



The City News

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THE MAYOR'S CORNER



DECEMBER 2013

Greetings,

As we enter the final month of the year, I have to take a look back at the past year. Although we have certainly had our turbulent times, there have also been many great events that will certainly be remembered as well. None could have been possible without our City staff. They always take the blame when things are considered wrong and seldom mentioned when things are progressing smoothly. Many say this is the way things are supposed to be, however I cannot fail to ask you to remember them this holiday season. We again have a fund set up that we can show appreciation by a donation. The proceeds are always divided equally among all and is greatly appreciated. Any amount can be dropped off at City Hall or the police station any day or time between now and the holidays. Thanks always for your consideration.

There are the usual great city events happening this month. The home decorating contest and the Holiday on Wheels golf cart parade highlight the activities. Of course the city staff will again host the annual holiday dinner. I look forward to seeing many of you again. In spite of the perils around, Atlantis knows how to come out and celebrate. Please note the details elsewhere in this newsletter.

Please be alert and cautious throughout the holiday season. Many of us are hosting guests unfamiliar with our city. We always encounter an increase in the number of people walking, biking and driving through our city. Please remember to show care and observe all rules and laws. Every month the police department offers tips and warnings on public safety. Please observe and obey these suggestions not only this holiday season but also all year.

I hope everyone has only the best experience giving thanks and celebrating throughout the holidays. See you next year.

Mayor Mike Dahlgren



The City of Atlantis 21st Annual

Holiday on Wheels Golf Cart Parade

Monday, December 9, 2013.

Look for Details on page 6&7

Mark the date! January 2, 2014 New Directory and Decals will be available

City of Atlantis
260 Orange Tree Drive
Atlantis, FL 33462

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City Hall will be closed on

December 25th & January 1st

For the holiday.

Next City Council

Meeting

Wednesday

DECEMBER 18, 2013

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 December 2013

By the time this is in the mailbox it will be Thanksgiving and then time for the 2013 Holiday on Wheels Golf Cart Parade on December 9. Details are elsewhere in the newsletter. We are looking forward to seeing everyone there.

At the November 20, 2013 City Council meeting there was a large turnout and a lengthy discussion regarding the Kintz Park Community Center building. This discussion has been ongoing for several months as council contemplated the merits of renovating the existing building versus building a new building. A park committee was recently formed to consider the scope of a renovation or the possibility of a new building. The recommendation of the committee was a complete renovation. It was also the sentiment of those in attendance that the existing building be renovated. Council listened to the concerns regarding the building and approved the bidding of the scope presented by the Committee.

It was a spirited and sometimes passionate discussion regarding the needs at the building. Be assured that those concerns were heard and as we move forward through the renovation process and into the future that policies and procedures will be adhered to with regard to maintenance and usage of the building. Our thanks to committee members Sally Weber, Lori Melear, Tracey Kouf, Christina Kintz, Maggie Sarubbi, Kelly Taylor, Kelly Kondrath and Janine Tompkins for their work on this project.

As always if you have questions or concerns I can be reached at City Hall at 965-1744 or via email at mthornton@atlantisfl.gov.

Happy Holidays and See you at the Golf Cart Parade!

Mo Thornton
City Manager

City News...October 2013

The City Council meeting was called to order at 7:11 p.m. following the 6 p.m. joint workshop with the Ad hoc Park Committee.

Resolution 13-30 A resolution authorizing the Mayor to sign an agreement for catering services for the 2013 Holiday Golf Cart Parade Dinner passed 5-0. The event is scheduled for December 9, 2013 and will be catered by Ray Griffith, and will cost \$6300.00

Resolution 13-31 A resolution authorizing the Mayor to sign an agreement with Coral Key Design for a rendering of the new proposed Community Center at Kintz Park at a cost of \$3000.00. The resolution failed to pass by a 0-5 vote. There was an overwhelming out cry from against the proposed new building. The attending citizens made it very clear to council that they would rather spend money to restore the current park building back to an acceptable level, than to build a new larger building and more expensive building.

