



# The City News

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## THE MAYOR'S CORNER

Dear Residents,

Happy 4<sup>th</sup> of July!

Our uniquely American holiday is a time to reflect on the greatness of our Nation and its people. Many of us will be celebrating the country's 239th birthday at home spending time with our families, and enjoying barbecues followed by spectacular fireworks, and this is the way it was intended to be celebrated by our founders. We are truly blessed to live in such an amazing country — a land of freedom and opportunity. I encourage everyone to salute our Flag and honor our brave men and women who have and still do defend our freedom today.

This is the time of year that our City Manager and the Council begin the tedious task of establishing a working budget for next year. There are several projects that are proposed for consideration within next year's expenses with one major road project — repaving South Country Club Drive. We are considering each project with the utmost scrutiny in order to ensure the best possible use

of tax dollars while maintaining the current level of services. We are committed to coming to a workable budget.

Summer is here and so is hurricane season. Please be sure to do your part early to be prepared. Secure your home by taking care of overgrown trees, hedges and excessive vegetation. June has been very dry. This extreme lack of water makes it hard on the vegetation and makes them much less durable in the event of a storm.

I hope you all are enjoying the summer. Our children are definitely out and enjoy their freedom from school. Please be careful driving through our city, look twice and don't forget we share the roads with the pedestrians and the bicycles.

Happy Independence Day.

**Serving proudly,  
Mayor David Kintz**

### Next City Council Meeting

#### DATE CHANGE

Wednesday

JULY 22, 2015

at 7:00 pm.

**Council Meetings are  
3rd Wednesdays**



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AVAILABLE ONLINE.

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## Manager's Notes May 2015

Happy 4<sup>th</sup> of July! Stay safe, enjoy family and friends and keep the fireworks in safe areas without putting people or surrounding property in jeopardy.

We are very excited about our new Emergency Notification System. We were able to utilize the new system to notify the community of the recent one day closure of Clubhouse Boulevard. We will now be able to call your landline, cell phone numbers for everyone in your household as well as send text messages and email with important messages. Please return the form on page 5 to us. We will use the information provided for the city directory, newsletter mailings along with the new Emergency Notification System.

I would like to thank John Hixenbaugh for his assistance in re-writing the city's sign code. John has years of experience as both a land planner and an attorney. We needed to add sign regulations for our new CG zoning district, and John stepped in to help us craft those regulations, add definitions, and reorganize the code. John's contribution to the city also includes membership on our Architectural Review Committee. Thank you, John.

We have heard reports of coyotes in other communities around Palm Beach County. This past spring it was reported to us that a fox or coyote was seen on the golf course. This just serves as a reminder to watch your small animals when they are out. We have not had any recent reports, but awareness is the key.

The city recently completed the annexation and zoning of the vacant property on Military Trail just north of the L-14 Canal. We look forward to the construction of the Extra Storage of Atlantis, and we welcome them to the community.

As always, I can be reached at City Hall or by email at [mthornton@atlantisfl.gov](mailto:mthornton@atlantisfl.gov)  
Mo Thornton, City Manager

### City News...

The Local Planning Agency (LPA) Board of Directors Meeting took place at 7 p.m. on June 17th.

Consideration of Ordinance 437 passed 5-0.

New owners of 5965 S. Congress Avenue have requested a rezoning of their property from "C-1A Commercial Limited" to "CG Commercial General." The owners want to demolish the existing Chevron gas station and in its place construct a larger, 3,000 SF gas station with a 24-hour convenience store and fuel canopy for eight fueling positions. Under the current zoning district (C-1A), the larger proposed business would not be permitted.

The City of Atlantis Council Meeting began immediately following the LPA meeting.

Ordinance No. 434, adopting a smallscale amendment to the Comprehensive Development Plan passed 5-0 on second and final reading.

Ordinance No. 435, zoning newly annexed 4960 S. Military Trail to "CG, Commercial General" passed 5-0 on second and final reading.

