



# The City News

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## THE MAYOR'S CORNER

Dear Residents,

As I turn on the morning news, the reality of the time of year and our location in South Florida certainly gets my attention. Three circles representing various tropical disturbances poised in the Atlantic Ocean remind me of the concerns that peak of hurricane season brings. Precautions have been taken by your city to deal as effectively as possible with any storms. Since many of our residents choose to travel now that school has begun, please remember to call the police department and put your home on the dark house list. In the event of any problem or weather event, the city will immediately know your status. Of course we all know there are not going to be any hurricanes this year, **don't we?**

Since my last comments, the proposed budget has been reevaluated several times to insure that all assumptions and estimates are correct. No changes from our initial estimates and projections have been made. The budget hearings are scheduled for September 8 and September 15 before the council meeting. I see no changes to be enacted at this time.

The initial projections from the tax assessor's office are no doubt in your possession by now. Several people have asked me for an explanation

about their assessment and the Save Our Homes factor. As a general explanation, if your property was allowed a homestead exemption previously, your rate of increase in taxable valuation was limited each year. Now that market values are decreasing, your taxable value can still be increasing. This will continue, within limits, until taxable and market valuations are equal. If you are comparing your tax amounts with neighbors, city averages or non-homestead property, you will no doubt notice differences.

The Fall Festival has become an annual event and this year's offering should be even better. Be sure to check out all the details elsewhere in the newsletter. You don't have to participate, just attend. We have to give the committee members a big "high-five" for all their planning, organizing and preparation of this community event.

Stay safe and avoid the construction cones.

Always proud to serve,

Mayor Mike Dahlgren



City Hall will be Closed for

Labor Day

Monday September 6,  
2010

Next City Council Meeting is Wednesday,

SEPTEMBER 15, 2010  
at 7:30 pm.

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

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



## 2010 Fall Festival

## Saturday, October 2, 2010

**Manager's Notes, SEPTEMBER 2010**

Dear Residents:

The 2010 Census count is winding down. The latest numbers show that Atlantis had the third highest participation rate at 78% of all the cities in Palm Beach County. Thank You Residents for returning this important information. This information will determine representation at the state and national level as well as revenue calculations for the next ten years. Final Census numbers are not yet available.

Congress Avenue Widening Update: The night work to establish an additional lane on the east side (northbound) lanes is nearly complete. The bridge work has started; much of this work will take place at night. We don't have a definitive schedule yet from the contractor. As I have previously reported, once the additional lane is complete, work will commence on the storm drain system. Work on the west side (southbound) will not begin for 6-8 months. Two lanes of traffic will be maintained in both directions during the construction period. Keep in mind that speeding fines are doubled when workers are present in a construction zone. Use caution when traveling through this area or use Military Trail as an alternate route.

Mo Thornton  
City Manager

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**City News**

The Atlantis City Council Meeting was called to order at 7:30 P.M. on August 18, 2010

Resolution 10-20 passed 5-0. This resolution authorizes the Mayor to sign an agreement for Vaccination services with A-Plus Home Health Care Inc. They will provide Flu and Pneumococcal vaccines to

the residents of Atlantis.

The first Budget Meeting will be held at 5 p.m. on September 8, 2010. at the Municipal Complex.

**William Mitchell**

(Official minutes available at [www.atlantisfl.gov](http://www.atlantisfl.gov))

**Garbage and Recycling**

One of the amenities that the residents of Atlantis pay for is back/side door garbage and recycling collection. Underground cans are required by City code and we strongly encourage residents to use them. It is not necessary to take garbage or recycling items to the curb. The only items that should be placed at the curb are vegetative debris and bulk trash, and only after 5 pm on Sunday for Monday pick up. Lawn maintenance companies must haul their own debris away. Please help keep the city looking clean by using the underground cans. Keep the household garbage and recycling by the back/side door in or near the underground cans. If you need new recycle bins you may call city hall at 965-1744. Southern Waste Systems will deliver them to your home. Liners for the underground cans may be purchased at Ace Hardware in Lantana.



## POLICE DEPARTMENT NEWS Chief Robert G. Mangold

### BACK TO SCHOOL TRAFFIC SAFETY TIPS



FDOT Encourages All to be Cautious as Students Return to Class.

The Florida Department of Transportation (FDOT) and our Community Traffic Safety Team (CTST) partners remind motorists to take extra traffic safety precautions as students head back to school in Palm Beach County. The beginning of the school year is a time when children are at increased risk of transportation-related injuries from pedestrian, bicycle, school bus, and motor vehicle crashes.

