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THE MAYOR'S CORNER

Dear Residents,

As we progress from winter to spring, the time of year when we set our clocks ahead in Florida, we must begin to say goodbye to many of our residents. I trust the winter was uneventful and very enjoyable. Please remember to notify the police dispatchers (965-1700) when you are leaving so your property can be placed on the dark house list. In addition to officers routinely checking on your property, we have an immediate "heads-up" should anyone report a problem at your residence. This is a great service and is available with only a phone call. Likewise, a call when you return cancels your away status. If you have departed and forgot or would like to take advantage of this service, call and you will be taken care of.

Thanks to everyone who worked, sponsored, volunteered or simply attended the Spring Fling. It was a great day in every possible way. This event is rapidly establishing a great tradition in Atlantis. I especially want to thank the committee and city staff that met for months putting everything together, the Atlantis Country Club for providing a great facility and handling the food, and especially the donors and sponsors who once again provided the funds necessary for this event.

It was great to see everyone socializing and enjoying a fun day.

At the organizational meeting preceding the last council meeting, the council elected to have all positions remain the same for another year. I believe we had many more successes than failures the past year and look forward to the next. Thanks to the council for its support, I'll do my best.

Please remember that we are under watering restrictions. Although locally it looks better, don't expect restrictions to be lifted anytime soon. Make sure someone is looking after your system if you are going to be gone.

Be safe and enjoy your summer. We look forward to seeing all our seasonal residents again next fall. Spread the word about our great city. We still have room for a few more special citizens.

Thanks for another great year.

Serving proudly,

Mayor Mike Dahlgren



Next City Council Meeting is Wednesday.

APRIL 20, 2011

NEW TIME

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.

www.atlantisfl.gov

DON'T FORGET

2011 DECALS & DIRECTORIES ARE NOW AVAILABLE.

Manager's Notes April 2011

Our second annual Spring Fling was a huge success. The wonderful weather and the fabulous food contributed to the fantastic fun of the day. A big thanks to the sponsors and volunteers who helped make the day a success. We are looking ahead at the calendar for next year's date. Other dates we are looking forward to are the annual Easter Egg Hunt on April 16, 2011 at 10:00 am at Kintz Park. Saturday October 1st looks like the day for the Fall Festival. Inquiries have gone out to local Green Market vendors. We are putting together the committee to work on the event. We would like to make this event bigger and better than last year. Get involved in the community. Give me a call if you would like to help with the upcoming events.

As you know the South Florida Water Management District has imposed a two day a week watering restrictions. Residents with odd addresses may water on Wednesday and Saturday. Those with even addresses may water Thursday and Sunday. Check your irrigation to make sure it is running at the correct time on the correct days. Irrigation is needed on the lawns until we reach the rainy season. Things will soon be in their summer growth mode so now is the time to trim and fertilize. This will keep things looking good through the hot summer months.

If you are travelling this summer, please stay safe. You can keep up with the newsletters through our website at Atlantisfl.gov

Mo Thornton
City Manager

City News.....

The City of Atlantis City Council Meeting was held on March 9th, 2011 at 7:15 p.m.

Resolution 11-04, authorizing the mayor to sign an agreement with Community Asphalt for the 2011 Road Overlay Project passed 5-0. The project includes the resurfacing of Villa Drive North and the

300-400 blocks of North Country Club Drive, including three cul-de-sacs in the area for a total bid price of \$91,696.55. This cost covers root removal in the roadway and temporary paint striping. Once completed, permanent striping and reflective pavement markers will complete the overlay project.

William Mitchell

(for official minutes go to www.atlantisfl.gov)

MARCH TRAFFIC STATISTICS

Total Traffic Citations: 125
Written Citations: 113
Written Warnings: 0
Parking Citations: 12

FEBRUARY CRIME STATISTICS

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

Residential Crime Location: 200 Block N. Country Club Dr. – pool equipment

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

Last month information was presented about lighting; this month we are continuing with information about alarm systems.

Alarm Systems: Alarm systems definitely have a place in a home security plan and are effective, if used properly. The reason why alarms systems deter burglaries is because they increase the potential and fear of being caught and arrested by the police. The deterrent value comes from the alarm company decals on the windows. Home and apartment burglars will usually bypass a property with visible alarm decals and will go to another property without such a decal. Some people, with alarm systems, feel that these decals are unsightly and will not display them. The risk here is that an uninformed burglar might break a window or door and grab a few quick items before the police can respond. Also, don't write your alarm pass-code on or near the alarm keypad.

