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THE MAYOR'S CORNER

Dear Residents,

Happy New Year!

Whatever good, bad or inconsequential events each of us encountered during the past year –congratulations, you made it.

I hope everyone was able to either participate in or enjoy our annual Holiday festivities. Our city staff did a fantastic job of setting up and pulling off a successful event in spite of the best efforts of the weatherman to interfere. Even though attendance at the actual event was down, I hope everyone was able to at least view the decorated carts as they passed through your neighborhood. Our residents again did an amazing job of converting golf carts into rolling holiday exhibits. Thanks to all who braved the cold and brought their golf carts so everyone could enjoy the effort. When “frost” cleared, over 600 people were served and nearly 20 carts were entered in the parade. And the best news of all was that the snow pile lasted FOUR days!

I would be remiss if I did not thank the staff and management of the Atlantis Country Club for the use of their facility. They have stepped up and offered their facilities eighteen straight years for this event alone.

I hope everyone got the opportunity to tour our city and enjoy the numerous homes decorated for the holidays. Great job! Congratulations to the winners of the home decorating contest.

Thanks to the efforts of many, 2011 will probably be looked back on as another average year. Even though economics were difficult, citizens and businesses generously volunteered to insure that events were successful. A special thanks to all who donated to the Employee Holiday Fund. I'm sure it was greatly appreciated in these difficult times. On behalf of all the employees, thanks to all.

Many years ago, while attending a “meet your elected official” event, I was congratulated by a recently re-elected congressman. When I inquired why he replied, “Atlantis never fails to recognize problems, but always prefers to be part of the solution rather than the problem”. Let's continue to work together and keep that thought alive.

Michael Dahlgren

Mayor



**DON'T FORGET
DECALS &
DIRECTORIES ARE
NOW AVAILABLE**

**Next City Council Meeting is Wednesday,
JANUARY 19, 2011 at
7:30 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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HAPPY NEW YEAR

Manager's Notes January 2011

Happy New Year to all! Elsewhere in the newsletter we have announced the winners of the Home Decorating Contest and the Golf Cart Parade. This year we had a roving photographer at the Golf Cart Parade. In addition to the traditional photos of the carts, we also have numerous candid shots from the party. You may view the photos online at <http://www.atlantis.photoherald.com>. Hurry, the online posting expires on January 17, 2011.

We have a couple of other local celebrities that need an Honorable Mention for their holiday efforts. Rachel Rinker won the Palm Beach Post Holiday Cookie Contest with her Gingerbread Christmas Cookies. Also, Gabriele Cestero was the winner in the age 10-12 group of the Palm Beach Post Coloring Contest. Congratulations Ladies!!

Many thanks to all the residents who cleaned their roofs and driveways and did other needed maintenance as part of the 2010 Minimum Property Standards Program. Each year we undertake this initiative in the fall anticipating that most if not all properties will be cleaned up by the holidays. This year out of over 400 letters sent, there are only a few remaining properties to be cleaned. Thank you all for your hard work. This pride of ownership is one of the things that makes Atlantis so special.

As always, if you have questions or concerns about the city, please let me know. My email address is mthornton@atlantisfl.gov, or call City Hall during regular business hours.

Mo Thornton
City Manager

City News.....

The City of Atlantis Local Planning Agency met at 7:15 p.m. on December 15th.

Ordinance 416 amending Code of Ordinances at Chapter 15, Zoning was presented. Mr. Thomas Lanahan of 256 North Country Club Drive informed council of his knowledge about regulating pain management clinics and pharmacies in other cities and the county. A moratorium on the "pill mills" was suggested as allowing no more than 15 % of drugs sold to be derived from the sale of schedule II prescription drugs.

The LPA by a 5-0 vote, recommended to a time certain of January 5, 2011 for the first reading to be held.

The City of Atlantis Council Meeting began at 8:10 p.m.

A motion by council to continue Ordinance Number 416 for its first reading on January 5, 2011 passed 5-0.

Council thanked Mo Thornton and staff for their hard work on the Christmas Party and wished all a Happy Holiday.

William Mitchell

(official minutes available at www.atlantisfl.gov)

POLICE DEPARTMENT NEWS.....By Chief Robert G. Mangold**Community Safety through Community Awareness and Involvement:****Crime Prevention Tip: Sliding Glass Doors**

Last month information was presented about doors and locks; this month we are continuing with information about how best to secure your sliding glass doors.

