

TOWN OF HENLOPEN ACRES — March 2013 Newsletter

Dear Residents and Property Owners:

The rights-of-way and streets of the Town of Henlopen Acres are owned by the Town and subject to regulations by the Town. Chapter 96 of the Town Code prohibits, in particular, “obstructions and/or intrusions, including but not limited to timbering, borders, landscaping, plantings and reflectors” in any part of any right-of-way of the Town unless approved by the Town. It’s the Town’s policy to keep rights-of-way clear and unobstructed. Not only does this provide for scenic vistas on our streets but also promotes safety for both vehicular and pedestrian traffic. Unauthorized obstructions are subject to fines.

Over the years there have been unauthorized intrusions into the rights-of-way. In some locations there are mature trees in the rights-of-way or other obstructions not easily moved. Such items should be discussed with Town Hall. However in many instances, the intrusions and obstructions are easily removed. They include among other things; stones, house numbers and plantings. It would be appreciated if the homeowners, at their convenience, would remove all such unauthorized items from the right-of-way. Generally the right-of-way extends approximately 20 feet from the side of the road or 35 feet from the mid-section of the road. If anyone has any questions about any obstructions or intrusions into the right-of-way adjacent to their property, please contact Town Hall.

Your help in keeping the rights-of-way clear is appreciated.

David Hill,
Mayor

WATER NOTICE

The Town will be flushing the water mains on the following days:

Wednesday, April 10, 2013

Thursday, April 11, 2013

If you should experience discoloration or sediment in your water, please run the water for 10 to 15 minutes to allow the system to clean out. If you continue to experience low pressure, check the strainers on the faucets for sediment.

If you have any questions, contact, Town Hall.

MARINA & KAYAK

**Marina slips and kayak storage space is available.
Contact Town Hall for details.**

RECYCLING

Don't forget we recycle eyeglasses, household batteries, ink & toner cartridges, cell phones, digital cameras, iPods and laptops. Just drop them off at town hall.

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Mayor:

David Hill

Commissioners:

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Town Hall

104 Tidewaters

Hours: M-F 9-4:30

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UPCOMING MEETINGS:

Public Hearing & Board of
Commissioners
Quarterly Meeting
April 12, 2013 10:00 am

Board of Commissioners
Quarterly Meeting
June 14, 2013 10:00 am

Planning Commission
May 2013 to be determined.

Board of Adjustment
As needed

TOWN HALL HOLIDAY CLOSINGS:

Friday, March 29
Monday, May 27

During a State of Emergency
check the town website for
timely updates.
henlopenacres.delaware.gov

PUBLIC HEARING

A Public Hearing will be held at 10 am at the April 12th Board of Commissioners meeting to receive public comment on the following proposed amendment to the Code of the Town of Henlopen Acres:

Chapter 130, Zoning; Section 71, Violations and penalties, shall be amended eliminating Section 71 in its entirety and inserting in lieu thereof new Section 71 as follows:

§130-71. Violations and penalties.

A. Any violation of any provision of this chapter is declared to be a civil offense and is subject to the voluntary assessment and other procedures described in Chapter 55 of this Code.

B. Any person, including but not limited to the owner of a building or premises where such violations have been committed or shall exist, the lessee or tenant of an entire building or premises where such violations have been committed or shall exist, or the agent, architect, contractor or any other person who commits, takes part in or assists in any such violations or maintains any building or premises in which such violation shall exist, shall pay a civil assessment of \$200. Each day any violation of any provision of this chapter occurs or continues to exist shall constitute a separate violation.

RECENT AMENDMENTS TO TOWN CODE

The Board of Commissioners recently adopted two amendments to the Town Code:

Zoning: 130-4 Definitions, Subsection B, is amended by replacing within the definition of "Front Yard" the word "obstructed" with the word "unobstructed".

Civil Offenses: Establish a new Chapter 55, Civil Offenses. This provision shall apply to all violations of any provision of the Municipal Code of the Town of Henlopen Acres that has been declared a civil offense.

DRIVEWAYS

Any new, permanent or temporary driveway or changes in an existing driveway require the prior approval of the Town. Permission to change materials or to install new materials is also required.

An application for permission, as provided for in Chapter 96 of the Town Code, must be submitted. If there are questions about compliance, please call town hall. Violations are subject to fines and other actions to ensure compliance.

Compliance with these requirements is important. Controlling the number and locations of driveway cuts across the rights-of-way helps minimize negative impact on adjoining property, helps with aesthetics and helps with traffic and safety.

Delaware Emergency Management Agency has provided free to the town a "Homeowners Handbook to prepare for Natural Hazards." Please stop in and pick one up, along with an updated Town Directory.

CONDOLENCES

Our sympathy goes out to family and friends on the recent passing of:

- Charles K. Koones, III, 101 Tidewaters
- Peter B. Kenney, 42 Rolling Road
- Barbara L. Sirinek, 60 Pine Reach
- Marvel Wilson, Jr., 74 Pine Reach
- Chandler Watkins, 3 Zwaanendael

REHOBOTH ART LEAGUE

In January the Board of Commissioners sent a questionnaire to the Rehoboth Art League requesting detailed information on what uses and limits the RAL would expect from a new zoning district. To date, the Town has not received a response.