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THE MAYOR'S CORNER

Dear Residents,

Happy Valentines Day !! I expect many residents will be getting cards delivered personally by friends and relatives fed up with the weather up north. Yes, once again it's great to be in Atlantis.

Things in the city seem to be progressing normally. We just received the results of our annual audit I'm proud to say that we received the highest possible evaluation. Our auditors gave the City an "Unqualified Opinion" and high marks in all areas. The auditors were very complimentary of our city staff for their efforts in difficult economic times. It's a pleasure to serve with such a dedicated group.

As an early "heads up", the starting time for our council meeting has been changed to 7:00 p.m. A majority of the council approved this time. It was also thought to be better by city staff so it was agreed to try the new time and see how it affects citizens and council members.

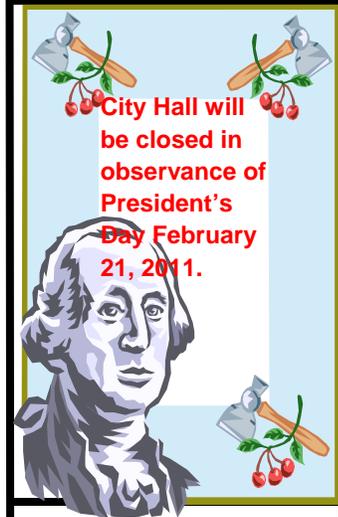
As I am sure many have noted,

preliminary numbers for property valuations are being released. We won't know our numbers until summer. With early indications that countywide values are down 10%, it doesn't look promising. Council and staff will do their best to insure that budgets carefully reflect the city's needs and resident's tax obligations.

It's not too late to start thinking about Spring Fling. Your committees are hard at work to insure another successful event. April 2nd is the date and details will be found in this and future newsletters. I hope some residents will plan their northern departures after our celebration.

Valentine hugs and kisses to all – Well, maybe just the ladies. We have the best in the south!!!!

Mayor Mike Dahlgren



Next City Council Meeting is Wednesday,

February 16, 2011

TIME HAS CHANGED !!

7:00 pm.

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



DON'T FORGET
2011 DECALS &
DIRECTORIES ARE NOW AVAILABLE.

GET IT FIRST!

OUR NEWSLETTER IS AVAILABLE ONLINE.
www.atlantisfl.gov

Manager's Notes February 2011

Winter is here. Although we are warmer than most of the rest of the country, our landscaping has been damaged by the cold. Hang in there; wait until the weather turns warmer to trim the cold damaged vegetation. In the mean time continue to water the lawn and landscaping on a regular basis. About March 15 you can begin to fertilize and re-plant your damaged vegetation.

As you have seen elsewhere in the newsletter, the 2011 resident decals are available. Please take the time to bring your vehicle registration to the police dispatcher and obtain your new decals. The dispatch center is open 24 hours a day. Atlantis spends a great deal of resources on crime prevention. This is just one of the tools that we use to identify who belongs in the community and who may not. Help us keep the community safe by obtaining your decals today.

The Spring Fling is just around the corner. This year it will be on Saturday, April 2, 2011. We will have the great food and fun just as last year. We are sure that the weather will be much better this year. The event will go on rain or shine. The Atlantis Country Club has been such a great partner for our community activities. Last year they opened their doors so we could all stay dry. Because of last year's rain, many people did not get to see Peter Johnke's golf trick shot show so we have asked him to come back this year. We are also planning to end the event with fireworks. We must raise the funds for the event activities and especially the fireworks. Please see the information on page 6. Your help will be greatly appreciated.

The retirement of Joseph Veaner from the Board of Adjustment leaves an opening for a Regular Seat on that board. Mr. Veaner is a true public servant. He has served the city in various capacities on the city council, as mayor, on the Board of Adjustment, and most recently as the chair of that board for over 30 years. His service is a testimony to his love for the community. Mr. Veaner's quiet leadership has been felt in all of the thoughtful decisions that have been made over the years. Although he wanted no special kudos for his service, his legacy will persist and his presence will be greatly missed.

If you are interested in being considered for appointment to the Board of Adjustment send me a letter of interest, listing your qualifications. The Board of Adjustment hears zoning variance and special exception requests. The appointment will be made at the March City Council meeting. For more information call me or email me at mthornton@atlantisfl.gov

**Mo Thornton
City Manager**

City News.....

The City of Atlantis Council Meeting was called to order at 7:30 p.m. on January 19th, 2011

Ordinance No. 417, passing 5-0 established a moratorium on the establishment of pain clinics and pharmacies upon its second and final reading. This ordinance is effective for six months until ordinance 416, concerning the legal control of pain clinics and pharmacies in the City of Atlantis, can take effect. A panel of qualified individuals will be formed to help draw up the ordinance. The Atlantis Police Department, David Kintz and resident Thomas Lanahan will be among the members for the panel.

