

TOWN OF HENLOPEN ACRES — March 2022 Newsletter



A Bit of Good News

We are pleased that our **Marina dredging** project is about to start. Droney Marine Construction is removing 3,500 cubic feet of sediment and hauling it to a disposal site in Lewes. This “partial dredge” is expected to take two weeks to complete and will focus on the heaviest silted areas that hinder access to the marina. Many thanks to Town Manager Tom Roth for his persistence in securing the Federal and State permits.

We also appreciate the help from Senator Tom Carper to secure \$3.8 million in Congressional funding to dredge the **Lewes-Rehoboth Canal**. Last September, I joined with the Mayors of Rehoboth, Lewes, and Dewey to ask the Senator for this funding. Lack of Canal maintenance over the last 20 years contributes to the heavy silting in our Marina. The Army Corps is expected to begin Canal dredging in 2023.

In other good news, Sussex County Council has approved \$6.4 million in special grants to municipalities from a surplus in transfer tax revenues. We will use our one-time **\$100,000 grant** on our next street or water project.

And finally, we are rolling out new **parking tags** for the cul-de-sacs at the end of Pine Reach, Rolling, and Tidewaters. Over the years, we’ve had a variety of decals and tags that confuse our Security staff, so the new tags will make it clear who is authorized to park there. Two permanent Resident Tags are being mailed to every owner, and yearly renewable Renter Tags will be available to owners who rent their homes.

Wishing everyone a beautiful Spring!

Joni Reich, Mayor

Spotlight On Our Employees

Ann Grella - Security Officer

Ann hails from Westbury, NY, where she previously worked in the Nassau County Sheriffs department in the Corrections unit.

Michele Frye - Town Clerk

Michele’s home town is Sellersville, PA. She previously worked as a paraprofessional in the Cape Henlopen School District and has five children, including four daughters and a son.

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UPCOMING MEETNGS:

Board of Commissioners

Public Hearing

Friday, April 8 at 10am

Quarterly Meeting

Friday, Apr 18, 2022 at 10am

Planning Commission

To be scheduled

Board of Adjustment

As needed

Tree Committee -

To be scheduled

Recycling Reminder:

Town Hall recycles household batteries, eyeglasses, and cfl bulbs. We will also properly dispose of worn and tattered U.S. flags.

Our Deepest Sympathy to the family of:
Harry C. “Brud” Davis, III — 32 Pine Reach
November 29, 2021

Our Congratulations on the 100th Birthday of:
Ursula Schiefelbein — 75 Pine Reach
April 17, 2022

Our Congratulations on the Birth of:
John Forrest Padgett—97 Tidewaters
Son of Carrie Lingo & Murray Padgett
November 18, 2021

Wind Farms

One issue we are monitoring, through our involvement with the Association of Coastal Towns, is the development of wind farms off the coast of Maryland and southern Delaware.

Two wind farms sponsored by the State of Maryland have been approved by Federal authorities, the Skipjack Project by Orsted and the MarWin Project by U.S. Wind.

These projects in total will place up to 150 wind turbines up to 850’ high in the ocean off the coast of Ocean City, Maryland up to Rehoboth Beach. The distance of the turbines to shore will vary but is expected to be in the range of 15 –19 miles.

If there is interest, we can arrange an informational briefing for residents this summer.

Spring Reminders

New Parking Passes

In April, all property owners will receive two, and only two, permanent parking passes for the cul-de-sacs. All previous parking passes, stickers, or tags will be void. Any tags lost may be replaced for a fee of \$10. The lost tag will be voided and unusable, if found. Contact Town Hall with any questions.

Bonfires On Block W

The beach is available for evening bonfires. An Event Request Form is required and must be obtained in advance. The form may be found on the Town website under the HAPOC tab.

Post Lamps Must Be Lit From Dusk Till Dawn

If leaving town, please make sure that the power to your lamp remains on. This is important for Town safety. The Town will replace standard bulbs and electric eyes. Repair and power are the responsibility of the homeowner.

Bamboo

The Town will no longer pick up bamboo. This must be removed by your caretaker or private hauler.

Recent Ordinance Amendments

Chapter 124, Water—This amendment updated drinking water regulations to add new standards for backflow prevention and cross connections. There is also increased standards for lead and copper testing.

Chapter 130, Zoning—This ordinance updated several definitions for clarity. The amended definitions are: building setback line, driveway, fence, lot area, nonprofit organization, parking lot, swimming pool, unobstructed, and zoning certificate.

Recent Appointments

The Board of Commissioners has made the following appointments, and thanks all who volunteer their time:

- Jason Hollinger, 100 Tidewaters, to the Planning Commission
- Roger Kramer, 11 Pine Reach, to the Environmental Approval Committee

