

# TOWN OF HENLOPEN ACRES — May 2016 Newsletter

**Dear Residents and Property Owners:**

The Town has resumed meetings with the RAL to hopefully resolve various issues. We agreed to meet after May 22 to discuss the response from the RAL. The ball is now in the RAL's court and we look forward to their findings.

We observed Arbor Day on April 29 by planting a "Honey Locust" tree at the Marina. The tree was provided by the State of Delaware and we thank them for the gift. We are working towards our Tree City Certification and bringing our tree canopy back to 43% coverage. The Tree Committee is going to engage a certified arborist to help us reach this goal. The Town also replaced the eight trees that were felled during the January storm.

Last year we held our first annual 4th of July parade and we will be doing it again this year on Sunday, July 3rd (rain date will be Monday July 4th). Details will be sent out at a later date and also posted on our Town website.

Finally, as we get ready for the summer season, please drive carefully through the Town. Let's have a safe and healthy summer.

**Mayor David Lyons**

## The Value of Trees to a Community

The following are some statistics on just how important trees are in a community setting:

If you plant a today on the west side of your home, in 5 years your energy bills should be 3% less. In 15 years, the savings will be nearly 12% . *Dr. E Greg McPherson, Center for Urban Research*

A mature tree can often have an appraised value of between \$1000 and \$10,000. *Council of Tree and Landscape Appraisers*

In one study, 83% of realtors believe that mature trees have a "strong or moderate impact" on the salability of homes listed for under \$150,000; on homes over \$250,000, this perception increases to 98%. *Arbor National Mortgage & American Forests*

Landscaping, especially with trees can increase property values as much as 20%. *Management Information Services/ICMA*

One acre of forest absorbs six tons of carbon dioxide and puts out four tons of oxygen. This is enough to meet the annual needs of 18 people. *US Department of Agriculture*

Trees properly placed around buildings can reduce air conditioning needs by 30% and can save 20-50% in energy used for heating. *USDA Forest Service*

The planting of trees means improved water quality, resulting in less runoff and erosion. This allows more recharging of the ground water supply. Wooded areas help prevent the transport of sediment and chemicals into streams. *USDA Forest Service*

In laboratory research, visual exposure to settings with trees has produced significant recovery from stress within five minutes, as indicated by changes in blood pressure and muscle tension.

*Dr. Roger S Ulrich Texas A&M University*

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**UPCOMING MEETINGS:**

**Board of Commissioners**

**Budget Meeting**

Friday, June 17, 10am

**Quarterly Meeting**

Friday, July 8, 10am

**Planning Commission**

Friday, June 10, 10 am

**Board of Adjustment**

As needed

**Tree Committee**

To be determined

**TOWN HALL HOLIDAY**

**CLOSINGS:**

**Monday, May 30**

Memorial Day

**Monday, July 4**

Independence Day

**Monday, September 5**

Labor Day

**Monday, October 10**

Columbus Day

The Town recently received a grant from the State of Delaware to plant 12 new trees in Town. Eight replaced the trees lost in the January storm and four new ones to begin building back up the Town's tree canopy. We have a very active and passionate Tree Committee working to maintain and enhance the Town's trees. All residents and property owners are invited to attend the Tree Committee meetings. All upcoming meeting information is posted on our website and also at Town Hall. Feel free to call Town Hall with any questions.

**Our Deepest Sympathies to the family of:**  
Robert Noland-44 Pine Reach-004/26/2016

**The Streets Department CANNOT take the following:**

- Tree stumps or roots
- Piles of dirt/unused sod
- Branches over 4 inches in diameter

**Paving Update**

The last phase of street paving was completed in March. No major paving projects are anticipated in the near future.

**Water Update**

The main distribution meter was successfully replaced at the water plant with the help of Delaware Rural Water Association.

**Food Bank of Delaware**

We are participating in the Delaware General Assembly's "148 in 148" food drive to benefit the Food Bank of DE, May 15 thru July 15. Please bring canned goods, pastas, cereal, peanut butter, jelly to Town hall during these months. Summer is especially difficult for low income families who rely on school lunch programs to help feed their children.

Please call Town Hall with any questions.

**2nd Annual 4th of July Parade**

Mark your calendars-Sunday July 3rd will be Henlopen Acres 2nd Annual 4th of July Parade  
Registration will begin at 8:00am at the Marina and the parade will start at 8:30am-More info to follow

**Marina**

We still have boat slips available for rent-for the season, the month, weekly or even for the weekend. Please call Town Hall for more information.

We have updated both bathrooms, walkways and the landscaping to enhance the marina's natural beauty.

**Flag Etiquette:**

- ♦ The Stars and Stripes takes precedence over all other flags. It should not be flown lower than another flag nor should it be smaller than another flag.
- ♦ The U.S. should be displayed on the extreme left of other flags, from the standpoint of the observer.
- ♦ If one flag is at half-staff in mourning, other flags flown with it should be at half-staff.
- ♦ It is proper to fly the Stars and Stripes at night, but only if it is spotlighted.
- ♦ The Stars and Stripes should be in the center of a group of flags only when the center pole is taller than the others.
- ♦ When the flag is displayed either horizontally or vertically, the blue field should be uppermost and to the observer's left.
- ♦ For proper disposal, bring to Town Hall

**Important Election Information**

Election Day is Saturday August 27, 2016

Deadline to register to vote is Thursday July 28, 2016

Deadline to file candidacy is Friday July 8, 2016

**SUSSEX COUNTY SEWER**

Sussex County will be working on the sewer lift stations on Tidewaters now through May 25.

We will do our best to notify you in advance of any street closings.

**Ordinance Spotlight- Chapter 96 Rights-of-Way-§ 96-2**

- A. New paving or change of materials of all or any part of any right-of-way by any person other than the Town is prohibited.
- A. Obstructions including but not limited to timbering, borders, landscaping, plantings and reflectors, in any part of any right-of-way by any person other than the Town is prohibited.
- B. Application for permission
  1. Any property owner may apply to the Commissioners for permission to change materials in an existing driveway or install new paving.
  2. Any property owner may apply to the Commissioners for permission to use part of the right-of-way for improvements and landscaping by filing an application for a building permit.