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Happy New Year!!

I trust at least some of you still have unbroken New Year's resolutions. Unless of course you are like me and resolved not to make any! I am committed, however, to see to it that our City remains a safe and secure place to live.

The holiday season always makes it seem to appear that our city slows down waiting for the start of a new year. Quite the contrary is the truth. Since Thanksgiving the city's staff has been extremely busy taking care of an endless list of requirements. Yes, they have managed to sneak in a very great Holiday on Wheels event among the myriad of other necessary duties. I want to thank all the staff for the planning, organizing, and working necessary to put on the largest event ever. The great turnout enhanced by perhaps the best weather in history made for a truly enjoyable evening. Thanks also to the Atlantis Country Club for providing the use of their facilities without which this would not have been possible.

The staff has completed the work required to provide the auditors information necessary to insure that our city is financially secure and compliant with all requirements set down by the state. We normally expect the final financial audit report by the February council meeting.

We have numerous projects that were included in this year's budget underway. Bidding specifications have been or will be prepared and released for

these shortly. Among them are the Congress Avenue wall, the entrance to Estates Way, and upgrades to the Kintz Park Building. Continual upgrades to Utility services are underway and more will be forthcoming to keep our systems efficient and reliable.

I have to recognize the retirement of an important fixture in our Police Department, Detective Marvin Jenne. Friday, January 3, will be his last day. I know that anyone who has dealt with Detective Jenne will agree with me that he truly is a kind, caring, and helpful individual. Whether it's identity theft, domestic crimes, medical center issues, drug enforcement issues or just an officer to talk to, Marvin has always exceeded. I want to thank him on behalf of all Atlantis citizens for ten plus years of great service.

The police department has made some changes to insure that continuity of the service levels we have experienced will continue. Sergeant Bill Amason will be assuming the title of detective. Bill has been with our department for over 7 years after completing a long career with the City of West Palm Beach. Be sure to greet him as he continues to serve and live in our community. Longtime Officer Craig Brown has been promoted to Sergeant to fill the position left with Sgt. Amason's move to the Detective Bureau. Additionally, new personnel are being added to fill slots created by our new contract for services with JFK Hospital.

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Next City Council

Meeting

Wednesday

JANUARY 15, 2014

7:00 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

Don't forget to pick up your 2014 Resident Decals and Directories. They will be available starting January 2nd in the Council Chambers. See Page 4 for complete information and hours.

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Lastly, I want to express my dissatisfaction with the local management of the Atlantis branch of Bank of America. Ever since the letter went out informing its customers that the branch would be closing, the manager has commented to many customers and citizens that the closing is because the Mayor of Atlantis would not let them put up a sign. For the record, there has never been any proposal or permit for a new or improved sign submitted to the city. I was quite rudely cornered at JFK Hospital during a dedication reception and told that business was suffering because the City would not let him trim the trees and put up additional signage. Since this was not the time or place, I chose not to discuss the issue at that time. This was my only contact about the subject. The trees surrounding the bank do not belong to the City. The Mayor is not involved in the permitting processes. As many citizens know, the Architectural Review Committee looks at all projects before permits are issued. If there is an issue with City codes, the case goes to the Board of Adjustment. The Mayor is not a part of or party to any of these citizen composed boards. It has not been uncommon for businesses in our city to come to city hall and discuss changes or improvements. I have to admit that our staff and various boards are quite receptive to most plans even asking council to change or amend code when they feel the necessity. I'm not sure what the thinking at the branch bank is. I hope they are taking better care of our money. Many of us have been customers longer than he has been a manager. It is sad to see it go. The building is leased so perhaps another financial institution will take over.

Remember to be observant and act safely as we experience the busiest months of the year. Together we can assure a prosperous and fulfilling 2014.

Mayor Mike Dahlgren

Manager's Notes JANUARY 2014

Happy New Year! May the challenges of the previous year be behind you and the New Year brings good health and prosperity to all!

A couple of things to note: All exterior alterations require a building permit and presentation to the City's Architectural Review Committee. In addition to the permit application, a specific description, color samples and photographs of the existing home are required for presentation to ARC.

One of the amenities of Atlantis is back door garbage service. We pay a premium for the garbage company to pick up the garbage from the underground cans. This keeps the city looking neat and clean. Please place your items in the underground cans before 7:00 am on Monday and Thursday. Bulk items may be placed at the curb on Sunday night for collection on Monday. Vegetation may be placed at the curb on Sunday night as well. If you use a contract lawn maintenance company, that company is required to take all debris away with them on the day it is generated. Recycling collection is on Thursday. Place your recycling bins near the underground cans before 7:00 am for Thursday pickup.

See you at the Spring Fling! This year it will be held on Saturday April 12, 2014. We will be looking for homes for the Garden Tour as well as artists for the Art Show. Other activities are also in the planning stages.

As always if you have questions or concerns I can be reached at City Hall at 965-1744 or via email at mthornton@atlantisfl.gov.

Mo Thornton
City Manager

City News...

The City Council meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m. On December 18, 2013.

Florida Cancer Specialist at 5507 S. Congress Avenue requested a public hearing to allow a special exception for accessory use for the provision of medical equipment that will allow infusion pumps for follow up treatment at home for chemo patients. The request passed 5-0.

Resolution No.13-35 passed 5-0. This resolution authorizes the Mayor to sign an agreement with the Palm Beach Habilitation Center for additional cleaning services at the park bathrooms.

Resolution No. 13-36 also passed 5-0. This resolution adopts an updated Fee Schedule for the various services rendered by the City.