Resolution 13-32 A resolution authorizing the Mayor to sign an agreement with R&D Paving LLC for Asphalt Repairs for an "as needed" basis.

Resolution 13-33 A resolution authorizing the Mayor to sign an agreement with JFK Medical Center for additional staffing in the Emergency Room. The City Manager explained that the contract price covers all costs incurred by the City.

Resolution 13-34 A resolution authorizing the Mayor to sign an agreement with D.S. Eakins for storm drain repairs passed 5-0.

In Miscellaneous Business, Council decided 5-0 to put out the remodeling bid for the Kintz Park Building. Council could possibly vote on it at the next Council Meeting to be held December 18, 2013 at 7:00 p.m. The committee has been working on the plans to improve Kintz Park Building for over two years and is eager to see it come to fruition.

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Comments from members of the public included requests for a stronger police presence inside the walls to discourage speeders, restriping of the roads for safety and appearance issues, not tearing down the current Kintz Park Building on Glenbrook Drive, but “cleaning” it up instead, and proper maintenance of the City’s amenities to give Atlantis an overall well kept look, and the closing of the bank was also discussed. The owner of the New Polar Bakery at the Shoppes of Atlantis brought cookies and coffee for the group. He expressed concern for the slow response by the Fire Department to a recent truck fire behind the Shoppes. He praised our Police Department for their quick response, before the Fire Department came.

The City Attorney reported that Atlantis is working hard at bringing certain blighted homes up to par.

Under City Council Comments; David Kintz voiced concerns about speeders and would like stronger enforcement. Cathy Higgins requested that the Council hold a workshop on City Maintenance and being pro-active on city problems and concerns, as so to keep the city pristine at all times. She also requested the workshop to include making a list of priorities for projects that Atlantis needs to do, such as updating lightening at our entrances, building the security wall, on Congress Avenue, landscaping of the Congress Avenue median, street restriping, street repairs, cleaning of bridges, and curbing to name a few. Fred Furtado stated that items such as street restriping need to be put onto the budget. He also requested attaining bids for the security wall on Congress Ave.

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

**Mark your calendar for early January to pick up your new auto decals & telephone directory!**

You can pick up the new City Directory and 2014 vehicle decals beginning on Thursday, January 2nd. They will be available for distribution in Council Chambers at City Hall through Friday, January 24 from 9:00 AM until 4:00 PM. Our volunteers will be on hand during those hours to assist you.

Please make a note that on Monday, January 20 (observation of Martin Luther King’s birthday), decals and directories will be available at the Police Department. **And if you can’t make it to Council Chambers during the week, directories and decals will also be available 24/7 at the Police Department.**

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



POLICE DEPARTMENT NEWS

Chief Robert G. Mangold

**Community Safety through Community Awareness and Involvement:
Crime Prevention Tip: Cell Phone Thefts Rising Dramatically**

Police departments around the United States have reported a spike in thefts of cell phones, especially smart phones. The FCC is reporting that cell phone thefts, in some cities, account for up to 40 percent of all thefts.

Many of the cell phone thefts in Florida, and in other states with similar laws, are classified as a robbery due to force or the threatened use of force by the offenders.

A unique serial number on each phone — called an IMEI number — is supposed to disable a phone reported as stolen from working on the network of the phone's service provider. Last year, under pressure from the FCC, the four major wireless service providers — Verizon Wireless, AT&T, Sprint and T-Mobile — agreed to share their lists of the IMEI numbers from stolen phones with each other so those phones will not be usable on any of their networks. The initiative will go into effect by the end of this year.

Stolen "Smart Phones" are being sold on Craigslist and eBay for \$300 or more. Some stolen phones end up in other countries where traffickers can get as much as \$1,000 each for them.

A recent study by the cell phone industry has reported that lost and stolen cell phones cost consumers \$30 billion last year. The problem is so serious that police departments in several major U.S. cities have set up undercover task forces to catch people who steal or buy those devices. Mexico and the United States last year agreed to deactivate stolen phones in each other's countries to try to stem cross-border trafficking.

