

# TOWN OF HENLOPEN ACRES — February 2015 Newsletter

**Dear Residents and Property Owners:**

As you probably have heard, our Mayor, Winnie Kee has resigned due to her recent move and sale of her house. Winnie thanks everyone for their support during her tenure and wishes the best to all the Town residents and employees. We also wish Winnie, a Acres native, the best in all her endeavors. David Lyons, 43 Pine Reach, will act as President pro tempore, until such time as the Board of Commissioners elect a new Mayor.

Several Commissioners have discussed the possibility of a children's 4th of July parade here in the Acres. If you have any thoughts or suggestions, please let us know at town hall and we'll pass them on to the Commissioners.

The town's entire water system was recently inspected by the State Office of Drinking Water and passed with no violations or recommendations. Did you know that we have eleven wells that supply our water plant.

We thank you for responding to our survey on trash services. Simply stated the opinions expressed by residents and property owners varied as much as Congress on a spending bill. You are still welcome to submit you suggestions to town hall for the Commissioners further consideration next fall.

Best wishes for a great spring and summer from the town staff.

**A Big Thank You to Everyone in Town who contributed to the  
Toys for Tots and Food Drive.**

**We donated 148 lbs of groceries to the Food Bank of DE  
plus equal amounts to two additional local food pantries.  
We also sent a overflowing barrel of toys to the Marine Corps League  
to distribute locally thru Toys for Tots.**

**Now for our Next Challenge!!!**

We are teaming up with other local towns to support the charity: **WaterStep**. This organization helps fund life-saving water projects all over the world with the goal of allowing everyone access to clean, safe drinking water.

We are collecting NEW AND GENTLY USED shoes at Town Hall which will then be donated to WaterStep.

Check out their website to learn more: **WaterStep.org**  
Feel free to call Town Hall with any questions

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**President Pro Tem**  
David Lyons

**Commissioners:**  
Andrew Brittingham  
Frank Jamison  
Joni Reich  
Paddy Richards  
John Staffier

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**Town Hall**

**104 Tidewaters**

**Hours: M-F 9-4:30**

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**UPCOMING MEETNGS:**

**Board of Commissioners**  
Friday, March 13 -10am  
Friday, April 10—10am

**Planning Commission**  
To be determined

**Board of Adjustment**  
As needed

**TOWN HALL HOLIDAY  
CLOSINGS:**

**Monday February 16**  
President's Day  
**Friday April 3**  
Good Friday  
**Monday May 25**  
Memorial Day

ZONING OFFICER  
OFFICE HOURS:  
Tuesday 10 –12  
Wednesday 11—2  
Thursday 10 –12

**COMPREHENSIVE PLAN UPDATE**

On January 12, the Board of Commissioners voted to submit our Comprehensive Plan ten year update to the State of Delaware for PLUS review.

**RECENT AMENDMENTS TO TOWN CODE**

The Board of Commissioners recently adopted an amendment to the Town Code:

**Amendment to Chapter 130– Building Setbacks:** This Amendment establishes the front yard setback as an average of the two closest dwellings on each side of the lot under review, and establishes that under no circumstances shall the **minimum** front yard setback be less than 20 feet or more than 40 feet.

**Our Deepest Sympathies to the families of:**

- Roldah Cameron who passed away 11/26/14**
- Michele Conley who passed away 11/28/14**
- Davis Rianhard who passed away 12/21/14**
- John van Dyke who passed away 01/13/15**
- Norman Smith who passed away 01/15/15**
- Mary Jane Richter who passed away 02/03/15**

**Henlopen Acres Beach Club  
OFFICERS**

- Joni Reich-25 Tidewaters, President
- Larry Davis-4 Zwaanendael, Vice President
- Eileen Clark-59 Tidewaters, Secretary
- Pierce Quinlan-52 Rolling Road, Treasurer

**MARINA UPDATE**

Work has begun on the marina grounds. Backflow prevention has been installed to prevent salt water influx. Groundwork will begin as soon as weather conditions permit. Additional improvements to follow.

**Recent Appointments**

**Investment Committee-**

- Treasurer-Joni Reich-25 Tidewaters
- Commissioner-Frank Jamison-90 Tidewaters
- Gordon Kaieser-13 Dodds Lane
- Bill D’Alonzo-67 Fields End

**Board of Adjustments-**

- Bob Stevens, 66 Pine Reach-reappointment

**TRASH SURVEY RESULTS**

Thanks for all the great feedback on Town trash service. At this time the Commissioners are going to monitor the current services through the Summer months and revisit the idea of town-wide service in the Fall.

**Welcome to New Residents**

- 97 Tidewaters-Murray Padgett & Carrie Lingo
- 5 Dodds Lane—Steven & Karyn Bollard

**SMART 911**

Sussex County has launched a data service that allows you to create a safety profile that can be seen by emergency responders. Sign up and provide as much or as little personal information as you are comfortable sharing. Pre-existing conditions, medications, family contact information, pet’s names. Information that would assist emergency responders to help you faster and more safely.

PLEASE VISIT: [SMART911.com](http://SMART911.com)

Also important, make sure your house number is easily seen from the street.

***PHASE V update***

***Engineering is almost complete for Phase V of street repairs and storm water improvements. No construction is planned between May 15 and September 15.***

**ORDINANCE SPOTLIGHT**

**CHAPTER 116. VEHICLES AND TRAFFIC, Article I. Stop Intersections, §116-3. Full stop required.** Except when directed to proceed by a police officer, every driver of a vehicle approaching a stop intersection indicated by a stop sign shall come to a full stop at a marked "stop" line, but if none, at the point nearest the intersecting roadway where the driver has a view of approaching traffic on the intersecting roadway before entering the intersection.

**Security has the authority granted by the State of Delaware to issue citations for violations of this ordinance.**