



The City News

City of Atlantis
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THE MAYOR'S CORNER

Dear Residents,

Despite being a relatively quiet summer, we have been hard at work along many fronts.

After many meetings, the City staff and City Council Members have arrived at a budget for the coming year that achieves compliance with the state mandated cut backs, ensures that we do not impact or reduce the level of service that we are accustomed to, and accomplishes this without increasing taxes.

Our City Manager, Mo Thornton was able to secure a variance with the county allowing our young residents, actually any resident, to use the Splash Pad at Kintz Park during hours specified later in this news letter. Thanks Mo! We are also preparing to apply for a grant to help fund the installation of a water recirculation system for the Splash Pad so that future water restrictions allow for its continued use.

On September 15th, we will be having a Bike-A-Thon. Break out your bike, and bike helmet, and join us for the first event of its kind in our city. We hope that it is

so successful that it will become a yearly occurrence. The proceeds of this event will go to benefit the American Heart Association. Along the same line, Palm Beach County's Heart Walk will take place on September 29th. As always, the city will be providing communication as to how you can be part of this great cause.

Because of the success of our flu shot clinic this past year, we will once again provide this service on Friday, October 5th.

I would like to encourage your participation in ensuring the viability of our city and those that have dedicated their livelihoods to it. By supporting the Golf Club, Country Club, the Shoppes, and any other business that provides services to our community, we directly and indirectly do our part to help sustain our ongoing success.

Until next month, be safe and remember that we are here to serve you.

Serving Proudly,
Mayor Manny Fernandez

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HEALTH FAIR AND FLU SHOTS



We are happy to announce that the City will again be administering flu shots, pneumococcal shots and presenting a Health Fair. The date is: Friday, October 5th in Council Chambers. Mark your calendars now and sign up below or call City Hall to sign up. The flu vaccine may be given to anyone 6 months or older, and the pneumococcal vaccine to anyone 13 or older.

BILLING:

- Anyone interested in receiving a flu vaccine must present a valid picture ID.
- All Medicare recipients must also provide their Medicare ID card to receive the flu vaccine.
- A PLUS shall collect **\$25.00 cash** from all non-Medicare recipients for the flu vaccine.
- A PLUS will bill Medicare directly for all Medicare recipients wishing to receive the flu vaccine with no deductible or co-payment.

- Anyone interested in receiving a pneumococcal vaccine must present valid picture ID.
- All Medicare recipients must also provide their Medicare ID card to receive the pneumococcal vaccine.
- A PLUS shall collect **\$40.00 cash** from all non-Medicare recipients for the pneumococcal vaccine.
- A PLUS will bill Medicare directly for all Medicare recipients wishing to receive the pneumococcal vaccine with no deductible or co-payment.
- A PLUS is **UNABLE** to bill any other type of insurance.

You can either call City Hall to give your name, number of people interested in receiving the vaccines, your telephone number and the time that would be most convenient for you. Preference will be given to those who are scheduled and the first 20 responses will be assigned the first time slot.

If you prefer, you can fill out the slip below and drop it off or mail it to City Hall. If a specific time is not important to you, let us know and we will schedule you as time permits. We will be scheduling approximately 20 people per half hour, beginning at 9 AM.

Names: _____

Telephone: _____

Number to receive Flu Vaccination: _____ (Price is \$25.00 per shot)

Number to receive Pneumococcal Vaccination: _____ (Price is \$40.00 per shot)

Time Preferred: _____

No Time Preference: _____

ATLANTIS CITY COUNCIL NEWS

The Council meeting was held July 11, 2007 at 7:30 pm.

Ordinance No. 397 amending Chapter 9, Licenses & Business Regulations passed 5-0 on second and final reading. This will provide a new beginning sale date for local business tax receipts in accordance with Amendments to Florida Statutes.

Ordinance No. 398 amending Chapter 10, Offenses & Miscellaneous Provisions with Regard to Loitering, passed 5-0 on second & final reading. This insulates us further from any unsavory persons congregating.

