; Town Assessor/Board of Assessment Review

Jeff Youngs: Infrastructure; Town Engineers; Henderson Fire Dept; Henderson Ambulance Corp

WEBSITE

www.townofhendersonny.org

The Board continues to refine the town's website with the ultimate goal of having it be a valuable repository of information. Features include buttons for both general and marine weather forecasts. There is additional information on more town governmental entities and non-profit organizations in Henderson as well as "Links of Interest" containing links to outside websites with interesting and useful information. Forms such as those related to property taxes and assessments and the summer rec programs can now be downloaded from the town's website.

Galloo Island Wind

For those interested in the status of the Article 10 approval process for the Galloo Island Wind farm, you can visit the website below for updates and to post any comments on the matter you may wish to share.

<http://documents.dps.ny.gov/public/MatterManagement/CaseMaster.aspx?MatterCaseNo=15-F-0327>

TOWN CLERK

Conveniences added to the Town Clerk's office in recent years continue to work out well. Credit and debit cards are accepted for payment of your Town business (a small convenience fee will be charged). Property taxes currently can be paid at www.egov.basny.com/henderson or you can go to the Town website for a link (again, convenience fees will be added). DEC hunting and fishing licenses are available at the Town office or on-line. Dog licenses may be paid at the office, by mail or using the drop box at the Town offices.

You can currently view your Town of Henderson Taxes and Receipts

<http://egov.basny.com/henderson/>

Please be advised that the website listed above will change in 2017. Please check with the Town Clerk if, and when, this website is no longer functioning.

DOG LICENSES

The Town Clerk will continue to send "Dog Renewal Post Cards" at the beginning of the month for licenses that need to be renewed. At the same time, this list is given to the Jefferson County Dog Control Officer for follow-up. If you no longer have your favorite pet, please notify the Town Clerk who will keep the County notified. Any new dog owner needs to register his best friend as soon as he or she is old enough to have the first rabies vaccination. Remember to bring the Rabies Vaccination Certificate with you. If you can't get together with the Town Clerk during normal business hours there is a "drop off" box where you can deposit the necessary paper work with your check and the new license will be mailed

HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT

Reconstruction will start on Shear Road in May. The road will be closed periodically to allow for culvert

installations. Please bear with us as it may be a little dusty and rough. Paving is estimated to be complete by the end of July.

If you are going to build a driveway, install a stone fence, tile a field to empty into existing drainage system or place anything in the road right of way, please contact us at the Highway Department prior to starting your task.

Field Access driveways - please use them and not drive through the ditches; Large vehicles - please drive on pavement and not on the shoulders of the road. Remember: there is an 80,000 pound weight limit on all roads, there are no exceptions.

Harold Nelson,
Highway Superintendent

FIRE HYDRANTS

If you are physically able, be a good citizen and keep the fire hydrants near you clear of snow. Our employees try to do this but it is not always possible so, please, help out if you can.

SANITATION/RECYCLING

Transfer Station Hours: Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday and Saturday 8-4; Sunday's 8-noon from the last weekend in May to the end of September

Please remember that the Town of Henderson Sanitation Department will only accept refuse put in *clear plastic bags*. **All non-clear bags (black, white, red, etc) are prohibited.**

The price of tickets remains the same at \$5, \$10 and \$20. The cost of one 55 gal bag has been increased to \$3.00

If you have any used clothing in good condition, you may donate it at the transfer station using the St. Pauly Textile drop-off shed. For more info you can visit www.stpaulytextile.com

Looking forward to serving all of you this year. Rick and Stan

ZONING PERMITS/VARIANCES

The Zoning Law requires property owners to obtain permits from the Town Enforcement Officer (EO) for simple, straight-forward projects such as driveways, sidewalks, etc. More substantial or complex construction projects require Planning Board and/or Zoning Board of Appeals (ZBA) review and approval. It should be emphasized that zoning permits should be obtained for nearly every proposed property construction projects or property use changes. Please contact the Enforcement Officer (EO), Eric Sheldon, at (315) 935-5542 ext. 23 or at enforcementofficer@townofhendersonny.org, if you have questions about your particular project.

Property owners should also be aware that a Zoning Variance process exists for proposed projects that do not meet the Zoning Law of the Town of Henderson. This process requires that the property owner prepare a detailed application for their project, and attend a ZBA hearing to present their case for requesting a variance to the Zoning Law. In all cases, the property owner must obtain a zoning permit for his/her project, and display the permit on or near their construction site. Not obtaining a permit, or a variance (if required), can result in a fine and, potentially a requirement to demolish the project, all at the property owner's expense. Please contact the Chairperson of the Planning Board and/or the ZBA, the EO or Town Clerk if you have questions about zoning permits or variances.

