

TOWN OF HENLOPEN ACRES — June 2014 Newsletter

Dear Residents and Property Owners:

As most of you probably know by now, we are sad to report the passing of our Mayor David Hill.

Mr. Hill has been a presence in Henlopen Acres since 1992. He was in his third term as a member of the Board of Commissioners. In that time he served as the town treasurer for five years. In 2012, he was selected by his fellow commissioners to be Mayor.

The town employees and I will miss his visits to town hall with his faithful sidekick Lucy.

Upon Mr. Hill's passing Winnie Kee is serving as President Pro tempore. The Board of Commissioners will meet on Friday, 6/13, to discuss the budget for the 2014-2015 fiscal year and may address filling the seat vacated by Mr. Hill's passing.

Mr. Hill is survived by his wife, Nita Hill, 39 Rolling Road, daughter Heather and a brother.

**Thomas Roth,
Town Manager**

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Mayor:

David Hill

Commissioners:

Andrew Brittingham

Frank Jamison

Winifred Kee

David Lyons

Beatrix Richards

John Staffier

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UPCOMING MEETINGS:

Board of Commissioners

Special (Budget) Meeting
June 13, 2014, 10:00 am

Quarterly Meeting
July 11, 2014, 10:00 am

Planning Commission
Friday, June 27, 2014, 10 am

Board of Adjustment
As needed

**TOWN HALL HOLIDAY
CLOSINGS:**

Friday, July 4th
Independence Day

Monday, September 1
Labor Day

ZONING OFFICER

OFFICE HOURS:

Tuesday 10 –12

Wednesday 11—2

Thursday 10 –12

2014 ELECTION

All candidates for Town Commissioner shall file their notice of intention to seek office with the Town Manager or Mayor of the Town of Henlopen Acres on or before 4:30 p.m. on Friday, July 11, 2014.

For the election of 2014, voters will be electing three candidates to the Board of Commissioners for three year terms. The Charter requires that a majority of Commissioners be residents of the Town. There is no maximum limit of resident Commissioners. A minimum of two resident Commissioners will be elected this year. Accordingly, prospective candidates will be requested to file their intent to run as a resident or non-resident Commissioner.

The annual election for the Town of Henlopen Acres will be held on Saturday, August 30, 2014. Polls will be open from 9:00 a.m. – 12:00 noon at Town Hall, 104 Tidewaters, Henlopen Acres, DE. Anyone interested in obtaining an absentee ballot packet should contact Town Hall (302-227-6411). The deadline for requesting an absentee ballot to be sent by mail is Tuesday, August 26, 2014 not later than 4:30 p.m. Absentee ballots must be received at Town Hall no later than 12:00 noon on Saturday, August 30, 2014.

A Reminder From Our Street Department: Please do not set out any branches or yard debris greater than 6" in diameter, it cannot fit in the chipper.

STOP SIGNS

Now that the summer months are here and people are out walking and riding bikes, it becomes more important than ever to stop at the stop signs in the Acres.

Many times, as you approach an intersection, at first glance you won't see a walker approaching. If you get in the habit of stopping at stop signs and taking an extra look, you may save someone from getting injured. Security has the authority granted by the State to issue stop sign violations.

PUBLIC HEARING COMPREHENSIVE PLAN UPDATE

The Town of Henlopen Acres is in the process of completing a ten year update of the comprehensive plan as required by the State of Delaware, Title 22, Chapter 7 and Title 29, Chapter 91. The goal of a comprehensive plan is to provide the town’s decision makers with guidelines effecting the Town’s structure and character for the future. The comprehensive planning process is to develop and integrate the Town’s plan including but not limited to land use, annexation, infrastructure, historical and natural resources and intergovernmental coordination.

Part of the planning process is to solicit and receive public participation and input on the proposed plan. Residents and property owners are encouraged to review and submit comments in writing or attend the public hearing to be held on Friday, June 27, 2014 at 10:00 am in town hall.

A copy of the 2014 Comprehensive Plan Draft is available on the Town’s website at: <http://henlopenacres.delaware.gov/comprehensive-plan/> or at Town Hall, Monday through Friday, 9 am to 4:30 pm.

RECENT AMENDMENTS TO TOWN CODE

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

Amendment to Chapter 43 Building Construction

This amendment changed violations of this chapter from a criminal offense to a civil offense.

Amendment to Chapter 108 Gross Receipts Tax

This amendment simplified the process to revise the tax reporting and remittance form.

**MARINA SLIPS and KAYAK STORAGE
are available.
Contact Town Hall for details.**

CONDOLENCES

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

- Jon Countess- - 26 Tidewaters (April 2014)
- Charles Goodrich—21 Tidewaters (May 2014)
- David Hill - 39 Rolling Road (June 2014)

FROM SECURITY:

Property owners along the canal may want to consider install motion detector lights in their back yard. We’ve had reports of items being taken from yards along the canal.

**Pick up after your dog.
It is a Delaware State Law and Henlopen
Acres Ordinance that you must pick up
after your dog does it’s business.
Waste receptacles are provided by the
Dodds Lane entrance and the Marina.
Violations carry a \$25 fine.**

JULY 4TH FIREWORKS

We are all pleased that once again the Rehoboth Main Street organization will hold the 4th of July fireworks. This year the parking arrangements have been changed. Due to the loss of a large parking area near Route 1 and in conjunction with the Delaware State Police, DelDot and DNREC, the decision was made to direct and park cars at the Gordon’s Pond parking area. Final planning is still in progress, but we do expect this to have some impact on our town. The Delaware State Police will have several officers on duty along Ocean Drive to prevent parking along the roadway. Henlopen Acres plans to have security personnel at each entrance to limit access to residents and guests, as well as Security at the Tidewaters and Rolling Road crosswalks. Vehicles parked at the cul-de-sac area MUST have a Henlopen Acres parking sticker or yellow parking pass. Vehicles without parking passes will receive citations. If there are any noteworthy changes by either the town or organizers, we will email and post them on the website prior to July 4.

Enclosed with this newsletter is the Annual Drinking Water Quality Report for 2013 as required by the State of Delaware. If you have any questions, please contact town hall.