Ordinance No. 399— An Ordinance amending Chapter 9, to provide for a Communications service tax, passed 5-0.

Resolution No. 07-020 passed 5-0. This gives the Mayor the authority to sign an agreement with Phillips &

Jordan, Inc. for debris removal following a disaster such as a hurricane or tornado.

Miscellaneous Business: It was voted by Council to have a special meeting on Wednesday, July 18, 2007 to set the millage rate. At this meeting, the mandated rollback rate of 5.9372 was set. The First Budget Hearing will be on Wednesday, September 12, 2007, at 5:01pm in Council Chambers.

Atlantis has permission to operate the "Splash Pad" in Kintz Park from 11am-4pm (Monday-Thursday) and 11am –8pm (Friday, Saturday, Sunday). Please observe these hours and use the facilities wisely as you enjoy the summer.

Thank you.

William Mitchell

POLICE DEPARTMENT NEWS ... BY CHIEF ROBERT G. MANGOLD

STOP RED LIGHT RUNNING CAMPAIGN:

- Red light running is a violation that occurs when a motorist enters an intersection some time after the signal light has turned red.
- In 2005, the last year for which statistics are available, 805 people were killed in red light running crashes nationally; 96 or 11% of those fatalities occurred in Florida. Another 6300 were injured. Florida ranks at the top of the list for states in red light running crashes.
- About half of the deaths in red light running crashes are pedestrians and occupants in other vehicles who are hit by the red light runners.
- Motorists are more likely to be injured in urban crashes involving red light running than any other types of crashes, according to researchers at the Insurance Institute for Highway safety.
- Red light running is more frequent at peak travel times (such as rush hour). Analysis of red light violation data from 19 intersections in four states found that 1,775 violations occurred over 554 hours, for a violation rate of 3.2 per hour per intersection.
- Red light runners look like you and me. Almost half of us admit running red lights and nearly all of us are afraid of being hit by a red light runner.
- Last year, Florida law enforcement officers wrote 300,000 tickets to motorists for running red lights. After 2 convictions in 12 months, violators must attend driver improvement school.

- Drivers should remember several rules for improving intersection safety and avoiding red light running and red light runners:
 1. Slow down; prepare to stop when a light turns yellow.
 2. Yield to pedestrians. They have the right of way regardless of whether the intersection is marked or unmarked.
 3. Proceed through intersections with caution even after the light turns green and be mindful of your own safety.
 4. Come to a complete stop before turning right on red.
 5. Yield to vehicles making a U-turn when turning right on red.

The Atlantis Police Department will join the Florida Department of Transportation (FDOT) & law enforcement agencies across Florida and the nation to raise awareness of the dangers of running red lights during **National Stop on Red Week, August 4 to 11.**

TRAFFIC ENFORCEMENT - JULY 2007

Total Enforcement:	150	Total Parking:	0
Citations:	147	Citations:	0
Written Warnings:	3	Written Warnings:	0

CRIME STATISTICS - JUNE 2007

<u>Major Crimes</u>	<u>Residential</u>	<u>Commercial</u>
Theft (Grand & Petit)		1
Vehicle Theft		1

Water Restrictions

The South Florida Water Management District recently revised the water restrictions. Residents of Atlantis are permitted to water as follows. Odd numbered addresses may water Wednesday and Saturday from 4-8 am. Even numbered addresses may water on Thursday and Sunday from 4-8 am.

We have received many questions regarding why our surrounding communities remain on once a week watering. Those communities have well fields near the coast that have been subject to salt water intrusion. Lake Worth and Lantana must remain in a conservation mode for this reason. Atlantis purchases water in bulk from Palm Beach County Utilities. The county water plants that supply our water have not been impacted in this manner.

Our police department will enforce the restrictions as mandated by the South Florida Water Management District. These restrictions are the maximum watering times permitted. We encourage our residents to remain conservation minded.