FDOT offers the following tips for making back to school commutes safer for motorists and students.

#### Tips for Motorists

- Slow down and obey all traffic laws and speed limits.
- Be alert for reduced speed limits in designated School Speed Zones.
- Watch for school buses. Red flashing lights and an extended stop arm indicate the school bus is stopping to load or unload children. Know and follow the state law that requires you to stop. (See info on this link <http://hsmv.state.fl.us/SafetyTips/SchoolBusSafety.htm>)
- Keep an eye out for children riding their bicycles or walking in the street, especially where there are no sidewalks.
- Be alert for children playing and gathering near bus stops and for those who may dart into the street without looking for traffic.
- When backing out of a driveway or leaving a garage, watch for children walking or biking to school.
- When driving in neighborhoods or school zones, watch for young people who may be in a hurry to get to school and may not be thinking about getting there safely.

#### Tips for Parents

- Be a good role model. Always buckle up in the car, always wear a helmet when biking and always follow pedestrian safety rules. Do not text or talk on your cell phone while driving.
- Supervise young children as they are walking or biking to school or as they wait at the school bus stop.
- Provide your children with bright clothing so motorists can easily see them. Add reflective markings on backpacks.
- Make sure your child is properly buckled up in a weight-appropriate child safety seat in the back seat.
- Make sure that your teen driver understands and obeys all state traffic laws.

#### Tips for Students

- Always buckle up when riding in a car. Be sure to remove your backpack before getting in the vehicle. Never buckle your safety belt with your backpack on.
- Always ride in the back seat. It's the safest place for young people.
- Always wear a helmet and follow traffic safety rules when riding your bike.
- If you ride a school bus, learn and practice the safety rules for waiting at the bus stop, getting on and off the bus, and riding the bus. Never wait for the school bus in the roadway.

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**POLICE DEPARTMENT NEWS ...continued.**

- If you walk to school, learn and practice the safety rules for pedestrians. It's extremely important for you to use the sidewalk when available, look left-right-left when crossing the road, and always walk facing traffic.
- Always cross at crosswalks, obey all traffic signs, traffic lights, and crossing guard instructions.
- Teen drivers should avoid speeding and minimize distractions (texting, talking on cell phones, eating, adjusting the radio) while driving. Teens are also reminded never to overload their vehicle; everyone riding in a vehicle must use a safety belt.
- Be a good role model for your younger brothers and sisters and friends, and help them learn and follow vehicle safety rules.

**Golf Cart Regulations:**

The police department has received reports that golf carts are being used on Atlantis roadways after dark. Per Florida State Statute, if golf carts are operated at night, they must be equipped with headlights, brake lights, turn signals, and a windshield. Failure to have this equipment installed and functioning when riding on a golf cart after dark constitutes a serious safety hazard. If you operate a golf cart after dark, please comply with the law.

Also, when transporting young children on a golf cart, please ensure that they are being held by an adult or otherwise safely seated in a manner to prevent them from falling off the cart.

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**TRAFFIC ENFORCEMENT**  
August 2010

**TOTAL ENFORCEMENT :**        **38**  
**CITATIONS:**                   **32**  
**WRITTEN WARNINGS:**       **01**  
**PARKING CITATIONS:**       **05**

**CRIME STATISTICS**  
July 2010

<b>MAJOR CRIMES:</b>	<b>Residential</b>	<b>Commercial</b>
<b>Burglary :</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>3</b>
<b>(Structures &amp; Vehicles)</b>		
<b>Theft: (Grand &amp; Petit)</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>3</b>
<b>Vehicle theft</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>0</b>
<b>Battery</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>1</b>

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**Minimum Property Standards**

Just a reminder, October starts our annual property review for Minimum Property Standards. Look at your property now and see if things need to be straightened up and cleaned up. The following list includes items that will be reviewed.

**Roof** – Clean and in good repair

**House** – Clean and not showing signs of weathering and deterioration. Are there rust stains from the irrigation system? These can be removed by using Rust-Aid or similar products available at the hardware store. Is the garage door painted and in good repair? Is the trim painted and in good condition?

**Driveway** – Is it clean and free of pothole and weeds? Paver brick driveways are susceptible to weed growth. Weeds can be sprayed with Round-up or similar products available at the hardware store.

**Yard** – Are the grass and shrubs adequately maintained? Have the trees been trimmed to present a neat and orderly appearance? Has adequate irrigation been provided? Regardless of water restrictions, it is expected that lawns be kept green and neatly mowed. Is there dead or dying landscape material? Dead landscape material must be replaced within 30 days.

