



# The City News

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## THE MAYOR'S CORNER

October 2012

### Happy New Year!!

Well, it really wasn't much of a celebration but your city did finish another successful fiscal year. We need to give a constant chorus of thank-yous to our city staff for their efforts. I believe it has been said that money is "the root of all evil". Welcome to the least "evil" place on earth as I am constantly reminded that there is no money here. I am extremely proud to report that we have not had to revert to tapping any reserves to make routine budget expenditures. If you have been following the newspaper advertisements from our surrounding cities, it seems no one has been able to maintain taxes and leave reserves untouched. Thanks for all the understanding and gracious support from all of you.

As regularly reported by councilman-treasurer Fernandez, your staff does a magnificent job of balancing the requirements, requests and wishes of your government and our citizens. I cannot be prouder of the job they did keeping us safe and your city livable during these past financially trying years. Now, going forward is not going to be without challenges. In fact we are entering, what I personally believe, is the most difficult fiscal year we have encountered yet. Perhaps your council should have disregarded common sense and taken the opportunity to increase taxes to consider some of the delayed projects. Given an uncertain future, I believe the decision to hold the line was proper, practical and prudent.

Thanks to everyone who showed up at the Fall Party and Bonfire. Good to see everyone get together and enjoy the company and festivities. Thanks to our staff for their efforts in keeping everyone safe and preparing the site for our enjoyment. The bonfire seemed to be a big hit. Has anyone seen my eyebrows??? I especially want to thank the Crew at the Atlantis Country Club for the use of their facilities, the food preparation and service. We appreciate their willingness to step up and help us keep the social enjoyment a reality in our city.

I again feel obliged to remind everyone to please look over the constitutional amendments on the ballot in our upcoming election. Even though many consider them unimportant, the ramifications of the amendments presented this year will be devastating for our city. Several of them have provisions that limit or eliminate taxes on specified properties. Please remember it takes a certain amount of money to operate your city. Shifting this burden to fewer properties does not mean less tax. It really means someone will be paying more for the same benefit. This could be you!!! Please vote your beliefs but make sure you consider the consequences no matter what the issue. Democracy is great but understanding the issues is greater.

See you at the polls,  
Mayor Mike Dahlgren

City of Atlantis  
260 Orange Tree Drive  
Atlantis, FL 33462

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Don't Miss the Party!!

October 31st

5 pm at Kintz Park

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#### Next City Council Meeting.

Wednesday.

OCTOBER 17, 2012

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](http://www.atlantisfl.gov)



Dear Neighbor,

We do not normally editorialize in the newsletter but the constitutional amendments are too important to our city to ignore. Our city attorney Keith Davis was kind enough to ghostwrite this for me so I can avoid the pitfalls of the ethics commission. Thank you for taking the time to read this and inform other interested citizens.

The November elections are now only weeks away and the national & state campaign ads are running in full force. This year, in addition to the Presidential election and the myriad of federal and state legislative races on the ballot, Florida voters will see a number of proposed constitutional amendments on the ballot. I want to write about one in particular, which is very complicated and which could have serious fiscal impact on the county, the City of Atlantis, and each of its residents.

Amendment 4 was sponsored by a Tallahassee legislator, who is also a real estate investor and developer. His work on Amendment 4 resulted in his being named "Florida Realtor's Legislator of the Year" in 2011. The real estate lobby is spending a lot of money campaigning for the passage of Amendment 4, which they believe will boost the purchase of new homes and in turn, boost their sales commissions. This is because Amendment 4 will give first time home buyers additional tax breaks and homestead exemptions which will not be realized by established homeowners.

The reality of Amendment 4 is that it will make an already complex and confusing tax system even more complex and confusing. Here are some of the issues with Amendment 4: It discourages new business from locating in Florida because it places a higher tax burden on those new businesses as compared to similar, but already established businesses. It gives a special advantage to non-homestead property owners by reducing the cap on property value increases from 10 to 5 percent. Finally, as I mentioned above, it would grant additional homestead protection to first time home buyers up to \$150,000.00 over a five year period.

The net result of Amendment 4 is that established residents and businesses will shoulder an unfair portion of the tax burden for the provision of local services as compared to new property and business owners. This can create an "us vs. them" mentality since identically situated properties would pay significantly different taxes for identical services. In addition, at a time when property values continue to decline, Amendment 4 has the potential to exacerbate the problem and cut further into dwindling local government revenues, jeopardizing the provision of services.

Atlantis has been more fortunate than many local governments and has successfully continued to provide the services its residents want and deserve despite this environment of declining property values and declining ad valorem revenue; however, it won't last forever. If the potential local government budget cuts that are projected to be caused by Amendment 4, as estimated by such entities as the Florida Association of Counties, the Florida League of Cities and even certain legislative analysis in Tallahassee come to fruition, even Atlantis will not be immune.