Alarm systems need to be properly installed and maintained. Alarms systems can monitor for fire as well as burglary for the same price. All systems should have an audible horn or bell to be effective in case someone does break in. However, these audible alarms should be programmed to reset automatically after 15 minutes maximum; the criminal will get the message and will be long gone and your neighbors will not have to listen to the alarm bell for an unreasonable amount of time. If you use a central station to monitor your alarm, make sure your response call list is up to date. Home alarms, like car alarms, are generally ignored except for a brief glance. However, if you have established and nurtured your neighborhood watch buddy system, you will experience a genuine concern by your neighbor. It is not unusual to have a neighbor wait for the police, allow them inside for an inspection, and secure the residence. A good neighbor can also call the glass company or locksmith to repair any damage, if pre-authorized by you.

The greatest barrier getting to this level of neighborhood participation is taking the first step. You can get help by calling your local crime prevention unit at the police department. You should invite your adjacent neighbors over to your home for coffee and begin the information exchange. You'll be amazed how the process runs on automatic from there.

- Alarm systems are effective deterrents with visible decals
- Alarm systems should be properly installed, programmed, and maintained
- Alarm systems need to have an audible horn or bell to be effective
- Make sure your alarm response call list is up to date
- Instruct your neighbor how to respond to an alarm bell

In May's newsletter we will continue with home safes and operation identification.

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

DARK HOUSE PROGRAM: Many of our residents will soon be heading to their summer homes outside of Atlantis. The police department recommends that these residents help to ensure the security of their homes by listing them with the department prior to departing Atlantis. Once we receive the necessary information, and the home is unoccupied, police officers will perform periodic security checks of these residences. If anything is found to be amiss, the resident and /or their emergency contact will be notified so that appropriate action can be taken to correct the problem(s). The House Watch program form can be accessed online at www.atlantisfl.gov , click on the Police Department link then on the Security House Checks link; or call the police department and provide your information to the dispatcher.

DSHMV EMERGENCY CONTACT PROGRAM: This site allows you to enter emergency contact information onto your Florida Driver's license or Identification Card. Loved ones will be contacted should an emergency happen. www.atlantisfl.gov click on the "informative links" section and it will bring you right to the site or <https://www8.hsmv.state.fl.us/eci/>

WATER RESTRICTIONS: Please go to the South Florida Water Management District Link: http://www.sfwmd.gov/portal/page/portal/xrepository/sfwmd_repository_pdf/jtf_wr_landscape.pdf for the latest information on watering restrictions.

What you should know before you paint your house....

The City Council passed ordinances about painting the exterior of our homes. This was done in order to preserve the “traditional” character of Atlantis. Key points of these ordinances are the following:

- Exterior paint colors must be harmonious with each other and representative of the neighborhood where you live.
- Bright and brilliant colors are discouraged; fluorescent or metallic paints are prohibited.
- A permit is required to paint your house. The permit fee is \$40.
- The City’s Architectural Review Committee (ARC) will review and approve exterior color choices before the permit is issued.
- Existing house colors will not be “grandfathered” in—there are no exceptions to the need for a permit before you begin to paint.

Here’s how to apply for a permit:

1. Choose your colors, both the primary color and contrasting trim.
2. Obtain written approval from your Association, if appropriate.
3. Prepare for ARC review by submitting materials to the Permit Clerk by 4:00 PM on Friday for ARC review on the following Wednesday.

Permit applications must be accompanied by the following:

- paint chips of primary and contrasting colors (2 of each)
- a color photo of your home, including the roof and driveway. This will allow the ARC to evaluate whether the paint colors are harmonious with the rest of your home

And now you’re good to go! Remember to call City Hall for a final inspection when the work is completed.

For additional information, contact the Permit Clerk, Joy Cooperman, at 965-1796.

Neighbor helping Neighbor

Who were all those people in the front yard on North Country Club Drive on a Saturday morning in early March? What was going on? A group of “Atlantis Angels” put together a project to help an elderly resident bring her property up to community standards. The angels descended that Saturday morning to plant shrubs and trees, lay sod and paint the house. The list of angels included: Manny and Diana Fernandez, David Kintz, Bill Amason, Richard Brown, Tony Saba, David Wurst, Marty Romeo, Mo Thornton, Vicki Rautbord, Hernan Ramos, Tom Shea, Bill Boyd, Jim Shelhamer, Ralph White family and friends, Nick, Andre and Daniella Fernandez, Gerard Lemongello, Patrick Rizk, Alejandro Pinedo, Saba family, Kimi Karosas, Lionel Velez, Sr., Lionel Velez, Jr., Raul and Son Landscaping, Ford family, Alfele family, Logsdon family, Blumel family, Erickson family, Moore family, Sharpe family, Brenner family, Cornell family, Mager family and Jim Kintz family. The homeowner was overwhelmed by the outpouring of support from the community. This grass roots event really put the unity in our community. Thank you to all who participated!

Atlantis Easter Egg Hunt



**Date:
April 16th**

Time: 10:00 am

Place: Kintz Park 301 Glenbrook Drive

Bring your own picnic lunch, blanket and/or lawn chairs.

An Easter basket is needed to collect eggs.

