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Atlantis, FL 33462

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THE MAYOR'S CORNER

Inside this issue:

Dear Residents:

As we complete another fiscal year in Atlantis, your city staff and council have been busy putting together a budget for 2010-2011. The result is a proposed budget that sets ad valorem taxes at "roll-back" for the coming year. This means that the proposed total taxes are projected to be the same as they were last year. Review and possible changes will be made between now and September when the final rate must be set. This rate can be lower but not higher. Every expense and revenue item has been carefully studied. Expenses are at what we believe are the absolute minimum without cutting services. There are currently no personnel reductions being considered. Administrative cuts were made last year and protective services are at a minimum to provide our expected levels of service. No raiding of our emergency funds is proposed, and fee for service accounts are not part of the proposal. If things progress at a normal pace, we should be okay. Just like many of our citizens, we are living on a fixed income for the third year in a row.

Since our July council meeting, several people have asked me about the millage rate of Atlantis compared to other cities. Rates are established by individual cities based on their own internal policies. What may be a fee for service in one city could be part of ad valorem taxes in another. Cities that have County Fire Rescue contracts do not include this in their published rate. County Fire Rescue rates are a separate line item on tax statements, currently 2.45 mills. Since we contract with the City of Greenacres for Fire Rescue that cost is reflected in the overall city tax rate.

We are beginning a new outreach program for our homebound citizens. Please see additional information under the chiefs comments. There are currently citizens who have full or part time help coming into their homes regularly for assistance. We are attempting to learn who these residents are and are offering a friendly check on by our police department. Just as we can call and put our homes on a dark house list when we are away, homes can be placed on an outreach list when someone becomes homebound. I feel that the more our emergency personnel know about our residents, the better they can provide the highest levels of service. Since many of the caregivers are not residents, we want to be sure that they are familiar with emergency services and procedures. It is hoped that this can be a positive program for all.

Of course residents on the north side of our city know that the clearing of the vegetation in the Lake Worth Drainage District property has begun. Despite numerous attempts at reducing the impact of this clearing, the project will go on with only a few exceptions that will allow the golf course to use designated easements. Time will allow us to see what the final effect will be.

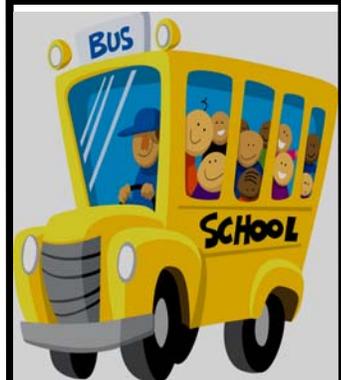
Thanks to all for the very positive and encouraging comments about our financial situation. No one wants to cut services, and we appreciate your encouragement and offers of supporting increases to maintain current levels. Again, it is proven that a great community consists of even greater citizens.

I wish all a continued safe, cool and storm free summer.

Always proud to serve,

Mayor Mike Dahlgren

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**WATCH FOR CHILDREN!
SCHOOL IS BACK IN SESSION
AUGUST 17, 2010**

Next City Council Meeting is Wednesday,

**AUGUST 18, 2010 at
7:30 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**

Manager's Notes, AUGUST 2010

Happy summer to all. School will begin in another couple of weeks so I hope everyone was able to relax and take some time to enjoy life. We have been busy on a number of fronts. The Congress Avenue widening project got underway this month. The most recent information indicates that the night work will continue for the next couple of weeks while they establish a temporary lane northbound from Lantana Road to the bridge. Once that work is complete, the storm drain work will commence on the east side. This will likely be daytime work. The contractor will be working on the northbound lanes first. Work on the southbound lanes is not expected to begin for six to eight months. Two lanes of traffic will be maintained in each direction throughout the construction period of approximately 16 months. However, this area will be an active construction zone for the coming months. Use caution when travelling through the area or use Military Trail as an alternate route.

The work has also started on the L-14 Canal, Lake Worth Drainage District right-of-way project to clear the trees. The LWDD Board voted at their July 14, 2010 meeting to authorize this project to commence. The LWDD staff, the Atlantis Country Club and the City will be working together to repair the areas as quickly as possible to minimize the long term impacts to the area. If you have specific concerns please bring them to my attention.

The next meeting for the Fall Festival will be Thursday, August 19th at 9:00 am. We have an active committee working on the Festival. We have also had a great response from potential Green Market vendors. Mark your calendar for Saturday October 2, 2010 and come out to join the fun.

Mo Thornton, City Manager

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The Atlantis Council Meeting was called to order at 7:30 PM on July 21, 2010.

Ordinance 415, an ordinance amending Chapter 9, License and Business Regulations passed 5-0 on second and final reading. This allows the city to provide for a five percent increase to the Business Tax rates in accordance with State law.

Resolution 10-17 also passed 5-0, allowing Atlantis to adopt the 2009 Unified Local Mitigation Strategy. This agreement with Palm Beach County and all 38 participating municipalities provides Atlantis eligibility for federal disaster assistance funding in the event of a natural disaster that would involve FEMA (Federal Emergency Management Agency).

Resolution 10-18, a resolution accepting a Utility Easement from Atlantis Enterprises Inc. to the City of Atlantis for an existing utility line, passed 4-0. The utility easement is located on the property at 186 Atlantis Boulevard.