I strongly urge each and every Atlantis resident to study Amendment 4 and consider its potential impact on our city before casting your vote.

Visit our website at [www.atlantisfl.gov](http://www.atlantisfl.gov) for more information on the 2012 Constitutional Amendments.

Michael Dahlgren, Mayor

**Manager's Notes OCTOBER 2012**

Dear Residents:

I hope you were able to join us this past Saturday for the Fall Party. What a wonderful time we had! I am already looking ahead to the end of the month for the Halloween Party and on to December for the Annual Home Decorating Contest and the 20th Annual Holiday on Wheels. We will time the judging of the homes to coincide with the Golf Cart Parade. Winners will be announced at the close of the Golf Cart Parade on Monday evening December 10, 2012.

As you are cleaning out the cupboards at the end of hurricane season, please consider donating usable items to the local food pantry. Just bring the items here to City Hall and we will make sure they go to a worthy organization. We will again be collecting food donations at the Golf Cart Parade.

As the rainy summer comes to an end our Code Enforcement Officers will be busy checking homes for Minimum Property Standards. Many of you will get letters from the City stating the deficiencies. We understand that some of you may have already have the work scheduled. Please call us when the work is completed and someone will be by to check. Thank you in advance for attending to your property. The appearance of the community is important to everyone.

**Mo Thornton  
City Manager**

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**City News...**

The City of Atlantis Final Budget Hearing was called to order at 7:00 pm on September 19, 2012. Resolution 12-20 passed 4-0, adopting the final millage rate for 2012-2013 at the roll back rate of 7.4227 necessary to fund the budget. Resolution 12-21 which adopts the budget for the fiscal year 2012-2013 also passed 4-0.

The City of Atlantis Council Meeting started immediately following the Final Budget Hearing. Passing 4-0, Resolution 12-24 a resolution voicing concern over Amendment 4 to the Florida Constitution. This amendment could hurt local government due to many tax exemptions, preventing the raising of budget funds.

The City Manager reported the good news that the City will continue to receive the \$12.50 money.

Under City Council comments, Mr. Furtado reported that as of March, the County will take back control of the Lantana Airport. Mrs. Higgins voiced concern over the drainage issues on North Country Club Drive. She said that this is an ongoing issue and should be addressed. Treasurer Fernandez announced that the budget was right on target and that all was well.

William Mitchell  
(official minutes at [www.atlantisfl.gov](http://www.atlantisfl.gov))

## POLICE DEPARTMENT NEWS

### Chief Robert G. Mangold

#### Safety Tip: From the American Red Cross

Take a Look at **Our Lucky 12 Tips** for a Safe Halloween

Ghouls and goblins will take over the night. But even scary creatures need to be safe and celebrate Halloween right. Halloween's greatest hazards aren't vampires and villains, but falls, costume mishaps, and automobile collisions. The Red Cross wants your family to have a safe Halloween so we're providing these tips, **the Lucky 12**:

1. Map out the route that you plan to roam, so adults are assured you will find your way home!
2. From the bravest of superheroes to the noblest of knights, everyone should remember to bring their flashlights!
3. If you visit a house where a stranger resides, accept treats at the door and, please, don't go inside.
4. When you get ready to put on your disguise, use face paint instead of masks, which will cover your eyes.
5. Always remember, before you embark, to wear light-colored clothing to be seen in the dark! (And remember to use reflective tape, even on bikes, and brooms and the edges of your cape!)
6. As you roam through the neighborhood collecting your treats, please look both ways before crossing the street! (And speaking of streets, the corners are the place for trick or treaters to cross no mat-ter their pace.)
7. Wigs, capes and costumes are flammable attire, so avoid open flames to prevent a fire!
8. Use a glow stick instead of a candle so your jack-o-lantern isn't a safety gamble!
9. You may fly on a broom or a space ship from Mars, but please be on the lookout for drivers in cars! (Between parked cars is no place to hide, be sure that you're seen whether you're a clown or a bride.)
10. Monsters and zombies should stay off the lawn, and only visit homes with their porch lights turned on!
11. You may be dressed as a werewolf, a cat or a frog, but be cautious around strange animals, especially dogs.
12. Have a grown-up inspect your candy when you're done trick-or-treating to remove open packages and choking hazards before eating.

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#### Code Enforcement

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.