Also passing 5-0 on second and final reading,

Ordinance No. 436 readopted a new sign code.

As discussed during LPA, Ordinance No. 437 passed 5-0 on first reading. This will rezone 5965 S. Congress Avenue from "C-1A" to "CG-Commercial General."

In Miscellaneous Business, an approval vote of 5-0 was given to allow \$3,125 to be paid for curb improvements to Club House Boulevard.

An approval vote of 5-0 was also given to change the next Council meeting from July 15th to July 22nd.

Council appointed City Manager Mo Thornton as our voting delegate at the Florida League of Cities Conference.

Ms. Thornton announced that new black gates and fencing will be installed at the Military Trail entrance. They will replace the current white ones.

\*Please remember, the next Council meeting is on July 22nd at 7 p.m.

**William Mitchell**

(official minutes available at [www.atlantisfl.gov](http://www.atlantisfl.gov))

## POLICE DEPARTMENT NEWS

Chief Robert Mangold

### Community Safety through Community Awareness and Involvement:

#### Community Information Tip: Autism

Nearly half of children with autism will wander, or elope, from safe environments. And more than one-third of children who wander are considered nonverbal.

Children with autism go missing under a variety of circumstances. They may seek out small or enclosed spaces. They may wander toward places of special interest to them. Or they may try to escape overwhelming stimuli such as sights, sounds, surroundings or activities of others. We recommend families of children with autism talk to those closest to them about their child. This could be neighbors, teachers, friends, extended family or anyone who might spend time with or near the child. These are the people who will notice your child is missing when you are not around. If your child does go missing, they should immediately call local law enforcement. But they should also begin searching since time is of the essence. Many times it is the person last with the child who can help the most.

#### Tips for parents and guardians

- Identify the risks for your child and let those who are close to the child know (neighbors, relatives, teachers and other community members).
- Contact local law enforcement to determine if they administer any programs to help track your child in case of a wandering incident.
- All bodies of water should be identified in the community so they will be searched first if he or she wanders. A child's perception of natural water sources may be different than a dislike or fear of baths or pools.
- Alert the community about other potential interests and attractions your child may have, including roadways, highways, trains, heavy equipment, fire trucks, roadway signs, bright lights, traffic signals, and buses. Providing this information may help make the search and recovery more successful.
- When moving into a new neighborhood, identify the potential risks and alert community members about your child and where he or she may go.

#### Tips for community members

- Know children who wander may be resilient and tenacious, going farther and longer than many people would expect.
- Children with autism may be non-verbal, non-responsive to their name being called, and fearful of any close contact with people they do not know. They may bolt from something that makes them scared or uncomfortable and run towards something that attracts them, even if we perceive it is dangerous.
- Children with autism may shrink away from touch, so maintain a safe distance, keeping the child in sight without restraining the child.
- If you come across a child who appears lost, stay with the child and call local law enforcement immediately. Wait with the child until help arrives.

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Visit [www.missingkids.com/awaare](http://www.missingkids.com/awaare) for more information.

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**SGT. BRUCE HOFFMAN, CERTIFIED CRIME PREVENTION PRACTITIONER, IS AVAILABLE FOR HOME AND BUSINESS CRIME PREVENTION SURVEYS; PLEASE CALL 965-1700 TO MAKE AN APPOINTMENT.**

**CRIME REPORT May 2015**

<u>Major Crimes</u>	<u>Residential</u>	<u>Commercial</u>
Battery	0	2
Burglary (Structures/Vehicles)	1	0
Theft (Grand & Petit)	0	1
Vehicle Theft	0	0
Robbery	0	0

Residential Crime Location(s): Walton Heath Dr.

**TRAFFIC ENFORCEMENT May 2015**

Traffic Stops	78
Traffic Citations	68
Traffic Warnings	11
Parking Citations	6



**Palm Beach County Water Utilities Department to Flush Lines with Chlorine Starting July 13**

To maintain high water quality in the County's water distribution system, Palm Beach County Water Utilities Department will temporarily modify the disinfection process used to treat our drinking water. The County will use a somewhat stronger disinfection process to produce chlorine residual instead of a chloramine residual from **July 13 to August 14, 2015**. The County will also increase hydrant flushing during this time. This is a preventative maintenance process.

