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THE MAYOR'S CORNER

Dear Residents,

Irene was a "nice miss"! Let's hope any other storms are as kind. I wish the best for our residents who may have experienced the storm while in the Northeast.

As summer comes to an end, the city is finishing up projects and preparing for the start of another fiscal year beginning October 1st. Current year financials are good. The City appears to be on target to finish the year exactly on budget. No surplus and more important, no deficits. The City's staff and treasurer/councilman Manny Fernandez deserve at least a big "congrats".

Next year's budget has had initial approval. After multiple workshops, the council agreed to proceed with no tax increase for the coming year. We have had to ask staff again to hold the line and help us get through this difficult time of declining property values. If this level achieves final approval, there will be no cuts to staffing or services.

Please remember the upcoming Fall Festival. Details are included in the newsletter. The committee and city staff has worked since last year planning this event. Stop by and enjoy with your family and neighbors.

If you notice a difference in this column this month, it's because I am writing while on vacation. One really appreciates the assistance of their proof-reader and grammar checker when attempting to write this while on the road. However, Canada is missing several Walleyes that appear to have not been on the Weight Watchers diet program. It's hard to beat a fish fry on an island in a remote Canadian lake. I'll diet next month, right?

Best wishes,

Mayor Mike Dahlgren



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City Hall will be closed on September 5th For Labor Day.

Next City Council Meeting is Wednesday,

September 21, 2011

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 2011

It is that time of the year again. The heat and moisture of the summer cause algae to grow everywhere including the roofs, driveways and patios. As we do every year, the code enforcement officers will be going around the community in the near future to request that properties be cleaned and brought up to Atlantis property standards. Many of our residents do their regularly scheduled fall cleaning as well as take proper care throughout the year. We thank those residents for taking care of their property.

We have been lucky so far this storm season. We could use the rainfall associated with the tropical systems but not the winds. If we remain with below normal rainfall, the water restrictions will remain in effect throughout 2012. This year we have struggled through the drought with wilting landscapes and dead grass. We are continuing to work with a number of property owners to make improvements to the landscaping.

The construction project on Congress Avenue continues. You may have noticed that the traffic lanes were moved east to provide for a larger work area on the west side. Despite the delays we anticipate that the project will be complete by mid 2012.

The Utilities Department will be flushing hydrants throughout the month of September. This is routine system maintenance and not subject to the water restriction days or times.

Thank you to Atlantis resident Bill Boyd of Boyd Nurseries for the generous donation of two yellow tabebuia trees for Sunset Park. The park is a lovely oasis of flowers and butterflies and a great place to walk and exercise. Check it out!

Mo Thornton
City Manager

City News.....

The City of Atlantis Council Meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m. on August 17, 2011.

Ordinance No. 418, an ordinance granting a franchise to Florida Power and Light, passed 5-0 upon its second and final reading.

Resolution No. 11-17, a resolution authorizing the Mayor to sign an agreement with the audit firm of Holyfield and Thomas for auditing services, passed 5-0. Atlantis has always had a good rapport and past with this firm.

Resolution No. 11-18 also passed 5-0. This resolution authorizes the Mayor to sign an agreement with A-Plus Home Health Care to offer flu shots to Atlantis residents.

Resolution No. 11-19, passing 5-0, authorizes the Mayor to sign a Developer's Agreement and Sewer Line Main Maintenance Agreement with Canada Court Investments for the provision of waste water service. They are already water customers and have agreed to maintain and pay for the new sewer line up to where it will be hooked up to our existing sewer line.

Resolution No. 11-20, authorizing the Mayor to sign the Master Lift Station Assessment Funding Agreement between JFK Medical Center and the City of Atlantis, passed

5-0. The hospital has historically placed a consistent and extraordinary burden on the City's master lift station and therefore has agreed to pay \$100,000.00 to the City for a master lift station maintenance assessment.

In Miscellaneous Business, Council discussed how displeased they were with the job being done by Command Security, the company that supplies the guards at our three gates. Their contract is up for renewal on October 1st. Representatives of the security company were in attendance and council expressed that the company had a management issue and their guards were failing to perform their contracted duties. Council, by a 5-0 vote, established a 90-day probationary period for Command Security beginning October 1st to give them a second chance to "measure up" on a month to month basis. Please report to the police any problems you observe with the guards. Thank you.

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: Due to school starting I am substituting "Back To School Traffic Safety Tips" for the regularly scheduled "Family Security and Safety Tips."

