

# TOWN OF HENLOPEN ACRES — December 2020 Newsletter



*Happy Holidays!*

*The Board of Commissioners and Staff would like to wish you and your family the very best Holiday Season and a healthy and happy New Year. While this has been a year like no other, we are grateful for the blessings we all enjoy and look forward to a better year for all in 2021.*

*We also want to send special thanks to any residents who wish to contribute to our Employee Holiday Fund. Any funds contributed will be divided among the 16 dedicated employees of the Town who work diligently each day to preserve and maintain our beautiful Town. You may drop off or mail contributions to Town Hall by December 20.*

*Joni Reich, Mayor*

## December 11 Meeting

At its next meeting, the Commissioners will be considering proposed measures to enforce our new Rental Ordinance. The goal of these measures is to help ensure that rental occupants understand and adhere to Town rules during their stay. Many thanks to Commissioner Jeffrey Jacobs for reaching out to local rental companies to identify best practices. We will share the new procedures and provisions once they are finalized and adopted by the Commissioners. All residents are invited to call into our upcoming virtual meeting to hear the discussion.

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## UPCOMING MEETINGS:

**Board of Commissioners**

December 11, 2020 10 am

**Planning Commission**

To be scheduled

**Board of Adjustment**

As needed

**Tree Committee**

As needed

## **TOWN HALL HOLIDAY CLOSINGS:**

Thurs Nov 26 & Fri Nov 27

**Thanksgiving Holiday**

Thurs Dec 24 & Fri Dec 25

**Christmas Holiday**

*Happy Holidays*



**Ocean Oil Spill**

On October 26, a 215-gallon oil spill from an unknown source was detected off the shore of Broadkill Beach. Residue began migrating onshore to other Delaware beaches on both the Delaware Bay and the Atlantic coast. In the days that followed, oil patties were found on our beaches all the way to Ocean City and Assateague Island, Maryland.

A Joint Command was quickly established between the Coast Guard and the Delaware Department of Natural Resources & Environmental Control (DNREC) to coordinate clean-up efforts with 80 contractors manually picking up the oil debris. All told, they collected 75 tons of oily sand.

The team deployed beach rake machinery on Block W and at the Beach Club to make sure our beaches were as clean as possible. The Town was issued a Certificate of Clean-up Completion on November 13. We very much appreciate the efforts of the Coast Guard and DNREC to restore our beaches to their pristine condition and our Town staff for monitoring their daily progress.

**Welcome New Property Owners:**

David & Doris Smith  
59 Pine Reach  
McLean, VA

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

T. Wilkes Coleman - Formerly 12 Tidewaters - 9/24/2020

Ronald Jones - 86 Tidewaters - 10/24/2020

Grace Nelson - 30 Tidewaters - 1/26/2019

**Block W Clean-Up**

Thank you to the 25 residents who volunteered for the Block W clean-up on Saturday, October 24. Volunteers collected a truckload of litter and other debris from the dunes and along Duneway road. A special thank you to Paddy Richards for organizing the event and to Andrea Rocanelli for suggesting it. We look forward to having it again in 2021!

**Toys for Tots**

Thank you to those who have already donated this year to the Toys-for-Tots drive. We are still accepting new, unwrapped toys for children 10 years and under until December 11th at Town Hall.

**Fall & Winter Reminders**

**Yard Debris**

Property owners are responsible to clear their lot of fallen leaves and debris. Please remember to separate your lawn debris into TWO piles - with leaves in one pile and branches/sticks in another pile.

We CANNOT pick up large branches (over 4 inches wide), tree stumps, clumps of dirt, or bamboo. Please make sure yard debris is piled on the easement in front of your home and NOT on the roadway. Very large amounts of debris or leaves taking more than 15 minutes to pick up will be billed to the property owner.

**Outdoor Showers**

PLEASE remember to winterize your outdoor shower, as the Town loses thousands of gallons of water each Winter from preventable water leaks.

**Tree Update**

The Tree restoration planting on the ocean block of Tidewaters is just about complete. Cypress Tree Care planted 17 trees at the end of October, including six Saw Tooth Oaks, five Skyline Locusts, four Dogwoods, and two Red Cedars. Five Pine trees will be planted in the Spring 2021. Many thanks to the residents for their cooperation and support of our tree planting program to help preserve our beautiful tree canopy, and to John Scheurer and Jeffrey Jacobs from the Tree Committee who worked with residents on tree placement.

