

TRASH COLLECTION

Bulky Waste pick-up:

Each Tuesday I.E.S.I. provides curb-side pick-up of bulky items too large to fit into the carts. Contact I.E.S.I. to arrange for pick-up and for a list of acceptable items 877-592-5030.

City of Henrietta Convenience Center:

The City is proud to serve our citizens through their convenience center that is opened every Saturday from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. The center charges a minimum of \$5.00 per truckload. The center is regulated by the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality, and operates in accordance with state requirements.

The City of Henrietta is long on helpful information. Check out our website at:

CityOfHenrietta.com



Henrietta Swimming Pool

1000 E. Commerce Telephone: 538-4677

POOL HOURS:

Sunday – 1:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m.
Tuesday through Saturday – 12:00 noon to 5:00 p.m.
Tuesday and Thursday – 6:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m.

Season Pass \$50.⁰⁰

(Evening swim not included with season pass)

Swim lessons and private parties available; call 538-4677 during pool hours for more information.

HOLMAN CONFERENCE CENTER

211 North Clay

Perfect for reunions, banquets, receptions, meetings and workshops.

Facility available Monday through Sunday 6:00 a.m. – 1:00 a.m.
Contact City Hall to make reservations at 940-538-4316

Capacity: 350 people Size: 3,300 square feet (55' X 60")
Chairs: 262 Round Tables: 20 six foot
Banquet Tables: 7 (29.5" X 84")

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News from the City of Henrietta

MAYOR'S MESSAGE

I would like to start off by saying hello to all the fine residents of Henrietta and to thank you for choosing Henrietta to live and raise your family. In 1977 my parents and their children moved to Henrietta from Massachusetts. I started school at Henrietta Jr. High and graduated from Henrietta High School. After graduation, this is when I began my public service. I went to work for the Clay County Sheriffs dept. where I stayed for over 22 years. During that time I have been a member of the Henrietta Volunteer Fire Department and the Clay County Amateur radio club. I presently work for the Clay County Memorial Hospital Ambulance. I have been on the city council for seven years and serving my first term as your mayor. I believe that Henrietta is a great place to raise a family, as both my daughter and son and grandchildren all live here.

As with a family and its bills, with the present economy, the city is much the same. We must bear increases in prices for the supplies that we need to keep our water and sewer running and licensed by the state. The city has tried to gain some grants to offset these costs and has obtained some and lost some. The council is presently working on obtaining a loan so that we may fix some of our old and rapidly deteriorating water and sewer components.

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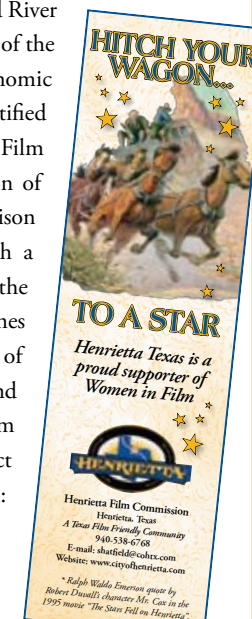


HENRIETTA FILM COMMISSION

Hitch Your Wagon to a Star

The Henrietta Film Commission (HFC) was established to promote Henrietta, Clay County and the surrounding Red River Valley to the film industry. HFC is a department of the City of Henrietta managed through the City's Economic Development Department. Henrietta is a certified "Film Friendly" community through the Texas Film Commission and a member of Texas Association of Film and Tape Professionals HFC serves as a liaison between filmmakers and local government with a goal of assisting anyone interested in filming in the area. HFC developed "film friendly" guidelines and a simple application process for the City of Henrietta. HFC staff is willing to go beyond the call of duty to provide service to the film industry. For additional information contact Sammie Hatfield at 940-538-6768 or e-mail: shatfield@cohtx.com.

**Ralph Waldo Emerson quote used by Robert Duwall in the 1995 movie "The Stars Fell On Henrietta".*



Don't be a Water Waster!

Did you know a leaking toilet can fill an olympic size swimming pool in just six months?

Keeping your toilet well maintained is essential to not being a water waster. Purchasing a low-flow toilet will help you save even more. You could be saving as much as an additional 80 gallons of water a day. Become a water saver with these valuable tips from...

THE CITY OF HENRIETTA

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Our clear well is a number one priority to be replaced. If this were to fail it will cause total water loss to those that receive Henrietta water. There is also a number of other projects that we must fix with this loan.

I believe that the city has made great strides over the years with businesses and the look and cleanliness of the city and the historic downtown. If you just look at the number of pioneers and just the general public who come to Henrietta, not only during pioneer reunion, but during all the events that go on during the year, I believe Henrietta is slowly growing. We will find out when the final census number arrive.

The downtown area will be changing as the new courthouse annex nears completion and the fire department moving from downtown to the old TXDOT building on FM 148. With all the new exteriors on some of the buildings downtown, it shows what pride that the owners have in their buildings and in the City of Henrietta.

