

TOWN OF HENLOPEN ACRES — February 2016 Newsletter

Dear Residents and Property Owners:

Happy New Year!

It's still winter and we survived another nor'easter, but not before it took down a dozen trees. While most of the mid-atlantic got the snow, we got the wind. Our street department did a fantastic job keeping the roads open and cleaning up the trees. The town's tree canopy continues to be a major concern. It's what makes Henlopen Acres the serene oasis it is. On Friday, February 19, we will have a meeting of the Tree Committee. We are expecting a guest from the Delaware Forest Service to give us some advice on what types of trees to plant to sustain the canopy. Please feel free to attend.

Other happenings this spring include the last phase of paving, and sewer system upgrades by Sussex County.

The Mayor is happy to report that there will be a 2nd annual 4th of July parade.

Hopefully the groundhog was right and we'll have an early spring. We look forward to seeing you.

Tom Roth
Town Manager

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104 Tidewaters

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ORDINANCE SPOTLIGHT

CHAPTER 96 Rights of Way; Streets §96-2. Paving; Obstructions limited; Permission for changes (Street right of way is 70 feet)

- A. New paving or change of materials of any right of way in Henlopen Acres by any person other than the Town, is prohibited.
- B. Obstructions and/or intrusions, including timbering, borders, landscaping, plantings, and reflectors, in any part of the right of way by any person other than the Town is prohibited.
- C. Application for permissions.
 1. Any property owner may apply to the Commissioners for permission to change materials in an existing driveway connection or install new paving or create a new driveway connecting a lot to the paved portion of the Town's right of way by filing an application for building permit; provided, however, that installation of a new driveway as part of new construction or improvements shall be reviewed only as necessary as part of an Environmental Approval Committee review process and approval. [Amended 4-12-2013]
 2. Any property owner may apply to the Commissioners for permission to use part of the right of way for improvements for parking and landscaping, by filing an application for a building permit.

UPCOMING MEETINGS:

Board of Commissioners
Board Meeting
Friday, March 4, 10am

Quarterly Meeting
Friday, April 8, 10am

Planning Commission
To be determined

Board of Adjustment
As needed

Tree Committee
Friday, February 19, 10am

TOWN HALL HOLIDAY CLOSINGS:

Monday, February 15
Presidents Day
Friday, March 25
Good Friday
Monday, May 30
Memorial Day
Monday, July 4
Independence Day

Toys for Tots

A big THANK YOU to all who participated this year in our toys for tots campaign. Over 18,000 toys were collected and 7,000 kids received Christmas gifts-all throughout Sussex County

Town Hall would like to "Go Green" and start sending out the newsletter and other notifications by email. If you are interested in participating and haven't already emailed us please do so at: townclerk@henlopenacres.com

Property Caretakers

With so many residents not in Town full time we are aware many use caretakers or property maintenance companies. If you currently have one for your property, please email us their contact information. In the event of an emergency or storm, if we are unable to contact the homeowner, we will have another point of contact. Please email the information to Lisa at:

townclerk@henlopenacres.com

Our Deepest Sympathies to the families of:

Col. John Lingo-81 Tidewaters-11/13/2015
Dorothy Duggan-5 Rolling Road-01/17/2016

Please remember that all contractors and service providers working in Town are required to have a valid business license-the new renewal period started January 1st.

Paving Update

At the January Commissioners meeting, the Board awarded the last phase of paving to Utilisite from Lewes. The last phase is scheduled to be completed this spring prior to May 15. The work includes paving of Zwaanendael from Henlopen Ave to Rolling Road and Broad Hollow from Pine Reach to Rolling Road.

Best Wishes to Chancery Court Vice Chancellor **John Noble-95 Tidewaters**-who will retire this month after 15 years on the bench.

Ocean Outfall

You are probably aware of the Rehoboth ocean outfall project. It was recently reported that the pipeline construction would close Henlopen avenue for two months. This is not accurate. The street construction will take two months but only closing a block at a time. Work is not expected to commence until 2017 and should have little effect on your access to the Acres.

Trash Removal

First State Disposal was bought out by Blue Hen Disposal

Marina

Contracts have been sent out for Marina Slip Renewals. If you are thinking of getting a boat this year-now is the time to do it. Call Town Hall with any questions.

The Town has engaged the engineering firm of AECOM to explore ways to slow down the silting in the marina.

ANIMAL CONTROL

DOGS – Dogs running at large is prohibited. Town personnel, at their discretion, may apprehend dogs running at large.

CATS – Cats that go outside must wear identification of rabies vaccination. Unidentified cats may be apprehended by town personnel, at their discretion.

SQUIRRELS, RACOONS, OPOSSUM – Town personnel, at their discretion, may attempt to trap and relocate animals causing damage.

ALL OTHER NUISANCE ANIMALS – Residents must call a private contractor licensed by the State of Delaware. A list of licensed contractors is available at:

<https://apps.dnrec.state.de.us/NuisanceWildlife/Search.aspx>

Reminder from Security

It has become more frequent that drivers, particularly residents, are not stopping at stop signs. Our patrolmen have the authority granted by the State of Delaware to issue citations to violators. With the number of walkers and bikers throughout Town- Please obey ALL traffic rules!

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.

WATER NOTICE

Town water will be shut off for a repair to the water plant on Wednesday, April 6th at 1 PM, for approximately two hours. Please plan accordingly. We apologize for the inconvenience.