Water Rates

And speaking of water, you may have noticed a message on your recent water bill alerting you to a pending rate increase. After holding water rates steady for many years, Palm Beach County Water Utilities raised our water rate by \$0.15 per 1,000 gallons. We have proposed to add this to the existing water rate. Water has been at the current rate of \$1.40 per 1,000 gallons since 1995. The proposed rate is \$1.55 per 1,000 gallons. If passed by the City Council at the August 15 meeting, the new rate will take effect for the September bill. All other rates will remain the same.

Litter

Something has been happening recently in our beautiful city. People are throwing bottles, cans and debris in the city's rights of way and even in our beautiful new fountain. We have a maintenance person pick up trash and debris around our residential streets daily. Every day he returns with a cart full of debris. We have also spoken with our trash collectors to ensure that they pick up after themselves on collection days.

Encourage those who travel our city streets daily to be conscious of their litter. We have garbage receptacles at the city parks and at City Hall if they are needed. Let's take pride in our community and keep it the clean place where we all want to live.

SPLASH PAD HOURS OF OPERATION: Monday to Thursday: 11am—4 pm

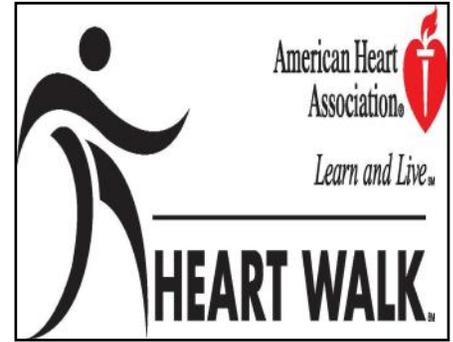
Friday, Saturday & Sunday 11 am — 8 pm

CITY COUNCIL MEETING: At the June 20, 2007, City Council meeting, it was decided that since the regular council meeting in November falls on the day before Thanksgiving, the November council meeting will be held on the **preceding** Thursday, which is **November 14, 2007** at 7:30 PM.

ATLANTIS NEWS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS



Fun for All
SEPTEMBER 15, 2007
BIKE—A—THON
Save the Date



Rock Wall - Face Painting— Bounce House

On the 15th of September, 2007, the City will be sponsoring a bike-a-thon that will take place right here in Atlantis! Proceeds from this event will benefit the Heart Association. Join us on your bikes, roller blades or walk a scenic 5K route through Atlantis. \$20 will register the entire family or \$5 for individuals. Help fight heart disease while joining your neighbors and friends for a fun walk (or ride) that will end with lunch and fun for the kids.

Call for Volunteers: We need help the day of the event. These are some of the ways you can help:

- Sponsor a Water Station in your driveway.
- Work with us at the pre-event staging area serving coffee and juice,
- Work with us after the event with lunch and activities.
- If you are a teen or know a teen that needs community service credit this event will qualify.

Call Mo Thornton @ (561) 965-1744 or Richard Brown @ (561) 642-0939 if you would like to help out.

Registration:

Family Name: _____

Address: _____

Number of Participants: _____

Amount Enclosed: _____

2007 HEARTWALK

The City of Atlantis will again be teaming up with Columbia/JFK Hospital for a Heart Walk. This is scheduled to take place on Saturday, September 29, 2007, in West Palm Beach, along Flagler Drive. The money raised helps fight heart disease by support life-saving research and education. The Heart Walk is an exciting national even focusing on exercise as part of a heart-healthy lifestyle.



MARK YOUR CALENDAR & JOIN OUR TEAM!

Date:	Saturday, September 29th	Distance:	5K, 3.2 miles
Location:	Meyer Amphitheatre, West Palm Beach	Schedule:	7:00am Fun Begins 9:00am Walk Begins

Come out and support Columbia/JFK Medical Center, the largest heart hospital in Palm Beach County, and it is right at our back door.