Customers served by the Palm Beach County Water Utilities Department may notice a slight chlorine taste or odor in their tap water during this period. These temporary conditions will not cause adverse health effects.

If you are especially sensitive to the taste or odor of chlorine, keep an open container of drinking water in your refrigerator for a few hours to allow the chlorine to dissipate.

**Users of home dialysis machines, owners of tropical fish and managers of stores and restaurants with fish and shellfish holding tanks are advised to seek professional advice as the method for removing chlorine residuals differs from removing chloramine residuals from tap water.**

Should you need more information on this change in the water treatment process, please call the Palm Beach County Water Utilities Department at (561) 740-4600, option #3.



**City of Atlantis Utilities Department to Flush Hydrants in July**

If you experience discolored water, run your faucet until the water is clear.

# Emergency Notification System Update

The City of Atlantis is proud to announce that we are implementing a new Emergency Contact software system as of July 1<sup>st</sup> 2015 which will enable emergency and other various city alerts to be sent via text, email and phone. The new service will be available to all residents and will require you to sign up. There will also be a website where contact information can be added or edited. Please supply your information for the new database on this form to be returned to the Police Department or sent by mail or fax to 561-968-9443 or by email to [mlegal@atlantisfl.gov](mailto:mlegal@atlantisfl.gov)

We appreciate your cooperation and look forward to serving the community with this new updated service.

*Note: Information supplied via this form is subject to public records law.*

Family Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Landline Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Include in Directory \_\_\_Yes \_\_\_No

**Additional Residents/Phone numbers in the household requiring notification may be listed below**

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Cell Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Text Alert \_\_\_Yes \_\_\_No Include in Directory \_\_\_Yes \_\_\_No

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Cell Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Text Alert \_\_\_Yes \_\_\_No Include in Directory \_\_\_Yes \_\_\_No

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Cell Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Text Alert \_\_\_Yes \_\_\_No Include in Directory \_\_\_Yes \_\_\_No

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Cell Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Text Alert \_\_\_Yes \_\_\_No Include in Directory \_\_\_Yes \_\_\_No

If you would like an additional address **listed in the directory** please include below:

Out of State Address \_\_\_\_\_

The City of Atlantis has a Solicitation Ordinance, Please complete the following as to whether you would like to allow solicitors to visit your home. YES \_\_\_\_\_ NO \_\_\_\_\_

Would you like to join the "paperless" electronic newsletter list? If so please indicate the email address

where you would like to receive it \_\_\_\_\_@\_\_\_\_\_.

\_\_\_\_\_@\_\_\_\_\_.



## Spotlight on Council Member Ralph White...

Ralph White is the new Council Member in Seat Number 4. One of 6 children, he grew up in Hawthorne, New Jersey, and received a degree in Computer Science from William Paterson University. He stayed in NJ for several years doing market research for VNU, a Dutch publishing firm. Ralph moved to Boynton Beach in 1990 and continued working for VNU in their Coral Springs office.

That same year, he and his wife Jennifer (they met while they were in college) got married. They have two children: Taylor is a graduate of the University of Central Florida; with a degree in psychology, she is a Benefits Coordinator for Bethesda Health. Ryan is a senior at the University of Florida; he'll graduate next semester with a degree in Applied Physiology and Kinesiology, and plans to continue his education in New York to become a physical therapist. Jen is a Physical Education teacher at Emerald Cove Middle School in Wellington.

**What kind of work are you doing now?** I work for the same company I've always worked for, but in the early 2000's, VNU bought Nielsen, and took their name because it was better known. Nielsen is a global information company that helps their clients understand consumers and consumer behavior. Most people know about their surveys to learn which TV shows people watch. But we also collect information about the radio stations people listen to, which newspapers they read, and which websites they visit. We also find out which products they buy, as well as their travel habits. Based on all that information, as well as demographic data, we develop customer profiles that our clients use to develop targeted marketing and advertising programs for their products and services.