# 2010 Fall Festival

## Saturday, October 2, 2010

### 8:00 AM — Noon



It's still a sizzling summer, but we're busy making plans for our 2<sup>nd</sup> Annual Fall Festival. With a bike ride, games, food and an **E-X-P-A-N-D-E-D Green Market**, it promises to be a fun morning! Here's what's happening:

### Ride from Sunset Park to Kintz Park

- 8:30-** On-site registration at Sunset Park. Coffee, juice, breakfast bars and fruit will be available.
- 8:45-** Fitness expert Carene Kengeter will lead a warm-up session before the bike ride.
- 9:00-** Hop on your bikes (you can roller blade or walk, too) for a ride through the city to Kintz Park. The route will be shorter than it was last year—Make it a Family Ride!
- 10:00-** At Kintz Park, pick up a hot dog and beverage. We'll have a bounce house, rock wall, and 5 in one sports, and face painting.

8:00 AM to Noon at Kintz Park

We've invited local merchants to participate in the **Green Market**. We expect many more vendors this year. Check out the goodies from:

- \* **Gavi's Goodness**-organic gluten free products
  - \* Biscotti from **Biscotti-Firenze**
- \* **No Common Scents**-natural homemade soaps
- \* Stained glass mosaics from **Picaloino Gardens**
- \* Make your dog happy with treats from **Happy Dog Bakery**
- \* Yummy empanadas and other bakery good for humans from **Eat Pervian**
  - \* **PBSO** will be on hand with Child Find- Child ID
- \* **FDOT Traffic Safety** will be here with bike helmets and giveaways.

And many more.....

**COST & WRISTBANDS**-For an entrance fee of \$5 for individuals and \$20 for the whole family, you can join your neighbors and friends for a fun-filled morning. Once again, a wrist band will be the "ticket" to participate in the Fall Festival.

If you pre-register and buy your wristbands by September 28, you'll be entered into a drawing for "Green Market Bucks" to spend at the Green Market.

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...more on the Fall Festival



Wear your "I  Atlantis" T-shirt! If you want to purchase one, all sizes—for kids and adults—are available at City Hall for \$8. We've got electric blue, hot pink and lime green to choose from! We'll also be selling them at Sunset and Kintz Parks on the day of the Festival.

**VOLUNTEERS**—We'll need help the day of the event. Here are ways you can help:

- ◆ Sponsor a Water Station in your driveway along the bike route.
- ◆ Work with us at the pre-event staging areas at Sunset Park, at Kintz Park to help set up the Green Market, or after the bike ride to help with lunch and activities at Kintz Park.
- ◆ For teens who need community service credit, this event will qualify.

Call Mo Thornton (965-1744) or Keller Lanahan (346-2726) for information or if you would like to help out. If you are only planning to shop at the Green Market, you do not need to purchase a wristband. However, only advance purchases of wristbands are eligible for the drawing for Green Market Bucks.



