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THE MAYOR'S CORNER

Dear Residents,

I appreciate all the feedback I received from you in response to my last letter offering my email address for comments or concerns. The majority of these emails were about the recent burglaries and comments on the proposed wall construction.

We live in one of the safest cities in Florida. However, our city has experienced five burglaries over the past two months. Our Police Department is diligently investigating each of these and working with other agencies to process evidence and share information in order to make an arrest or arrests. We have several layers of security that have helped establish a strong investigation with many leads. Many of us have grown accustomed to watching CSI-type shows. These cases are all solved in one hour on TV, however, gathering evidence is a long and arduous process that takes at least two to several months. Chief Mangold has added additional officers to the detail to prevent future incidences. I encourage everyone to keep a watchful eye out for suspicious activity throughout our city. If something doesn't look right, please call our Police station and let them know.

We did not vote on the proposed wall construction on Congress Avenue at the last meeting. We decided to delay this vote until we have had ample time to discuss long-term funding measures and the overall effect to our city. We plan to have a workshop in early August to openly discuss wall alternatives and funding.

This is tax season for City Hall and the Council. We have set the millage rate to the same as last year as of the July meeting. We can lower this in the upcoming months but not raise this amount. On a city level, the overall value of Atlantis increased by less than 3%. Your city tax bill will be close to that of last year, depending on your individual tax value. We have several hurdles in the future relative to upcoming potential capital improvements needed throughout the city. Once we have a chance to get into the workshops I am confident these will be overcome.

Again, feel free to email me with comments or questions at dkintz@atlantisfl.gov. Remember kids go back to school in August, so please be extra careful while driving throughout Atlantis.

Enjoy the rest of the summer!

Serving proudly,

Mayor David Kintz

City of Atlantis
260 Orange Tree Drive
Atlantis, FL 33462

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AUGUST IS BACK-TO-SCHOOL MONTH

Next City Council

Meeting

Wednesday

August 20, 2014

7:00 pm.

**Council Meetings
are held the 3rd
Wednesday of
each Month**

GET IT FIRST!

OUR NEWSLETTER IS
AVAILABLE ONLINE.

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Manager's Notes AUGUST 2014.

If you have traveled in the Estates Way area you have noticed that the roadwork is now complete. We are putting the finishing touches on the landscape. Construction on Lift Station 7 is progressing nicely. That should be complete by the end of August.

We have noticed an increase in applications for impact windows. We are pleased that residents are protecting their homes against a potential storm. As we review these applications we have noticed in some cases windows have been ordered that do not meet the architectural criteria in a particular villa group. Residents who live in condominium or villa groups must choose new windows that are the same color and style as the existing windows in the building or group. Make sure you have obtained approval from your association and the city prior to ordering the windows. This will avoid costly changes.

All exterior alterations are reviewed by the city's Architectural Review Committee. Permits are required for interior renovations as well. Make sure your approvals and permits are in place before proceeding with the work. Permits for work started without a permit are subject to four times the fee. If you have questions about work you would like to do Building Official Mike Crisafulle is available to answer your questions. He can be reached through City Hall.

Please join me in a warm welcome to our new City Clerk Kristen Puhalainen. She replaced Jude Goudreau as clerk at our last council meeting. Jude took advantage of a wonderful opportunity at another city. We wish Jude well and look forward to working with Kristen. Kristen worked for the League of Cities for many years, after a time with the Town of Lantana. She is an outstanding addition to Atlantis.

As always, I can be reached at City Hall or by email at mthornton@atlantisfl.gov

Mo Thornton
City Manager

City News...

The City of Atlantis Council Meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m. on July 16th.

Ordinance No. 427 and Ordinance No. 428 both passed 4-0; amending Chapter 8 Flood Hazard Protection, and Chapter 4 Buildings and Building Regulations to conform the local code to the National Flood Insurance Program, as required by law.

Resolutions No. 14-13 and No. 14-14, authorizing the Mayor to sign agreements with J. Rawn Enterprises for the Panel wall construction coordination plus ancillary items and for the Panel wall construction was tabled for the second month in a row by a 1-3 vote. Council had not yet met for another workshop as proposed at the June Council meeting. The wall had been planned 1 1/2 years ago due to the Congress Avenue expansion and has nothing to do with the current rash of burglaries.

Resolution 14-5 passed 4-0. This authorizes the Mayor to sign an Interlocal Agreement with Palm Beach County for CDBG, ESG, and Home programs.

Also passing 4-0, Resolution 14-16 authorizing the Mayor or sign an Interlocal Agreement with Palm Beach Gardens for OSSI computer support.

Resolution 14-17 passed 4-0. This Resolution appoints Ms. Kristen Puhalainen as our new City Clerk. Jude Goudreau was thanked for her past service as she has taken another position in a different municipality. Welcome Kristen! We wish you all of the best!