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#### TRAFFIC ENFORCEMENT

Total Enforcement:	107
Citations:	89
Written Warnings:	13
Parking Citations:	5

#### CRIME STATISTICS

<u>Major Crimes</u>	<u>Residential</u>	<u>Commercial</u>
Battery	1	
Burglary (Structures & Vehicles)		
Theft (Grand & Petit)		5

# Thank you!



**Our Fall Tailgate Party** on September 29 was a great community event! More than 220 people joined us for “old-fashioned” ping pong matches and potato sack races, as well as a “modern-day” bounce house and video game arcade, fantastic music, sloppy joes and gooey s’mores for dessert! The blazing bonfire and brilliant moon only added to the party atmosphere!

**Many thanks** to the Planning Committee: Mo Thornton, Steve Mazuk, Robert Mangold, Diana Fernandez, Cathy Higgins, Keller Lanahan, Leslie Leckrone, Pat Matulis, Sara Pults, Collene Walter, Marti Rayl and David Kintz.

We had lots of help at the party, too! Thanks to Steve Mazuk, Bill Doran and Gary Varney of our Utilities Department; City Clerk Jude Goudreau; Sean Mahoney and our police officers; Nicole Thornton; Collene and Lindsey Walter, who coordinated the kids’ games; the restaurant staff at Atlantis Country Club, who kept the beverage cart well stocked and served the “tailgate” dinner; and the volunteers who sold wristbands and T-shirts: Betty & Stewart Hurline, Paula & Alan Michelson, and Justine & John Rossi, and Barbara Lee who helped people register to vote.

Our high school volunteers were: André Fernandez, Daniella Fernandez, Victoria Gallo, Chris Gallo, Katarina Lambertson, Jp McCabe, Sophia Mangonon, Rachel Marrero, Ana May, Allison Ruggiero and Andrea Sandoval.

We also received donations to defray our costs: thank you to Hy-Byrd Inspections, Reward Lighting, Atlantis residents Tom & Linda Shea, and the residents of Cedar Key Villas.

Finally, a big thank you to SWS, who collected wood for that beautiful bonfire, and to the Greenacres Fire/Rescue crew and the Explorers from Palm Beach County Fire Rescue who monitored the fire to make sure everyone was safe.

**All in all**, it was a fun afternoon and evening! Thanks to everyone who helped out, and thanks to everyone who came--you made it a PARTY!



# City of Atlantis Halloween Costume Contest

Wednesday, October 31, 2012

5 PM at Kintz Park



In case of rain, contest will be held at the Atlantis Country Club.

Pizza and Soda will be available.

*\*All participants need to sign up by 5:45 the day of the contest.*

**Prize Categories: Scariest, Most Original , Cutest, Funniest**

**Age Categories: 0-3, 4-7 , 8-11, and 12 and up.**

**Questions?**

**Call Leslie Leckrone at 969-1590**



We hope to see you there!

# ATLANTIS

COUNTRY CLUB

## Golf Course, Dining Room, Lounge and Snack Bar Are Now Open!!!

The newly renovated championship golf course boasts  
**18 new Champion Ultradwarf Bermuda greens**  
as well as many renovated tee boxes and bunkers. Also, there's a beautiful new  
brick patio off the dining room, updated landscaping and various improvements  
throughout the complex.

### **New Golf Membership Program: \$1,500.**

With no restrictions, no minimums and no assessments!  
Go to our newly designed website [www.atlanticountryclub](http://www.atlanticountryclub)  
for information or to book tee times. Stop in at  
the Golf Shop and see Todd and the Staff!

### **Dining Room Fall Schedule**

Open Wednesday—Sunday  
Dinner is served beginning at 5 p.m.

- Snack Bar Café open every day starting at 7:30 a.m.
- Tommy and his team are ready to pour you a cold one starting at 2 p.m. Afternoon menu available.
- Enjoy Happy Hour from 4 p.m. to 6 p.m. in The Lounge when 2 for 1 reigns supreme on Draft Beer, House Wines and Well Liquor.

Go to [www.atlantisdine.com](http://www.atlantisdine.com) often for information about our menus, entertainment line-up, Chef Chris' Cooking Classes and much more. If you are not signed up yet for email alerts, go to the website and simply enter your email address so you don't miss any of the fun that's coming your way this season. Mark your calendars for **Thanksgiving Dinner, Thursday November 22**, for a family feast served from 1 p.m. to 7 p.m. and the dates for our new show: "PATSY" — a one-woman tribute show to country music legend Patsy Cline — set for **January 19 and February 2**.

