

# TOWN OF HENLOPEN ACRES — November 2015 Newsletter

## Dear Residents and Property Owners:

It is with a heavy heart that we note the passing of Henlopen Acres security guard, Ernie Mason. Ernie served the Town faithfully for 15 years. Please keep Ernie and his family in your prayers.

The Commissioners have been at work on several issues over the last few months. The rental application that property owners submit to the Town has been modified to reflect changes to the minimum length of rental period and maximum occupancy. Second, the Town's Comprehensive Plan continues to move through the State process and should reach a conclusion in the next few months.

I want to thank the Town's maintenance staff for all their hard work during the Nor'easter that took place over the October 3rd weekend. The Town lost eleven trees and the maintenance staff worked tirelessly to clean up all the debris caused by the high winds. I encourage you to show your appreciation to our Town employees with a contribution to the Holiday Fund.

As the year draws to an end, on behalf of everyone at Town Hall, I wish you and your family a happy Thanksgiving, a joyous Holiday Season and a safe and healthy New Year.

Mayor David Lyons

## RECENT AMENDMENTS TO TOWN CODE

The Board of Commissioners at their meeting on October 9, 2015 adopted the following amendments:

**Amendment to Chapter 60 - Disorderly conduct (Noise):** increases the hours prohibiting unreasonably loud noise by one hour from 12:00 midnight to 7:00 am; to 11:00 pm to 7:00 am.

**Amendment to Chapter 95 - Rental Property:** adds the following regulations; minimum rental period is one week, maximum occupancy during a rental period is twelve persons, and an emergency contact available 24 hours, seven days per week, must be provided by the property owner.

## Toys for Tots

**We have began our annual Toys for Tots drive at Town Hall. Please drop off your NEW UNWRAPPED toys by December 11. These toys will be distributed by the Marine Corps to local families in need.**

**Call Town Hall with questions.**

Town Hall would like to "Go Green" and start sending out the newsletter and other notifications by email. If your interested in participating please email us: [townclerk@henlopenacres.com](mailto:townclerk@henlopenacres.com)

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### MAYOR:

David Lyons

### Commissioners:

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Tim Hidell  
Frank Jamison  
Joni Reich  
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### Town Hall

104 Tidewaters

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### UPCOMING MEETINGS:

**Board of Commissioners**  
**Board Meeting**  
Friday, December 11-10am

**Quarterly Meeting**  
Friday, January 8, 2016-10am

**Planning Commission**  
To be determined

**Board of Adjustment**  
As needed

**Tree Committee**  
Friday November 20-4pm

### TOWN HALL HOLIDAY CLOSINGS:

**Wednesday, Nov 11**  
Veteran's Day  
**Thurs - Fri, Nov 26-27**  
Thanksgiving Holiday  
**Friday, December 25**  
Christmas Day  
**Friday January 1, 2016**  
New Years Day

**Recent Appointments**

**Board of Adjustment**

**Maurice Lewis-65 Pine Reach**

**Environmental Review Committee**

**Carol Smith-8 Pine Reach (re-appointment)**

**Tree Committee**

**Henry DeWitt-55 Fields End**

**Nathalie McGregor-3 Pine Reach**

**Freddie Noland-44 Pine Reach**

**John Scheurer-62 Tidewaters**

**DID YOU KNOW?**

In the 1930's Col. Corkran had designed a layout for a 9 hole golf course in Henlopen Acres

**FLAG DISPOSAL**

Do you have a U.S. flag that has seen better days? Please bring them to town hall. We will forward them to the local Marine Corp. League for proper disposal.

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

**Ernie Mason (security)-10/29/2015**

**In August the town employees  
achieved three years accident  
and injury free.**

**Each month employees receive a safety  
newsletter in their pay envelope.**

**Welcome to New Property Owners**

**70 Pine Reach**

**Alex and Carey Jacobs  
Hunt Valley, MD**

**72 Tidewaters**

**John and Martha Schwieters  
Annapolis, MD**

**92 Tidewaters**

**Joseph Hawley  
Potomac, MD**

***Home Rentals***

***In addition to the new regulations, for 2016, the town will be mailing a home rental application to all property owners, so they are aware of the regulations. If you will not be renting your home in 2016, return the application as requested or email town hall.***

Fall is here! Please remember it is the responsibility of each property owner to clean their lot of fallen leaves and debris. The Town will pick up leaves and small branches that are neatly **separated** and piled by the side of the road.  
Call Town Hall with any questions.

**TREE COMMITTEE**

At the October meeting the Board of Commissioners created a Tree Committee to recommend: policy to preserve the town's tree canopy and recommend a tree planting strategy.

**REMINDER**

**It's time to winterize your outdoor shower!**

**SUSSEX COUNTY SEWER**

**During the off season, Sussex County will be working on the sewer lift stations on Tidewaters. We will do our best to notify you in advance of any street closings.**

**ORDINANCE SPOTLIGHT**

**CHAPTER §124-2 Water (as of 4-16-2004)**

D.) Swimming pools and irrigation systems shall not be connected to the Town's public water system. Such uses currently connected, shall be disconnected and served solely by private wells. Irrigation systems is defined as: The distribution of water to growing plants on a systematic basis by using pipes, sprinklers, ditches or similar means.