

# TOWN OF HENLOPEN ACRES — February 2019 Newsletter

Belated Happy New Year,

A few days ago, Punxatawny Phil predicted an early spring. If we do have an early spring, I'm not sure if it was because of the groundhog's prediction or that the Town purchased a new snow plow. Either way an early spring will be welcomed.

Beside the new snow plow, we've also upgraded our equipment with a new leaf vac and replaced a security vehicle.

This spring, we will continue our tree planting program to sustain our tree canopy. Henlopen Acres has the second highest percentage of tree canopy for a town in Delaware at 74.9%. Our Tree Committee is planning to hold an educational town meeting this summer on the importance of trees to our town. If you would like a native species tree for the front of your property, please let town hall know.

Stay warm and we'll see you soon.

Thomas Roth

## Henlopen Acres Beach Club Officers

John Scheurer	President
Larry Davis	Vice President/Beach
Joni Reich	Vice President/Billing
Pierce Quinlan	Treasurer
John McGavin	Secretary
Wendy Jacobs	Membership Chair
Tom Donnelly	Events Chair
Ann Cameron	Tennis/Beach Chair
Lyndie Hertrich	House/Children's Chair

## HAPOC ( Henlopen Acres Property Owners Corporation) Officers

John Scheurer	President
Paddy Richards	Vice President
Kathy McGuinness	Secretary
Henry DeWitt	Treasurer

## MARINA CAM

If you want to check out the weather in the Acres, go to the Henlopen Acres website, click on Community, then Marina, for our webcam.

## Town Directory

If your contact information has changed, please let Lisa know, so we can change it in the directory.

Don't forget to pick up your cul-de-sac parking permits for **2019**. All cars parked at the end of Rolling Rd, Tidewaters and Pine Reach must display a valid Henlopen Acres parking permit.

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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**

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

• 302-227-6411

• 302-227-3978 Fax

• 302-542-3323 Security

• [townhall@henlopenacres.com](mailto:townhall@henlopenacres.com)

• [henlopenacres.delaware.gov](http://henlopenacres.delaware.gov)

### **UPCOMING MEETINGS:**

#### **Board of Commissioners**

#### **Board Meeting (if needed)**

Friday, March 8 10 am

#### **Quarterly Meeting**

Friday, April 12 10am

#### **Planning Commission**

As needed

#### **Board of Adjustment**

Thursday February 7 930am

#### **Tree Committee**

Friday February 8 230pm

### **TOWN HALL HOLIDAY CLOSINGS:**

#### **Monday February 18**

President's Day

#### **Friday April 19**

Good Friday

#### **Monday May 27**

Memorial Day

#### **Thursday July 4**

Independence Day

**Sandy Bottoms**

Have you heard people in Town refer to Sandy Bottoms and not know what they're talking about? Sandy Bottoms is a 70 ft. wide strip of land and water behind homes on the north side of Tidewaters in the first block. It is Town owned open space. We recently completed a project, along with Delaware DOT, to clean the ditch on Sandy bottoms that runs between Henlopen Acres and North Shores from Duneway/Ocean Drive to the Marina.

**Welcome to our new property owner:**

**LJ Dupont-21 Pine Reach-McLean, VA**

**Our deepest sympathies to the families of:**

- Fitzhugh Brown-20 Rolling Rd-11/8/2018**
- Ralph Ferrell-56 Pine Reach-12/01/2018**
- John Beck-70 Tidewaters-12/27/2018**
- Sally Stephenson-40 Rolling Rd-12/30/2018**
- John Morris-7 Broad Hollow-01/19/2019**

**APPOINTMENTS**

At the Board of Commissioners meeting on Friday, January 11, 2019 the following appointment was confirmed:

**Board of Adjustment**  
Gene Wilson-10 Tidewaters

**Your 2019-2020 Henlopen Acres tax billing will now include your annual HAPOC dues. (HAPOC is responsible for the maintenance of Block W dunes and beach which all property owners get to enjoy) This is being done as a convenience to all property owners. The Town will collect the money and then forward the payments to HAPOC.**

**Security Notes:**

**With winter in full swing, please remember that many homes are vacant for the season. Be aware of your surroundings and call Security with anything suspicious -302-542-3323. Also remember to lock your cars as there has been an increase in car break-ins in the area.**

**Please remember to come to a COMPLETE stop at ALL stop signs in Town**

**Make sure your house number is visible from the street. In the event of an emergency, this could save precious time for emergency personnel.**

**Five Reasons to Remove Ivy from Trees:**

- 1. Trees and ivy rely on the same supply of water and nutrients. Because ivy can be more aggressive, there's a chance your tree isn't getting its share of nutrition.**
- 2. Ivy growth crowds tree branches, blocking sunlight trees need to make food.**
- 3. Vines can weigh a tree branch down, putting it at higher risk of breaking in a storm.**
- 4. Over time, an ivy invasion weakens a tree, making it a target for opportunistic pests.**
- 5. Spreading ivy can also jeopardize the landscaping of plants and shrubs on your property as well as your neighbors.**

**Business Licenses/Rental Licenses**

**Business license expired 12/31** so please make sure ANY and ALL contractors, subcontractors and service providers have a valid business license before having any work done on your home.

If you intend to rent out your property this year, a town **rental license is required**. Both applications can be picked up at Town Hall or printed off the website: <https://henlopenacres.delaware.gov/forms/>

**Ordinance Spotlight-**

**Chapter 130-Zoning**

**§130-37-Zoning Certificate Required**

A. It shall be unlawful to begin excavation, erection, construction, reconstruction, extension or structural alteration of any building or use without first obtaining a zoning certificate therefor. A zoning certificate shall not be issued until a building permit has been issued by Sussex County. The plans, grading, landscaping, building and accessory uses of any type also have to be approved by the Environmental Approval Committee before a zoning certificate may be issued.

July 2019 will mark the 90th year since Wilbur and Louise Corkran purchased 183 acres of land from the Dodd family to begin development of Henlopen Acres. Additionally, July 2020 will mark the 50th anniversary of the incorporation of the Town of Henlopen Acres.

Lions Club will no longer be printing their annual phone directory