The Town of Henderson Zoning Law can be found on the town's website by going to the drop-down menu under INFO and then clicking on the LAWS tab and scrolling down to Chapter 150.

ASSESSOR

According to the NYS Real Property Law the Assessor is responsible for maintaining a fair and equitable

assessment roll that accurately reflects current market values. Every individual property owner is responsible for the ensuring the accuracy of their property information for assessment purposes. You may see what the Assessor has for information regarding your property on the Jefferson County Real Property website <http://jefferson.sdgny.com>.

Annual Grievance Day will be on May 23rd this year. Anyone wishing to discuss their assessment with the Assessor prior to grievance day may talk to him during regular office hours (every Wednesday from 8:00 – 12:00) or anytime by appointment.

Please remember! If you submit any paperwork to the assessor and you want a receipt, you must ask for it in person or ask for it by mail and provide a stamped, self-addressed envelope.

The Assessor will be around taking photographs to update the files in 2017.

FROM YOUR FIRE CHIEF

The Henderson Fire Department responded to 59 emergency calls in 2016, up from 49 calls in 2015. Of that 2016 total, 23 percent were fires, mostly brush/grass fires; 17 percent were some type of rescue, including water rescue; 14.8 percent were false alarms (all unintentional); and 34.4 percent were “other service,” including motor vehicle crashes, downed trees/wires, and assistance to EMS.

The Fire Department’s Ambulance Squad was dispatched 180 times in 2016, up from 170 times in 2015. The total number of patients served in those 180 calls was 187 (several car crashes had multiple patients). The largest categories of EMS calls were “falls” at 17 percent; “sick person,” “traffic accident” and “unknown problem” at 12 percent each; and “breathing problems” at 7.5 percent. The Ambulance Squad’s 2016 “scratch” rate, which is the percentage of calls to which the ambulance did

not respond, as calculated by Jefferson County, was 2.2 percent. That means the ambulance responded to 97.8 percent of its calls!

In 2017, the Fire Department will continue evaluating private roads in the Henderson Fire District to determine if they are safe for travel by HFD vehicles, including the ambulance. Over the past two years, Fire Chief Shawn Lynch has prohibited travel by all HFD vehicles on Highland Park Road and Kohlwood Road. Chief Lynch thanks property owners along Paradise Park Road extension for making road improvements to assure continued safe access by HFD vehicles.

The Fire Department and Ambulance Squad always are in need of new members who are willing and able to train and serve their community during emergencies. The Fire Department has 27 active members; the Ambulance Squad has 23 active members, including one paramedic, 4 EMTs and 3 certified first responders. Eighteen personnel are members of both squads.

If you have any questions about membership or wish to discuss the accessibility of your road, contact Chief Lynch at 486-2029; or Fire District Director of Operations Eric Anderson at 955-2800.

2017 Blood Drives

The American Red Cross, in conjunction with the Henderson Fire District, has scheduled three blood drives at the Henderson fire hall in 2017. Those dates are: Friday, March 24; Friday, July 21; and Wednesday, November 22. The November blood drive will be the 3rd annual “Pie for a Pint” event, with home-baked pies provided by the Henderson Firemen’s Auxiliary! Prospective donors may call 1-800-733-2767 to make an appointment, and visit RedCrossBlood.org/RapidPass to complete the pre-screening process. Walk-ins are always welcomed at all blood drives.

911 LOCAL LAW

There are still many homes without 911 numbers on them. If you ever need to have to make your first emergency call, you will realize how important an easily seen and well-lit house number can be. Remember, a quick response can only be a quick response if you can be found. Having emergency responders spending time driving up and down roads looking for numbers that aren’t there could mean a loss of a life.

RECREATION COMMISSION

The Recreation Commission meets the 3rd Thursday of each month at 7pm at the Town Office. This year, Michelle Lawrence was welcomed to our board to fill a vacancy. The main purpose of the board is to oversee the Summer Recreation Program and to maintain the recreational facilities, which include the pavilion, basketball and tennis courts, playground and ballfields. Tina Spencer is the Pavilion Coordinator and reported a busy rental season for 2016. Anyone wishing to rent the facilities can contact Tina at 286-4013 or at tinaspenc@frontiernet.net.