I've worked for the company for 26 years, and as opportunities arose, I moved up into a management role. My primary responsibility is database management, although I occasionally do some programming to troubleshoot and make quick fixes.

**Any hobbies?** In high school, I played baseball and was on the wrestling team, and I played football in college. I used to play golf, and I've taken up CrossFit training—it gets my competitive spirit going. My newest hobby is repurposing wood; I recently transformed a wooden beam I got at a salvage yard into a table. And we bought a lakefront home in Tennessee; it needs some work, so we're redoing the rooms up there.

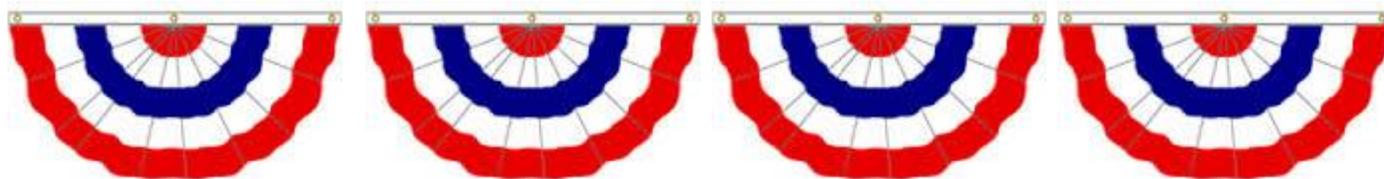
**When did you move to Atlantis?** We moved here in 2003. Jen had spent time in Atlantis during the summer when she was a teenager, and became friends with Pam Cunningham. Through Pam, she met Leslie Kintz (now Leckrone) and Jennifer Johnson (now Kintz). She lost track of them over time, but got back in touch when we moved to Boynton Beach in 1990. We wanted our kids to grow up in a quiet, safe neighborhood, one where they could run around and ride bikes with their friends. So we moved to Atlantis!

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**Why did you decide to run for City Council?** I thought it would be a good way to meet people, learn what's going on in the City, and get involved. I've been interested in "how the city works" for some time, and thought I could bring some new blood into the decision-making process.

**What do you think are the biggest challenges for the City now?** We've begun programs to address our infrastructure needs. We've spruced up the main entrance and I'd like us to consider upgrading the lighting. I'd also like us to evaluate whether a long-range plan to widen the main thoroughfares in town, which would make them safer, is feasible. It might be possible to make them a bit wider when we resurface and re-stripe them. It should be fiscally manageable if we do it in stages.

I'm glad to be living in Atlantis and hope I can help us continue to move forward.



### LITERARY SOCIETY

For those of you who left before the voting for next year's books, the books chosen are:

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|-------------|---|
| November 18 | <b>The Girl on the Train</b> by Paula Hawkins       |
| December 16 | <b>The Boston Girl</b> by Anita Lamant              |
| January 20  | <b>The Boys in the Boat</b> by Daniel James Brown   |
| February 17 | <b>The Wives of Los Alamos</b> by TaraShea Nesbit   |
| March 16    | <b>All the Light We Cannot See</b> by Anthony Doerr |
| April 20    | <b>A Spool of Blue Thread</b> by Ann Tyler          |

Please remember to jot down the names of any good books you read this summer. We all have different reading tastes and welcome the names of books we might not have discovered. A couple that I have read so far are: **The Nightingale** by Kristin Hannah. It is the story of two sisters living in Nazi occupied France and how they deal with their conditions. I enjoyed it very much. Another was **At the Water's Edge**, by Sara Grien. This was also on the "Best Seller List" this Spring. It is about a young couple who go to Scotland to find the Loch Ness Monster. This author also wrote *Water For Elephants*, which our book group read a few years ago. The third was *Everything I Never Told You* by Celeste Ng (no, this is not a typo!). The description of it is in the Summer Reading List. Now, for a change of pace, I am reading David McCullough's new book, **The Wright Brothers**. I am finding it very interesting, especially since we live in Dayton, OH, the home of the Wright brothers. The style of McCullough's writing makes it read more like a novel.