Atlantis Team Captain: Richard Brown - Please call him at 642-0939 or call City Hall at 965-1744

Last year's heart walkers and contributors were: Mayor Pro Tem David Cantley; Councilmember Frank Austino; Chairman Richard Brown and Joan Brown; Joan Cannata-Fox and Tom Fox; Mo and Nicole Thornton; Marvin Jenne; Bruce Hoffman; Craig Brown; Sean Mahoney; Gene Sauer; Joy Cooperman; Jean Barbieri; Liz Caird; Judy Hoffman; Wayne Levine; Philip Devillier; Bill and Tracey Boyd; Weegie Armstrong; Ivo, Isabel, Michael and Matthew Moraguez; Martha Romeo; Timothy Higgins; Robert Nothnagle; Trish Callow; the Eberly Family; Haydon Cameron; Gunther Strugger; Ken and Kris Von Thaden; Mike Graham; James Drayton; Linda Clayton; Robin Brown; Amy Sumrall; Ilene Katzman; the McNiece Family and Barbara Milensky.

Let us add your name to this year's list.

Hurricane Preparedness

Now that the hurricane season has begun, it is important to be as prepared as possible. Here are some helpful tips:

All trees and shrubs should be trimmed by now — do not do any trimming before a hurricane is about to come.

Monitor the tropics: tune into local television and radio stations; heed the advice of local authorities; evacuate if ordered.

Remove lawn furniture, pots, plants or any other outside items that could be potential projectiles.

If a storm watch has been issued, do not place yard waste, recycling, or garbage at the curb. Please be patient until normal collection resumes.

If you haven't already prepared a hurricane supply kit, do so now. Remember to include such items as:

Three gallons of water per person

Canned and ready-to-eat food, fruits, crackers, etc. and other foods that do not require cooking

Manual can opener

First aid kit, prescription and non-prescription drugs.

Matches in a waterproof container

Paper cups, plates, and plastic utensils; foil, plastic wrap & plastic garbage bags

Personal hygiene items such as soap, toothpaste and brush, toilet paper, etc.

Liquid bleach to treat drinking water

Flood Insurance

The City of Atlantis has been engaged in a program to reduce premiums on your flood insurance policy. This newsletter is provided as a public service to promote awareness of flood hazards in our City. The County Library System provides flood protection information, and maintains copies on the flood insurance rate maps for the entire county along with explanation on their use to determine flood zones and elevations. Elevation certificates and Flood Insurance Rate Map Determinations are also available at City Hall. Please call 965-1744 if you need this information.

SEVEN THINGS YOU SHOULD KNOW ABOUT PROTECTING YOUR FAMILY AND PROPERTY FROM FLOODS

THE LOCAL FLOOD HAZARD

The Flood Insurance Rate Map (FIRM) provides flood zone determinations to advise if you are in a flood hazard area. Property within the City of Atlantis is located in several different flood zones. Most properties east of Villa Drive (North and South including Villa Drive) and along Atlantis Blvd. are located in the special flood hazard due to Lake Atlantis and Lake Atlantis South. Properties in Palm Circle adjacent to the C-15 lagoon are in the special flood hazard area. All properties west of Villa Drive are not in a special flood hazard area. You may contact City Hall to find out what flood zone your property is located in.

THE FLOOD WARNING SYSTEM

Copies of Palm Beach County's Flood Warning Program are available at your nearest county library. Palm Beach County Emergency Management maintains direct contact with the National Weather Service. Local television and radio stations will broadcast hurricane associated flood warnings 36 to 48 hours prior to the flooding event. When the National Weather Service forecast intense rainfall, our drainage system can be lowered in an attempt to receive the extraordinary volume of water expected. During periods of prolonged rainfall, areas of the county are kept under surveillance and reported to the Emergency Operating Center. When advised of problem areas, response actions will be taken. When you detect street flooding in your own area, tune to a television or radio station known by you to have an active news bureau. You will be advised of measures you should take to protect your property and yourself.

