



The City News

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260 Orange Tree Drive
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JANUARY 2010

THE MAYOR'S CORNER

Dear Residents,

Good-bye 2009 and Hello 2010!

A few weeks ago we enjoyed another festive evening surrounded by friends, decorated golf carts, and decorated homes. This years Golf Cart Parade set a new attendance record with over 950 meals served and 35 registered golf carts for the contest. Additionally, we had our first ever "Home Decorating Contest." As we do each year, we paraded around the city on our golf carts with full stomachs, playing holiday music, children singing songs, and candy flying through the air. Congratulations to the contest winners and special thanks to the chefs, volunteers, city staff, and police that made this event a success.

Each month, before I write my communication to you, I reflect back on the same time the previous year to assess our successes and progress. That being said, the past two

years may not have treated the economy or us very well yet here we are reading this newsletter looking forward to another year with hope and anticipation of improved prosperity. Thinking about that for a while caused me to reflect on the "American Spirit", its tenacity, desire, and motivation to persevere. We certainly have the right to complain about how we have been adversely affected by the circumstances yet that "Spirit", that has driven Americans for centuries, forces us to look for opportunity where there is difficulty and adversity. Here's to a prosperous 2010!

On behalf of your City Council, may you and your families celebrate the New Year in good health and with great blessings. God bless you all.

Always Serving You Proudly,
Mayor Manny Fernandez

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2010 RESIDENT DECALS

ARE NOW AVAILABLE IN THE CITY COUNCIL CHAMBERS FROM 8:30-4PM MONDAY THROUGH FRIDAY. AFTER HOURS AND WEEKENDS AT THE ATLANTIS POLICE DEPARTMENT. SEE PAGE 3 FOR DETAILS

The next City Council Meeting is Wednesday, January 20, 2010 at 7:30 pm.

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

Did you know?

OUR NEWSLETTER IS ALSO AVAILABLE ONLINE.
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Manager's Notes, JANUARY 2010

At this writing, we do not yet have a firm date for the Spring Fling. We are working to incorporate golf and tennis along with dinner and fireworks for our event. Watch for the date in the February newsletter.

2010 marks the decennial census. Every ten years the U.S. Census Bureau conducts the national census. On or about April 1, each household will receive a census card or information. We want to make sure our population is counted. We have been told by the Census Bureau that Canadian citizens are eligible to be counted in the US Census as well. Be sure to return your information to the Census Bureau on April 1. Each and every person counts.

We have been working with the Census Bureau for several months assuring that all of our addresses are included in the census. Census workers must physically canvass the addresses that do not return the census information. Much of our revenue that comes from the state and the county is based on population. If our population is undercounted, it will result in revenue loss that can only be made up through local taxes. Help us help you and be counted.

As I write this our Florida weather is cold. However, we are still warmer than almost every other place in the nation. Welcome back northern residents, enjoy the season. If we can do anything for you while you are here, contact City Hall at 965-1744 or email me at mthornton@atlantisfl.gov.

Mo Thornton
City Manager

ATLANTIS CITY COUNCIL NEWS

The City of Atlantis Council Meeting was called to order at 7:30 pm on December 16, 2009.

Passing 5-0, were Ordinance 410 and 411, upon their second and final reading.

Ordinance 410. This ordinance calls for the regulation of all exterior colors on houses. Colors must be harmonious with each other and representative of the character of the neighborhood. Bright and brilliant colors are discouraged and fluorescent or metallic are prohibited. This ordinance amends Chapter 4.

Ordinance 411. This ordinance amends Chapter 15. This ordinance provides for a permit when painting. The Architectural Review Committee will review exterior color choices before a permit will be issued. Existing house colors will not be "grandfathered" in. All house colors must be approved by the Architectural Review Committee, and then a permit will be issued before painting begins.

Resolution 09-37 passed 5-0. This resolution adopts a new fee schedule to provide for painting, landscaping, and mailbox permit fees. The new fees will be updated to \$40.00 each.

Resolution 09-38 passed 5-0. This resolution

authorizes the Mayor to sign an agreement with the Supervisor of Elections for Municipal Elections.

Resolution 09-39 passed 5-0, making the official name for the park at 101 North Country Club Boulevard Sunset Park.

Resolution 09-40, passed 5-0. This resolution authorizes the Mayor to sign an engagement letter for legal representation with a Utilities Attorney to represent Atlantis and several other entities in a dispute with the City of Lake Worth.

In Miscellaneous Business, Michael Dahlgren and Fred Furtado were appointed as members to the Issues Forum.

It was announced that the County is planning on putting the widening of Congress Ave out to Bid in March of 2010.

