

# TOWN OF HENLOPEN ACRES — June 2024 Newsletter

## Volume 22 Issue 2

Dear Neighbor,

It was a wonderful Memoria Day weekend in the Acres, with the beautiful weather portending a fun-filled summer for our residents and their families.

It will also be a busy summer for the Town, as the Commissioners continue our search for a capable town manager, and as we support the efforts of the Planning Commission to develop the Town's **Comprehensive Plan**. This 10-year Plan is a State requirement of all municipalities with our last plan written in 2014. We hope you take advantage of the opportunity to provide input on how the Town can improve over the next decade. Watch for details of a Public Hearing the Planning Commission will be holding in mid-August at the beach club.

Also in August, the Town will be holding an **Offshore Wind Forum** to inform you about the Federal Government's latest plans to allow windfarms off the Delaware Coast. Two leases have been granted, with additional leases in the works. Speakers from the Center of Inland Bays, US Wind, and a group opposed to windfarms will present all sides of the issue.

And finally, it's just a few weeks before our Summer highlight, the **July 4th Parade**, not too soon to think about your red, white and blue decorations and attire. Have a wonderful Summer!

Joni Reich, Mayor

## 2024 Voter Registration & Election

This year's election for Town Commissioner positions will be held on Saturday, August 31. The 3-year term of office for Commissioners Paddy Richards and Tiffany Derrickson will be expiring. Property owners and residents are eligible to file to be a candidate on the ballot and to vote in the election. At least one position will be filled by a resident. You must register to vote in the election. Voter registration and candidate filing forms are available from Kayla Adkins at Town Hall or on the Town website.

<b>Deadline to File Candidacy:</b>	<b>Friday, July 12, 2024</b>
<b>Deadline to Register to Vote:</b>	<b>Thursday, August 1, 2024</b>
<b>Election Day:</b>	<b>Saturday, August 31, 2024</b>



## Independence Day Town Parade

**Thursday, July 4th**  
**Town Marina @ 9:00 am**

**Join us for Music, a March around Town, & Ice Cream!**

### **MAYOR:**

Joni Reich

### **Commissioners:**

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

### **Town Manager**

Vacant

### **Town Clerk**

Kayla Adkins

### **Public Works**

Sonny McClure

### **Zoning Officer/Streets**

Bob Ribinsky

### **Security**

Lee Stewart

### **Town Hall - 104 Tidewaters**

Hours: Mon-Fri 9 am - 4:30 pm

• 302-227-6411

• 302-542-3323 Security

• [townhall@henlopenacres.com](mailto:townhall@henlopenacres.com)

• [henlopenacres.delaware.gov](http://henlopenacres.delaware.gov)

### **UPCOMING MEETINGS:**

#### **Bd. of Comm. Budget Meeting**

Friday, June 14 at 10 am

#### **Bd. of Comm. Quarterly Mtg.**

Friday July 12 at 10 am

#### **Environmental App. Comm.**

Friday, June 7 at 10 am

#### **Investment Committee**

Monday, June 10 at 9 am

#### **Tree Committee**

Wednesday, June 12 at 10 am

#### **Planning Commission**

Wednesday, June 12 at 2 pm

### **TOWN HALL HOLIDAY CLOSINGS:**

#### **Thursday, July 4**

Independence Day

#### **Monday September 2**

Labor Day

#### **Monday October 14**

Columbus Day

**Taking Care of Your Trees**

As a service to residents, Jay Ashby of Cypress Tree Care will provide owners with a **tree assessment** paid for by the Town. Jay will inspect your trees and provide you with a written evaluation with suggested maintenance. To request this free Town service, contact Kayla Adkins in Town Hall. Owners do not need to be home and may hire any firm for follow-up care.

One item to pay attention to is **English Ivy and other vines growing on trees**, as they can weaken and harm trees. Vine roots should be cut at the base and at chest height to stop further growth,



**Building Permit Pointers**

A “**Short Form**” **Building Permit** is required for:

- Repairs to or replacement of architectural elements and major systems, such as new roof, siding, windows, doors, shutters, HVAC system, water heater, or encapsulation;
- Interior work greater than \$1,000 or involving electrical or plumbing;
- Installation of new driveway, hardscape walkway or patio, or irrigation system (requires DNREC-approved well).

Permits are **not** required for:

- Landscaping (trees and bushes);
- Interior appliances (refrigerator, stove, washer/dryer);
- Minor repairs that are “usual and necessary”; and
- Painting (though exterior colors must be approved).

Permit applications are on the Town website. A 2.25% fee is charged, and contractors must have a 2024 Business License from the Town. Contact **Bob Ribinsky, Zoning Officer**, with any questions and further help.

**Helpful Reminders**

**Rear Exit Road:** The gravel road is open from **6 am to 6 pm** daily and locked by Security at other times for safety.

**Cul de Sac Parking:** A Resident or Renter Parking Tag is required to avoid being ticketed by Security. Contact Town Hall for further information.

**Mosquito Spraying:** The Town sprays for mosquitos every Friday from **6 am to 8 am** to alleviate mosquitos during the Summer months.

**Condolence to the Family of:**

Katherine “Kit” Wilson McNeilly  
55 Rolling Road - May 19, 2024

**Welcome New Property Owner**

32 Tidewaters  
Roger & Alexandra Martella - Winchester, VA

**Until We Meet Again ...**

As properties sell in the Acres, we welcome new neighbors and bid a fond farewell to neighbors we’ve long enjoyed. Betsy and Shaw Wilgis recently sold the house they built in 1984 at 32 Tidewaters and will be living year-round now in Towson, Maryland.

Shaw’s parents owned a house at 35 Pine Reach which was later owned by Shaw’s brother, Herb Wilgis and his wife, Jane, until it was sold in 2014. You might say the Wilgises had a “family love affair” with the Acres.

Betsy says they enjoyed their quiet time in the Acres with their three children, as Shaw and Betsy took a break from their busy life in Baltimore where Shaw was a surgeon. The special times they spent here are among their most cherished, especially at the beach club, and they say, “thanks for the memories” to to all their Acres friends.



Betsy and Shaw Wilgis