Ages from 1 - 12 years old.

Age groups will be divided for egg hunt.

Volunteers are needed!

Please call Leslie Leckrone at 969-1590

or Keller Lanahan at 968-4640.

Name of child (children): _____

Ages: _____

Address: _____

Please drop the form off at City Hall.

No postage, No late charges, No checks to write with 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: _____

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 2011."

Thank you!

Southern Waste Systems
 Medical Specialists of the Palm Beaches
 Guy Motzer and Judy Wilkinson
 Lillian Notides
 Ray and Pat Matulis
 Mebus Family
 John and Dolores Rubino
 Corbett and White
 Nancy Hogan
 Barbara and Arnie Toivonen
 Charlotte Morgan
 Joyce Kjellgren
 Steve and Cathy Moore
 Reward Lighting
 Sue Wagner
 Atlantis Outdoor Services
 Sandra Thompson
 Donna and Otis Brown
 Atlantis Golf Club
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 Yorktowne Villas
 Roberta Daisley
 A.D. Saba Enterprises
 Ada Gove
 Atlantis Realty
 Paula and Alan Michelson

Robert and Carolyn Phillips
 Frank and Charlene Holecek
 Trish Callow
 Rio Vista Villas Association
 JC & Bobby Dicks
 Ed & Audrey Halperin
 Bill and Maggie Sarubbi
 Katherine Christoffers
 Ed & Judy Jokiel
 James Sugarman and Louis Kolber
 Joan Spittler
 Command Security
 Jamie's Classics Consignment
 Michael & Susan Dahlgren
 Patricia & Vaughn Prunier
 Lourdes Holyfield
 Lindsey & Collene Walter
 Mary Murachanian
 Atlantis Regency East
 Cheney Brothers
 Gordon Food Service
 Sysco
 Sauce Crafters
 Florence Kram
 7-11 Store on Military Trail

Thank you to our Volunteers

Committee Members: Pat Matulis, Vicki Rautbord, Susan Methfessel, Judy Wilkinson, David Kintz, Marti Rayl, Bobby Dicks.

Wristband Sales: Bobby Dicks, JC Dicks, Bobbie Odell, Patti Prunier, Sue Wagner, June MacDonald, Sally Ballentine, Joan Thompson.

Souvenir Sales: Susan Methfessel, Ray and Pat Matulis, Paula and Alan Michelson, Justine and John Rossi, Guy Motzer and Judy Wilkinson, Marty Romeo, Rita and Bill Santoro, Cathy Toppin and Bill Baily.

A special thanks to Judy Wilkinson who organized the tennis tournament. Thank you to Sandra Thompson for bringing her book and being part of our day.

A special thanks to the following for bringing their classic cars: Lew Weinstein and sons, Hy-Byrd Inspections and the Crisafulle Family, Dennis Kanai and James Bonomini.

And we could not have done this without David Kintz and his staff at the Atlantis Country Club. Each and every member of his team went out of their way to insure a successful event.

Summer Membership

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Call Geoff Gilliland @ (561) 966-7602 email: membership.atlantisgolf@gmail.com

301 Orange Tree Dr., Atlantis, FL. 33462

www.atlantisgolf.org

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

Come join an on-going Creative Writing Class. We meet at Atlantis' City Hall Council Chamber room every Tuesday from 11:00-12:00. All levels of writers welcome. Any questions call **Suzi Lynch 561 968-8649!!**

THE GREAT BOOK CLUB OF ATLANTIS-

LANTIS- Will be meeting on Friday, MARCH 25th from 2-4 pm in the council chambers at 260 Orange Tree Drive. This month's discussion will be "Rothschild Fiddle", a story by Anton Chekhov. Interested persons should call **Dr. Bennett Miller at 561-968-2675** for further information

THE LITERARY We decided to move our next meeting forward a week to Wednesday, April 13th at 9:30 am. A Continental Breakfast will be served. Our April book is "The Private Patient" by British author, P. D. James. **Call Pat Clem at 966-7600 ext. 101**

JEWELRY CLASS: Tuesdays, 7-9 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

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: After school Junior program on Thursdays

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

5-6pm Lil Lobbers 6+ Beginner – Intermediate.

6-7 pm Intermediate-Advanced Ages 7+

and Round Robin

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Wednesdays 7-8pm Beginner – Intermediate Adults

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

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:

Wednesdays from 1-4pm in the Council Chambers. **Call Joan Tiberi at 561-547-5123.**

WARM WELCOME TO OUR NEW RESIDENTS:

Sherye Sayles

Jean Block

Valerie Flynn

David and Elaine Whinston

Robert Kronenber & John Kasula

Richard & Lynn Dekker

Gloria Morris

Joseph & Angela Petriello

OUR CONDOLENCES ON THE DEATHS OF :

Thelma Walters

Billie Gustus

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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**

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**