Passing 5-0, Resolution 11-01 named the Supervisor of Elections to the canvassing board for Municipal Elections. The supervisor will canvas all absentee ballots, canvass the Municipal Election, and conduct logic and accuracy testing for all elections machinery.

In miscellaneous business, a presentation of the financial audit by the accounting firm of Holyfield and

Thomas LLC revealed a "clean opinion", the best possible opinion for our municipality and Utility Department. We have seventeen times the liquid assets needed by law. In spite of the economy, Atlantis has a positive cash flow. Council accepted the presentation by a 5-0 vote. Council voted 3-2 to change the Atlantis Council Meeting time from 7:30 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. This means from now on, our monthly meeting will begin at 7:00 p.m.

Please remember to go to the Police Department with your vehicle registration to pick up your new car decals and directories. If you are concerned about security and safety in Atlantis, these decals on your vehicle can make a big difference. The new 2011 decals go on the outside of your car windows and are easy to apply.

The mayor and council praised the new guards at our entrances for improving and doing a better job.

William Mitchell

(official minutes available at www.atlantisfl.gov)

POLICE DEPARTMENT NEWS.....By Chief Robert G. Mangold

Community Safety through Community Awareness and Involvement:

Crime Prevention Tip: Windows

Last month information was presented about sliding glass doors; this month we are continuing with information about how best to secure your windows.

Windows

Windows are left unlocked and open at a much higher rate than doors. An open window, visible from the street or golf course, may be the sole reason for your home to be selected by a burglar. Ground floor windows are more susceptible to break-ins for obvious reasons. Upper floor windows become attractive if they can be accessed from a stairway, tree, fence, or by climbing on balconies. Windows have latches, not locks and therefore should have secondary blocking devices to prevent sliding them open from the outside. Inexpensive wooden dowels and sticks work well for horizontal sliding windows and through-the-frame pins work well for vertical sliding windows. For ventilation, block the window open no more than six inches and make sure you can't reach in from the outside and remove the blocking device or reach through and unlock the door.

In sleeping rooms, these window blocking devices should be capable of being removed easily from the inside to comply with fire codes. Like sliding glass doors, anti-lift devices are necessary for ground level and accessible aluminum windows that slide horizontally. The least expensive and easiest method is to install screws half-way into the upper track of the movable glass panel to prevent it from being lifted out in the closed position. As a deterrent, place highly visible decals on the glass door near the latch mechanism that indicates that an alarm system, a dog, or block watch/operation identification system is in place.

- Use crime prevention or alarm decals on ground accessible windows
- Secure all accessible windows with secondary blocking devices
- Block accessible windows open no more than 6 inches for ventilation
- Make sure someone cannot reach through an open window and unlock the door
- Make sure someone cannot reach inside the window and remove the blocking device
- Use anti-lift devices to prevent window from being lifted out

In March's newsletter we will continue with home burglary and lighting.

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

Safety Tip: Pedestrians walking at night should avoid shining their flashlights in the eyes of drivers; move the light side to side aimed at an angle at the ground or shine it on yourself.

DECEMBER TRAFFIC STATISTICS

Traffic Citations:	126
Written Citations:	100
Written Warnings:	9
Parking Citations:	17

CRIME STATISTICS

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



Super Bowl Party

(RSVP Required)

Atlantis Country Club

February 6, 2011

Kick Off 5:00 pm Appetizers

Dinner Buffet 6:30 pm

\$35.00 per person



Raffle

42" Flat Screen TV

First 60 guests pre-paid before December 20, 2010

Receive one raffle ticket per person

Drawing @ Half Time (must be present to win)

Drinks Price Specials

All Night

\$2.00 Domestic Beer

\$3.00 Import Beer

\$4.00 House Wine and Well Drinks

Raffle Tickets to be sold @ Event

1 for \$10.00

3 for \$20.00

Valentine Weekend Special

February 11th, 12th and 13th 2011 • 5pm-9pm

Valentine's Special for 2

♥ Glass of Champagne or Wine

♥ Soup du jour or Salad

♥ Surf & Turf

(Filet Mignon & Grilled Shrimp Or Chilean Seabass)

♥ Dessert & Beverage

\$78 per couple
Plus 6.5% tax and 20% gratuity

For more information please call 561-965-5788

50's, 60's & a little bit of soul



The Doo-Wop Kids
are back to
entertain

Make your reservation
in the Golf Shop
\$40 per person

February 26th. 6:30PM

190 Atlantis Blvd., Atlantis, FL 33462 • 561-965-5788

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: _____

Become a "Friend of the City" and help us host Spring Fling

Our second annual Spring Fling is scheduled for Saturday, April 2. We expect that by selling "tickets" (wrist bands) to our residents at a cost of \$10 per person, and soliciting contributions from our vendors and Atlantis-based businesses, we will be able to cover much of the cost of food, games and entertainment. However, we will need some additional contributions, especially if we want to enjoy those fabulous fireworks.

