



The City News

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THE MAYOR'S CORNER

November 2013

Autumn greetings. I trust everyone is adjusting to the time change, finishing off the last of the excess Halloween treats and getting ready for Thanksgiving. Wow, sounds like a busy month and we are only a few days into it.

As a follow-up to last month's column, yes, we did make it to Washington D.C. in time to witness the shutdown first hand. We arrived on Sunday and by Monday night it was closed. I don't know if 24 hours is a record for a government closure by a Mayor and his wife but I thought we did a commendable job. Sadly our elected officials had more than ample time to solve their differences and keep things working. Okay they don't really work but they could have certainly come to the same conclusion without a shutdown. From what we saw, there were more people working to shutter and keep things shut down than there were working the previous day.

We did meet with some of our elected officials and had good "chats" with them. Of course it was fruitless to talk about the shutdown but I tried to concentrate on the issues I thought were of importance to our City and possible with some commonsense support. My main issue that I have mentioned previously is the mess that has been created by FEMA. I would assume that since October 1 someone in our city has already experienced the increased cost of flood insurance. Although no one had any answers, we were assured that the issue would be closely monitored and changes supported wherever they thought necessary. Fortunately this issue doesn't appear to be too political at this point. It is a glaring example of what can happen when legislation is passed without the information necessary to re

veal the negative implications of new laws and regulations. I'm not confident that the Biggert-Waters act will be repealed, but I am reasonably confident that it will be either postponed or amended. I know we will all hear more in the future, hopefully to our benefit. No one needed reminding that 2014 is an election year.

Abandoned, foreclosed, rented and vacant properties continue to be a cause for concern to both residents and your city government. We do not have a lot of tools in our toolbox that we can use to fix these problems. Although some are, in my opinion, downright dreadful and in need of major attention the city is bound by legal remedies that are cumbersome and slow. Please understand that all avenues to alleviate these problem properties are being taken as soon as legal options are available. As I speak with officials from other cities it is obvious that we are all involved in the same battles. Every city desires to have the tools to win this war.

At the risk of sounding repetitive I must once again remind everyone to please exercise caution when navigating our streets after dark. By the same token I ask walkers, joggers, and bicyclists to use the proper side and please wear light colored clothing on our streets after dark. Thanks to all who carry lights and observe the rules of the road. Together we can cooperate and keep everyone safe throughout the holidays and the entire year.

I would like to welcome back our residents returning from their "seasonal retreats" and hope everyone has enjoyed a healthy and enjoyable summer.

Mayor Mike Dahlgren

City of Atlantis
260 Orange Tree Drive
Atlantis, FL 33462

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City Hall will be closed on

**November 27 & 28th
For the holiday.**

Next City Council

Meeting

Wednesday

November 20, 2013

7:00 pm.

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

GET IT FIRST!

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November 2013 Manager's Notes

We are just coming off a successful Halloween event. Our thanks again to Leslie Leckerone and Jennifer Kintz and all the volunteers for their work and assistance in making this event a success. Our next community event is our 21st Annual Golf Cart Parade on Monday December 9, 2013. Details are elsewhere in the newsletter. We will be judging decorated Atlantis homes the night before. Awards will be given for the best homes and the best carts at the end of the Golf Cart Parade.

Recently, the City of Rochester, Minnesota was featured on the evening news for their use of defibrillator devices by their emergency responders. Those same types of defibrillators are in use by the Atlantis Police Department. All of our officers are trained to use these devices and render medical aid until the Rescue personnel arrive. Most of our officers are certified Emergency Medical Technicians.

We are noticing some yards are drying out due to the lack of rainfall. Please check your irrigation system and make sure it is on and running on the correct days and times. Residents whose street address ends in an even number (0,2,4,6,8) may water on Sunday, Tuesday and Thursday. Homes with an address that ends in an odd number (1,3,5,7,9) may water on Monday, Wednesday and Saturday. There is no watering allowed between 10 am and 4 pm every day.

See you at the Golf Cart Parade!

Mo Thornton
City Manager

City News...October 2013

The City of Atlantis Council Meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m. on October 16, 2013.

Resolution No. 13-25, authorizing the Mayor to sign an agreement with Xylem Water Solutions USA Inc. for pump equipment for lift station #2 passed 5-0 at a cost of \$21,370.00.

Resolution No. 13-26, authorizing the Mayor to sign an agreement with D.S. Eakins Construction Corporation for the rehabilitation of lift station #2 passed 5-0. Lift station #2 is located at the Atlantis Driftwood Villas and this portion of the project will cost \$122,130.00.

Resolution No. 13-27, authorizing the City Manager to negotiate on behalf of the City to satisfy, compromise, settle and release unpaid water and sewer liens, also passed 5-0.

Resolution No. 13-28, authorizing the Mayor to sign an Interlocal Agreement with the Town of Palm Beach additional funding for a joint complaint against Florida Public Utilities Company for payment of correct and proper franchise fees to each local government at a cost not to exceed \$2,058.93. This amount is Atlantis's share of the funding for the litigation process.

Resolution No. 13-29, authorizing the Mayor to sign an agreement with JFK Medical Center for additional Emergency Room staff coverage.

In Miscellaneous Business; a resolution honoring Mayor Michael Dahlgren for 20 years of Municipal Service was presented by the Florida League of Cities. Congratulations!

