



The City News

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THE MAYOR'S CORNER

September 2012

Here we go again. School is back in session and tropical storms are the center of our attention. It appears that September is once again beginning to show just how disrupting and devastating tropical weather can be.

Regardless of the weather, our city is closing out 2012 at the end of the month. Financially things appear to be on budget. Treasurer Fernandez and City Manager Mo Thornton have reported that although very tight, we should finish the year without negative financial results. We are very fortunate that we have not had to resort to using surplus funds to support day-to-day operations. Although not great, we have reserves that help us through emergencies and eliminate the need for short-term operational borrowing. We have kept our city debt free while maintaining a level of service not available in most cities. We could not enjoy this without the cooperation and understanding of our citizens and a great commitment from the city's staff. Thanks to all!

The final budget will be approved for 2013 this month. Most have received their property tax estimates at this time. Please remember that these are the maximum amounts that can be levied by any entity. It could go down but cannot increase. Everyone again has a valuation and final rate based on their own circumstances. Save Our Home charges are still being experienced by some, values are increasing for some and decreasing for others. It has become nearly impossible to do any comparison

of taxes from property to property. Each has its own particular circumstances affecting the net amount.

Just as past years have presented several amendments to be voted on in November, this year is no exception. Several on this year's ballot will affect the city and ad valorem property taxes. They were all printed, in extremely fine print, in the newspaper this past weekend and I'm sure you agree that they are numerous and lengthy. Amendment 4 is the longest in history. This is going to make many people cringe when they see the length of their ballot. It is important that you understand the issues before you go to vote. There is almost too much to read and understand at the polling place. Make up your mind based on the facts not a TV or Newspaper ad. As there are not enough already, I advise you to be prepared for more commercials concerning these amendments.

Please remember our annual fall celebration this month. A great citizen committee and city staff is hard at work completing the details necessary for another great Atlantis event. What a great place to live!!

Stay safe, Mayor Mike Dahlgren

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SEPTEMBER 2012

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Join your friends & neighbors on September 29th
NEW DATE

at our 2012 Fall Tailgate Party and Bonfire!
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Next City Council Meeting.

Wednesday.

September 19, 2012

7:00 pm.

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

GET IT FIRST!

OUR NEWSLETTER IS AVAILABLE ONLINE.

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Manager's Notes September 2012

As I write this, the canals and lakes are returning to their normal levels. Water managers in our area were caught by surprise this past Sunday and Monday by the duration and intensity of the rains from then Tropical Storm Isaac.

Overall, Atlantis fared well compared to the western communities. However, Monday afternoon we had some backed up streets and localized flooding. Many thanks to all the residents who kept an eye on the storm drains in their area and kept them clear of debris. Atlantis utility workers and police were out monitoring the drains and cleaning them as needed throughout the event. We could not be everywhere at once so it was a tremendous help to have assistance from our residents. During the height of the storm we were unable to drain to the Lake Worth Drainage District canals as they were over capacity. Thankfully the rains stopped and the district was able to move enough water to assist our drainage. I would also like to thank SWS for stepping up with an extra vegetation pickup day. Representatives were in the city on Monday surveying the impact of the storm. They quickly added the pickup at no charge to the city.

We are only half way through the 2012 Hurricane Season. This storm reminded us that Mother Nature is still in charge. The rains earlier this season have recharged the groundwater and filled the catchment areas leaving little room for additional rainfall. We will all need to monitor future storms and rain events to mitigate the negative impacts.

All this rain has made our roofs and driveways dirty with mildew. The code enforcement officers will begin the fall directed enforcement of the city's minimum property standards soon. Please check your property and schedule your annual maintenance.

See you at the Fall Tailgate Party and Bonfire!

Mo Thornton
City Manager

City News...

The City of Atlantis Council Meeting was called to order at 7:00 pm on August 15, 2012.

Resolution Number 12-15, a resolution authorizing the mayor to sign an agreement with Advanced Aquatic Service for waterway maintenance of Lake Atlantis, north and south passed 5-0. As you enter the city onto Clubhouse Blvd. these are the lakes on either side of the road at the main entrance. The city will make payment contributions of up to 50% for the maintenance of the lakes. The lakes are jointly owned by the city and the Golf Club.

