

Town of Henlopen Acres Arbor Day 2025 Newsletter

Dear Residents,

In recognition of Arbor Day, we are pleased to present this special edition newsletter, honoring our continued commitment to tree stewardship and the vital role trees play in the health and beauty of our community.

Henlopen Acres is proud to celebrate its ninth consecutive year as a designated Tree City. To maintain this honor, the Town proclaims its own Arbor Day celebration—and this year's will take place on Friday, May 9, marked by the planting of a tree.

We invite you to join us in recognizing the importance of trees by planting one on your own property. Together, we can nurture the next generation of trees and keep Henlopen Acres green and thriving for years to come.

Sincerely,

Henlopen Acres' Tree Committee

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Arbor Day

in Henlopen Acres

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UPCOMING MEETINGS

Public Hearing on Tree Removal Moratorium

Monday, May 5 at 10am

Town Hall

Tree Committee Meeting

Friday, May 9 at 10am

Town Hall

Tree Planting to Follow

Public Hearing on Proposed Changes to Tree Code

Friday, May 23 at 10am

Henlopen Acres Beach Club

Did you know?

Arbor Day was first celebrated on April 10, 1872, in Nebraska. On that day alone, it's estimated that over **one million trees** were planted!

FREE TREE ASSESSMENT

As a service to residents, Town Arborist Jay Ashby of Cypress Tree Care provides property owners with a **tree assessment** paid for by the Town. Jay will inspect your trees and provide you with a written evaluation that includes suggested maintenance.

To request this free Town service, contact Andrea Harpster, Town Clerk, at 302-227-6411 or townclerk@henlopenacres.com.

Owners do not need to be home and may hire any firm for follow-up care.



TREE CARE TIP

English Ivy and other vines growing on trees can weaken and harm trees. Vines should be cut at the base and at chest height to stop further growth.



TOWN TREE PRESERVATION

Since its establishment in 2015, the Henlopen Acres Tree Committee has worked to maintain the Town's tree canopy through conducting an inventory of Town trees, developing annual tree planting plans, and making recommendations to the Board of Commissioners on tree-related issues.

Through the efforts of the Committee and funds invested by the Town, 162 trees have been planted on Town property in the last 8 years. Species planted include Loblolly Pine, Oak, Honey Locust, Eastern Red Cedar, Black Gum, and other native canopy and specimen trees.

Currently, the Committee is working with Town staff and Town Arborist Jay Ashby to identify locations and species for another planting this fall. The Town is also undertaking an updated inventory of Town trees through Cypress Tree Care. This inventory will help the Town understand what trees we currently have, their health, and what sort of maintenance and plantings are needed in the future.