FLOOD SAFETY

Be aware of what steps to take to minimize your losses due to flooding. The local television and radio stations will warn you when it is necessary to secure your property and evacuate. Live electrical lines cause most hazards. If it appears that floodwaters will enter your home, turn off all electric and gas service. If you find that water has entered your home, do not touch electrical switches or appliances to either turn them on or off. Outside, avoid any pools of water in which a downed power line is laying. You must assume that all downed power lines are energized.

FLOOD INSURANCE

Homeowner's insurance policies DO NOT cover losses due to flooding. The City of Atlantis participates in the National Flood Insurance Program, which makes flood insurance available to everyone in the City. For most, a home and its contents are their greatest investment. If your property is even subject to the possibility of flood damage, from hurricanes or otherwise, you should be protected with an NFIP Flood Policy. Contact your insurance agent and have him or her discuss the types of coverage available to you.

PROPERTY PROTECTION MEASURES

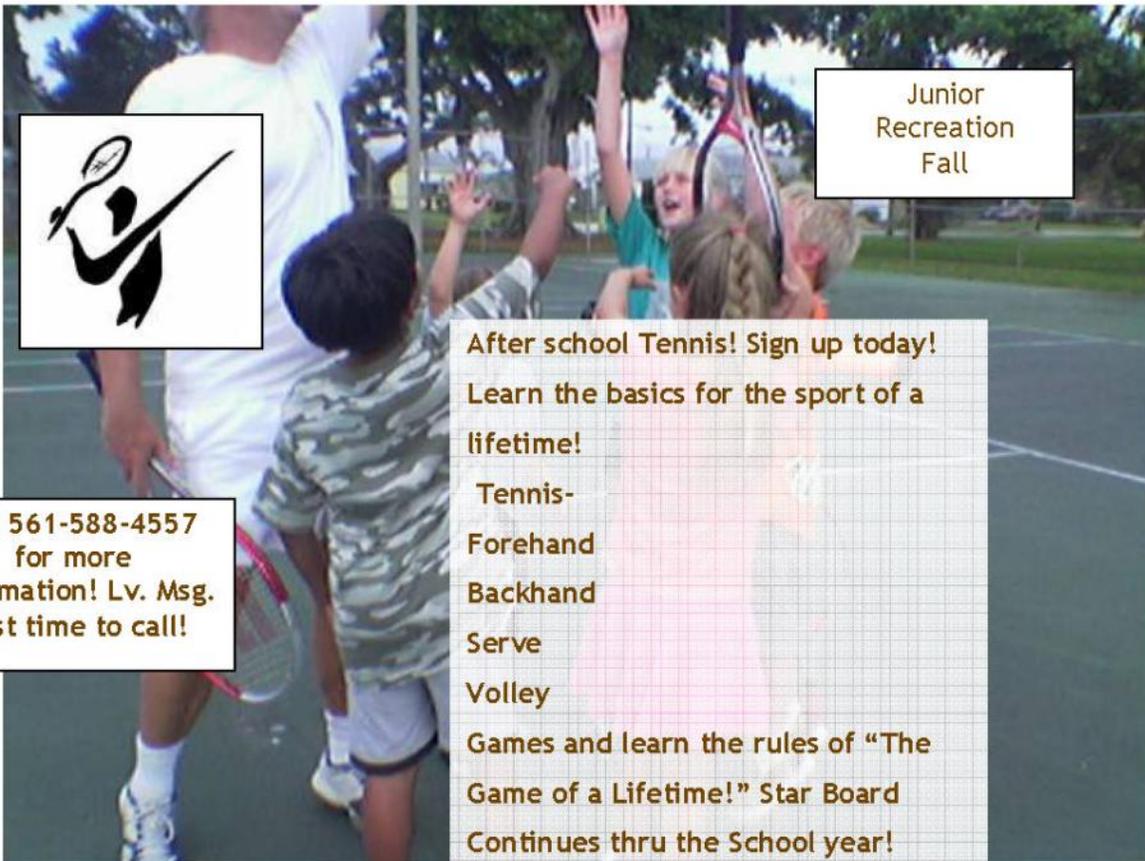
When it appears that your neighborhood is becoming seriously inundated, there are simple things you can do to protect your property: things such as sandbagging building entrances and moving your motor vehicles to higher ground. Many of the things you own are not only valuable but are considered by you to be irreplaceable. These items should be elevated above the floor level to protect them from flood damage. FEMA resources can now be accessed online at www.pbclibrary.org/grsmainresources.htm