Passing 5-0, Resolution Number 12-16, authorizing the mayor to sign an agreement with A Plus Home Healthcare for the 2012 Flu Shot Clinic. The vaccinations are proposed for October 19, 2012 at the Municipal Complex.

Resolution Number 12-17 also passed 5-0. This resolution authorizes the mayor to sign an agreement with Command Security for guard services at our gatehouses through September 30, 2013.

Resolution Number 12-18, a resolution adopting fees and charges for water and wastewater services passed 5-0. Only minor county increases were passed on.

Resolution Number 12-19 passed 5-0. This authorizes the mayor to sign an agreement with JFK Medical Center for Emergency Room Services by our police department for certain hours.

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: When to Use Pepper Spray

Tear gases are for personal self-defense only to fight off an attacker. It is not to be used offensively to protect property or on someone you merely dislike. When used by surprise, pepper spray is an excellent distraction, allowing you time to get away. Contrary to media advertising, pepper spray does not guarantee stopping power or cause paralysis. An assailant can still grab you, punch you, stab you, or shoot you and will definitely be angrier after being sprayed. Also, tear gas may not be as effective on the insane, drug addicts, intoxicated, or hysterical persons.

Pepper spray should be directed at the assailants face at close range either in a stream, spray, or mist and never sprayed wildly at a crowd in congested areas. Most pepper spray victims instinctively fall immediately to their knees and start rubbing their eyes (which makes it worse). The pain has been described as two red-hot pieces of steel being pushed into your eyes and a blow-torch applied to your face. Be aware that pepper spray has a blinding effect...so make sure your victim does not accidentally fall down stairs, walk into the street, or operate a motor vehicle. Pepper spray causes the eyes to shut very quickly and you sometimes have to use your fingers to pry them open. Be wary of spray backslash or blow-back from the wind. Try to avoid contact with the assailant as the oily spray can transfer to you and cause you distress. Once you use the spray, get out of there and call the police. If pepper spray gets on you, rinse the affected area repeatedly with cold water. Tearless baby shampoo sometimes works to cut the oily resin from your face and hair. Wash your hands several times with soap and water and wash your clothes separately from other items.

Liability Issues

Using pepper spray irresponsibly can incur criminal or civil liability. Spraying an innocent victim in the face can be a crime. Much like a punch in the face, it would be charged as assault or battery in most jurisdictions. The justification for using chemical sprays must be self-defense from personal injury, and the force must be reasonable under the circumstances. For example, you can't lawfully spray someone in the face for using obscene language or because you are simply afraid because of their appearance.

Remember these important tips:

- Examine your reasons for wanting pepper spray
- Take a training course from a professional before buying
- Use pepper spray for self-defense
- Don't let children get access to pepper spray
- Don't ever use tear gas in a moving vehicle
- Try to avoid isolated or dangerous areas
- Tear gas canister must be readily accessible
- Use only in dire emergency to aid in escape.
- Spray directly into the assailants face
- Avoid contact with the person sprayed
- Run away and call the police
- Rinse your eyes repeatedly with cold water, if affected
- Use tearless baby shampoo to cut the oil resin

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

POLICE DEPARTMENT NEWS

FDOT Encourages All to be Cautious as Students Return to Class

The Florida Department of Transportation (FDOT) and our Community Traffic Safety Team (CTST) partners remind motorists to take extra traffic safety precautions as students head back to school. The beginning of the school year is a time when children are at increased risk of transportation-related injuries from pedestrian, bicycle, school bus and motor vehicle crashes.

FDOT offers the following tips for making back to school commutes safer for motorists and students.

Tips for Motorists:

- Slow down and obey all traffic laws and speed limits.
- Be alert for reduced speed limits in designated School Speed Zones.
- Watch for school buses. Red flashing lights and an extended stop arm indicate the school bus is stopping to load or unload children. Know and follow the state law that requires you to stop. (See info on this link <http://hsmv.state.fl.us/SafetyTips/SchoolBusSafety.htm>)
- Keep an eye out for children riding their bicycles or walking in the street, especially where there are no sidewalks.
- Be alert for children playing and gathering near bus stops and for those who may dart into the street without looking for traffic.
- When backing out of a driveway or leaving a garage, watch for children walking or biking to school.
- When driving in neighborhoods or school zones, watch for young people who may be in a hurry to get to school and may not be thinking about getting there safely.

