



The City News

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THE MAYOR'S CORNER

May 2012

I sincerely hope everyone enjoyed last month as much as I did. One could not help but notice the many visitors to our city. Whether it was spring break, holiday celebration, or an annual Florida trek, it appears many residents were enjoying company and guests. I enjoyed meeting many and am pleased that they are excited to compliment us on our great city. I hope that some will someday have the opportunity to become residents and enjoy Atlantis like their hosts.

Spring Fling was again a very fun filled and enjoyable event. I cannot begin to mention everyone who worked so diligently to plan and execute this event. Please take the time to look over the section of this newsletter recapping this event and join me in thanking them all. I, of course, was only in charge of the weather this year but everyone seemed to cope just fine with 80 degrees and sunshine. Start planning ahead, next year's date has already been set! I expect the next weather chairman will step up soon?

We have received the results of the first half of the city's fiscal year. Everything is progressing about as projected. As with everywhere, things are tight fiscally but all precautions have been taken to complete the fiscal year without sustaining any revenue shortfall or service cut. The first look at the next fiscal year has been completed. Since the county has not released any real estate values yet, all

current projections are based on flat income from the current year budget amounts. We obviously have numerous issues to resolve. However, staff and council agreed that we would prefer to present a revenue neutral budget if possible.

The results of the security survey have not been compiled as of this writing. The response was very good and it will take some time to insure that responses and comments are duly accounted for. Thanks to all who took the time to complete and return it.

It appears that the Congress Avenue widening and paving is coming to an end. This project is reported to be over estimate of both time and money. This is not a great local concern as this is a county project. It hopefully brings some much-needed relief from some of the past traffic problems. It appears that entering and exiting the city will be easier with the added lanes. I'm not sure about the hospital as there are no plans to install a new traffic light at its entrance.

Please remember to notify the police department when you plan to be away from the city. It only takes a phone call to inform them and they will periodically check for exterior problems. Whether returning north, on vacation, or just sticking around and enjoying our city, have a great summer.

Mayor Mike Dahlgren

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Next City Council Meeting.

Wednesday.

May 16, 2012

7:00 pm.

Council Meetings are held the third Wednesday of each month in the Council Chambers.

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2012 Resident Decals Are Available

Manager's Notes, May 2012

Wow! Weren't those fireworks spectacular? The finale was the best yet. Zambelli Fireworks unique talents were truly on display. My personal thanks to everyone who worked on the event. We couldn't do it without you! We had so many things happening that day. See pages 5-9 for more details.

Cathy Nothnagle and her committee organized our first Garden Tour. Our many thanks to Cathy, Cindy Kozak, and Pat Simon as well as the generous residents who offered their yards for the tour. Those were the Potter Family, the Schwartzberg Family, the Bertram-Hernandez Family, Fashjian Family, and the Rautbord Family. Collene Walter and Michael Dahlgren helped us kick off the tour at Sunset Park. We heard from so many of you, how much you enjoyed the tour. We also heard from a number of people who had never been to Sunset Park. This is our very own oasis with a walking path, exercise stations and lovely plantings of all kinds. As you come in the entrance off Military Trail, it is on the right before you get to the gatehouse. Stop in and check it out!

As you leave for the summer please properly secure your property. Notify the police department with your emergency contact information and request to be placed on the "Dark List." These homes are checked periodically by the police department while the owner is away. Hurricane shutter regulations are elsewhere in the newsletter. Prearrange with the person or company who would handle this task if necessary while you are away. Make sure your irrigation system is set to the correct time to water two days per week.

If you would prefer to receive an email notification when the newsletter is posted on the web site, please visit the website at Atlantisfl.gov and sign up for this service. At the same time send us an email at cityhall@atlantisfl.gov to request to be taken off the newsletter mailing list.

Have a great summer!

Mo Thornton
City Manager

City News...