PERMITS

The City of Atlantis Building Department requires permits for all construction. This includes new construction, repair/replacement work, additions, signs, fences, fill, tree removal, etc. The City of Atlantis has adopted the Southern Standard Building Code. Parts of this code regulate the amounts and types of construction in the floodplain. You must always consult with the building official when planning any kind of construction. When others violate our floodplain laws, it could affect your property. The building official should be made aware of such activities.

DRAINAGE SYSTEM MAINTENANCE

The South Florida Water Management District maintains the lateral canals in Atlantis. The Public Works Department maintains the remaining swales and storm drains. Florida law prohibits the willful obstruction of our drainage systems and provides both civil and criminal penalties for anyone convicted of such a felony. The law also prohibits dumping toxic waste, including pesticides, into the ground or groundwater. Toxic or hazardous waste include such things as oil and antifreeze. The City of Atlantis Police Department should be made aware of anyone known to be guilty of having committed these crimes.



Junior
Recreation
Fall

Call 561-588-4557
for more
information! Lv. Msg.
Best time to call!

After school Tennis! Sign up today!
Learn the basics for the sport of a
lifetime!
Tennis-
Forehand
Backhand
Serve
Volley
Games and learn the rules of "The
Game of a Lifetime!" Star Board
Continues thru the School year!

After School Tennis!

Fall Junior Program Starts:
Tuesday September 11th -December 20th
at 4:30 p.m.-5:30 p.m. Hotshots Ages 7+
1 day or 2 days Tuesdays and Thursdays
Lil Lobbers Ages 5-7 4:00-4:30
1 day or 2 days Tuesdays and Thursdays
Intermediates-Advanced 5:30-6:30 pm
1 day or 2 days Tuesdays and Thursdays
City of Atlantis Fall Tennis Program
Kintz Park Tennis Courts 14 weeks Tuesday
and Thursdays November 14th-Dec.21st
4-6:30 pm with
USPTA Tennis Pro Sherwin Anderson

JEWELRY MAKING CLASSES

Sharon Mebus of Glenbrook Court, created this fabulous necklace and it is not the only masterpiece that she has made either. Sharon took the classes with her lovely granddaughters, Vanessa & Meredith from Wayzata, Minnesota, who created a few works of art themselves.

Come to a class soon and see what you can do.



Instructor Marie-Claude Green will continue giving jewelry making classes to all age groups **\$20.00 for each 2-hour class (includes all supplies)**. A complete project can be done in two hours.

Learn designs and techniques. A large assorted array of beads is available. Have lots of fun, meet your neighbors, make new friends and wear your creation home.

You can sign up for Tuesday evenings or the Thursday evening "Beading Club".

All Classes held in Council Chambers

The dates are: Tuesdays: August 7, 14, 21, 28, September 4, 11, 18 and 25

**"Beading Club" meets most Thursday evenings in August & September from 6-8 pm—Open to All
Repair, re-string or re-design your jewelry during these sessions**

For more information, or to sign up – Call Instructor Marie-Claude Green at: Home: 561-736-5609 – Cell: 561-271-8967. Email: CLVERT@aol.com (make sure you reference: *The Atlantis Jewelry Class*)

WELCOME NEW RESIDENTS

Sylvia J. Heverly, 513 N. Country Club Dr.
Gary & Meredith Houseman, 776 Muirfield Circle
Carlos Jaramillo, 220 Rio Vista Circle
David & Jennifer McBride, 134 Driftwood Circle
Dr. H. Williams, 214 Orange Tree Drive