Tips for Parents

- Be a good role model. Always buckle up in the car, always wear a helmet when biking and

always follow pedestrian safety rules. Do not text or talk on your cell phone while driving.

- Supervise young children as they are walking or biking to school or as they wait at the school bus stop.
- Provide your children with bright clothing so motorists can easily see them. Add reflective markings on backpacks.
- Make sure your child is properly buckled up in a weight-appropriate child safety seat in the back seat.
- Make sure that your teen driver understands and obeys all state traffic laws.

Tips for Students

- Always buckle up when riding in a car. Be sure to remove your backpack before getting in the vehicle. Never buckle your safety belt with your backpack on.
- Always ride in the back seat. It's the safest place for young people.
- Always wear a helmet and follow traffic safety rules when riding your bike.
- If you ride a school bus, learn and practice the safety rules for waiting at the bus stop, getting on and off the bus, and riding the bus. Never wait for the school bus in the roadway.
- If you walk to school, learn and practice the safety rules for pedestrians. It's extremely important for you to use the sidewalk when available, *look left-right-left* when crossing the road, and always walk facing traffic.
- Always cross at crosswalks, obey all traffic signs, traffic lights and crossing guard instructions.
- Teen drivers should avoid speeding and minimize distractions (texting, talking on cell phones, eating, adjusting the radio) while driving. Teens are also reminded never to overload their vehicle; everyone riding in a vehicle must use a safety belt.

CRIME STATISTICS

<u>Major Crimes</u>	<u>Residential</u>	<u>Commercial</u>
Battery		2
Burglary	1	2
Theft (Grand & Petit)	1	2

TRAFFIC ENFORCEMENT

Total Enforcement:	164
Traffic Citations:	115
Written Warnings:	25
Parking:	24



Fun and Fall go together!

The date's been changed to September 29th for our Fall Party—please update your calendar!

Join your friends & neighbors

at our 2012 Fall Tailgate Party and Bonfire!

Where: All activities will take place at Atlantis Country Club in the field behind the PGA Office. Parking will be available, but we encourage those families with a golf cart to drive it to the Club.

What and When:



4:00 pm

Games for kids and adults begin; cash bar opens

5:00 – 7:00 pm

“Tailgate” Dinner provided by Atlantis Country Club

5:00 – 8:00 pm

Great music! Live band!

7:15 pm

The Great Bonfire ---with s'mores to follow!



Admission: Your ticket (a wristband) is available at City Hall from now until September 28th at pre-event prices:

\$15 for adults; \$10 for 4-12 year olds; no charge for kids 3 and under.

This price includes admission to all activities and dinner.

Cash bar available for beverages other than water.

Wristbands will also be available for sale at the party, with a slight increase in price: \$20 for adults and \$15 for 4-12 year olds.

Community Calendar:

****New Date***** Saturday September 29, 2012 – Fall Tailgate Party and Bonfire

Friday October 19, 2012 – Annual Flu Shot Clinic

Wednesday October 31, 2012 – Halloween Party

Thursday November 22, 2012 – Thanksgiving Day – No Garbage or Recycling Pickup

Monday December 10, 2012 – 20th Annual Holiday on Wheels Golf Cart Parade

Saturday March 30, 2013 – Easter Egg Hunt

Saturday April 13, 2013 – Spring Fling



Flu and Pneumococcal Shots Clinic & City Of Atlantis Annual Health Fair

When: October 19, 2012 From 9 am until 11 am

Where: The Council Chambers at 260 Orange Tree Drive

A-Plus Home Healthcare will be administering the Flu and Pneumococcal Shots. The Flu vaccine is available to anyone older than 6 months and the pneumococcal vaccine to anyone older than 13 years of age.