The City Holiday Parade was the largest ever with 35 decorated carts and over 950 meals served.

Happy New Year to all !

William Mitchell

(official Minutes available at www.atlantisfl.gov)

POLICE DEPARTMENT NEWS by Chief Robert G. Mangold

Golf Carts-Traffic Statute & City Ordinance - Florida Statute 316.003 defines golf carts as motor vehicles. As such, golf carts are subject to the same laws that govern any other motor vehicle; for example, golf carts must stop for traffic control devices and must drive in the appropriate lane. Golf cart drivers that fail to comply with applicable traffic laws may receive a moving traffic citation for violations of state traffic statutes.

In addition to state statutes, City Ordinance #374 stipulates that golf cart operators must be a minimum of 16 years of age, and possess either a valid Florida Driver's License or a valid Florida Identification Card. This ordinance also limits the number of occupants in any golf cart to the number of seats on the cart. The ordinance permits a child under the age of seven to ride on the lap of an adult passenger (18 years or older) who is not operating the golf cart.

Atlantis Police Officers routinely enforce all Florida Traffic Statutes and City of Atlantis Ordinances.

REMINDER: 2010 Atlantis decals are now available 24 hours a day at the police department. Our security decals have been revised to incorporate the City Seal and also they are now applied to the interior of your vehicle front and rear windows. Please do not share your decals with non-residents and remember to remove old decals when you sell or trade-in your car. Gate security personnel will be stopping all residents with old decals to encourage renewal. Help us in our efforts to provide for your security by obtaining up-to-date decals.

CITY COUNCIL FILING: Filing for City Council Groups (1,3,5) opens at noon January 26, 2010 and closes at noon on February 9,2010 Group 1 is currently held by Fred Furtado, Group 3 by David Kintz and Group 5 by Catherine Higgins. Councilmembers are elected for a two-year term. Qualifications to serve include being at least 21 years of age, a registered voter and a resident of Atlantis. Candidate packets are available from the City Clerk, Monday through Friday 8:30 am to 4:30 pm, beginning January 4, 2010

The municipal election is scheduled for **Tuesday, March 9, 2010.**

ABSENTEE BALLOTS MUST BE REQUESTED BY MAIL, PHONE OR IN PERSON FROM THE SUPERVISOR OF ELECTIONS, 240 S. MILITARY TRAIL, WEST PALM BEACH, FL 33415. PHONE NUMBER (561) 656-6200.

TRAFFIC ENFORCEMENT

December 2009

CRIME STATISTICS

November 2009

		<u>Major Crimes</u>	<u>Residential</u>	<u>Commercial</u>
Total Enforcement:	124	Battery	0	0
Citations:	119	Burglary	0	1
Written Warnings:	04	(Structures & Vehicles)		
Parking citations:	01	Theft (Grand & Petit)	2	1
		Vehicle Theft	0	0

HERE'S THE NEWS ON THE 17th ANNUAL HOLIDAY ON WHEELS PARADE:

The 17th Annual Holiday on Wheels Parade held on Monday, December 14, 2009 was an overwhelming success. The weather was beautiful and the snow a delight. Approximately 950 meals were served and everyone had a wonderful time. There were a total of 35 official entries and a few joiners for the parade. As usual, the judges had a very difficult time making their decision, but they came up with the following winners:

Most Creative	The Cheek Family
Most Unusual	The Lanahan Family
Best Use of Lighting	The Jankun Family
Best of Show	The Kane Family
Most Festive	The Srinath Family

The judges were: Robin Ackerman, Diane and Ken Potter, Roger & Claire Rose. We thank them for their time and we know they had a very difficult task choosing winners since there were so many wonderful entries.

We congratulate the winners and we thank all who participated. We appreciate the efforts of the Golf Cart Parade Committee for organizing this event and we thank the many volunteers who worked so tirelessly planning, setting up, tearing down and making this wonderful event come together. Thanks to Richard and Joan Brown, who worked the food and toy drive table for the donated items.

A very special thanks to Marie Tynan for organizing the carts and judges for the 17th time!

We wish to acknowledge the generosity of our sponsors:

Atlantis Country Club, Corbett and White, Stormwater J Engineering, Gehring Insurance, J. Shelhamer Landscaping, Whiteside Paving and Southern Waste System.

First Annual Home Decorating Contests:

The winners are: The Reeves Family and The Srinath Family on Turnberry Drive and the Kearns Family on North Country Club Drive. Congratulations to all our winners.

A special thank you to our judges, Michael Dahlgren, Dottie Jennings, Diane Potter, and Marie Tynan.