I hope all of you are enjoying your summer.

*Sally Thompson*



## Atlantis Country Club

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Golf: 561.968.1300 • Dine: 561.965.5788

[www.atlanticcountryclub.com](http://www.atlanticcountryclub.com)

Golf Course Closed Monday, July 6 and Tuesday, July 7

### Three Affordable Golf Membership Options

#### Option No. 1: Annual Golf Membership \$1,500. plus tax\*

Includes all green fees for one year for one person.

Plus \$25. cart fee per round additional

\* Atlantis resident annual golf cart trail fee (per person) \$1,500.00 plus tax for personal golf carts only with option No. 1

#### Option No. 2: All-Inclusive Annual Golf Membership \$4,500. plus tax

Includes all green fees and cart fees for one year for one person.

#### Option No. 3: All-Inclusive Annual Family Golf Membership \$6,500. plus tax

Includes all green fees and cart fees for one year for member and spouse.

#### All Three Options Include:

*Complimentary range balls, 20 percent discount on select non-sale merchandise in the golf shop, special guest fees for family and friends, advanced tee times and a USGA handicap index.*

Annual membership period runs from November through October OR April through March.

### Treat yourself to a Golf Lesson at Atlantis Country Club!

**PGA Professionals** Todd Leckrone, Dan Larkin, Jamie Wierenga and former LPGA member Julie Kintz have over 50 years of combined teaching experience. Treat yourself to better golf!

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## *2015 Summer Hours*

### The Snack Bar

*open daily for breakfast and lunch*

*7:30 a.m. to 2 p.m.*

*Golf Course and Snack Bar Closed  
Monday, July 6 and Tuesday, July 7*

### The Lounge

*Wednesday - Sunday*

*for drinks and a light menu*

*1:30 p.m.*

*Live Music on Thursday Evenings*

*Expanded Summer Happy Hour*

*2 p.m. to 7 p.m.*

### The Dining Room

*Wednesday - Sunday*

*5 p.m. to 8 p.m.*

*Closed July 4th Weekend for Dinner*

*Saturday (7/4) and Sunday (7/5)*

**561-965-5788**

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# *Atlantis Golf Club*

## *"The Private Club"*

Our Summer Golf Membership  
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May 1, 2015 through October 31, 2015

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- No Tee Times
- Reciprocal play at many other exclusively private golf courses
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*Great Playing Conditions all Summer Long*

~ Membership Inquiries ~

(561) 966-7600

membership.atlantisgolf@gmail.com

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Atlantis, Florida 33462

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# Community Activities



**ALL AMERICAN TEAM TENNIS:** Youth Team Tennis. For more information contact Coach Ken at 578-9914. Meets in Atlantis.

**ART CLASSES:** Water Media Wednesdays 1-4 p.m. Contact Maureen Cleary at 351-7748 email mcleary99@aol.com

**CHESS CLUB:** Meets every Monday night at 7:00 pm. Call John Schwan at 315-783-6873 for more information.

**COMPUTER HELP:** Need computer help or lessons? Call Coleman Kintz at 601-1961 or crashck1@gmail.com

**CHILDREN'S DANCE CLASSES:** Ages 2 to 6, Tap, Ballet and Creative Movement. Boys and girls welcome. Call Lisa Lee at 561.317.5738.

**FLUTE LESSONS:** Private flute lessons for students all levels, ages Elementary through High School. Contact Cliff Fritts at 561-969-2296 or 316-619-5935 for information.

**GREAT BOOKS CLUB OF ATLANTIS:** Will meet again in the fall. Call Dr. Bennett Miller at 561-968-2675 for further information.