We look forward to seeing you soon, David and Marti and the Staff

Dine: 561.965.5788  
[www.atlantisdine.com](http://www.atlantisdine.com)

Golf: 561.968.1300  
[www.atlanticountryclub.com](http://www.atlanticountryclub.com)

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Atlantis Golf Club, the City of Atlantis' only private club is the perfect blend of the Golf and Social lifestyle. In addition to the outstanding golf, our club has been known traditionally for its spirit of friendly good-fellowship, fine dining, and numerous social events that take place throughout the year.

***27 Holes of pristine Golf...Beach...Tennis...Pool...Spa...enduring friendships***

A variety of available memberships will help you make the right choice for you and your family's lifestyle.

- Full Privilege Golf Membership including Beach and Tennis Club Membership\*
- Casual Family Golf Membership
- Welcome Trial Memberships—1, 2, 3, & 6 month memberships available
- Summer and Social Membership

**INITIATION FEE WAIVED WHEN YOU BECOME A MEMBER IN  
THE NEXT 60 DAYS\***

However, as with most established clubs, our *opportunities are limited.*

Come and be a part of the Friendliest Membership in South Florida!

For more information on Membership please call: 561-966-7602, or email inquiry to [www.membership.atlantisgolf@gmail.com](mailto:www.membership.atlantisgolf@gmail.com)

# Community Calendar:



Friday October 19, 2012 – Annual Flu Shot Clinic

Wednesday October 31, 2012 – Halloween Party

Mature Driving Class on November 15th and 16th

Thursday November 22, 2012 – Thanksgiving Day – No Garbage or Recycling Pickup

Monday December 10, 2012 – 20<sup>th</sup> Annual Holiday on Wheels Golf Cart Parade

Saturday March 30, 2013 – Easter Egg Hunt

Saturday April 13, 2013 – Spring Fling

## Flu and Pneumococcal Shots

**When: October 19, 2012 From 9 am until 11 am**

**Where: The Council Chambers at 260 Orange Tree Drive**

A-Plus Home Healthcare 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 \$28.00 for Flu and \$75.00 for Pneumococcal vaccines.**

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

**First come first serve, from 9 AM—11:00 AM**

### Atlantis City Directory Listing

Family Name \_\_\_\_\_ First Name \_\_\_\_\_ Spouse \_\_\_\_\_

Atlantis Address \_\_\_\_\_

Phone Number (\_\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_ (Name) \_\_\_\_\_ Listed \_\_\_\_\_ Unlisted \_\_\_\_\_

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.

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

Northern Address \_\_\_\_\_

Northern Phone Number \_\_\_\_\_



## MATURE DRIVER'S CLASS NOVEMBER 15th and 16th

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 alternative 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

Complete the sign up sheet below and mail it, along with check or money order to:

Safety Council of The Palm Beaches  
4152 West Blue Heron Blvd. Suite # 110  
Riviera Beach Florida, 33404

\*\*\*\*\***Detach and Enclose with Check**\*\*\*\*\*

**Location:** City of Atlantis Council Chambers

**Dates:** November 15<sup>th</sup> and 16<sup>th</sup> (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

## **THE DEMOCRATIC WOMEN'S CLUB OF PALM**

**BEACH COUNTY:** Meets the first Saturday of each month. Contact Simma Sulzer for details at 968-7399.

**THE GREAT BOOK 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 from 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](mailto:CLVERT@AOL.COM)

**THE LITERARY SOCIETY:** Will resume in November.

**PERSONAL TRAINING:** Improve your overall quality of life. Carene Kengeter American Council of Exercise Certified Personal Trainer Call: 561-313-4026.

**THE PALM BEACH HABILITATION CENTER** is looking for donations of goods and time. If you have time the Thrift Store is looking for volunteers to work a few hours per week. Additionally, they are always looking for donations of furniture and clothing and other goods to be resold. Proceeds from the thrift shop benefit the adult programs serving disabled persons at the Center. Call Halle at 965-8500.

## **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. For more information contact Peggy Vrane (561) 868-5807 Richard Beiter (561) 965-4282 or Ron Leeds (561) 969-9600.

**SENIOR TENNIS:** Monday 9-11 am and Friday 9-11am at Sunset Park. Contact: Betty Ann Badger 561-434-4145.

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

**WATER COLOR CLASSES:** Suspended until fall. Call Joan Tiberi at 561-547-5123 for information.

## **LANTANA ROAD BRANCH LIBRARY**

Offering book and film discussions groups. Contact Susan Kelly at 561-304-4500.

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**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 February. Time: 1:30-2:30 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 DEATHS OF:**

Robert Kehlhofer

John Cashman Jr.

Eugene Baker

## **A WARM WELCOME TO NEW RESIDENTS:**

Mark and Lisa Antonucci

The City of Atlantis  
260 Orange Tree Drive  
Atlantis, FL 33462  
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 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 **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.**