

Town of Henlopen Acres Summer 2026 Newsletter

Dear Neighbors,
Happy Summer!

Summer has arrived, and with it comes everything we love about life in Henlopen Acres: beach days, time on the water, visits from family and friends and long evenings spent enjoying our beautiful community. On behalf of the Town, I wish you and your loved ones a safe, relaxing, and memorable summer season.

As our population grows during the summer months, I'd like to ask for your help with a few important matters that affect the safety and quality of life in our town.

Please Slow Down

We continue to receive concerns about speeding throughout town. During the summer, our streets are shared by walkers, cyclists, families, and many young children. Please observe posted speed limits, come to a complete stop at stop signs, and take a little extra care when driving through our neighborhoods. The few seconds you save by rushing simply aren't worth the risk.

Please Keep Dogs Leashed

We all appreciate our four-legged residents, but Henlopen Acres has a year-round leash law, and it is important that it be followed. Recently, there have been several incidents involving unleashed dogs that have caused concern among residents and visitors. For the safety of your pets and your neighbors, please keep dogs leashed and under control whenever they are off your property.

These are simple requests, but they go a long way toward maintaining the safe, peaceful, and welcoming community we all value.

Thank you for your cooperation and for doing your part to make Henlopen Acres such a wonderful place to live and visit.

Wishing you a happy, healthy, and enjoyable summer.

Warm regards,

Tim Hidell
Mayor

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Mayor

Tim Hidell

Commissioners

Tiffany Derrickson

Lyndie Hertrich

Alex Jacobs

Paddy Richards

Lee Raesly

John Staffier

Town Manager

Anna Fagan

Town Clerk

Andrea Harpster

Finance Manager

Katie Manieri

Public Works

Sonny McClure

Bob Ribinsky

Mike Berg

Lex Bayard

Security

Lee Stewart



Town Hall

104 Tidewaters

Open M - F 9am - 4:30pm

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Holiday Closings:

Friday, July 3

Independence Day

Monday, September 7

Labor Day



UPCOMING MEETINGS

Board of Commissioners

Quarterly Meeting

July 10 at 9am

Env Approval Committee

July 21 at 10am

August 18 at 10am

Tree Committee

July 31 at 9am



12th Annual Independence Day Parade

9am at Thomas B. Lewis Marina

Put on your festive attire and join us for music, ice cream,
and a march around town!

2026 ELECTION

SATURDAY, AUGUST 29
9AM—12PM
TOWN HALL



The 2026 election for the Board of Commissioners will take place on **Saturday, August 29**, from **9:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.** at **Town Hall**. The 3-year term of office for Commissioners Tim Hidell, Lyndie Hertrich, and John Staffier is expiring.

Both residents and property owners are eligible to file for candidacy and vote in the election. At least **two resident Commissioners** will be elected in accordance with the Town Charter.

Please see below for important election dates. Candidate filing forms, voter registration forms, and additional election information are available from Town Hall.

Deadline to File for Candidacy: July 10 at 4:30pm

Deadline to Register to Vote: July 30 at 4:30pm

Election Day Voting: August 29, 9am to 12pm

TOWN NEWS ROUND UP

- The Commissioners adopted the Town's **FY2027 Budget** at their June meeting. There is a 2.37% increase in expenses over FY2026, but no increase in property taxes. Operating and capital budgets will be posted on the Town website at: henlopenacres.delaware.gov/financials
- The Board of Commissioners is considering **revisions to § 43, Building Construction and § 130, Zoning** of the Town Code. Stay tuned for a public hearing date and opportunity to comment on the proposed changes.
- The **Comcast undergrounding** project is progressing. Crews will work through the summer to finish burying conduit in the bridge paths and begin splicing over to new wires.
- Town staff have been working closely with KCI Technologies to complete a **feasibility study to evaluate PFAS treatment options** at the water plant. The final design study will be completed by June 30.



ELECTION FAQs

Am I eligible to vote?

You are eligible to vote if you are a U.S. citizen, at least 18 years old on Election Day, and either:

- ♦ have primarily resided in Henlopen Acres for at least 30 days before the election, or
- ♦ have owned qualifying real property in Town for at least 30 days before the election.

All those eligible who wish to vote must be registered with the Town **by 4:30pm on July 30**. If you were registered and voted in the 2024 or 2025 election, your registration is still active and you do not need to re-register.

Can I vote by absentee ballot?

Registered voters who will not be in Town on Election Day or who meet certain other eligibility criteria may request an absentee ballot packet from Town Hall beginning July 15, 2026. Contact Town Hall for a request form. Completed ballots must be received by 12pm on Election Day.

How do I file as a candidate?

If you'd like to run for Commissioner, you must file a Notice of Intention to Seek Office on or before **4:30 pm on Friday, July 10**. Town staff can provide you with the appropriate forms and help you through the process.

For additional information on voter and candidate qualifications, and other election information, scan the QR code below with your smartphone or tablet, or visit:
henlopenacres.delaware.gov/elections.