The City of Atlantis City Council Meeting was called to order at 7:00 P.M. on April 18th, 2012.

Ordinance No. 420 passed 5-0 upon its second and final reading, amending Chapter 9 Business and Tax Receipts. In accordance with State Law, this allows Atlantis to increase its fees 5% for licenses, etc.

Also passing 5-0 upon its second and final reading was Ordinance No. 421. This amends Chapter 8 Flood Hazard Prevention to re-adopt the new regulations of the National Flood Program so as to make it easier for residents to obtain flood insurance if necessary.

In Miscellaneous Business, Council voted 5-0 to spend up to \$40,000.00 for new Kintz Park equipment. Because of the age and condition, some of the equipment has already been removed due to safety concerns.

Council thanked everyone involved in the Spring Fling for its success. Over 500 meals were served at a minimal cost, thanks to generous donations.

William Mitchell
(official minutes at www.atlantisfl.gov)

POLICE DEPARTMENT NEWS

Chief Robert G. Mangold

Community Safety through Community Awareness and Involvement:

Crime Prevention Tip: "Auto Theft Facts"

Auto Theft is Big Business

There are some large organized groups of car thieves that seemingly fill orders for a contract buyer. Some cars are stolen for shipment out of the country, especially to Mexico. Less inspired car thieves often steal cars as a lark or on a dare to joy ride. Some intend to personally drive or sell the stolen car to an associate after disguising the vehicle with new paint, plates, and wheels. Worst yet, your car may be used to commit another crime such as an armed robbery or used for a drive-by shooting.

It's About the Parts

An experienced car thief can steal your car in less than a minute. Many crude thieves simply smash the drivers' window. Most cars are seemingly stolen for the value of their parts. Some of the most frequently stolen cars were also the most frequently sold cars a few years earlier, leading one to believe that they are being stolen for parts. According to insurance companies, a \$20,000 stolen vehicle can be stripped and sold into \$30,000 worth of parts inventory to unscrupulous scrap and auto-body shops.

Hot Auto Theft Locations

Motor vehicles are stolen from shopping malls, streets, driveways, parking lots, garages, and car dealerships. Automobile theft seems to occur with greater frequency where large groups of cars are parked together for extended periods like at airports, shopping centers, colleges, sporting events, fairgrounds, movie complexes, and large apartment complexes. High-rise and subterranean parking structures seem to have a lower auto theft rate, probably due to a reduced number of escape routes and the possibility of being trapped from above or below ground level. Fee parking lots also experience fewer stolen cars because of having to pass a ticket taker, a pay booth, and sometimes a video camera to enter and exit.

Valet parking seems to be the safest place to temporarily park your car both for the car and yourself. Women traveling alone should take advantage of valet parking at hotels, airports, and special events to avoid making the trek into the parking lot alone, especially at night. As an additional precaution, give only the ignition key to valet attendants and secure any personal documents like your drivers' license, car registration, and insurance cards that might contain your home address.

Hot Times for Theft

Auto theft occurs at different times of the day, depending on the setting. Car thefts at shopping centers occur mostly during business hours when vehicles are sometimes left unattended for hours. For the auto thief, regional shopping centers are like a smorgasbord, with lots of choices of vehicle models/makes/colors and with a constantly changing inventory. Shopping center employee vehicles are especially at risk because of the length of time the car is exposed and the typical mall policy of requiring retail employees to park in a cluster at the perimeter of the lot. Another example is large apartment complexes that experience more vehicle thefts during the night after residents return home from work and settle in for the evening.