Therefore,, we are inviting our residents to meet the "Spring Fling Challenge" by making a **tax-deductible contribution** so that we can have another fun-filled afternoon—hopefully with better weather than last year! Sponsorships can be shared with several residents or a group, e.g. condo association, tennis group. We will recognize your gift with signage at "Spring Fling" and also in the City's newsletter.

If you are interested in becoming a "Friend of the City," please send the enclosed form to our City Manager, Mo Thornton. And if you have any questions, or would like additional information, you can call (965-1744) or send an e-mail to her at mthornton@atlantisfl.gov.



**"Friend of the City" Contribution for Spring Fling 2011
I/we want to make a tax-deductible contribution for Spring Fling 2011.**

Name: _____

Address: _____

Telephone: _____

⇒ Enclosed is a check made payable to the "City of Atlantis" in the amount of
 \$100 \$250 \$500 \$1000 Other _____

⇒ Or, please charge my credit card account in the amount of \$ _____:
 Visa Master Card Discover

Card # _____ Expiration Date _____

Please print name as it appears on card _____

Signature _____



“Spring Fling”
Saturday
April 2, 2011



Plan to be part of our 2nd Annual
“Spring Fling”



All events take place at Atlantis Country Club



All residents are welcome! A wristband is your ticket to all the fun!

- Children’s Games
- Golf Skills Short Game Challenge
- Antique Car Show
- Beverage/cash bar available
- Buffet dinner & music
- Peter Johncke “Trick Golf Shot Master” show
- Fireworks by Zambelli

Cost is \$10 per person (kids 3 & under are free). Pick up your wristband at City Hall now.
Wristbands will be \$15 the day of the event.
Atlantis souvenirs will be available for purchase at the “Spring Fling!”



We want to be part of the fun at “Spring Fling”

Name (s) _____

Address _____

Number of tickets @ \$10 each _____



Jeff Miller touches the hearts of the Centurions

Otis Brown, Chair of the Centurions, welcomed the guests and thanked them for their support this year and all their past support. He introduced his hard working committee members: Sandy Beach, Bill Benton, Harry Kennedy, John Farmer, Carl Palmisano, Bryan Meumann, Bud Tuppen, David Stenson, and David Hawkey. Otis was proud to report that Centurion giving this year is already \$80,000. Tina Philips, President/CEO of Palm Beach Habilitation Center, was introduced and entertained the crowd with the story of how the Centurions started.

There was not a dry eye in the crowd, as Jeff Miller, Founder of HonorAir, finished his talk at the Annual Centurions Cocktail Reception on Tuesday, January 11th at Atlantis Golf Club. The program started with a video interviewing Jeff and World War II veterans regarding their visit to the World War II Memorial in Washington DC. Miller told stories about the trips that touched the hearts of the Centurions and brought many of them to tears. Tom & Sue Fazio described their experience as guardians on one of the trips and how it touched them.

The Centurions, which was founded in 1994, is a group of men who raise money for capital expenditures and repairs at the Palm Beach Habilitation Center each year. To date they have raised over \$1.3 million dollars. A portion of the money raised is earmarked for the Centurions Capital Expenditure and Repair Fund, which ensures that the Center has money to make necessary repairs and buy equipment as needed.

For more information about the Centurions or the Palm Beach Habilitation Center, please call **Roxanne at 561-965-8500.**



LPGA Icon Michelle McGann Teams Up With Atlantis Golf Club for
Annual Play for P.I.N.K. Charity Event

Honorary Member Michelle McGann and the Play for P.I.N.K. Committee Members (Joy Bayrouy, Judy Jokiel, Sue Wagner and Dawn Burke) will be hosting their annual Play for P.I.N.K. Golf Tournament and Luncheon on Tuesday, February 15, 2011, to benefit breast cancer research. All proceeds from the event go to The Breast Cancer Foundation. To date, the Atlantis Golf Club has **donated \$114,728 to the Play for P.I.N.K. organization**. This is an organization which donates much-needed funds directly to The Breast Cancer Research Foundation.

Not only do the Ladies contribute to the cause but the Gentlemen at the Atlantis Golf Club, have been very active and generous in their donations as well. It's with everyone's continued passion and support that we will work towards this common goal.