In Miscellaneous Business, by a 4-0 vote, the millage rate was set at 7.9000. This proposed rate is the same as last year. The first Budget Hearing is scheduled for Tuesday, September 9, 2014 at 5:01 p.m. in the Atlantis City Council Chambers.

In comments from Members of the Public, there was a long and big discussion concerning recent burglaries, security guards, entrance lighting, and the proposed wall on Congress Avenue.

Police Chief Mangold updated the Council and those present about the recent burglaries and answered questions. He recommended that the city go out to bid for guard services.

William Mitchell

(official minutes available at www.atlantisfl.gov)

POLICE DEPARTMENT NEWS

Chief Robert G. Mangold

Community Safety through Community Awareness and Involvement:**Crime Prevention Tip: Residential Burglary Prevention**

Due to the recent rash of burglaries I am publishing updated tips on how to protect your home against burglars.

Crime Prevention Tips Preventing Residential Burglaries

Residential burglaries literally hit close to home. There is almost nothing more personal than having one's home, and one's privacy, invaded by an unwelcome outsider.

Things a Burglar Looks For When Shopping for a Home:

A home that looks unoccupied. Are there newspapers piling up on the lawn? Is the mailbox overflowing? Are the lights always on or always off? Are vehicles that are usually in the driveway not there, or vehicles in the driveway not being used for days on end?

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Can a burglar's access to the home be easily hidden? Are there high hedges that block windows? On the rear of the home, does a fence block sightlines of doors and windows? At night, does a lack of outside lighting make it hard to see what's going on around the perimeter of the home?

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Is there an alarm in the home? If a burglar eyes an alarm company sign or stickers, he'll usually think twice about striking that home.

***If you have an alarm system use it.**

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The schedule of the residents. Most residential burglaries take place during work hours, because often homes are unoccupied during these hours. When do the residents leave for work? When do they return from work? Do they come home for lunch?

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What's in the trash? Is the box from the new 60" plasma HDTV prominently displayed on the curb, awaiting trash pickup?

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During the holidays, window shopping takes on a whole new meaning. A holiday tree prominently displayed in the front window, complete with holiday gifts, makes for great window shopping for burglars.

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Open garage doors. Not only property to steal, but tools to use for this and future burglaries. Ladders, hammers, saws, drills....

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Dogs. Burglars don't like dogs. Even small dogs, with big barks, make a home a little less attractive to burglars. Remember: criminals don't like witnesses, and don't like noise.

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Unlocked doors and windows. Most homes have at least one window that the owner has forgotten to lock. Opening a door or window makes a lot less noise than breaking glass.

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Where is the spare key? Burglars know all the hiding spots.

Things Homeowners Can Do to Make it Harder for a Burglar:

Lock all doors and windows. On the subject of locks, invest in a good lock. Deadbolt locks with long bolts that terminate in a good, solid door frame makes breaking down a door a chore. And, invest in a good, solid core door.

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Keep shrubs trimmed back. If windows are visible, it's easier for neighbors or police to spot a broken window. Also, consider "thorny" shrubs. If it's painful to access a window over shrubs, that's a deterrent.

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Keep your garage door closed at all times. Not only does this prevent items from being stolen, it also takes away another sign that you're home or away.

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If you have a garage, use it to store your vehicles. This makes it harder for crooks to not only determine when you're home and when you're gone, but also helps prevent them from burglarizing your vehicles.

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Get to know your neighbors. A great deterrent to crime. Extra sets of eyes keeping a watch on your property, reporting suspicious activity, and helping keep you safe. Be sure and return the favor and keep an eye on their home, too.

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Consider an alarm system. Most insurance companies offer discounts for alarms, and some systems also monitor for fire.

****Consider a cellular system which will prevent burglars from disabling your alarm system by cutting your phone line.**

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Watch what you throw out with the trash. If you've purchased a new TV, computer, or other expensive item, consider another way to dispose of the box. Will the store dispose of the box in their trash for you? Can you cut up the box and place in garbage bags?

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When away for long periods of time, use timers for lights to give the home a lived in look. Leave a radio or TV on at a conversational volume level. Have a neighbor pick up your paper and mail, and accept packages. Have that neighbor remove door hangers and other advertisements that pile up on the front door.

*****Put your home on the police department house watch list.**

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Consider a safe deposit box for jewelry storage, especially expensive jewelry, or jewelry you don't wear often.

Join or form a crime watch group. Getting to know a lot of your neighbors, and inviting the police to your meetings, is a powerful tool in your arsenal against crime.

Turn on exterior lighting after dark. Use the same schedule for lighting when you're away that you do when you're home. Consider timers for exterior lights.

Think like a burglar. Ask yourself, "what would a burglar find when he looks at my house that would be inviting?"

Remember that YOU are an important partner in the fight against crime.

