

# TOWN OF HENLOPEN ACRES — August 2018 Newsletter

Dear Neighbor,

It's a beautiful time in the Acres, with the Town filling up as residents return to enjoy the summer months along the shore. Many thanks to all of you who took part in our July 4<sup>th</sup> Parade, especially parade organizer Jen Lamson and master of ceremonies Michael Farr – it was a great display of patriotic spirit!

Work is continuing on the in-depth assessment of the Town's water system. Funded by a \$65,000 State grant, a consultant is evaluating every aspect of the system to ensure that it operates at the highest level for residents. The project will also evaluate the possibility of installing fire hydrants to improve fire protection. Further updates will follow.

New landscaping has been installed at the Town entrances and in front of Town Hall. And with Fall approaching, it's the perfect time to think about your own yard. The Town is eager to assist you by planting new trees in the right-of-way area of your front yard at no cost to residents. Our Town arborist is also available to provide tree recommendations and supplier discounts for plantings in other areas of your lot. Please contact Town Hall if you wish to take advantage of this opportunity to enhance the beauty of your property.

Happy Labor Day to all!  
Joni Reich

## No Town Election for 2018

With the closing of the declaration period on Friday July 13, only two persons filed their intent to be candidates for the two vacant offices on the Board of Commissioners:

Andrew Brittingham –31 Pine Reach and Beatrix Richards-5 Rolling Road

Therefore, in accordance with the Town Charter and State Code, they are deemed elected and there will not be a Town election in 2018.

**Congratulations to Andrew and Paddy, we look forward to working with them both for another 3 years!!!**

At the June 8 Budget meeting, the Commissioners unanimously voted to appoint Richard Thompson-44 Rolling Road to the Board of Commissioners.

The Commissioners also unanimously voted to appoint Commissioner Tim Hidell Treasurer for the Town.

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**MAYOR:**

Joni Reich

**Commissioners:**

Andrew Brittingham

Tim Hidell

Frank Jamison

Paddy Richards

John Staffier

Richard Thompson

**Town Manager**

Thomas Roth

**Town Clerk**

Lisa Michaels

**Town Hall**

**104 Tidewaters**

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**UPCOMING MEETINGS:**

**Board of Commissioners**

**Organizational Meeting**

Friday, September 7, 10 am

**Quarterly Meeting**

Friday, October 12, 10 am

**Planning Commission**

Friday, September 7, 1 pm

**Board of Adjustment**

As needed

**Tree Committee**

As needed

**TOWN HALL HOLIDAY CLOSINGS:**

**Monday September 3**

Labor Day

**Monday October 8**

Columbus Day

**Monday November 12**

Veterans Day

**Thurs-Fri Nov 22 & 23**

Thanksgiving Holiday

**Contact Information**

The Town would prefer to have an email address for every property owner/resident. There are many times throughout the year that we send out emails about important events and notices and you may miss, if we don't have your email. You can email Lisa with your email address and also whether you would like it to be published in the directory: [townclerk@henlopenacres.com](mailto:townclerk@henlopenacres.com).

If you don't use email, please provide us with a phone number to contact someone in the event of an emergency.

**Our Deepest Sympathy to the family of:  
Sally Johnson-73 Pine Reach-07/31/2018**

**Welcome to our new property owners:**

**22 Tidewaters**-Christopher & Maura Lindsay-Alexandria, VA

**54 Tidewaters**-Ronald & Mindy Peele-McLean, VA

**APPOINTMENTS**

At the Board of Commissioners meeting on Friday, July 13, 2018 the following appointments were made:

**Board of Adjustment**  
Jeffrey Jacobs-24 Rolling Road

**Audit Committee**  
Jeffrey Jacobs-24 Rolling Road  
Thomas Rinker-99 Tidewaters  
Robert Moltz-62 Pine Reach (re-appointment)

We would like to thank Barry Hale and John Talbott for their many years of service on the Audit Committee, as well as to Mary Jane Lyons for many years of service to the Planning Commission.

**Tree Committee Update**

Ivy on trees can choke and eventually kill a tree. Please keep your trees healthy by removing any ivy growing on the trunk.

According to Chapter 114-8 Trees- it is the responsibility of the property owner to remove any dead or diseased trees from their private property when it constitutes a hazard to life or property or a potential threat to other trees within the town.

The Town strongly encourages ALL property owners/residents to continue to plant trees on their property to help sustain our tree canopy. Please feel free to call Town Hall with any questions on the best types of tree to plant or tree placement.

**Quick Reminders:**

The Town and Security are not responsible for packages delivered and left on a home's front or back porch, steps or deck. Please do your best to schedule deliveries when someone will be home.

ALL yard debris left for the streets department MUST be separated-leaves in one pile and sticks & branches in another.

Town Code requires ALL swimming pools and irrigation systems to be connected to a separate well and NOT town water.

**Fireworks Displays in Town**

The Town prohibits within its boundaries any aerial fireworks display not following the State guidelines. This includes beaches on Block W and the Beach Club.

The State of Delaware has recently changed their law to allow for ground only fireworks on July 4 and New Year's Eve. Fireworks are illegal otherwise throughout the State unless the display is staged by a licensed professional.

The Town always strives to put the safety of our residents as its top priority.

A Reminder to ALL property owners to register to vote for Town elections. You can pick up a registration form at Town Hall or on our website: <https://henlopenacres.delaware.gov/forms/>

**Whether we have an election or not, it's still statistically important to register!**

**Recent Amendments to the Town Code:**

At the Board of Commissioners Meeting on June 8, the following Amendment was adopted:

**Ordinance to Amend Chapter 130-Fences**-This Ordinance amends Chapter 130 such that legally non conforming fences may be repaired or replaced.

**Ordinance Spotlight:**

**Chapter 103-2-Refuse and Trash in Public Places**

All trash, rubbish and garbage shall be placed in containers. All containers for trash, rubbish and garbage shall be concealed from view from the street; such containers shall be located only on the side or rear of the residence on the lot. In no event shall containers of trash, rubbish or garbage be placed in the front of a residence or on the public right-of-way.

This summer the town staff successfully reunited pets with their owners... a dog, and a runaway hermit crab.