

TOWN OF HENLOPEN ACRES — October 2023 Newsletter

FROM THE TOWN MANAGER

Dear Residents,

First, I would like to thank all of you for your warm welcome and best wishes in my new role. I sincerely appreciate it. Next, I would like to introduce you to the Town's three newest staff members, all who have hit the ground running and been extremely busy!

Kayla Pedrick, Town Clerk

Kayla joins the Town from the City of Lewes, where she worked as City Clerk and as the Permit & Business License Specialist. She lives in Lincoln with her Fiancé, daughter and many furry animals. In her free time, she enjoys spending time with her family playing board games and making crafts with her daughter.

Katie Manieri, Finance Manager

In this newly created role, Katie is responsible for the financial management of Town revenues and expenses, as well as many other financial responsibilities. Katie joins us from the corporate accounting sector where she held various managerial roles. She holds a MBA from Villanova, lives in Lewes with her husband and two children.

Lex Bayard, Streets and Maintenance Department

After owning and operating his own landscape business for the past twenty years, Lex decided to make a change and joined our team in the Streets and Maintenance department. You will see Lex out and about in the Town, working on various projects from tree trimming to town improvement projects.

- Sally Slook, Town Manager

Election & Organizational Meeting Update

Due to an uncontested election for the three open Commissioner seats on August 26, 2023, the Board of Elections declared the three candidates elected to a new three-year term. We congratulate the following Commissioners for their new term of office:

- Tim Hidell
- Joni Reich
- John Staffier

On September 8, 2023, the Commissioners ratified the Town officers for the coming year:

- Joni Reich, Mayor
- Tim Hidell, President pro tempore
- Jeff Jacobs, Treasurer
- Tiffany Derrickson, Secretary



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MAYOR: Joni Reich

Commissioners:

Tim Hidell, President pro tem
Jeffrey Jacobs, Treasurer
Tiffany Derrickson, Secretary
Paddy Richards
John Staffier
Richard Thompson

Town Manager: Sally Slook

Town Clerk: Kayla Pedrick

Finance Manager: Katie Manieri

Public Works

Sonny McClure
Bob Ribinsky
Mike Berg
Lex Bayard

Security Lee Stewart

Town Hall 104 Tidewaters

Hours: M-F 9-4:30

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UPCOMING MEETINGS:

Board of Commissioners

Quarterly Meeting

Friday, December 8 at 10 am

TOWN HALL HOLIDAY CLOSINGS:

Friday November 10

Veterans Day

Thurs & Fri Nov. 23 & 24

Thanksgiving Holiday



Our Deepest Sympathies to the Families of:

Gail McDermott, 7 Pine Reach—June 19, 2023

Bruce Moore, 14 Tidewaters—June 29, 2023

Tom Ingram, 60 Tidewaters—July 25, 2023

Cindy Dotzel, 33 Rolling Road—July 27, 2023

Linda Goodrich Houston, 21 Tidewaters—July 28, 2023

Richard Derrickson, 49 Tidewaters—August 17, 2023

NEW PROPERTY OWNERS

GENO VENTO & ANDRE GASPER— Rehoboth Beach, DE
47 Pine Reach (lot)

DANIEL & JAQUELINE TATE - Washington, DC
46 Pine Reach

THOMAS DOUGHERTY— Wilmington, DE
7 Broad Hollow

Board of Adjustment

Mr. and Mrs. Stephen Canton of 23 Tidewaters filed an appeal against the Board of Adjustment on September 8, 2023, in Delaware Superior Court. This is regarding the denial of their variance requests on June 30, 2023, related to their construction plans for a new house.

Fall Clean-Up Reminders

During the next few months, our beautiful tree canopy will be dropping countless leaves throughout the Town.

Our Streets staff will be ready to pick up your leaves and take them away.

Please remember to separate sticks, branches, and pine cones from your leaf pile to help them do the collection. Please contact Bob Ribinsky at Town Hall with any questions.

Tropical Storm Ophelia

Tropical Storm Ophelia battered the Delaware coast on September 23rd with heavy winds up to 50 mph and flooding in Dewey and Bethany Beach. The impact in the Acres was limited to one downed tree.

Broadcast of Meetings

Equipment was recently installed at Town Hall to allow the Town to broadcast its Commissioner and Committee meetings to residents through a live stream.

Notices of future meetings will include directions on how to access the broadcast. Residents are also invited to attend in person at Town Hall.

The Commissioners hold eight scheduled meetings per year, including:

- Quarterly meetings in January, April, July, and October
- Budget Meeting in June
- Organizational Meeting in September
- Two meetings in March and December, if needed.

TRICK OR TREAT IN THE ACRES

Help us celebrate a little Fall Fun with our Annual “Trick or Treat” event in the Acres!

DATE: Saturday, October 28
TIME: 4:00—6:00 p.m.



Please contact Joni Reich at Mayor@henlopenacres.com if you are willing to put treats out at your house! We have two Jolley Trolley cars full of eager children who would be most appreciative!