**GUITAR LESSONS:** All styles, all ages welcome. Contact Diane Levine at 561-267-7921.

**JEWELRY CLASS:** Held in the Council Chambers on Tuesdays & Fridays 7-9 pm. Contact Marie Claude Green at 736-5609, 271-8967 or [CLVERT@AOL.COM](mailto:CLVERT@AOL.COM)

**LANTANA ROAD BRANCH LIBRARY :** Offering book and film discussions groups. Contact Susan Kelly at 304-4500.

**LITERARY SOCIETY:** The Atlantis Literary Society supports the Library in Lantana by collecting books and donating them to that library. Contact Pat Clem at 966-7600 x 101

**PERFORMING TAP DANCE GROUP** Practice held 1-3 pm Tuesdays at the Atlantis Recreation Bldg. Let's Dance! Call Trela White at 561-346-3294

**PHILOSOPHY OF LIFE DISCUSSION GROUP** For information contact Jewel Littenberg at 964-1683.

**REPUBLICAN CLUB OF CENTRAL PBC:** Meets the first Thursday of each month at 6:15 p.m. at the Atlantis Country Club. Contact George Blumel at 561-543-4971.

**THE ROTARY CLUB OF LAKE WORTH :** Meets every Wednesday at noon for lunch in Lake Worth for fellowship and interesting guest speakers. Contact Peggy Vrane 868-5807 Richard Beiter 965-4282 or Ron Leeds 969-9600.

**SENIOR TENNIS:** Mondays and Fridays from 9-11am at Sunset Park. Contact Rob DeCesare at 315-0880.

**TEEN PROJECT LINUS:** Calling all teens interested in making quilts for children in need. 2nd Sundays. Contact Abigail at 964-3114 or 512-5536.

**TENNIS CLASSES:** Contact Coach Sherwin Anderson USPTA PRO at 561-588-4557.

## WELCOME NEW RESIDENTS:

John C. Prinster  
Craig & Diana White  
Gavin Badway  
Kevin Nelson

## OUR CONDOLENCES ON THE DEATHS OF

Florence Kram  
Sarah Leonard  
Charles Maloney  
MaryMae "Mary" Tappero

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by Sandy Thompson (313-1060)

**IMPORTANT TELEPHONE NUMBERS:**

<b>EMERGENCY (Fire, Police, Ambulance)</b>	<b>911</b>
Police and Fire (Non Emergency)	561-965-1700
J F K Medical Center	561-965-7300
Atlantis City Hall	561-965-1744
Building Department	561-965-1796
Police (Administration)	561-965-1711
Utilities Department	561-965-1744
Garbage Collection	561-965-2627
Atlantis Country Club	561-965-7700
Atlantis Golf Club	561-966-7600
Atlantis Realty	561-965-7900

**KINTZ PARK SPLASH PAD HOURS:**

Monday through Thursday 11 am to 6 pm  
Friday, Saturday, Sunday 11 am to 8 pm  
· During periods of heavy rain, the splash pad hours may be suspended.  
\* Kintz Park will be closed periodically for maintenance.

**GARBAGE INFORMATION:**

**BACKDOOR PICKUP**

- MONDAY – HOUSEHOLD GARBAGE
- THURSDAY – HOUSEHOLD GARBAGE & RECYCLE

**CURBSIDE PICKUP**

- MONDAY ONLY – YARD WASTE AND BULK ITEMS

Please place all material for collection **BEFORE 7:00 am** on the day of service. Curbside items may only be placed at the curb after 5:00 pm on the day before collection. \*Exception, on the first Sunday of each month items may be placed at the curb after noon for Monday pickup. **Please use your underground containers.** Liners may be obtained at Ace Hardware. Recycle containers may be obtained at City Hall. For repairs and replacement contact Jim Shelhamer at 561-718-8207.

**Landscape debris** generated by a paid landscape maintenance company must be removed on the day of generation by the maintenance company. (City of Atlantis Code of Ordinances 8.3-9) Questions, Call City Hall at 965-1744.