BACK TO SCHOOL TRAFFIC SAFETY TIPS

-FDOT Encourages All to be Cautious as Students Return to Class-

The Florida Department of Transportation (FDOT) and our Community Traffic Safety Teams 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

- Be alert for School Speed Zones and obey the posted speed limits.
- Watch for school buses. Red flashing lights and an extended stop arm indicate the school bus is stopping to load or unload children. State law requires you to stop.
- Keep an eye out for children 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 riding a bicycle.
- 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 the 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.
- Make sure the 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.

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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.
- Be a good role model for your younger brothers and sisters and friends, and help them learn and follow vehicle safety rules.

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:	146	Total Parking:	34
Citations:	112	Parking Citations:	34
Written Warnings:	5	Parking Warnings:	0

CRIME STATISTICS

<u>Major Crimes</u>	<u>Residential</u>	<u>Commercial</u>
Burglary (Structures & Vehicles)	2	1
Theft (Grand & Petit)	3	4

Residential Crime Location(s): Burglaries occurred at 300 JFK Drive and thefts occurred on 400 block North Country Club Drive and Walton Heath Drive.



Fall Festival & Green Market Saturday, October 1, 2011 8:00 AM – Noon

The calendar's counting down to our 3rd annual fall festival and green market! Many thanks to **JFK Medical Center** for being a major sponsor of the event. Any proceeds will be donated to the **American Cancer Society**. Here's what's happening--

First of all, the Green Market will open at Kintz Park at 8:00 AM and continue until noontime. **Admission to the Green Market is FREE!** (However, if you want to be entered into the drawing for Green Market Bucks, you'll need to purchase a wristband (see below). At press time, we have the following vendors lined up:

- Amelia's Smarty Plants
- Biscotti Firenze
- City of Atlantis Souvenir Shoppe
- FDOT Traffic Safety
- Harmony Kettle Corn
- Maria's Market
- No Common Scents Soaps
- PBG Smoothie
- Palm Beach Sheriff's Office Child Find ID
- Palm Beach State College Horticultural Department
- Wicks of Wonder
- World Flavors Spice & Tea

This year we'll have some  music  —**Cliff Fritts**, a Flautist and one-man band, will be playing at the Market from 10-11 AM. He plays a variety of songs—Broadway tunes, light jazz, Latin, folk and “classical” standards—something for everyone. So gather round and enjoy the entertainment!

Kick-off events for the **Bike Ride (see route map on page 7)** will start at 8:30 AM:

- 8:30** On-site registration at Sunset Park. Coffee, juice, breakfast bars and fruit will be available to get you going!
- 8:45** Fitness expert Carene Kengeter will lead a warm-up session.
- 9:00** Hop on your bikes (you can roller blade or walk, too) for a ride through the City to Kintz Park. Make it a family ride!
- 10:00** When you get to Kintz Park, pick up a hot dog and beverage. We'll have a bounce house, rock wall, a 5-in-1-sports center, and face painting to keep the kids busy. And you can shop at the Green Market, too!

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Fall Festival & Green Market



A Teaching Affiliate of the University of Miami Miller School of Medicine

Admission: For an entrance fee of \$5 for individuals or \$20 for the whole family, you can join your neighbors and friends for a fun-filled morning. Once again, a wristband will be the “ticket” to participate in the games and food.

Pre-register and buy your wristbands by September 28, and your name will be entered into a drawing for “Green Market Bucks” to spend at the Green Market.

Please note: You do not need to purchase a wristband if you are only going to shop at the **Green Market**. However, only an advance purchase of wristbands qualifies for the drawing for Green Market Bucks.



WEAR YOUR “ I ATLANTIS” T-shirt! We’ll be selling T-shirts and other Atlantis souvenirs at the Green Market. This year we’ll have orange T-shirts and tote bags, too—just in time for Halloween!

VOLUNTEERS—We’ll need some volunteers during the day. You can work at the pre-event staging area at Sunset Park, at Kintz Park to help set up the Green Market, or after the bike ride to help with lunch and activities at Kintz Park. And we’ll need some help in breaking everything down, too. High school students —this event qualifies for community service credit—so please sign up!

Call City Hall (965-1744) if you want to help out.