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POLICE DEPARTMENT NEWS.....BY CHIEF ROBERT G. MANGOLD

A few common sense steps can help you reduce becoming a victim of auto theft:

- Never leave your car running and unattended, even to dash into a business.
- Never leave your keys in the car or ignition, even inside a locked garage.
- Always roll up your windows and lock the car, even if it is in front of your home.
- Never leave valuables in plain view, even if your car is locked. Put them in the trunk out of sight.
- Always park in a high-traffic, well-lighted area, if possible.
- Install a mechanical device that locks to the steering wheel, column, or brake pedal to prevent the wheel from being turned more than a few degrees. Commonly called clubs, collars, or J-bars, these devices can act as a highly visible physical deterrent if installed properly.
- Investigate the purchase of an auto alarm system if you live in a high-theft area or drive a theft-prone vehicle. Display an alarm decal near the door handle.
- If you park in a fee garage, take the pay-ticket with you. It's the thief's ticket out of the garage, too.
- If you use valet parking, leave just the ignition key with the attendant. Make sure no identifying information is attached to the key. Do the same when you take your car for repairs.
- Carry your drivers' license, registration, and insurance card with you. Don't leave personal identification documents or credit cards in your vehicle.

Copy your license plate and vehicle identification (VIN) numbers on a card and keep them on you with your driver's license. If your vehicle is stolen, police will need this information promptly.

Next month our crime prevention series will continue with "Robbery Facts."

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

TRAFFIC ENFORCEMENT

Total Enforcement:	67	Total Parking:	5
Citations:	54	Citations:	5
Written Warnings:	13	Parking Warnings:	0

CRIME STATISTICS

<u>Major Crimes</u>	<u>Residential</u>	<u>Commercial</u>
Battery		5
Burglary (Structures & Vehicles)	2	0
Theft (Grand & Petit)		7
Vehicle theft	1	1

Residential Crime Location (s): 400 block of North Country Club Drive and 400 and 500 blocks of South Country Club Drive.



Spring Fling 2012 ~ the best ever!

We had a perfect day for our spring party—perfect weather and lots to do! There was something for everybody—tournaments, a garden tour, art and car shows, games and ice skating for the kids, a delicious buffet dinner, enjoyable entertainment, and last but not least, fantabulous fireworks!

Many thanks to all who made it happen -- City Manager Mo Thornton, Steve Mazuk, Bill Doran, Chief Bob Mangold and our police officers, "Friends of the City" who made financial contributions (see page 9), and especially the more than 500 people who came to enjoy the day.

Special thanks go to all the volunteers who planned the day and made it run smoothly:

Vicki Rautbord for publicity;

Cathy Nothnagle for organizing the Garden Tour, and to the residents who opened their gardens for all to enjoy;

Collene Walter and Mayor Mike Dahlgren for kicking off the Garden Tour at Sunset Park;

Judy Wilkinson and Sherwin Anderson for organizing the tennis tournament;

John Davidson for sponsoring the chess tournament;

Jason Brown for putting together the golf tournament at Atlantis Golf Club;

Joan Tiberi and Pat Matulis for organizing the art show;

Jason and Jennifer Kane for bringing in the ice skating rink and showing the kids how to skate;

Lew & Drue Weinstein and Hy-Byrd Inspections for putting their vintage cars on display;

Bobby Dicks & Susan Methfessel for organizing their teams of volunteers who sold wristbands, worked at the Garden Tour and/or during the buffet dinner: JC Dicks, Carolyn Schwan, Bev Keller, Sally Ballentine, June Macdonald, Patti Train, Bobbi O'Dell, Patti Prunier, Sue Wagner, Dee Behnke, Joan Thompson,

Mary Lou Vowteras; Justine & John Rossi, Rita & Bill Santoro, Pat Simon, Cindy Kozak, Betty & Stewart Hurline, Jill Benson, Drue Weinstein, Dick Baily, Cathy Toppin, Marty Romeo, and Paula & Alan Michelson;

Diana Fernandez Coordinating our high school volunteers: Katerina Lambertson, Sophia Mangonon,

Anna May, Ally Ruggiero and Andrea Sandoval and Daniella Fernandez;

Nicole Thornton for helping everybody else out when they needed it!