Sliding-Glass Patio Doors

Sliding glass doors are secured by latches not locks. They are vulnerable to being forced open from the outside because of these inherently defective latch mechanisms. This can easily be prevented by inserting a wooden dowel or stick into the track thus preventing or limiting movement. Other blocking devices available are metal fold-down blocking devices called "charley bars" and various track-blockers that can be screwed down.

The blocking devices described above solve half the equation. Older sliding glass doors can be lifted up and off their track and thereby defeat the latch mechanism. To prevent lifting, you need to keep the door rollers in good condition and properly adjusted. You can also install anti-lift devices such as a pin that extends through both the sliding and fixed portion of the door. There are also numerous locking and blocking devices available in any good quality hardware store that will prevent a sliding door from being lifted or forced horizontally. Place highly visible decals on the glass door near the latch mechanism that indicates that an alarm system, a dog, or block watch/operation identification is in place. Burglars dislike alarm systems and definitely big barking dogs.

- Use a secondary blocking device on all sliding glass doors
- Keep the latch mechanism in good condition and properly adjusted
- Keep sliding door rollers in good condition and properly adjusted
- Use anti-lift devices such as through-the-door pins or upper track screws
- Use highly visible alarm decals, beware of dog decals or block watch decal

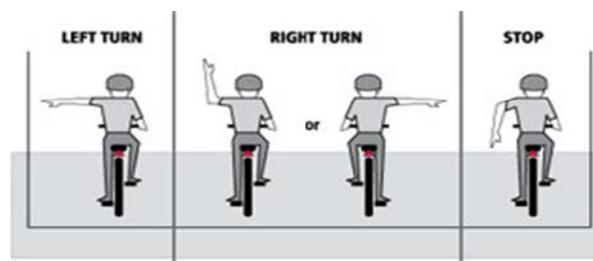
In February's newsletter we will continue with home burglary and how to secure windows.

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

Decals: The resident decal program is an integral part of our security measures. The program provides for quick identification of incoming residents at the entrances to the City thereby expediting entry and it helps security guards determine which cars they must log. Resident decals assist police officers in distinguishing between resident vehicles parked in driveways and those that may require more attention and investigation. I strongly encourage all of our citizens to participate in the decal program.

Due to a number of concerns about the decals that mount in the interior of vehicles, we have reverted to the decals that mount on the exterior. Decals should be placed on the left corner of the front and rear windshields (driver's side).

Bicycle Hand Signals: I have been advised by a resident that enjoys bicycling in the City that occasionally motorists appear not to understand the hand signals she uses. The illustration below shows the standard hand signals used by cyclists to notify motorists of anticipated turns or stops.



HERE'S THE NEWS ON THE 18th ANNUAL HOLIDAY ON WHEELS PARADE:

We will call the 18th annual golf cart parade held on December 13th in freezing weather a success. Our crowd was a bit smaller and there were fewer carts but 18 hardy families entered the parade and most of them made it the whole route. As always, the snow was popular with the children.

Best Overall – Clifford Fitzgerald

Most Festive – Joanne Evans

Most Creative – Lanahan Family

Most Unusual – Srinath Family

Best Use of Lighting – Steve Jennings

Sunday December 12th, the judging took place for the **Second Annual Home Decorating Contest**. The Winners were:

Best Overall – Reeves Family, 224 Turnberry Court

Most Festive – Jankun Family, 397 Glenbrook Drive

Best Lighting – Carene Kengeter, 205 Walton Heath Drive.

We also had several Honorable Mentions:

Kay Lang ,573 South Country Club Drive

Gene and Joyce Davis, 446 French Royale Circle

Kearns Family 477 ,North Country Club Drive

Don and Diane Sasser, 200 Turnberry Court

Thank you to the Atlantis Country Club for the Home Decorating Contest Prizes. Thank you to our Golf Cart Parade Sponsors, SWS, Gehring Insurance, Holyfield and Thomas and J. Shelhamer Landscape. As always, many thanks to the Atlantis Country Club and the Atlantis Golf Club for their assistance.