Even disabled phones are valuable because they are, in essence, computers. They can also connect to WiFi hotspots, where users can access the web; download apps, music and games; and send text messages or make phone calls via the web. In addition, the devices contain personal information that is an identity thief's gold mine.

CELL PHONE SAFETY....

For those persons involved in the theft of cell phones, when you are seen walking through a parking lot holding onto your cell phone, it's like having (3) \$100 bills in your hand.

- The most likely victim of a cell phone theft is an elderly person, a female, or who a person who does not appear to have the capability to over-power the attacker.
- Deterrents to cell phone thieves are video cameras, groups of people, security officers or law enforcement personnel known to be in the area or persons walking with dogs. However, there are those brazen thieves who will not be deterred.
- Some thieves will assault their victim before the theft occurs "as a message to the victim" that they mean business or in the case of a gang initiation, to satisfy the initiation requirement.

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- If it is obvious to you that you are about to be attacked for your cell phone, consider tossing the phone away from yourself in an effort to avoid an assault. This is no guarantee that the offender won't come after your wallet or purse, but the phone may be the target and you could avoid being injured.

As with any other property that is the target of thieves, think SAFETY FIRST, when you're out in public and using your cell phone.

Det. Marvin Jenne, ID #400 Atlantis Police Department

Holiday Shopping: The police department wants to remind everyone that this is the season for crimes of opportunity, such as purse snatching and car burglaries. Citizens need to exercise extra care when shopping and carrying armloads of packages to parked cars:

- Do not shop alone and avoid shopping at night
- Avoid carrying large sums of money, use credit/debit cards to shop
- When approaching or leaving your vehicle be aware of your surroundings and observant of others in your immediate vicinity
- Lock your vehicle when you park it, and if you must shop at night, park in a well lighted area
- Be prepared to enter your vehicle without having to rummage for your car keys
- Ask mall or store security for an escort if there is any suspicious activity near your vehicle
- Do not leave valuables in plain sight in unoccupied vehicles when traveling always keep your doors locked

CAUTION: The police department has received a report of a coyote attacking and killing a resident's pet fowl. After additional investigation it appears that we may have a coyote or possibly large gray fox roaming the area. Coyotes are not a threat to humans, but will attack pets. We have contacted Grizzly's Wild Animal Service and he will attempt to trap the animal. For more information on Florida coyotes please go to <http://myfwc.com/wildlifehabitats/profiles/mammals/land/coyote/>.

CRIME STATISTICS

Major Crimes

Residential

Commercial

Burglary (Structures & Vehicles)

1

TRAFFIC ENFORCEMENT

Total Enforcement: 27

Total Parking: 2

Citations: 23

Citations: 2

Written Warnings: 2

Written Warnings: 0



Celebrating 21 years of fun!

Holiday on Wheels Golf Cart Parade

Monday December 9, 2013

There are no rules for decorating your cart—do as much or as little as you want. You don't have to decorate your cart at all to be in the parade! Prizes are awarded for most festive, most creative, best use of lights, most unusual and best overall -- and all participants receive a memento. We do suggest headlights for safety.

But even if you don't plan to be in the parade, come to the party anyway! Here's the plan:

- 5:30 Gathering of the decorated carts in the Atlantis Country Club parking lot. If you want to enter your cart in the parade, please arrive in time to have your photo taken prior to proceeding to dinner.
- 5:30 – 7:00 Food & beverages served at Atlantis Country Club: Chicken, hamburgers, hot dogs, potato salad, cole slaw, baked beans, coffee, soda and cookies.
- 7:00 Parade begins at the Atlantis Country Club (see page 7 for route).
- 8:30 Parade ends at the Atlantis Municipal Complex.
- 8:45 Prizes are awarded for the best carts. Winners of the Holiday Home Decorating contest will be announced, too.

And in the spirit of the season, please bring a donation of food for the local of food pantry, a new children's book for the Literacy Coalition, or a new toy for a child. Thank you!