Resolution 10-19, passing 5-0 authorizes the City of

Atlantis to place liens on certain properties for unpaid water and/or sewer services.

In miscellaneous business the millage rate was set by a vote of 5-0 at 7.1639. The Treasurer Manny Fernandez said that it's going to be a tight year, however no new taxes will be involved. Five affirmative votes set the date, time and place of the first budget hearing for September 8, 2010 at 5:01 pm at the Municipal Complex.

City Manager Thornton stated that another company is coming in to spray the weeds in our lakes at the main entrance on Club House Boulevard and that the weeds should be gone soon. Councilmember Cathy Higgins met with City Manager Thornton and the Lake Worth Drainage District to discuss their removal of vegetation on the L-14 Canal abutting the Country Club. They assured Atlantis that they will be finished before the prime golf season starts and that with notification the 17th and 18th holes will not be allowed to stay on their property. City Manager Thornton was given a 5-0 vote to allow her to put out a bid for new guard services.

William Mitchell

(Official minutes available at www.atlantisfl.gov)

POLICE DEPARTMENT NEWS BY.. Chief Robert G. Mangold

New Police Department Programs: Medi-Facts packets are now available at the police department. Please prepare for any medical emergency that may necessitate first responders to treat you by having all medical information immediately available for them through the Medi-Facts program.

Community Outreach: The police department is implementing a **Community Outreach** program for residents that are “shut-ins” or homebound due to infirmities of age or medical illness. Officers will perform occasional personal welfare checks on any resident that meets the aforesaid criteria and that desires the checks. To initiate the program call the police department and provide us with your contact information; if any resident knows of another resident in need of this program please notify the police department.

Trespassing: The department has received complaints regarding golfers using residential backyards as shortcuts thereby trespassing on residential private property. Golfers must respect private property rights and refrain from trespassing on residents properties that border the golf courses. Trespassing is a criminal misdemeanor and further violations can result in police enforcement.

Criminal Activity: There were nine more vehicle burglaries in June. All crimes were again crimes of opportunity as all vehicles were unlocked. Please help prevent crime by securing vehicles and homes, using alarm systems if installed, and immediately report any suspicious persons, vehicles, or activity to the police department .

<u>TRAFFIC ENFORCEMENT</u> July 2010		<u>CRIME STATISTICS</u> June 2010		
TOTAL ENFORCEMENT :	60	MAJOR CRIMES:	Residential	Commercial
CITATIONS:	36	Burglary :	9	1
WRITTEN WARNINGS:	05	(Structures & Vehicles)		
PARKING CITATIONS:	19	Theft: (Grand & Petit)	0	4
		Battery	1	2

Palm Beach County Department of Airports Noise Abatement

The Department of Airports has provided the following information regarding airport operations. In order to make a comment about airport noise or other airport operations, call, write, or email.

Website: PBIA.ORG -Email Correspondence: Cassandra Davis—cdavis@pbia.org

- * Call (561) 471-7468 (during business hours) or 24 hour Comment Lines:
 - * Palm Beach International Airport: (561) 683-7242
 - * Palm Beach County Park Airport (Lantana): (561) 683-0472
 - * Palm Beach County North Airport: (561) 626-7361
- * PBIA Communications Center (561) 471-7420 24 hour communication.

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.

Customer Name (As shown on bill) _____

Service Address: _____

Financial Institution: _____

Account Number: _____

Routing Number: _____

Phone Number: _____

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.

Signature: _____

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 2nd 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:

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—look for a list in the September newsletter!

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, water slide and face painting booth for the younger set.

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.



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: _____

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

Call Tommy Butcher @ 561- 966-7602

tommy@atlantisgolf.org

Atlantis Golf Club, 301 Orange Tree Dr.

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

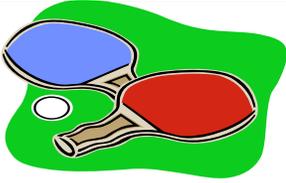
Listen and Dance to the popular hits of the 70s by

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

For your listening and dancing pleasure

The Lounge from 6 to 9 p.m.





Community Activities



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

ADULT TENNIS BEGINNER - Wednesdays 7- 8 PM Basics of tennis and an eye toward getting you playing "The Game of a Lifetime".

ADULT TENNIS THURSDAY Intermediate to Advanced round robin and clinic 7PM. Extensive exercise with some advanced drills.

SUMMER TENNIS CAMP— Monday through Friday, call for details.

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

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

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

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

WARM WELCOME TO OUR NEW RESIDENTS:

Mr. and Mrs. Peter Van Es 748 Muirfield Circle.

OUR CONDOLENCES ON THE DEATHS OF :

Gordon MacKay

Jean Wasson

Paul Reinholz

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.



SAVE THE DATE!! October 22, 2010 The City of Atlantis will host it's Annual Flu shot and Mini Health Fair! A-Plus Home Health Care will provide Flu and Pneumococcal shots again this year. Anyone older than 6 months is eligible for the Flu shot and anyone older than 13 years is eligible for the Pneumococcal shot. A-Plus will bill Medicare directly with proper proof of insurance and identification. The cost will be \$25.00 for non-Medicare recipients.

Watch for up coming information in our next edition of the "City News"

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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.