IMPORTANT Billing Information: Anyone receiving a vaccine must present a valid form of Identification.

Medicare Recipients must provide their Medicare ID

A-Plus will bill Medicare directly, with no co payment or deductible. Medicare MUST be your primary insurance company; they will not pay if you have another insurance company. You must pay A-Plus and then submit a receipt to your insurance company to get reimbursed.

Non-Medicare recipients will be charged \$28.00 for Flu and \$75.00 for Pneumococcal vaccines.

A-Plus is unable to bill any other insurance companies.

First come first serve, from 9 AM—11:00 AM

Atlantis City Directory Listing

Family Name _____ First Name _____ Spouse _____

Atlantis Address _____

Phone Number (_____) _____ (Name) _____ Listed _____ Unlisted _____

Please provide us with the best phone number to reach you. If it is a cell number please indicate who it belongs to. If you check Unlisted we will use your number internally and not publish it in the directory.

Additional Directory Listing for Northern Address and Phone Number (Leave blank if none or no publish)

Northern Address _____

Northern Phone Number _____

ATLANTIS

Country Club

The Big Day Has Finally Arrived!

Welcome Home to Atlantis Country Club...Discover all the exciting, wonderful updates to your home away from home.

Atlantis Country Club Golf Course, Dining Room, Lounge and Snack Bar Are Now Open!!!

Despite the flooding from the 1-in-100-year rainfall event from Tropical Storm Isaac, the newly renovated championship golf course opened September 1st as scheduled. The lush course now boasts 18 new Champion Ultradwarf Bermuda greens as well as many renovated tee boxes and bunkers. We also built a beautiful, new brick patio off the dining room, updated landscaping, and made various improvements around the complex.

New Golf Membership Program: \$1,500

with no restrictions, no minimums and no assessments!

Go to, our newly designed website, www.atlantisdine.com

for information, to book tee times or stop in at the Golf Shop to see Todd and the Staff!

Dining Room Fall Schedule • Effective September 5, 2012

Open Wednesday—Sunday

- *Sample new menu items at the Snack Bar Café, open every day starting at 7:30 a.m.*
- *Chef Chris is putting the finishing touches on new menus for the dining room and lounge that will please every palate — including new dinner specials starting at \$9.95.*
- *Tommy and his team are ready to pour you a cold one starting at 2 p.m.*
- *The Afternoon Menu, also available at 2 p.m., has been updated just for you, too.*
- *Enjoy Happy Hour from 4 p.m. to 6 p.m. in The Lounge when 2 for 1 reigns supreme on Draft Beer, House Wines and Well Liquor. Find a new favorite app to enjoy at the bar.*
- *Dinner is served beginning at 5 p.m. Join us soon to sample the new menu items and dinner specials starting at \$9.95.*

Check www.AtlantisDine.com often for new information about our menus, entertainment line-up, Chef Chris' Cooking Classes and much more. If you are not signed up yet for email alerts, go to the website and simply enter your email address so you don't miss any of the fun that's coming your way this season.

Mark your calendars now for "PATSY" — a one-woman tribute show to country music legend Patsy Cline — set for January 19 and February 2.

We look forward to seeing you soon, David and Marti and the Staff

**190 Atlantis Blvd.
Atlantis, FL 33462
Dine: 561.965.5788
Golf: 561.968.1300**

September

Paying Your Utility Bill Has Never Been Easier!!

Option 1. 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. You will receive an email confirmation.

Option 2. 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. 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

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: _____

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: Summer Reading Suggestions can be picked 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. Let's meet at Kintz Park and play! Every Sunday from 2-4 pm. Snacks 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.

LANTANA ROAD BRANCH LIBRARY

Offering book and film discussions groups. Contact Susan Kelly at 561-304-4500.

OUR CONDOLENCES ON THE DEATHS OF:

Angela Owen

Tracey Boyd

Frank Weeks

A WARM WELCOME TO NEW RESIDENTS:

Paula Cook

Sue James

Joseph and Ilene Deriso

Jerry Mond

Terrance Dewis

Roy Talmo

Mr. and Mrs. Robert Harding

Paton White

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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.