PARADE ROUTE:

At 7:00 p.m. we will exit the Atlantis Country Club parking lot and go
Right on Orange Tree Drive to Walton Heath Drive. The parade will go
Right on Walton Heath Drive to Glenbrook Drive,
Right on Glenbrook Drive to Glenbrook Court,
Right on Glenbrook Court, and travel around the cul-de-sac and back to Glenbrook Drive
Down Glenbrook Drive to Turnberry Drive
Right on Turnberry Drive to Turnberry Court North
Left on Turnberry Court North, around island and back to Glenbrook Drive
Right on Glenbrook Drive to the end,
Right on North Country Club Drive to end, circle and return,
Remain on North Country Club Drive to Walton Heath Drive,
Right on Walton Heath,
Right on Gleneagles to Orange Tree Drive,
Right on Orange Tree Drive to South Country Club Drive,
Stay on South Country Club Drive and proceed to Muirfield Drive to Troon Drive
Left on Troon Drive across the bridge.
Right on North Country Club Drive to Orange Tree Drive
Right on Orange Tree Drive to City Hall Complex.

Prizes and refreshments will be provided in the City Council Chambers.

Families: If you don't have a golf cart, experience the Golf Cart Parade on a Trolley Ride, complete with holiday decorations and music. Molly's Trolley will be transporting families in the Golf Cart Parade.

Sign-up will be available at the parade by the trolley between 6:30 and 6:45 p.m. on a first come – first serve basis. All riders must be available to board at 6:45.



It's time to get ready for the 5th Annual Holiday Home Decorating Contest!

It's hard to believe, but another Holiday Season is just around the corner. Use lights, music, greens and garlands, the sights, sounds and symbols of this festive season ... a panel of judges will award prizes for "best" decorated homes, and we'll announce the winners at City Hall after the Holiday on Wheels Golf Cart Parade on December 9th, 2013 .

The details:

- * Decorate your house between Thanksgiving and Sunday, December 8, 2013.
- * Complete the entry form below and return to City Hall by Wednesday December 4, 2013
- * Judges will visit all the entries after dark on December 8, 2013.
- * Winners will be awarded gift certificates for dinner at the Atlantis Country Club.

We're looking forward to an enchanting City this holiday season! Many thanks to the Atlantis Country Club for donating the prizes.

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5th Annual City of Atlantis Holiday Home Decorating Contest

Yes, we want to enter the contest! Please stop by our home on December 8th!

Name _____

Address _____

Phone Number _____

Please submit form to City Hall by December 4, 2013.

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COUNTRY CLUB

Dining Room Schedule

Dinner served Tuesday — Sunday Evenings beginning at 5 p.m.
Lounge opens at 1:30 p.m. with a Light Menu • Happy Hour 4 to 6 p.m.
Snack Bar Café Open Daily from 7:30 a.m. to 2 p.m.
Christmas Eve Dinner • Tuesday, December 24
served from 5:30 to 8 p.m.

\$29.50 per adult • \$16.50 per child 12 & under

Plus tax and gratuity

New Year's Eve Dinner with Entertainment by Valerie White
Tuesday, December 31

\$60 per person

Plus tax and gratuity

Closed Christmas Day

January 17, 2014 It's Showtime with Johnny T — \$38 per person.

Visit www.atlantisdine.com for details

Three Affordable Golf Membership Options

Option No. 1: Annual Golf Membership \$1,500. plus tax

Includes: All green fees for one year for one person, complimentary range balls, 20% discount on select non-sale merchandise in the golf shop, special guest fees for family and friends, advanced tee times and a USGA handicap index. \$25. cart fee per round additional.

Option No. 2: All Inclusive Annual Golf Membership \$4,500. plus tax

Includes: All green fees and cart fees for one year for one person, complimentary range balls, 20% discount on select non-sale merchandise in the golf shop, special guest fees for family and friends, advanced tee times and a USGA handicap index.

Option No. 3: All Inclusive Annual Family Golf Membership \$6,500. plus tax

Includes: All green fees and cart fees for one year for applicant and spouse, complimentary range balls, 20% discount on select non-sale merchandise in the golf shop, special guest fees for family and friends, advanced tee times and a USGA handicap index.