Our thanks to the resident judges and volunteers; Ray and Pat Matulis, Richard and Joan Brown, Mike and Sue Dahlgren, Joan Ingersoll, Bob and Chris Silva and Tony and Flossie Napolitano. Also big thanks go out to all of the City employees who braved the weather to make the event a success.

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Automatic Bill Payment

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: _____



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2011 Special Event Calendar

Friday, February 4th — Neil Zirconia Dinner and Show

Sunday, February 7th — SuperBowl Party

Tuesday, March 1st — Casino Night

Thursday, March 17th — St. Patrick's Day Celebration

Saturday, April 2nd — City of Atlantis Spring Fling

Friday, April 8th — Polynesian Luau

Friday, April 15th — Tax Relief Day: 40 % Off Lunch or Dinner Check

Friday, May 6th — Neil Zirconia Dinner and Show

CITY COUNCIL FILING: Filing for City Council Groups (2,4) opens at noon January 25, 2011 and closes at noon on February 8, 2011. Group 2 is currently held by Manny Fernandez, Group 4 by Michael Dahlgren. Councilmembers are elected for a two-year term. Qualifications to serve include being at least 21 years of age, a registered voter and a resident of Atlantis. Candidate packets are available from the City Clerk, Monday through Friday 8:30 am to 4:30 pm, beginning January 7, 2011

The municipal election is scheduled for **Tuesday, March 8, 2011.**

ABSENTEE BALLOTS MUST BE REQUESTED BY MAIL, PHONE OR IN PERSON FROM THE SUPERVISOR OF ELECTIONS, 240 S. MILITARY TRAIL, WEST PALM BEACH, FL 33415. PHONE NUMBER (561) 656-6200

Auto Decals and Telephone Directories now available!

It's that time of year again! You can pick up the 2011 City Directory and 2011 decals for your vehicles at Council Chambers **beginning on Monday, January 3.** They will be available for distribution from 9 AM to 4 PM during the weeks of January 3, January 10 and January 17 (Monday through Friday). Our wonderful volunteers will be on hand during these days and hours to assist. As always, directories and decals are available 24/7 in the Police Department.

Auto decals are part of the City's security system, and all residents are encouraged to display current decals on their windshields. **Please remember to bring the registration card for each vehicle that needs a decal.**

Reminder: While walking your pets, please remember to pick up after them per, Section 3-29 of the Code of Ordinance.

Atlantis Trio to again Chair the Annual Hab-a-Hearts Luncheon

The Hab-a-Hearts, an auxiliary benefiting the Palm Beach Habilitation Center, are proud to announce that Linda Reichenstein, Joanne Driscoll and Craig Mitchell will again serve as Co-Chairs of the 20th Annual Hab-a-Hearts Luncheon to be held on Monday, February 7th at the historic Mar-a-Lago Club in Palm Beach. With a theme of "Open Your Heart", the luncheon will start off with a complimentary wine reception, during which time a silent auction will be held. Also, a small live auction of choice items will be included during lunch.

For the second year, the modeling will be by the lovely Mildred Hoit Store of Palm Beach. Local volunteer models will be used to help showcase the classic, casual elegant fashions with exciting vibrant colors that have established the Mildred Hoit Store as a leader of wear-ability in the traditional Palm Beach Style.

Committee members include: Jim Accursio, Prudie Anderson, Victoria Baker, Amy Bernard, Donna Brown, Trish Callow, Nancy Cashman, Barbara Fuschetti, Ann Growney, Ann Jaggie, Jenifer Kelley, Lee Kirwan, Henrietta Koretsky, Sandra Lawrence, Helen Logothetis, Beverlee Miller, Jean O'Connell, Carol Pratt, Sheila Rinker, Chris Silva, MJ Stewart, Lou Ann Swan, Sherry Szczublewski, Trish Tackett, Marilyn Tuppen, Marie Tynan, Marianne Vellis, Barbara Whitford, and, Babbette Wolff.

Tickets are \$200 each. To receive an invitation, purchase a ticket or for more information, please call Roxanne at 561-965-8500, ext. 212 or e-mail rjacobs@pbhab.com



Seated: Nancy Cashman, Carol Pratt, Joanne Driscoll, Craig Mitchell, Linda Reichenstein, Marianne Vellis, Helen Logothetis. 2nd Row: MJ Stewart, Donna Brown, Marilyn Tuppen, Marie Tynan, Lou Ann Swan. Standing: Sherry Szczublewski, Victoria Baker, Jenifer Kelley, Ann Growney, Barbara Whitford, Babbette Wolff, Jean O'Connell



The Centurions are off and running...