Atlantis Trio to Chair 19th Annual Hab-a-Hearts Luncheon



(l-r) Joanne Driscoll, Craig Mitchell and Linda Reichenstein (Photography by Michael Davidoff)

The Hab-a-Hearts, an auxiliary benefiting the Palm Beach Habilitation Center, have named Linda Reichenstein, Joanne Driscoll and Craig Mitchell as Co-Chairs of the 19th Annual Hab-a-Hearts Luncheon to be held on Monday, February 8th at the historic Mar-a-Lago Club in Palm Beach. With a theme of "Open Your Heart", the luncheon will start off with a complimentary wine reception, during which time a silent auction will be held. Also, a live auction of choice items will be included during lunch.

A special feature this year is modeling by the lovely Mildred Hoyt Store of Palm Beach. Local volunteer models will be used to help showcase the classic, casual elegant fashions with exciting vibrant colors that have established the Mildred Hoyt Store as a leader of wear-ability in the traditional Palm Beach Style.

Committee members include: Jim Accursio, Prudie Anderson, Dee Behnke, Amy Bernard, Donna Brown, Trish Callow, Nancy Cashman, Madelyn Christopher, Judy Farmer, Barbara Fuschetti, Ann Jaggie, Ann Growney, Phyllis Hoffman, Beverly Keller, Jenifer Kelley, Sandra Lawrence, Helen Logothetis, Beverlee Miller, Ann Opperthausen, Carol Pratt, Sheila Rinker, Pat Schweikart, Marie Tynan, Marianne Vellis, Barbara Whitford, and Babbette Wolff.

The Palm Beach Habilitation Center, a United Way Agency, is a private non-profit organization that provides employment, job placement, residential and retirement services to men and women with mental, emotional and physical disabilities. Since opening in 1959, over 8,000 men and women have been employed in this community due to training received in the Work Center program. Each year, more than 700 individuals receive services from the PB Hab Center.

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

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 On 1 Lunch or Dinner Entree
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 Before 1:00pm
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 After 1:00pm
 November 1st thru December 15th

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FREE Tax Service!

VOLUNTEER INCOME TAX ASSISTANCE PROGRAM



More than 20 locations throughout Palm Beach County will be open from January 19 - April 15, 2010.

*** FREE TAX PREPARATION is available if you earned \$49,000 or less in 2009**

- Don't pay for filing, loans or rapid refunds
- E-file for FAST REFUND!



You may be eligible for up to \$5,657 in Earned Income Tax Credit (EITC)



Call 2-1-1 for the VITA site nearest you!



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The Centurions, chaired by Otis Brown, include Sandy Beach, Bill Benton, Harry Kennedy, John Farmer, Carl Palmisano, Bobby Pastorius, Bryan Meumann, Bud Tuppen, David Stenson, and David Hawkey.



Tom Fazio

The Centurions are proud to announce that Tom Fazio, the legendary golf course designer, will be the featured speaker from 5-7 at the Atlantis Golf Club at their Annual Cocktail Reception on Tuesday, January 19th.

Tom is known as the **800-POUND GORILLA OF GOLF COURSE ARCHITECTURE**. Fazio is a man who seemingly gets any project he wants, any place he wants, with any budget he wants. Clients love Tom because he creates more headlines than headaches. Golfers love him because he doesn't beat them up. And rival architects love him -- well, they appreciate him -- because his splashy impact has helped raise everybody's fees. There's no denying the man's personal likability, his down-to-earth nature and his devotion to his family, his staff, his clients and his favorite charities.

An added bonus is that each guest who RSVPs, makes a minimum donation of \$100, and attends the reception, will receive an autographed copy of Tom's book!

Please call Roxanne at 561-965-8500 Ext. 212 to reserve your space now.

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: _____

Atlantis Golf Club

The original golf course in Atlantis opened in 1960 and became a private golf club in 1971 known as the Atlantis Golf Club. Since the Club's founding, the board of directors and management have remained steadfast in sustaining the highest level of excellence. From golf course to the club house Atlantis Golf Club is truly a special place to be a member. Atlantis Golf Club offers a variety of membership options to satisfy the needs of everyone from the year round residents to seasonal residents.