DROP OFF PRE-REGISTRATION FORM AT CITY HALL BY WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 28

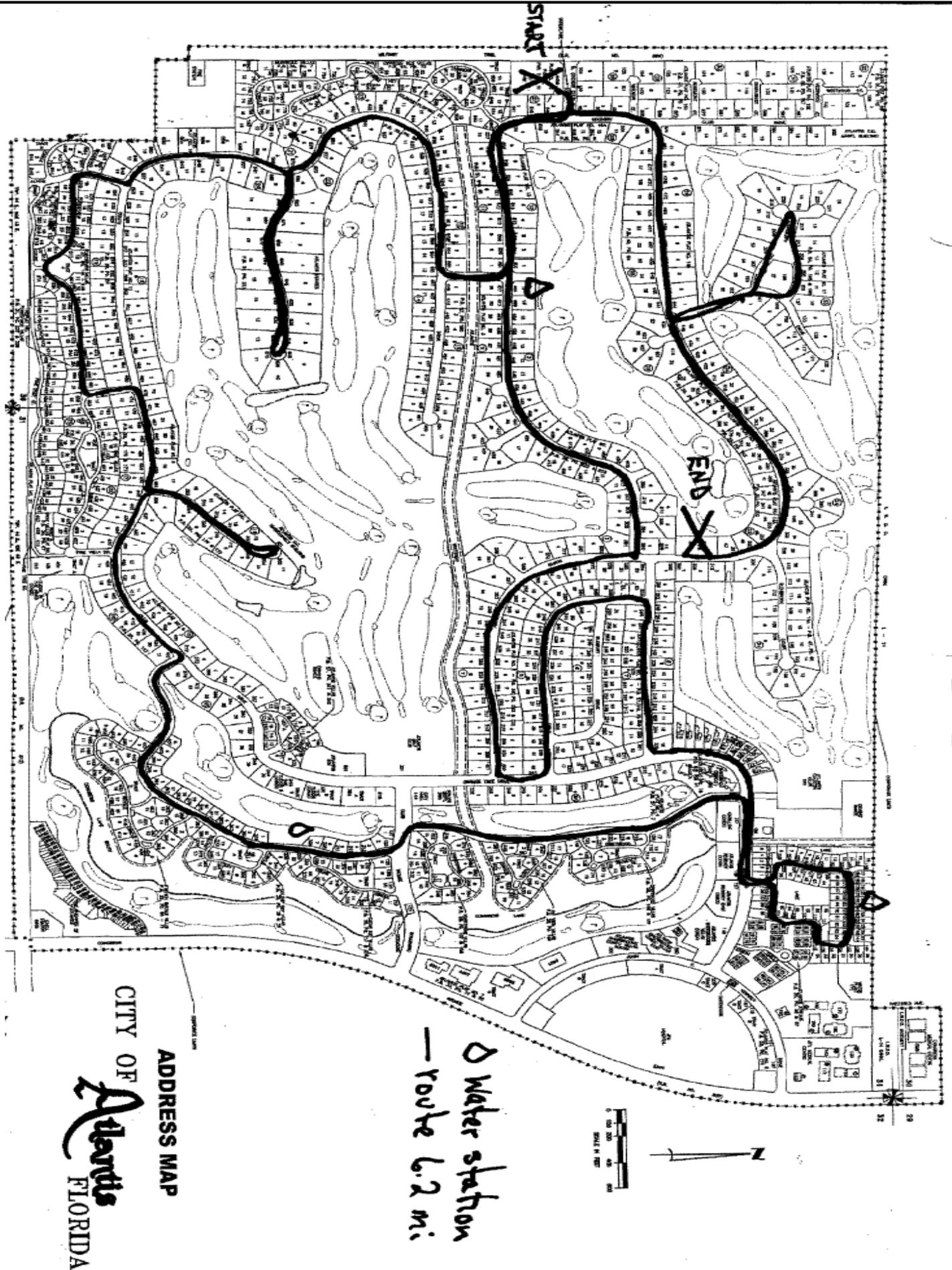
Please make checks payable to “City of Atlantis”
(\$5 for individuals; \$20 for families)

Name and Address: _____

Telephone Number _____

Number of Participants: _____ adults and _____ children

Total Amount Enclosed: _____





Welcome Back Neighbors

REFRESHED DINING ROOM OPENS SEPTEMBER 1

We've been very busy during the month of August and look forward to opening the doors on Thursday, September 1 when dinner service resumes. Stop by to see our beautiful renovated, redecorated and refreshed Dining Room. We'll open for lunch beginning on November 1st when Chef Chris will debut his new fall lunch and dinner menu.

JOHN DAVIDSON RETURNS IN NEW SHOW

And we're doubly excited to announce that Atlantis' own John Davidson will debut his brand new cabaret-style show — "50 Years as a Hollywood Square" — a celebration of his 50 years in Show Biz. John will appear on Friday, September 16 and Saturday, September 17 as well as Friday, October 21 and Sunday, October 23.

These shows will begin at 7 p.m., and the doors will open at 5 p.m. for cocktails and dinner. As before, there is NO COVER charge; however, a \$15 per person minimum for Food & Beverage will be in effect. Reservations are required for these shows so call 965-5788 now because some of these dates are almost sold out.

In addition, John will perform "50 Years as a Hollywood Square" on numerous dates in February and March 2012. These dates are going fast, so reserve early. By the way, these dinner shows are also ideal for fundraisers and social events. (Group buyouts are available for up to 140 guests.)