And a **VERY BIG THANK YOU** to David Kintz, Marti Rayl and the entire staff at Atlantis Country Club for their terrific work from morning through night—for preparing and serving outstanding food, beverages and entertainment, and setting up tables/chairs wherever they were needed—all done with a smile!

*We had such a great time, we're going to do it again next year!
Mark your calendars for our 4th annual Spring Fling—Saturday, April 13, 2013.*





Congratulations to the winners of the Spring Fling tournaments!



Atlantis Chess Club

The Club's first tournament took until Monday to get a winner!

- 1st Place: John Schwan
- 2nd Place: Rob DeCesare
- 3rd Place: John Davidson



Tennis Round Robin

- 1st Place: Tony Saba
- 2nd Place: Barb Deaver
- 3rd Place: Jack Byrne
- 4th Place: Jennifer Kintz



Golf Tournament

- Men's 1st Place: Bill McDonagh
- 2nd Place: Jim Shelhamer

- Ladies 1st Place: Karen Vaugh

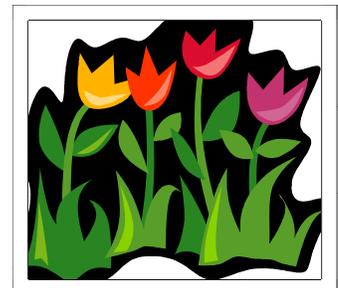
Hurricane shutters regulations (4-61a 8) are as follows:

All permanently attached components of storm panel systems shall match the color of the walls or trim of the building. Storm shutters which are installed, hung, attached to a structure or are otherwise utilized for their intended purpose for any period of time in excess of thirty (30) consecutive days must be manufactured, painted or treated so that they match or complement the structure to which they are attached, subject to the following:

- a) Corrugated aluminum or other metallic shutters need not be painted, but must be properly maintained and uniform in appearance on the structure to which they are attached subject to the time limits set forth in subsection d. Below.
- b) The use of wood is permitted so long as the wood that is installed, hung, attached to a structure or used as storm shutters for a period of time in excess of thirty (30) consecutive days is painted to match the color of the walls or trim of the building, subject to the time limits set forth in subsection d. below.
- C) Due to the nature of being permanently attached to the building even when in the open position, all components of accordion and roll up shutters shall match the color of the walls or trim of the building.
- D) Under no circumstances shall wood or metal panels be installed prior to June 1 nor shall they be allowed to remain in place after November 30 of any year, unless a hurricane "warning" or "watch" has been issued outside of such time frame, in which case the said panels are allowed but must be removed within two (2) weeks of the end of the storm event.

Call the Police Department and ask to go on the "Dark List." They will ask you for contact information and a local contact in case there is an issue on your property while you are away. Homes on the "Dark List" are checked periodically while the owners are away.

SPRING FLING WAS A BLAST!!



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Thank you to our "Friends of the City"

We'd like to acknowledge those residents and business associates who have made contributions to
"Spring Fling 2012."

Medical Specialists of the Palm Beaches

Judy Wilkinson & Guy Motzer

Citation Communications Inc.

Sampath & Latha Srinath

Pat & Ray Matulis

Stephen & Cathy Moore

Mebus Family

O'Sullivan Family

Barbara & Arnie Toivonen

Atlantis Outdoor Services

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Dave & Leighan Rinker

Joyce Kjellgren

Sue Wagner

John Shea & Annette Lai

Eugene & Vicky Baker

John & Susan Methfessel

Donna & Otis Brown

Roberta Daisley

John & Barbara (JC & Bobby) Dicks

Charlotte Morgan

Rio Vista Villas Association

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Joan Thompson

Atlantis Chess Club

Lillian R. Notides

Florence Kram

Collene & Lindsey Walter



Atlantis
COUNTRY CLUB

summer junior golf camps

- [Session 1] Tuesday-Friday | June 12-15 | 10:00-1:00pm
- [Session 2] Tuesday-Friday | June 19-22 | 10:00-1:00pm