In closing, once again I am thankful that you have chosen Henrietta as your place to live and raise a family. I am proud to be your mayor and thank you for all the support and suggestions that you give the council.

Tom Griffin
Mayor



BEFORE: Gilbert Street properties before the face-lift.

AFTER: Gilbert Street properties all spruced-up.



FACADE GRANT PROGRAM A PROJECT OF THE HENRIETTA GROWTH CORPORATION

What is the Facade Improvement Grant Program?

The objective of the Façade Improvement Grant Program is to enhance and/or remove blight by assisting businesses and commercial property owners with improving building appearance.

★ The Facade Grant Program provides financial assistance for improvement projects on building facades in the original downtown area and commercial area along Omega Street. The intent of the grant program is to encourage appropriate revitalization to as many private properties in the Commercial District as possible. The property owner agrees to maintain the property after completing the work on the building.

★ Projects for structures located in the area original downtown area, along Omega Street and other contributing business locations.

★ The amount of the grant for approved projects is 50% of the project total with a maximum of \$2,500 per façade and \$5,000 per building, subject to funding availability.

Contact Sammie Hatfield for more information 940-538-6768.

HENRIETTA GROWTH CORPORATION

The city's economic development and community development activities are coordinated by Henrietta Growth Corporation (HGC) located in the city offices at 101 North Main. HGC was established in 1993 after citizens approved a half cent sales tax to be used for economic development.

Since its inception, HGC has provided much needed funds to assist local businesses such as Diamond Food, Henrietta Best Western, Sonic Drive-in, C & S Fun Center, C and M Wash and Dry, Aunt Pam's Closet and Re-boot Computers.

In addition to business assistance, HGC has provided funds for many community development projects which include; Holman Center, Western Estates, improvements to both the Hapgood baseball fields and the golf course.

HGC is governed by a seven person board, appointed by the City Council. Board members include Scot Clayton (President), Lori Riggins (Vice President), Rod Waldrop, Howard Raeke, Jerilyn Parkey, Bill Slaughter and Judy Firestone. In November 2007 HGC hired Sammie Hatfield to serve as full-time Economic Development and Community Development Director for the city.

Ms. Hatfield and members of the board are currently searching for entrepreneurs interested in opening or expanding businesses in Henrietta. Most of the group's efforts are concentrated on recruiting developers for a restaurant and an assisted living center.

Interested in starting a business or expanding operations in Henrietta? Contact Sammie Hatfield at 940-538-6768 or e-mail shatfield@cohtx.com.

Henrietta Public Works:

IMPROVING INFRASTRUCTURE FOR THE FUTURE

The City of Henrietta Public Works departments have embarked on some great improvements in our utility system in the coming year. This article describes some of the future projects that will occur in the next two years. The city intends to do these projects in order to: improve water and sewer operations, provide safe walking routes, and to increase our quality of life.

Henrietta Clearwell Replacement: This project is to replace the clearwell (500,000 in concrete in ground storage tank) with two new above ground storage tanks with capacity of at least 500,000 gallons. Over the years this tank has developed major cracks on the walls, to the point the walls are not stable. The clearwell does not have a backup tank, so the loss of the tank would be a catastrophic loss.

Henrietta Raw Water Line: The water supply we receive our water from is the Little Wichita River. The City pumps water from the river into the Lake Henrietta Reservoir. The line has become unstable, therefore requiring a replacement line being installed. This new water line made of PVC, is on the plans to be installed in the next six months.

South Sewer Plant Race Track: The race track is where the aerobic process occurs in the wastewater. The track is made of concrete, and this is where major cracks were found in the foundation. The City was advised to make the necessary repairs by the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality.

The City was also awarded a Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) for \$250,000 to replace the aging flocculators at the Water Plant. The City has to match this grant with \$50,000. Henrietta Growth Corporation has agreed to provide a portion of this match. The flocculators are used to stir water during the flocculation process. The flocculators were installed in the early 1970s, so the age if one of the factors for replacement and they also are leaking at the connection base. The replacement of the two flocculators is scheduled to occur during the fall and winter of 2010.

The City of Henrietta also received a grant award from the Texas Department of Public Safety, which the City shall utilize to add safe walking routes throughout our city. The total grant award was for \$988,742. The City will add paths from the school to downtown, and with paths going all directions in the city. This grant was could not have been accomplished without the help from the Henrietta Independent School District. We appreciate their teamwork in reaching this achievement.

These are just some of the major projects, which will occur within the next two years. Our goal is to improve the City for the future ahead in order to elevate the quality of life. We thank you for your support and help. The City of Henrietta is committed to serving our citizens and protecting the various infrastructure and investments that make up this community.



Raw Water Line...caption



City Clearwell...caption



Race Track Damage...caption