Mark your Calendars: 60th Annual Leon "Pop" Sikes

Father and Son Team Championship

Friday, December 27 and Saturday, December 28

37th Annual Parent and Child Team Championship, December 29

190 Atlantis Blvd.
Atlantis, FL 33462
Dine: 561.965.5788

www.atlantisdine.com

Golf: 561.968.1300

www.atlanticscountryclub.com

December 2013



2014
Homestead Exemption Outreach
2nd Wednesday of Each Month
Atlantis City Hall - 1:30 PM

September 11, October 9, November 13, & December 11

Conducted by:

PALM BEACH COUNTY PROPERTY APPRAISER'S OFFICE
Division of Education Services

THE PROPERTY APPRAISER OFFICE WILL TAKE YOUR 2014 HOMESTEAD EXEMPTION APPLICATION AND ANSWER VALUATION QUESTIONS

Please contact Mike Pratt at 561 355 4021 For Questions or email mpratt@pbcoaov.org

- Every person who has legal title **on January 1** to a residential property and lives there permanently qualifies for this exemption. You must be a permanent resident of Florida on January 1 of the initial application year. You may either apply by mail or in person at any time through the year but the deadline is March 1 of the qualifying year.
- A copy of your deed and proof of residency is required. You may submit a copy of your Florida driver's license, voter's registration or permanent residency card. In lieu of a pending permanent resident alien card, we will accept Federal Form I485, "Approval Notice for application to adjust to permanent resident status."
- Exemptions available include: \$25,000 Homestead Exemption, Additional \$25,000 Homestead Exemption, Senior Citizen Exemption, \$5,000 Disabled Veterans Exemption, Combat-disabled Senior Veterans and the \$500 Widow/Widower Exemption

Presented as a Public Service by the Education Services Division of the PBC Property Appraiser's Office

Community Activities



ALL AMERICAN TEAM TENNIS: Youth Team Tennis. For more information contact Coach Ken at 561-578-9914.

DEMOCRATIC WOMEN'S CLUB OF PALM BEACH COUNTY: Meets the first Saturday of each month. Contact Simma Sulzer for details at 968-7399.

CHESS CLUB: Meets every Monday night at 7:00 pm. Call John Schwan at 315-783-6873 for more information.

CHILDREN'S DANCE CLASSES: At Kintz Park. ages 2-6, Tap, Ballet and Creative Movement. Boys and Girls welcome. Call Lisa Lee at 561-317-5738

GREAT BOOKS 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: Held in the Council Chambers on Tuesdays 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

LITERARY SOCIETY: Will meet December 18 and review "A Week in Winter", by Maeve Binchy in the Atlantis Golf Club's Ladies Card Room for a continental breakfast and a chance to greet old friends and meet some new members to our group. Anyone wishing to join the group is welcome! \$7.00 will be collected. We look forward to a fun and interesting year. PLEASE call Pat Clem (966-7600 x101) if you plan to come so the staff can be prepared for us.

LANTANA ROAD BRANCH LIBRARY : Offering book and film discussions groups. Contact Susan Kelly at 561-304-4500.

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 PBC: 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 in Lake Worth 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.

SENIOR TENNIS: Mondays and Fridays from 9-11am at Sunset Park. Contact: Betty Ann Badger 561-434-4145.

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

WATER COLOR CLASSES: Will resume in the Fall. Call Joan Tiberi at 561-315-2633 for information or email her at jmt332@yahoo.com

A WARM WELCOME TO NEW RESIDENTS:

Christine Asvadi of Pinetree Court

Marion Hartman of Atlantis Blvd.

Robert & Linda Haggarty of Palm Circle

James & Barbara Mamer North Country Club Dr.

David Collins of Atlantis Blvd



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by Sandy Thompson (313-1060)

IMPORTANT TELEPHONE NUMBERS:

EMERGENCY (Fire, Police, Ambulance)	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 **BEFORE 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.