Katie Williamson was the Director of the Summer Recreation Program for the 2016 season, with Sharlene Loomis acting as Assistant Director. There was an average of 47 children attending the six week session. The rec program again co-sponsored a program with the Henderson Free Library for the area children. The NYS Zoo at Thompson Park Traveling Zoo brought a variety of animals and hands on items for the children to learn about and interact.

The last two new basketball backboards arrived and will be installed this spring. The main project this year will be the playground. The process is underway for getting quotes for resurfacing the playground professionally to provide a base for good drainage, weed prevention and safety for the children using the playground.

HENDERSON FREE LIBRARY

Located in the Community Building on Route 178, the Henderson Free library is a jewel in the midst of our Town. The Library has been providing library services to Henderson and the surrounding areas since 1922.

The following services are available:

- ✓ Books for all ages
- ✓ DVDs
- ✓ Audiobooks
- ✓ Magazines
- ✓ Ebooks
- ✓ Fax & Copy Machine
- ✓ Public Computers & Printing
- ✓ 24/7 WiFi
- ✓ Weekly story hour
(Thursdays, 9:30 a.m.)

Summer Hours: (May-November)
Monday & Wednesday 11 a.m.-6 p.m.
Tuesday, Wednesday, and Saturday
9 a.m. - 1 p.m. Friday..Closed

Winter Hours: (December-April)
Monday & Wednesday 10 a.m.- p.m.
Tuesday, Wednesday, and Saturday
9 a.m. - 1 p.m.
Friday...Closed

Library Director: Mary Bidwell
Assistant: Katie Parker

Phone: 315.938.7169
Fax: 315.938.7038

Email: henlib@ncsl.org

<http://www.hendersonfreelibrary.org>

Facebook: Henderson Free Library

Board Meetings: Fourth Tuesday of
every month @ 1:00 p.m.

HENDERSON MEN'S CLUB

The Henderson Men's Club was formed in June of 2010 to be a service organization whose mission is to seek ways and means to help individuals, groups or organizations in the Town of Henderson. The Men's Club currently assists The Rohde Center

Food Bank, the Henderson Harbor Triathlon sponsored by the Jefferson County Children/Credo Inc, the Henderson Gardening Club flower basket watering program, the Henderson Harbor Performing Arts Association, the Shelter Box Ride for Dignity, the Town of Henderson Cemetery Restoration Program, and the Town of Henderson Recreation Commission.

The Men's Club historically holds two very popular fundraising events: the famous Henderson Duck Race on Memorial Day and the Pancake Breakfast on the last Sunday in June. Proceeds for both events go to worthy causes in our Town.

The Cabin Fever Spaghetti Supper will be held again this year. Date for the supper this year is Sunday, Feb 19th from 2:00 to 5:00PM. This is a free dinner so bundle up, c'mon out and spend some time reconnecting with friends and neighbors while enjoying an awesome meal. (donations are gratefully accepted)

For information on any events or to join the club, please contact Ric Leonard at 212-3030.

HENDERSON HARBOR PERFORMING ARTS ASSOCIATION

The Henderson Harbor Performing Arts Association (HHPAA) formed in 1996 to bring the arts and other activities to the people in the Henderson area. Past fishing tournaments sponsored by HHPAA have attracted over 600 fishermen to the Henderson Harbor area.

The HHPAA website is: hhpaa.org.

HHPAA is a totally volunteer run organization. The Board of Directors gives 100% towards making HHPAA an effective and active group. The goal for 2017 is to continue fundraising efforts to erect a "memorial" pavilion in the HHPAA field. The Arts Association looks forward to continued community

support for its efforts in the coming year. For questions or information, please call Eunice Wescott at 938-7333.

Henderson Garden Club

The Henderson Garden Club has been beautifying the town since 2003. Civic and roadside enhancement, however, is just one of the club's purposes. Fostering and maintaining friendships with "gardening-minded" people is what drew the club together originally. While that is still very important, club members are also dedicated to learning about all areas of the art of gardening and further educating others in the community. Interests and topics run from what to plant on that steep hill to how to deal with invasive plants.