The Centurions, which was founded in 1994, is a group of men who raise money for capital expenditures and repairs at the Palm Beach Habilitation Center each year. To-date the Centurions have raised over \$1.2 million dollars.

The Centurions, chaired by Otis Brown, include Sandy Beach, Bill Benton, Harry Kennedy, John Farmer, Carl Palmisano, Bobby Pastorius, Bryan Meumann, Bud Tuppen, David Stenson, and David Hawkey.

Jeff Miller, Founder of HonorAir, will be the featured Speaker at the Centurion Cocktail Reception, which will be held on Tuesday, January 11th at the Atlantis Golf Club. The World War II Memorial was dedicated in 2004 for a generation whose youngest member is in their late seventies. HonorAir created an opportunity for so many veterans who, because of physical or financial limitations, may otherwise never see the memorial. Jeff's passion, dedication, and commitment to honor World War II veterans will warm your heart and bring tears to your eyes. The Centurions invite you to become members so you can come and hear this heart-warming story.

The Palm Beach Habilitation Center, in Lake Worth, prepares men and women with disabilities to live and work to their greatest level of independence. For more information about the Centurions or the Palm Beach Habilitation Center, please call Roxanne at 561-965-8500.

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Community Activities



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

After school Junior program on Thursdays

4:30-5PM Mighty Mites Ages 4-7 years old

5-6pm Lil Lobbers 6+ Beginner –Intermediates

6-7 pm Intermediate-Advanced Ages 7+

Adult Tennis Fun, Healthy, and Instructive

Wednesdays 7-8pm Beginner –Intermediate Adults

Thursdays Every Week 7pm- Intermediate-Advanced
Clinic and Round Robin

SENIOR TENNIS – Contact: **Betty Ann Badger** at **561-434-4145** Monday 9-11 am and Thursday 5-7pm

THE LITERARY SOCIETY Please join us at 9:30 on January 19th. Sally McKean will discuss the novel, “Loving Frank” by Nancy Horan. **Call Pat Clem at 966-7600 ext. 101**

THE GREAT BOOK CLUB OF ATLANTIS- Will be meeting on Jan. 6th at the Library on Lantana Road at 2pm. Interested persons should contact **Dr. Bennett Miller at 561-968-2675** for further information.

JEWELRY CLASS - Held Tuesdays, 6-8 PM in the Council Chambers. For information and dates, call **Marie Claude** at **561-736-5609** or **561-271-8967** or email her at CLVERT@AOL.COM

WATER COLOR CLASSES: Wednesdays from 1-4pm in the Council Chambers. Call Joan Tiberi at 561-547-5123.

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. Rotary is the leading international civic organization with the motto “ Service Above Self ”. It has a diverse membership of active and retired business and professional men and women. Anyone interested should contact Atlantis Residents Peggy Vrane (561) 868-5807 Richard Beiter (561) 965-4282 or Ron Leeds (561) 969-9600.

ATLANTIS PERSONAL TRAINING- Customized training for all needs from young to old. Improve your golf game, core strength, balance, muscle tone, flexibility and achieve weight loss. Improve your overall quality of life. **Carene Kengeter** - American Council of Exercise- Certified Personal Trainer Call: 561-313-4026

WARM WELCOME TO OUR NEW RESIDENTS:

Jeffery and Cathy Smith –209 Palm Circle

OUR CONDOLENCES ON THE DEATHS OF :

Elaine Luppescu

DECEMBER TRAFFIC STATISTICS

Traffic Citations: 137
Written Citations: 98
Written Warnings: 05
Parking Citations: 34

CRIME STATISTICS

<u>Major Crimes</u>	<u>Residential</u>	<u>Commercial</u>
Battery		1
Burglary (Structures & Vehicles)		3
Theft (Grand & Petit)	1	2

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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 11am to 4 pm

Friday, Saturday, Sunday 11am to 4pm

- **During periods of heavy rain, the splash pad hours may be suspended.**

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.