THANKSGIVING DINNER RESERVATIONS

Turkey Day is around the corner. Our famous Thanksgiving Dinner will be served on Thursday, November 24, 2011 from 1 to 7 p.m. Remember, we have round tables for up to 12 guests, and you can't beat our value, great service and fabulous food.

Call 965-5788 today.

Come see us soon, David and Marti

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

Come join us and have your health care questions answered.

When: October 21, 2011 From 9 am until 1 pm

Where: The Council Chambers at 260 Orange Tree Drive

A-Plus 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 \$25.00 for Flu and \$45.00 for Pneumococcal vaccines.

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

First come first serve, from 9 AM—1:00 PM

Forms are available at City Hall for anyone who wishes to fill them out prior to the clinic.

Please contact City Hall at 561-965-1744 with any questions.

The following businesses will be on hand with valuable information for our residents:

Atlantis Police Department will be on hand to enter emergency contact information into the DHSMV data files, answer questions, and provide crime tips.

Health Career Institute— Blood pressure checks and emergency medical information.

JFK Medical Center— Volunteers will be present to answer health care questions.

MATURE DRIVER'S CLASS

SEPTEMBER 22-23

We are trying this again this month!! The Safety Council canceled last month's class. We did not realize that unless 20 people sign up for the class they will not hold the class.

The state of Florida mandates an insurance discount for licensed drivers 55 or older who complete a state approved driver improvement course. Coaching the mature driver qualifies for this discount.

This six hour classroom course has been developed especially for the senior experienced driver. It reviews basic driving techniques and introduces techniques to help offset the effects of having a crash while driving.

Coaching the Mature Driver combines lecture with discussion and video in a lively and informative format.

Reaction time, hearing and vision are often significantly affected by the aging process. Florida also has its particular problems - this **course presents alternatives that will help you avoid a crash!**

Hosted by: The City of Atlantis

Instructed by: Safety Council of The Palm Beaches

Cost: \$10.00 per Person

Please Make your check payable to the **Safety Council of The Palm Beaches.**

Complete the sign up sheet below and mail it or drop it off at City Hall, along with check or money order, before September 16th to:

City of Atlantis

Attention: Jude

260 Orange Tree Drive

Atlantis, Florida 33462

*****detach and enclose with check (made payable to the Safety Council of the Palm Beaches.)**

Location: City of Atlantis Council Chambers

Dates: September 22nd and 23rd (You must attend both sessions to get a certificate)

Times: 9 am- 12 pm both days

Names: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Phone number: _____ Date of Birth _____

Driver's License #: _____

Community Activities

CALLING ALL CHESS PLAYERS:

Anyone interested in playing chess? Perhaps forming a chess club? Please contact **John Davidson at 973 634-8149.**

CREATIVE WRITING CLASS :

Suspended for the summer. Available at other locations. Any questions call **Suzi Lynch 561 968-8649!!**

THE GREAT BOOK CLUB OF ATLANTIS:

Suspended for the summer. Call **Dr. Bennett Miller at 561-968-2675** for further information.

THE LITERARY SOCIETY:

Will hold its first meeting of the season on Wednesday, November 16th, at 9:30 AM in the Ladies Card Room. Please join us for a continental breakfast before the meeting. As it was last year, the charge will be \$7.00 per person. And please remember to **call Pat Clem at 966-7500 x101** to let her know you are coming, so the staff can better prepare for our meeting.

JEWELRY CLASS:

Tuesdays, 7-9 p.m. in the Council Chambers. For information and dates, call **Marie Claude Green at 561-736-5609** or **561-271-8967** or email her at **CLVERT@AOL.COM**

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**

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. Anyone interested should contact Atlantis Residents **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 Thursday 5-7pm
Contact: **Betty Ann Badger 561-434-4145**

WATER COLOR CLASSES:

Suspended for the summer. Call **Joan Tiberi at 561-547-5123.**

The Palm Beach County Property Appraiser's Office will be accepting Homestead Exemption applications from residents. (All Palm Beach County residents are welcome)

Where: City Council Chambers at 260 Orange Tree Drive.

When: The 2nd Wednesday of each month. October through December. Time: 2-3 p.m.

A copy of your deed and proof of residency is required.

For further information log on to the Palm Beach County Property Appraiser's website at: www.pbcgov.com \ PAPA, call them at 561-355-4021 or the City Clerk at City Hall 561-965-1744

OUR CONDOLENCES ON THE DEATH OF :

Helen Kirigin

Jeanne C. Vogan

Lois Fratz

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561-965-1744

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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 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**

HOLIDAY SCHEDULE: No pick up on Thanksgiving and Christmas day.

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**