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

Service Vendor Parking: The following is an excerpt of comments a resident sent in a letter to this department:

"I am considering training with NASCAR as it is becoming necessary to have special skills to navigate the city streets of Atlantis. Yesterday, I had an appointment and traveled from our home to the east gate. It was an obstacle course with lawn care vehicles, pool care trucks, maintenance and remodeling vehicles, pest control trucks and assorted other poorly parked cars/trucks.

The streets of Atlantis are narrow and these vehicles are usually parked over the center line. Some are very large and it is difficult to see around them in case a car is coming from the opposite direction. It is definitely a safety concern and would also be a huge problem if an emergency vehicle needed to enter or exit the city quickly.

Certainly there are parking spaces on driveways of the homes being serviced or a side street or cul-de-sac nearby. This would clear the main road for Atlantis citizens and others and solve a very real problem."

[Please request your service vendor to park in your driveway if possible!](#)

CRIME STATISTICS

<u>Major Crimes</u>	<u>Residential</u>	<u>Commercial</u>
Battery	1	1
Burglary (Structures & Vehicles)	2	2
Theft (Grand & Petit)	0	4
Vehicle Theft	1	0

TRAFFIC ENFORCEMENT

Traffic Citations	193
Traffic Warnings	7
Parking Citations	10
Total Traffic Enforcement	200

Residential Crime Location(s):

Battery occurred at 300 N. Country Club Dr.; burglaries and vehicle theft occurred Turnberry Court and Drive.

Paying Your Utility Bill Has Never Been Easier!!

Option 1. We still take cash and checks!! Bring or mail your payment to City Hall 260 Orange Tree Drive, Atlantis Florida 33462. There is also a drop box in the rear parking lot at City Hall for drive up drop off of your payment.

Option 2. The City takes credit cards for the payment of the utilities bill and other city charges. In order to pay your bill via credit card, follow these simple steps:

Go to our web site: Atlantisfl.gov

Click on "City Government"

Click on "Utilities"

Click on "Online Utility Payments"

Click on "Pay Utility Bills"

Fill in required information on the form and submit, make sure you include your Utilities Service Address. You will receive an email confirmation.

Option 3. Auto Draft Services- No postage, No late charges, No checks to write!

The City of Atlantis Utilities provides customers with the convenience of Auto Pay for their Utility Bills. By providing us with your bank information, the City is able to automatically deduct your utilities payments from your account. You may sign up for this service at any time.

Q. How do I sign up for Auto Draft Services?

A. Complete the authorization form and send it, or drop it off at City Hall.

We are located at 260 Orange Tree Drive, Atlantis, Florida 33462.

Q. How will my bill be paid?

A. On the fifth of the month following the bill date, your account will be debited for the amount of your bill.

Q. Do I have to bank with a certain bank?

A. Your financial institution must be able to access the Federal Reserve Automated Clearing House (ACH). Most U.S. Financial institutions have access to this network. Payments must be made in US Funds.

Please complete this form and return it along with a voided check.

I authorize the City of Atlantis to instruct my bank/savings institution to make my utility payments from the account listed below. I understand that I control my payments and at any time I wish to discontinue this service, I will notify the City of Atlantis Utilities. I further understand that items returned unpaid are subject to fees by the city.

Customer Name (As shown on bill) _____

Service Address: _____

Financial Institution: _____

Account Number: _____

Routing Number: _____

Phone Number: _____

Signature: _____



Community Activities



ALL AMERICAN TEAM TENNIS: Youth Team Tennis. For more information contact Coach Ken at 561-578-9914. Meets in Atlantis.

ART CLASSES: Water Media Wednesdays 1-4 p.m. Contact Maureen Sopourn 561-351-7748 or 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 561-601-1961 or email 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: Meets in the Council Chambers monthly during season. 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 7-9 pm. For information and dates, call Marie Claude Green at 561-736-5609 or 561-271-8967 or email her at CLVERT@AOL.COM

LANTANA ROAD BRANCH LIBRARY : Offering book and film discussions groups. Contact Susan Kelly at 561-304-4500.

LITERARY SOCIETY: Will resume on November 19th . Remember, the Atlantis Literary Society is continuing its support for the Library in Lantana by collecting books and donating them to that library. Contact Pat Clem at 966-7600 x 101

REPUBLICAN CLUB OF CENTRAL PBC: Meets the first Thursday of each month at 6:15 p.m. at the Atlantis Country Club. For further information call 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. For more information contact Peggy Vrane (561) 868-5807 Richard Beiter (561) 965-4282 or Ron Leeds (561) 969-9600.

SENIOR TENNIS: Mondays and Fridays from 9-11am at Sunset Park. Contact City Hall 561-965-1744

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

OUR CONDOLENCES ON THE DEATH OF:

Geno Castellarin

Rosemary Gordon

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IMPORTANT TELEPHONE NUMBERS:

EMERGENCY (Fire, Police, Ambulance)	911
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. PAGE 8

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 Shumacher at 561-718-5888.

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.