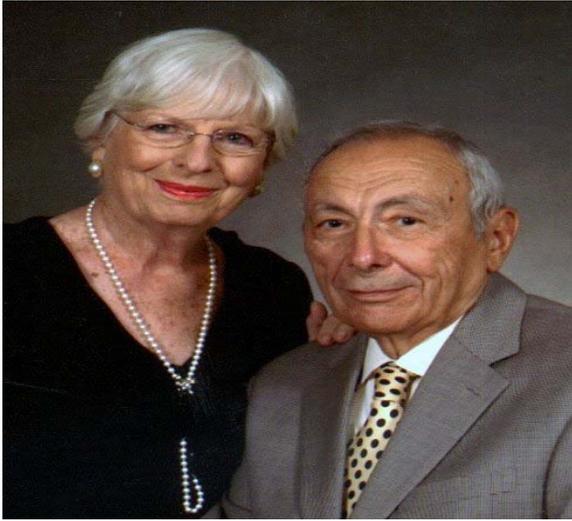
Additional donations can be made by calling (561) 966-7602
or on our website at www.atlantisgolf.org/Golf/
as well as www.playforpink.com

Looking for the Perfect Valentines' Day gift?

Surprise someone special with a Membership to The Private Club in Atlantis!

- Summer Membership to The Private Golf Club
 - Executive Membership
 - Business Professional Membership
 - Trial Membership
 - 27 Beautiful golf holes
 - Full length Driving Range
- Newly renovated Practice facility and Short Game area
 - No Tee Time policy
- FREE Junior Summer Program to our Membership

For more information, contact Geoff Gilliland at (561) 966-7602 and visit our website at www.atlantisgolf.org



Manny and Helen Logothetis to reign as King and Queen of Hearts

The Hab-a-Hearts, an auxiliary benefiting the Palm Beach Habilitation Center, are honored to announce Manny and Helen Logothetis as King and Queen of Hearts of the 20th Annual Hab-a-Hearts Luncheon to be held Monday, February 7th at the historic Mar-a-Lago Club in Palm Beach. Helen has served on the Hab-a-Hearts Steering Committee for many years and underwrites the expense of the orchids for the luncheon. Their commitment and generosity is deeply appreciated by the Center and the men and women who profit from their kindness. We are thrilled and honored to award the Caption: Helen and Manny Logothetis

King and Queen of Hearts to this very special couple as they truly share their heart with those that need it most!

The luncheon starts off with a complimentary wine reception, during which time a silent auction is held. Also, a small live auction of choice items is included during lunch. For the second year, Hab-a-Hearts Steering Committee Members will model the classic, casual elegant fashions with exciting vibrant colors of the Mildred Hoit Store of Palm Beach.

The luncheon is chaired by Joanne Driscoll, Linda Reichenstein, and Craig Mitchell. Committee members include: Jim Accursio, Prudie Anderson, Victoria Baker, Amy Bernard, Donna Brown, Trish Callow, Nancy Cashman, Barbara Fuschetti, Ann Growney, Ann Jaggie, Jenifer Kelley, Lee Kirwan, Henrietta Koretsky, Sandra Lawrence, Helen Logothetis, Beverlee Miller, Jean O'Connell, Carol Pratt, Sheila Rinker, Chris Silva, MJ Stewart, Lou Ann Swan, Sherry Szczublewski, Trish Tackett, Marilyn Tuppen, Marie Tynan, Marianne Vellis, Barbara Whitford, and, Babbette Wolff.

Tickets are \$200 each. To receive an invitation, purchase a ticket or for more information, please call Roxanne at 561-965-8500, ext. 212 or e-mail rjacobs@pbhab.com

Community Activities

CALLING ALL CHESS PLAYERS!

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

THE GREAT BOOK CLUB OF ATLANTIS-

LANTIS- Will be meeting on Friday, February 11th from 2-4 pm in the council chambers at 260 Orange Tree Drive. This month's discussion will be A Joseph Conrad story-- An Outpost of Progress. Interested persons should contact **Dr. Bennett Miller at 561-968-2675** for further information

THE LITERARY SOCIETY

Please join us at 9:30 on January 19,2011 Sally McKean will discuss the novel, "Loving Frank" by Nancy Horan. **Call Pat Clem at 966-7600 ext. 101**

JEWELRY CLASS: Tuesdays, 6-8 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

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

5-6pm Lil Lobbers 6+ Beginner – Intermediates

6-7 pm Intermediate-Advanced Ages 7+

and Round Robin

Adult Tennis Fun, Healthy, and Instructive

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:

David and Jennifer Beurkle

Ian and Susan Burns

Mr. and Mrs. John Davidson

Paul Kenison

Mika Kiiski

Terese Weber

OUR CONDOLENCES ON THE DEATHS OF :

Maria Arias

Dolores Rubino

Gary Stafford

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by Sandy Thompson (313-1060)

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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**