The Henderson Garden Club is a group of about 40 people who meet the second Tuesday of every month at 9:30 AM in the Henderson Fire District Community Room. Social time runs until the 10:00 meeting is called to order. Meeting activities include guest speakers, talks by club Master Gardeners, plant exchanges, and field trips. The club marches in the Henderson Memorial Day parade and every December they place fresh wreaths and swags around the village. A major project is planting and maintaining garden beds all summer. These include attractive plantings at the Town Boat Launch site, the Henderson Historical site, the Triangle on Rt 3, around the Town of Henderson welcome signs on Rt. 178 and Rt. 3N and 3S. Each year the club awards a scholarship to a Belleville-Henderson graduating senior entering a field related to horticulture, farming, gardening, etc. The club's annual Garden Tour is the major fund raiser towards this award but they also sell mums at the Henderson Heritage Days celebration in August and hold a large plant sale in the spring.

The Henderson Garden Club welcomes new members whether you are a seasoned gardener or a novice. You are invited to join us them at any

meeting or scheduled event. For more information call club president Pam Brandt at 941-505-0105.

TOWN HISTORIAN

Town Historian Eric Anderson will continue attempts to reset and repair old gravestones in Henderson cemeteries during 2017 with the generous help of the Henderson Men's Club. Work this year will continue to focus on the Carpenter Cemetery along Route 3.

These cemetery work sessions generally involve resetting leaning gravestones so they don't break. If stone conditions are favorable, broken stones can be epoxied and reset. These sessions usually last 2-3 hours and are open to all – the only tools you are asked to bring are a shovel and work gloves. Mr. Anderson and the town provide the rest.

Specific work sessions for 2017 are not yet scheduled. When they are, they will be announced on the town's website, Charlotte Richmond's e-newsletter and the sign in front of the fire hall.

HENDERSON HARBOR MOORING AREAS

The Henderson Harbor Mooring Area continues to be a popular resource for the Town of Henderson. Currently there are 15 sites available. If you or someone you know is interested in a mooring, please contact Jim or Barb Weber at jaweber38@gmail.com.

The purchase of a mooring must be obtained through the town as well as the sale of the tackle when a person no longer wants to moor his boat in the mooring area. While using a mooring in the Henderson Mooring Area, a mooring owner is required to have his mooring tackle inspected by a certified diver, registered with the Town Clerk, at least every three years, and submit a mooring survey report, signed by the diver, showing the tackle has passed inspection and is safe to use.

New corner markers have been installed which have longer lasting batteries to illuminate the lights at night. The town has also installed two visitor moorings that are located in the northwest corner of each area "A" and "B". These moorings have heavy duty tackle that will hold a large boat and are available for use without charge for up to 48 hours. Visitors using these moorings need to use their own pendants as there are none attached to the moorings.

Accurate numbered locations of each of the moorings and corner markers have been taken with a GPS unit and located on a Google Earth Map of the harbor. There are two such maps. One is located in the Henderson Harbor Town Clerk's Office and the other in the Henderson Harbor Yacht Club Clubhouse. People interested in obtaining a mooring can refer to these maps to locate the open sites to aid in their selection of one.

Mooring application paperwork will be sent to current mooring owners to renew their application for continued use of the site for the 2017 summer. The mooring season runs from May 1 to November 1 each year.

HENDERSON HOME OF HOSPITALITY

The Henderson Home of Hospitality committee (HHH) was formed in 2014 as a way to welcome new residents to the Town of Henderson with information on community activities, local business and civic groups and various services available. The HHH team developed a *Welcome to the Town of Henderson* folder that conveniently holds all of the new resident information that is being collected and highlights the businesses participating in its creation. Local resident Briggs Williamson printed the folders. The folder is available (for a small fee) to Henderson's groups that would like to welcome out-of-towners. This past year 13 residents have been greeted with the new folders.

For further information, to request some folders or to let the committee know when a new neighbor moves in, you can call:

Claudia Maurer 315-304-0009
Sue Rosen 315-415-1630
Charlotte Richmond 315-938-5320
Gail Neschen 315-777-5879
or e-mail the committee at
hendersonhomeofhospitality@gmail.com

ROHDE CENTER FOOD PANTRY

The Rohde Center located at 2 E Church Street in Adams serves the Town of Henderson. A monthly Free Fresh Food distribution is offered on the 4th Friday of each month at St. Cecilia's Church in Adams. Registration is at 2pm and distribution follows at 3pm. If you eat, you qualify.

The Food Sense Program offers a monthly food unit. The cost is \$20.50. The amount of food received would cost \$45.00 if purchased at retail outlets. This program also offers monthly specials at a lower cost.

All information on Rohde Center and Events is available on the website: rohdecenter.org or you can call 315.222.2621 for more detailed information.