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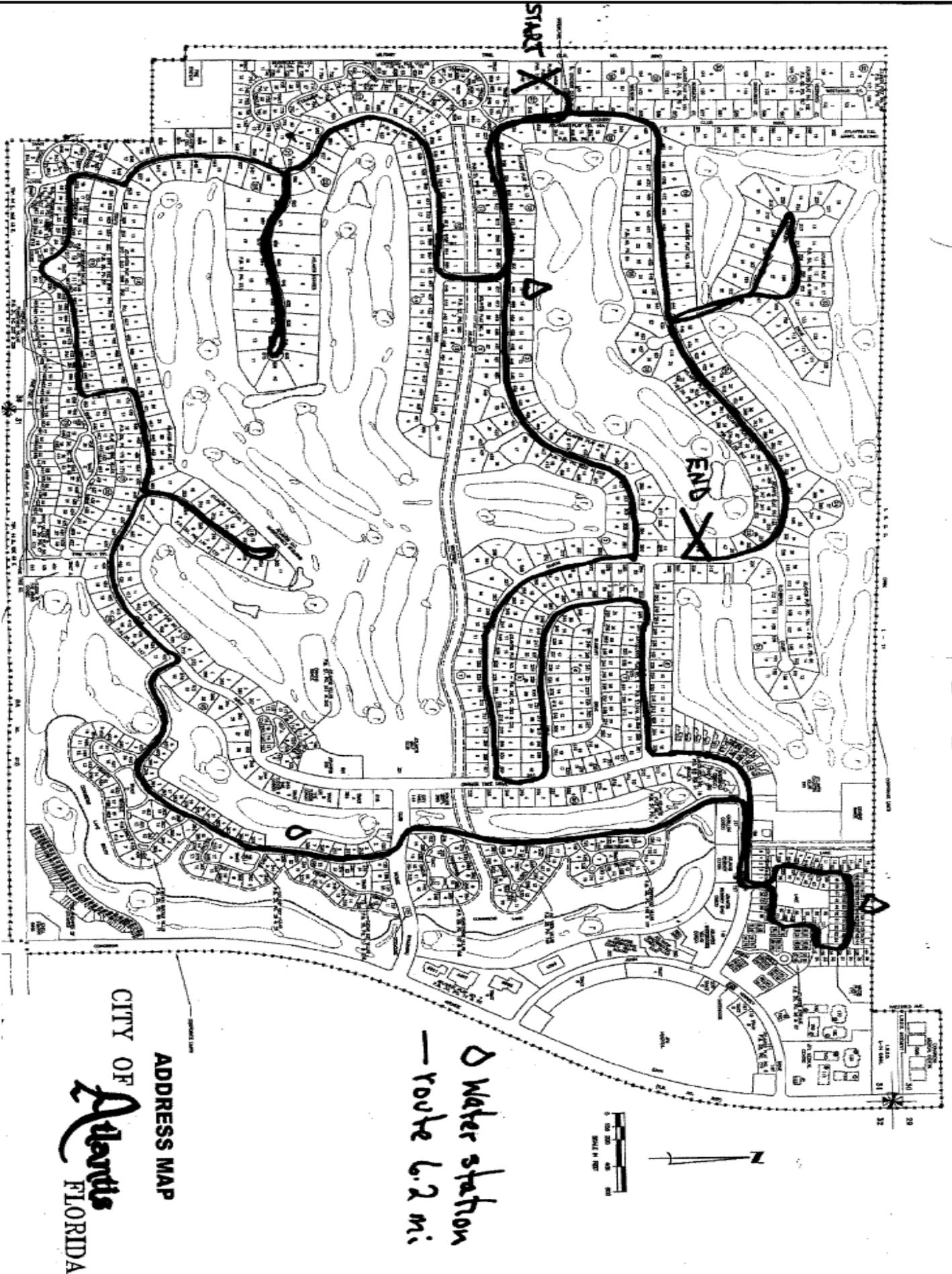
**DROP OFF PRE-REGISTRATION FORM AT CITY HALL BY September 28**

Please make checks payable to "City of Atlantis."

Family Name and Address: \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

Number of Participants: \_\_\_\_\_Adults\_\_\_\_\_ Children

Total Amount Enclosed: \_\_\_\_\_



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FLORIDA

ADDRESS MAP

△ Water station  
— route 6.2 mi

# ***Summer Membership***

## ***Atlantis Golf Club***



### ***"The Private Club"***

If you love golf, *then* you indeed belong here at

## ***Atlantis Golf Club***

**27 Pristine Holes**

**No Tee times**

**Unlimited Driving Range**

**May-October- Call for Pricing**

**Open Every Day**

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**Call Tommy Butcher @ 561- 966-7602**

**[tommy@atlantisgolf.org](mailto:tommy@atlantisgolf.org)**

**Atlantis Golf Club, 301 Orange Tree Dr.**



## Flu and Pneumococcal Shots Clinic & City Of Atlantis Annual Health Fair

Come join us and have your health  
care questions answered.

**When: October 22, 2010 From 9 am until 4 pm**

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

**A-Plus** 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 \$25.00 for Flu and \$45.00 for Pneumococcal vaccines.**

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

First come first serve, from 9 AM—3:00 PM

**Forms are available at City Hall** for anyone who wishes to fill them out prior to the clinic.

Please contact City Hall at 561-965-1744 with any questions.

**The following businesses will be on hand with valuable information for our residents:**

**H2U** and representatives from **JFK Medical Center** will be here providing information to residents.

**Atlantis Police Department** will be on hand to enter emergency contact information into the DHSMV data files, answer questions, and provide crime tips.

**Slossberg Chiropractic & Wellness** will be here giving complimentary chair massages.

# Atlantis Country Club

190 Atlantis Boulevard

561-965-5788

## Atlantis Resident Summer Discount: 20% Off

Bring your Family and Friends and take 20% off the food portion of your total check.

