

# TOWN OF HENLOPEN ACRES — March 2021 Newsletter

## Saluting Three Decades of Service

Town Maintenance Manager, Alexander “Sonny” McClure, is celebrating an impressive milestone with the Acres, as it was 30 years ago, on January 21, 1991, that he began his career with the Town.

Sonny (at left below) says he applied for a job here because he thought it would be a beautiful place to work outdoors. Today, he supervises many vital functions for the Town, including the water plant, marina, and the Streets crew that ensures proper lighting, drainage, tree care, and pick-up of lawn debris from resident yards.

Sonny and his wife Edie live in Lewes and have five children and four grandchildren. He enjoys boating and fishing and has often participated in the annual Polar Bear Plunge.

Another long-term employee is Charlie Streaker (at right) who was hired 24 years ago in October 1997. At the very young age of 80 years, Charlie does a yeoman’s job keeping the easements mowed and bridle paths cleared. Here I found him cutting away Ivy from a tree.

Please join me and the Commissioners in thanking Sonny, Charlie, and all the employees for their dedicated service to the Town.

- Mayor Joni Reich



## Town Updates

- ◆ Dredging was scheduled to take place at the Marina early this year to remove excess sediment. However, above average rain has caused contractor delays. We will be moving the project to the Fall to avoid any disruption to boaters.
- ◆ Town Manager Tom Roth is working with North Shores officials to enhance Security protocols that will benefit both communities. The HA Security Patrol has provided services to North Shores since the Patrol’s inception in July, 1996.
- ◆ New procedures are in place for the upcoming rental season, which include Town Hall receiving an advance copy of all rental contracts. Realtors are reporting an increase in 2-week rentals in the Acres. We appreciate everyone’s cooperation with the new process.

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### MAYOR:

Joni Reich

### Commissioners:

Andrew Brittingham

Tim Hidell, President pro temp

Jeffrey Jacobs, Treasurer

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John Staffier

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### Town Manager

Thomas Roth

### Town Clerk

Lisa Michaels

### Public Works

Sonny McClure

### Security

Lee Stewart

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### UPCOMING MEETINGS:

**Board of Commissioners**

**Quarterly Mtg**

Friday, April 9, 2021 at 10am

**Planning Commission**

To be scheduled

**Board of Adjustment**

As needed

**Tree Committee**

As needed

## TOWN HALL HOLIDAY CLOSINGS:

**Friday April 10**

Good Friday

**Monday May 25**

Memorial Day

**Friday July 3**

Independence Day



### Holiday Thanks

A big Thank You to everyone who participated this year in our annual **Toys for Tots campaign**. The Marine Corp League distributed over 8,500 toys and 4,400 stocking stuffers to **3,700 children** in Sussex County.

Also, a hearty thank you to residents who contributed to the **Employee Holiday Fund**. A total of \$17,935 was collected from 73 residents, a considerable increase from the \$12,590 amount last year. The 16 employees of the Town are very appreciative of residents' generosity.

### Kayak Storage

We have one kayak storage slot available at the Marina. If you are interested, please contact Lisa at Town Hall. The cost is \$125 for the year.

### Our Deepest Sympathies to the families of:

Fred Frear - 53 Rolling Rd. - 1/15/2021  
Gertrude Frekko - 8 Zwaanendael - 2/15/2021

### Welcome New Property Owners:

John & Sara Darvishi, McLean, VA-60 Pine Reach  
Aaron Velli & Gabrielle Koepfel - Chevy Chase, MD  
8 Dodds Lane  
Andrew Stern, Potomac, MD -70 Fields End

### Delmarva & Comcast Outages

For timely updates on power or cable outages, please call the **Delmarva Power Outage Line** at 800-898-8042 and **Comcast** at 888-739-1379. Both have helpful cell phone apps that can let you know when an outage exists in our area and when it may be over. Town Hall will usually be experiencing the same outage. If we know of any planned outage, we will email all residents.

### Bridle Paths

A unique feature of the Acres is the bridle paths, which are a 10-foot deep strip of land at the rear of most properties. While residents retain ownership of this land, the Town has an easement restricting use primarily for utility company access. Residents may not install landscaping or improvements on the path, but may walk on the paths for passage. Other persons (who are not residents or owners) may not access them, as this is considered trespassing under Town Ordinance..

Please be mindful if you do walk on a bridle path, you are in someone's back yard. Also be aware that while the Town keeps the bridle paths open and clear of over-growth, it is common for ticks to be in these areas.

### Town Hall—Status

**Town Hall remains fully operational Monday to Friday, 9 am to 4: 30 pm, however walk-ins are not allowed at this time due to Covid. Please call us at 227-6411 and we will assist you virtually. There is a mailbox at the front of Town Hall if you would like to drop off any papers.**

### HA Trivia—Marina

Founder Wilbur Corkran envisioned a Yacht Club in his earliest plans for the Acres. After buying the 156-acre parcel in 1930, he excavated 60,000 cubic feet from the Canal to install the first docks. His Will gifted the Marina and Homestead to the University of Delaware in 1962, which owned them until 1979, when they transferred both to the Rehoboth Art League. In 1980, the Art League transferred the Marina to the Town in exchange for approval to subdivide three new lots that it sold to maintain the Homestead. These lots are 31 Tidewaters owned by Michael & Laurie Farr, 29 Tidewaters owned by Joe & Karash Payne, and 27 Tidewaters owned by the Owen family. The Marina remains a beautiful amenity in the Acres. (Photo from 1950's).