Henderson News and Notes

For those interested in a more personal and detailed newsletter about the "goings on" in the town, former Town Clerk Charlotte Richmond regularly sends out a *News and Notes* newsletter via email. If you are interested in receiving her always informative newsletter, drop her an email at: crich11821@gmail.com

{While always informative and helpful, Charlotte's newsletter is entirely private and is not associated with, supported or formally endorsed by the Town of Henderson.}

TOWN PHONE: 938-5542; FAX: 938-7249

TOWN SUPERVISOR: (Elect: 2 Yrs.)

John Culkin (12/31/2017) H-304-0009
12105 Town Barn Rd, Henderson, NY C-518-810-7056
E-mail: Supervisor@townofhendersonny.org

TOWN CLERK/COLLECTOR: (Elect: 2 Yrs.)

Wendy Flagg (12/31/2017) W-938-5542 Ext. 21
12105 Town Barn Rd, Henderson, NY 13650
Open 7:30-4:00 M/T/W/TH
E-mail: Clerk@townofhendersonny.org

TOWN BOARD: (Elect: 4 Yrs.)

Carol Hall (12/31/2019) H-938-7415
E-mail: councilhall58@yahoo.com

Torre Parker-Lane (12/31/2017) C-727-7771
E-mail: tparkerlane@gmail.com

Edwin Glaser (12/31/2017) C-882-6218
Deputy Supervisor
E-Mail: eglaser44@msn.com

Jeff Youngs (12/31/19) C-767-5173
E-Mail: 18jyoungs@gmail.com

TOWN HIGHWAY SUPT: (Elect: 2 Yrs.)

Harold Nelson (12/31/2017) C-778-0598
E-mail: Highway@townofhendersonny.org W-938-5314

TOWN JUSTICES: (Elect: 4 Yrs. – 12/31/2020)

Judge John Moshier Judge Michael Yonkovig
Court Clerk: Mindy Grandjean
Court Clerk Hours: Monday & Wednesday 1-4
Court@townofhendersonny.org
Fax - 938-9278 O-938-5542 – Ext. 26

ASSESSOR: (Appt'd- 6 Year Term Exp. Sept. 30, 2019)

James Rounds, Jr. 938-5542 Ext. 22
E-mail: assessor@townofhendersonny.org
Office Hrs. Wed. 8AM until Noon and by appt.

HEALTH OFFICER

Tom Boxberger 788-2239

TOWN HISTORIAN

Eric Anderson C-955-2800
E-mail: hendersonhist@yahoo.com
hfd2500@frontiernet.net

ENFORCEMENT OFFICER

Eric Sheldon C-767-2016 W-938-5542 Ext. 23
Office Hrs. Wed. from 8AM until Noon and by appt.
E-mail: Enforcementofficer@townofhendersonny.org

SANITATION DEPARTMENT

Ricky Worthington: W-938-7434, H-938-5376, C-586-2506

WATER DISTRICTS

Ricky Worthington: W-938-7434, H-938-5376, C-586-2506
David Montague, Operator: 938-5786, 298-8481, 382-8028

PLANNING BOARD: (5 Yr. Term) Meets 1st.Tues.

John Treadwell (12/31/2018) H-938-5360
Bob Ashodian (12/31/2020) H-938-7024
Carol McGowan (12/31/2021) H-938-5491
Ned Martelle (12/31/2017) ** H-938-5185 C-771-7246
Michael Contino (12/31/2019) C-304-4004

ZBA: (5 Yrs. Rotating) Meets 3rd Wed. upon request

Fredrick Caswell (12/31/2019) C-771-3859
Dean Witmer (12/31/2020) C 345-2705
Jerry Tackley (12/31/2021)** H-938-5664
Steven Cote (12/31/2017) C-408-8959
Robert Aliasso (12/31/2018) H-938-7553 C-771-9753

BAR (5-Yr. Rotating)

Gail Neschen (2020) C-777-5879
Peter Price (2021) H-938-5192
Mary Ann Gandolfo (2017) H-938-5878
Michael Contino (2018) C304-4004
Claudia Dunk (2019) C-767-3101

RECREATION COMMISSIONS:

McCrea, Penny (12/31/2021) 938-5069
Bryan Flagg **(12/31/2021) 938-9206
Michelle Lawrence (12/31/2023)
Kathy Sidmore (12/31/2019)
Tina Spencer (12/31/2018) 286-4013
Sarah Zehr (12/31/2020) 778-5271
SaraTreadwell (12/31/2020) 938-5360

HFD FIRE CHIEF

Shawn Lynch 486-2029

** denotes chairperson