(Please tip on full amount before discount is applied. Show proof of residency to server for 20% off.)

**Summer Hours:** *Open Wednesday to Sunday for dinner from 5 p.m. to 8 p.m.*

**Snack Bar:** *Open Daily beginning at 7:30 a.m.*

**Lounge:** *Open Wednesday to Sunday beginning at 2 p.m.*

*Lite Bar Menu Available*

**Happy Hour:** *2 p.m. to 6 p.m. Complimentary Hors d'oeuvres Served*

### Kids Eat Free Wednesday and Thursday

*Children's Menu....\$5 includes beverage and dessert*

Fried Chicken Tenders, Grilled Hamburger or Cheeseburger Pasta, Fried Shrimp, Grilled Breast of Chicken, Corn Dog

### Saturday Nights in the Lounge 6-9 p.m.

*Enjoy the incomparable, smooth sounds of Fred Ferrese*

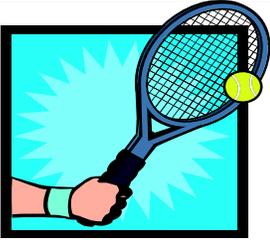
*Listen and Dance to the popular hits of the 70s by*

*James Taylor, Jimmy Buffett, Harry Chapin, Cat Stevens, Neil Diamond, America and many more.*

*For your listening and dancing pleasure in*

**The Lounge from 6 to 9 p.m.**





# Community Activities



**TENNIS CLASSES-** contact **COACH Sherwin Anderson** USPTA PRO at 561-588-4557.

**After school Junior program on Thursdays starting September 9th.**

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

5-6pm Lil Lobbers 6+ Beginner –Intermediates

6-7 pm Intermediate-Advanced Ages 7+

**Adult Tennis Fun, Healthy, and Instructive**

Wednesdays 7-8pm Beginner –Intermediate Adults

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

**SENIOR TENNIS** – Monday 9-11 am and Thursday 5-7pm Contact: **Betty Ann Badger** at **561-434-4145**

**ATLANTIS 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

**THE LITERARY SOCIETY** is suspended for the summer and will resume in November. Contact **PAT** at **561-966-7600** for further information.

**THE GREAT BOOK CLUB OF ATLANTIS-** is suspended for the summer and will resume in October. Interested persons should contact **Dr. Bennett Miller** at **561-968-2675** for further information.

**JEWELRY CLASS - Held TUESDAYS, 6-8 PM in Chambers.** For information and dates, call **Marie Claude** at **561-736-5609** or **561-271-8967** or email her at [CLVERT@AOL.COM](mailto:CLVERT@AOL.COM)

**WATER COLOR CLASSES:** Are suspended for the summer and will resume in November. Call Joan Tiberi at 561-547-5123.

**THE ROTARY CLUB OF LAKE WORTH :** Has moved its meeting location to the Atlantis Golf Club. The Lake Worth Club's membership includes nine residents from the City of Atlantis. It meets every Wednesday at noon for lunch, fellowship, and interesting guest speakers. Rotary is the leading international civic organization with the motto " Service Above Self ". It has a diverse membership of active and retired business and professional men and women. Anyone interested should contact Atlantis Residents Peggy Vrane at (561) 340-1454, Ron Leeds (561) 969-9600 or Richard Beiter at 561) 582-3484.

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

**Cameron Sydenham & Jennifer Brookley** 225 Gleneagles Drive.

## **OUR CONDOLENCES ON THE DEATHS OF :**

**Patricia McDyer**

**Dr. Neal McDyer**

**Stuart Kreisman**

**Joy Decicco**

**Marcelle Desrochers**

**Stewart Esplen**

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by Sandy Thompson (313-1060)

**IMPORTANT TELEPHONE NUMBERS:**

**EMERGENCY (Fire, Police, Ambulance) [911](tel:911)**

- Police and Fire (Non Emergency) 561-965-1700**
- J F K Medical Center 561-965-7300**
- Atlantis City Hall 561-965-1744**
- Building Department 561-965-1796**
- Police (Administration) 561-965-1711**
- Utilities Department 561-965-1744**
- Garbage Collection 561-965-2627**
- Atlantis Country Club 561-965-7700**
- Atlantis Golf Club 561-966-7600**
- Atlantis Realty 561-965-7900**

**KINTZ PARK SPLASH PAD HOURS:**

**Monday through Thursday 11am to 4 pm**  
**Friday, Saturday, Sunday 11am to 8pm**

- **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**

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.

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.