Passing 5-0, Council gave approval of engineering fees for Walton Heath lift station #7. The project total is estimated to be around \$31,600.00

At the end of Miscellaneous Business there was a discussion concerning the current party room building in Kintz Park on Glenbrook Drive. The Majority of Council would like to explore the possibility of replacing the current building with a new 1500 square foot community center. By Majority Consensus, Council requested from Coral Key Design, Inc. a scope of work involved at a cost of \$3,000.00. This scope which would include plans and a computer generated color rendering will be presented at the next Council Meeting on November 20, 2013 for discussion.

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

POLICE DEPARTMENT NEWS

Chief Robert G. Mangold

Community Safety through Community Awareness and Involvement:

Welcome back: To all of our residents that traveled elsewhere during the summer months and have returned home to Atlantis.

At this time of year, I want to remind everyone of our traffic enforcement program. The Atlantis Police Department routinely enforces all Florida traffic statutes. The police department has strict radar/speeding enforcement guidelines, established by the city council, and aggressively enforces these laws and guidelines to ensure the safety of our citizens.

During the winter months darkness arrives earlier in the evening so I am providing the following information for the safety of our residents that enjoy a nightly walk.

Pedestrians must walk on the left side of the street, facing oncoming traffic. Pedestrians must give way to approaching vehicles, that is, they must walk, jog, etc. in single file when traffic is approaching. Pedestrians do not automatically have the right-of-way, except in specific instances involving crosswalks and intersections.

Pedestrians should wear light colored clothing and carry a flashlight. Products, such as reflective materials and special flashing lights, can provide additional visibility and help illuminate pedestrians. These products can be purchased at bicycle shops and sporting goods departments in such stores as Wal-Mart and Target.

TRAFFIC ENFORCEMENT

October 2013

Total Enforcement:	38	Total Parking:	7
Citations:	34	Citations:	7
Written Warnings:	4	Written Warnings:	0

CRIME STATISTICS

September 2013

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



HOLIDAY GARBAGE SCHEDULE

No Garbage or Recycling will be picked up on Thanksgiving Day, November 28th.

Garbage pick up will be on Monday December 2nd, the next regularly scheduled day.

Recycling will be collected on Thursday, December 5th, 2013.

Code Enforcement: City of Atlantis Code of Ordinance, Sec. 4-61 Maintenance and appearance standards for all structures

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.

Please take a moment to update the city directory and any phone numbers you have. Use the form below and drop it off or mail it to City Hall. You may also email any directory changes to our City Clerk Jude Goudreau at jgoudreau@atlantisfl.gov. It's important that we have current information on file to enable our staff or police department to contact you regarding your home.

The City of Atlantis is one of the 14 cities and four additional agencies that participate in The Palm Beach County Regional Alert and Notification System, which partners Emergency Management in Palm Beach County. The system has been in use here for 8 years, and the Regional system has been running since July 2002. This system allows us to notify you for emergency situations, as well as street closures, boil water notices and much more.

We have included the website for you to "opt in" to this service <https://pbcc.onthealert.com> we encourage all residents to participate in this service to stay informed in the event of an emergency.

Please take a moment to update your Atlantis City Directory Listing

Family Name _____

First Name _____ Spouse _____

Atlantis Address _____

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.

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

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

Northern Address _____

Northern Phone Number _____



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 6 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

Fall Schedule Begins November 5, 2013

Dinner served Tuesday — Sunday Evenings beginning at 5 p.m.

Lounge opens at 2 p.m. • Happy Hour 4 to 6 p.m.

Snack Bar Café Open Daily at 7:30 a.m.

Thanksgiving Dinner • Thursday November 28

served from 12 noon to 7 pm.

\$28.95 per adult • \$16.95 per child 12 & under

6% tax and 20% gratuity added

Sumptuous Four-Course Dinner including these entree choices:

Roast Turkey with Stuffing, Gravy and Cranberry Sauce; Broiled Mahi Mahi;

Baked Ham with Pineapple Sauce;

Roast Prime Rib of Beef, Baked Stuffed Shrimp

Open Christmas Eve and New Year's Eve. Closed Christmas Day

January 17, 2014 *It's Showtime with Johnny T.* 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.atlanticcountryclub.com

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Paying Your Utility Bill Has Never Been Easier!!

Option 1. We still take cash and checks!! Bring or mail your payment to City Hall 260 Orange Tree Drive, Atlantis Florida 33462. There is also a drop box in the rear parking lot at City Hall for drive up drop off of your payment.

Option 2. 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 3. 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.

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.

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: _____



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: First meeting on November 20: Mrs. Lincoln's Dressmaker by Jennifer Chiaverini (Sue Wagner will be leading our review.) Look forward to seeing you on 20 November at 9:30 in the Ladies' Card Room for a continental breakfast and a chance to greet old friends and some new members. Anyone wishing to join the group, please come. . PLEASE call Pat Clem (966-7600 x101)

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:

Oops...An extra warm welcome to Rosemary Folino of 464 Pine Villa Drive.

Christina Ricci Asvadi

David Collins

Robert & Linda Haggarty

James & Barbara Mamer

Louis Plocker

George & Annamarie Walker

OUR CONDOLENCES ON THE DEATHS OF:

Fred Alfele

Nora Cannell

Margaret Metzler

Mary Louise Rower
(formerly of Atlantis)

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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.