We love working with kids! Starting early is the best path to success. **Ages 7-14 are welcome.** We cover all aspects of the game, including rules and etiquette. **Games, challenges, and specialized teaching equipment are all part of the fun!**

\$149 for one session (lunch & drink included)
* \$20 sibling(s) discount available
\$249 for both sessions (lunch & drink included)
* \$20 sibling(s) discount available

Registration Forms available in the Golf Shop
561.968.1300



ATLANTIS

COUNTRY CLUB

Mother's Day • May 13

Sunday, May 13 • Mother's Day Brunch Buffet

11 a.m. to 3 p.m.

Adults \$36 • Children 12 & under \$16

Plus 6% tax and 18% gratuity

Entertainment by Valerie

2012 Summer Schedule

Dinner Only Served in May & June

Wednesdays — Sundays at 5 p.m.

Dining Room & Lounge Luncheon Service
will resume in the fall

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Automatic Bill Payment

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. The following should answer any questions you may have concerning this service.

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.

Q. Is there a fee for this service?

A. No

SIGN UP FOR AUTOMATIC BILL PAYMENT:

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

THE DEMOCRATIC WOMEN'S CLUB OF PALM

BEACH COUNTY: Meets the first Saturday of each month. Contact Simma Sulzer for details at 968-7399.

THE GREAT BOOK CLUB OF ATLANTIS: Meets in the Council Chambers. 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: In the Council Chambers on Tuesdays from 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

THE LITERARY SOCIETY: In April at our final meeting until November, Sally McKean led us in a discussion of Kate Morton's first book, "The House at River-ton." Most of the members present enjoyed the story. Morton has also written "The Forgotten Garden" and "The Distant Hours" both of which members recommended. A letter of thanks was received from Sid Patchett, thanking the Atlantis Literary Society and other members of the club along with the residents of Atlantis for the donation of books to the Lantana Public Library. They greatly appreciate the books. Thanks to all of you who participated. We plan to do this again next year, so when you have any books you no longer wish, please drop them off in Pat Clem's office. The selections chosen for next year were announced. If anyone did not receive a copy of the schedule, or wants a copy of the full Summer Reading Suggestions, you can pick them up in Pat Clem's office. Have a great summer.

PERSONAL TRAINING: Improve your overall quality of life. Carene Kengeter American Council of Exercise Certified Personal Trainer Call: 561-313-4026.

REPUBLICAN CLUB OF CENTRAL PALM BEACH

COUNTY : 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 at the Atlantis Golf Club 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.

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

SENIOR TENNIS: Monday 9-11 am and Friday 9-11am at Sunset Park. Contact: Betty Ann Badger 561-434-4145.

WATER COLOR CLASSES: Suspended until fall. Call Joan Tiberi at 561-547-5123 for information.

NEIGHBORHOOD KIDS MEETING: Calling all kids ages 5-10 years old. Lets meet at Kintz Park and play! Every Sunday from 2-4 pm. Snack and water provided. Call Maureen Frankel at (305) 213-3377 or 964-6878.

THE PALM BEACH HABILITATION CENTER is looking for donations of goods and time. If you have time the Thrift Store is looking for volunteers to work a few hours per week. Additionally, they are always looking for donations of furniture and clothing and other goods to be resold. Proceeds from the thrift shop benefit the adult programs serving disabled persons at the Center. Call Halle at 965-8500.

OUR CONDOLENCES ON THE DEATHS OF:

Ruth Hoeltke

Irene Richmond

WELCOME TO OUR NEW RESIDENTS:

Sherri & Michael Hanlon

Asa-Matti Lyytinen

Franco De Priore

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by Sandy Thompson (313-1060)

IMPORTANT TELEPHONE NUMBERS:

EMERGENCY (Fire, Police, Ambulance) [911](tel: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.**

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 **by 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.**