Regular & Associate Golfing

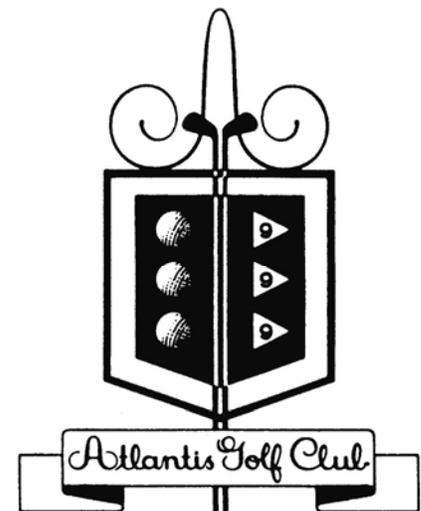
Business & Corporate Golfing

Junior & Deferred Golfing

Social & Summer Membership

Introductory Trial Membership

Atlantis Golf Club is located in the city of Atlantis across from City Hall. The Club is situated minutes from Palm Beach, the ocean and all of south Florida. Featuring three nine-hole courses (27 holes) with their own unique scenic views, this private Club has the look and feel of "old Florida" in charm and ambience, but is state-of-the-art in every respect. The Club has a limited membership so there is no need for advanced tee times. Members can come and play on their own schedules or participate in the many tournaments and fun events that occur throughout the year. There is an outstanding practice facility including a large natural grass driving range, chipping and putting green and sand bunkers. PGA instructors are also available to assist you in sharpening all aspects of your game.



For more information about membership, please call

Tommy Butcher at 561-966-7602

or come by and take a tour of the facilities.

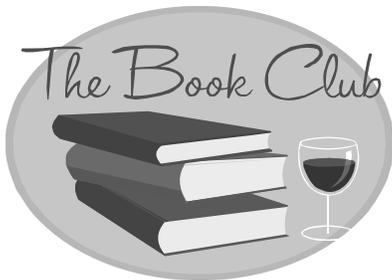
Community Activities



AFTER SCHOOL TENNIS - THURSDAYS 5-6 PM AGES 5-8 THURSDAYS 6-7 PM AGES 7 & UP

ADULT BEGINNER TENNIS - WEDNESDAYS 8 PM Basics of tennis and an eye toward getting you playing "The game of a lifetime". **ADULT TENNIS** intermediate to advanced round robin and clinic. Extensive exercise with some advanced drills. **For any of the above classes contact Sherwin Anderson at 588-4557.**

SENIOR TENNIS – Monday and Fridays from 9-11 AM at Kintz Park– Contact: **Betty Ann Badger** at **561-434-4142** or **Rob DeCesare** at **561-315-0880**
** *Please note the location changed from Sunset Park to Kintz park.*



THE LITERARY SOCIETY of Atlantis Golf Club meets on *the third Wednesday* of each month at the Atlantis Golf Club. We invite all to attend and have fun. We review books, have a fruit and Danish continental breakfast, meet interesting authors, get to know each other, and add to our enjoyment of living in Atlantis. The cost is \$5.00 CONTACT **PAT** at **561-965-7600**

The Great Book Club of Atlantis– Is now meeting at the New Library on Lantana and Lawrence Road. Meetings are the **First Thursday** of each month from 2-4 pm. Interested persons should contact **Dr. Bennett Miller** at **561-968-2675** for further information. * Location may change, please call ahead. All are welcome.

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 Functional Training Circuit Classes: Classes are held at Kintz Park on Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday nights and Saturday mornings . Thursday is open circuit and Wednesday is stretch class. Rain or Shine. Classes available for all ages and fitness levels. Increase muscle tone, core strength, balance, flexibility and metabolism. Private training is also available. Please call to reserve your space *Class size will be limited to accommodate individual instruction* **Carene Kengeter** - American Council of Exercise - Certified Personal Trainer Call: **561-313-4026**

WATER COLOR CLASSES: Will be held each Wednesday from 1-4 PM in the Council Chambers. Registration is required. Call Joan Tiberi at 561-547-5123.

Warm welcome to new residents:

Marco and Henna Moisanen 236 Orange Tree Drive

Richard Mailand 528 North Country Club Drive

Our condolences on the deaths of:

Jean-Jacques Baudo

Pedro Grandillo

Florence Vasey

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by Sandy Thompson (313-1060)

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- EMERGENCY (Fire, Police, Ambulance) 911**
- Police and Fire (Non Emergency) 561-965-1700**
- J F K Medical Center 561-965-7300**
- Atlantis City Hall 561-965-1744**
- Building Department 561-965-1796**
- Police (Administration) 561-965-1711**
- Utilities Department 561-965-1744**
- Garbage Collection 561-965-2627**
- Atlantis Country Club 561-965-7700**
- Atlantis Golf Club 561-966-7600**
- Atlantis Realty 561-965-7900**

NEW FALL 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 or by calling Jim Schumacher at 718-5888 for liners or other repairs. 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.