



Message from the Mayor

Midway through March, Spring still beckons, judging from the light snow flurries this week. Nonetheless, we know that warmer weather is around the corner and look forward to welcoming everyone back to the Acres.

Keeping our roadways well maintained is an important priority, and street lighting plays a key role in safety for drivers, pedestrians, and the community overall. We recently began work to identify an attractive, new **street light fixture** for the Town-owned light poles at the intersections. A group of us is reviewing various fixture styles to present to the Commissioners in April. Our plan is install the top “finalists” at one of the main intersections so that residents can weigh in as well. Many thanks to Commissioner Dick Thompson, Lyndie Hertrich of the Environmental Review Committee, and Manager Tom Roth for assisting me in this effort.

The County’s court-mandated **property reassessment project** is well underway. Every property in the County is being visited and assigned a new assessment value as of July 1, 2023 that that will be used in setting County and Town taxes in 2024. Each jurisdiction will set a new tax rate within State-prescribed limits on the amount by which overall taxes can be raised. Latest information from the County is that Tyler Technologies contractors who are performing the door-to-door visits will be in the Acres after August, 2023. Visits are conducted from the outside only.

Last March, we thanked Senator Tom Carper for securing \$3.8 million to dredge a portion of the **Lewes-Rehoboth Canal**. This month, in a meeting with DNREC and Army Corps of Engineers officials, we learned that \$8.5 million in additional funding is now available to dredge the full 10-mile length of the Canal to an 8-foot depth. Phase 1 of the work in Lewes has begun, with work on the rest of the Canal likely a year away. The open field across from the Marina that backs up to Holland Glade Road is under review as a disposal site for the Phase 2 work. As this is State-owned land, approval from the Secretary of Natural Resources (DNREC) will be required to use it. We remain optimistic that this important work will be done to improve navigability for our residents and all boaters on the Canal.

Wishing everyone a beautiful Spring!

Joni Reich, Mayor

WANT TO BE IN THE KNOW?

Residents are invited to sign up for “**Beacon Alerts**” from the City of Rehoboth Beach to receive automatic messages about area road closings, severe weather cancellations, and life-threatening emergencies.

You can sign up on the **cityofrehoboth.com** website under the “for residents” tab
OR
text **REHOBCH** to **888777**

You’ll be asked if you’d like to submit an email address.
If you provide a mobile phone number and email address, you will receive most notifications via both text and email.
The City will utilize phone/voice alerts only in the most critical situations.

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• **302-227-6411**

• **302-227-3978 Fax**

• **302-542-3323 Security**

• **townhall@henlopenacres.com**

• **henlopenacres.delaware.gov**

UPCOMING MEETINGS:

Board of Commissioners

Quarterly Meeting

Friday, Apr 14, 2023 at 10am

Planning Commission

To be scheduled

Board of Adjustment

Thursday, April 13, 2023 at 10am

Tree Committee

To be scheduled

TOWN HALL HOLIDAY CLOSINGS:

Friday, April 7
Good Friday

Monday, May 29
Memorial Day

Our Deepest Sympathy to the family of:

Barbara Shortley—59 Pine Reach
February 19, 2023

Nancy Stevens—66 Fields End
March 6, 2023

Peggy Lingo—81 Tidewaters
March 10, 2023

NEW PROPERTY OWNERS

WELLER FAMILY - Potomac, MD
6 Dodds lane (lot)

ROBERT SUPPIES - Rehoboth Beach
53 Rolling Road

LINDSAY & RYAN BURK - Chapel Hill, NC
39 Rolling Road

WATER SYSTEM UPDATE

As mandated by EPA and State of Delaware, our water system will need to implement additional requirements. The first is a Lead Service Line Inventory to eliminate any existing lead piping between the Water Plant and each residence. 97% of Town-owned water lines are PVC plastic, with the remainder cast iron. What needs to be determined is the material at each residence from the meter pit by the street, to the house.

Lead pipe was banned in June, 1986. Therefore, if your house was built after June, 1986, and we can document that, we should not need to investigate those properties. If your house was built prior to June, 1986, we will need to determine what type of pipe exists between the street and the house. We are still working to find the easiest way to determine the material of the remaining homes. This work, along with installing additional backflow prevention at each connection, must be completed by October, 2024. We will keep you updated as this work progresses.

PEDESTRIAN SAFETY

Please remember to walk on the LEFT side of the road facing traffic, so that oncoming cars can easily see you, and you can best see them!

Tick and Mosquito Spraying

If you have a continuing tick problem, you may consider having your property sprayed for ticks and mosquitos.

Treatment is recommended in the first days of Spring in order to eliminate and proactively reduce future populations. Listed are Pest Control companies licensed to do business in the Acres. As a reminder, the Town sprays for mosquitoes weekly during the Spring and Summer months on the bridle paths.

Brasure's Pest Control
Selbyville, DE
302-436-8140

Active Pest Solutions
Lewes, DE
302-645-1502

Mosquito Joe
Ocean City, MD
302-268-8531

Terminix
Salisbury, MD
901-597-8229

Mosquito Squad
Stevensville, MD
443-290-5209

Seen Around Town....

Resident Sallie Jones of 31 Rolling Road is often seen walking her dog, Zoey.

A year-round resident, Sallie first moved to the Acres in 1980 with her late husband Marshall, when they built their house.

She enjoys the “quiet” off-season life at the beach.