Deaths:

Robert Allan, 732 Muirfield Circle
Jean Groen, 425 Muirfield Drive
Carol M. Guttman, 523 Pine Tree Court
Douglas Johns, 220 Orange Tree Drive
Clarence Scoville, 516 S. Country Club Drive
Louise Smith, 03-A Atrium Circle

PARK MEETING

A meeting to discuss the proposed re-circulation system for the Kintz Park Splash Pad and other recreational needs for the west park will be held on Friday, August 10, 2007 at 10:30 am at City Hall. All interested individuals are invited to attend. Projects identified for grant funding may be funded through the Florida Recreation Development Assistance Program.

DO YOU WANT TO JOIN THE ATLANTIS WELLNESS CLUB?

A new club formed to provide FREE health education about nutrition and motivation for staying well. The group will meet every other month for one hour. Seating will start at 6:45 pm with the meetings/presentations starting promptly at 7:00. We will have guest speakers, as well as share educational DVDs with time for discussion and Q&A. Most importantly, you'll leave with practical tips and new steps for feeding your family better and living a healthier life. This group is open to EVERYONE interested in being WELL, so feel free to bring a friend.

For more information or to RSVP, please contact: Kelly Taylor 969-7851,

Sheila Fox 433-1005 or Carene Wilcoxon at 968-6444.

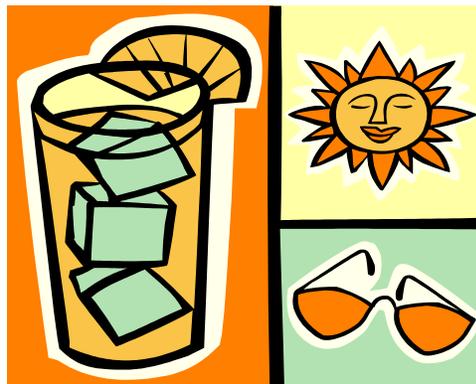
DATE: SEPTEMBER 26, 2007 ATLANTIS CITY HALL 6:45 Seating 7:00 Presentation

“They Are What They Eat” A Health Education Meeting for Parents and Grandparents

Featuring Julie Mohajir, Wellness Consultant & Health Educator, West Palm Beach, FL

- **What do our children’s futures look like in America?**
- **What is the relationship between nutrition and disease?**
 - **What foods should I avoid?**
 - **How can I get my family to eat better?**

Hope to see you all there.



HAVE A WONDERFUL AND SAFE SUMMER



Dear Neighbor,

Join us until September 30, 2007, for Resident's Nights on Wednesdays & Thursdays.
Bring your family and friends and enjoy these great offers:

Buy one dinner and receive 1/2 off the 2nd entrée (of equal or lesser value)
To take advantage of this offer, all you have to do is alert your server at the time of your order that you are an Atlantis resident and would like the resident's night special offer.

Happy Hour: Two for One Cocktails from 4-7 PM Every Night: Wednesday to Sunday
(Domestic Beer, House Wines and Well Brands)

Dining Room and Lounge Hours of Operation Wed.—Sat. for Dinner 5-9 PM
Sunday Champagne Brunch from 11 AM—2 PM Sunday Dinner from 5-8 PM
Breakfast and Lunch are served daily in the snack bar starting at 7:30 AM
Luncheon service will begin again in October

We're open seven days for your special occasion party, wedding, birthday, anniversary, graduation, baby shower and more. Stop in and see us soon and remember that our entire menu is available for take out.

ENJOY!

Best Wishes, Marti Rayl, Manager



PAINTING SESSIONS WILL RESUME
AGAIN IN THE FALL.

FOR MORE INFORMATION, PLEASE

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561- 547-5123.

LET'S MAKE BEAUTIFUL ARTWORK
TOGETHER.



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