Chief Mangold awarded Officer Craig Brown with a promotion to Sergeant. Sergeant Brown was thanked for his 12 years of service.

The Mayor and Council thanked everyone involved in making the Annual Holiday Golf Cart Parade a success. Over 1,000 meals were served. A special thanks was given to the Atlantis Country Club for the use of their premises and to the City Staff for all of their hard work. A Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year was wished to all.

William Mitchell

(official minutes available at www.atlantisfl.gov)

POLICE DEPARTMENT NEWS

Chief Robert G. Mangold

Community Safety through Community Awareness and Involvement:

Decals: 2014 Atlantis decals are now available 24 hours a day at the police department.

The resident decal program is an integral part of our security measures. The program provides for quick identification of incoming residents at the entrances to the City thereby expediting entry and it helps security guards determine which cars they must log. Resident decals assist police officers in distinguishing between resident vehicles parked in driveways and those that may require more attention and investigation. I strongly encourage all of our citizens to participate in the decal program.

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. Decals should be placed on the top left corner of the front windshield and rear window (driver's side).

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

CRIME STATISTICS FOR DECEMBER

<u>Major Crimes</u>	<u>Residential</u>	<u>Commercial</u>
Battery	1	1
Theft (Grand & Petit)		3
Vehicle Theft		1
Residential Crime Location(s): Atrium Circle.		

TRAFFIC STATISTICS FOR DECEMBER

Total Enforcement:	76
Citations:	71
Written Warnings:	05
Total Parking	36
Citations:	36

**Don't forget to pick up your new auto decals & telephone directory!**

You can pick up the new City Directory and 2014 vehicle decals beginning on Thursday, January 2nd. They will be available for distribution in Council Chambers at City Hall through Friday, January 24 from 9:00 AM until 4:00 PM. Our volunteers will be on hand during those hours to assist you.

Please make a note that on Monday, January 20 (observation of Martin Luther King's birthday), decals and directories will be available at the Police Department. **And if you can't make it to Council Chambers during the week, directories and decals will also be available 24/7 at the Police Department.**

Auto decals are part of the City's security system, and all residents are strongly encouraged to display current decals on their windshields. **Please remember to bring the registration card for each vehicle that needs a decal.**

CITY COUNCIL FILING: Filing for City Council Groups (1,3 & 5) opens at noon January 28, 2014 and closes at noon on February 11,2014. Group 1 is currently held by Fred Furtado, Group 3 by David Kintz, Group 5 by Catherine Higgins. Council members 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 28, 2014. The municipal election is scheduled for **Tuesday, March 11, 2014.**

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

A Message from Anne M. Gannon

Constitutional Tax Collector, Serving Palm Beach County

Save on Next Year's Property Taxes

Property owners, catch a break on property taxes. Sign up for the installment payment plan and receive a discount. The Installment Payment Plan allows you to make four installment payments. Apply by April 30th for next year's taxes. The payment schedule is:

1st Installment - Due by June 30: 1/4 the total estimated taxes discounted 6%.

2nd Installment - Due by September 30: 1/4 the total estimated taxes discounted 4.5%.

3rd Installment - Due by December 31: 1/4 the total estimated taxes plus 1/2 of any adjustment for actual tax liability discounted 3%.

4th Installment - Due by March 31: 1/4 the total estimated taxes plus the balance of any adjustment for actual tax liability.

Learn more at www.pbctax.com/installment-payment-plan



The 21st Annual Holiday on Wheels Golf Cart Parade was a huge success! We had 17 decorated carts that joined us in the parade. Over 1,000 meals were served. Santa arrived on his sleigh, and a good time was had by all.

Home Decorating Contest winners:

Most Festive	Ron and Madeline Reeves	224 Turnberry Drive
Most Creative	Carene Kengeter	205 Walton Heath Drive
Most Elegant	Tim and Cathy Higgins	589 North Country Club Drive
Best Use of Lighting	Kevin Furlotte & Lisa Lehoczky	101 Westwood Court
Best Small Display	Ranae Berry	240 North Country Club Drive
Best Overall	Sampath Srinrath	125 Turnberry

Judges: David & Kim Kintz; Ben & Allison Schans

Winners of the Golf Cart Parade for 2013

Most Festive	Kira Langolf
Most Creative	Girl Scout Troop– Led by Sari Terceira
Most Unusual	Ranae Berry
Best Use of Lighting	Steve Jennings
Best Overall	Elis Rizk

Judges: Mike & Sue Dahlgren; Bob & Cathy Nothnagle and Richard Siegel.

Congratulations to all of our winners!!

A big thanks to our sponsors: Atlantis Country Club, Corbett, White & Davis, Gehring Insurance, Holyfield & Thomas, Hy-Byrd, J. Shelhamer Landscaping, Southern Waste Systems and Stormwater J Engineering.

Save the Date!



The 2014 Spring Fling will be held on Saturday, April 12th.
Details to follow.

If you would like to volunteer to serve on the Spring Fling Committee, call Mo Thornton at 561-965-1744.

Paying Your Utility Bill Has Never Been Easier!!

Option 1. We still take cash and checks!! Bring or mail your payment to City Hall 260 Orange Tree Drive, Atlantis Florida 33462. There is also a drop box in the rear parking lot at City Hall for drive up drop off of your payment.

Option 2. The City takes credit cards for the payment of the utilities bill and other city charges. In order to pay your bill via credit card, follow these simple steps:

Go to our web site: Atlantisfl.gov

Click on "City Government"

Click on "Utilities"

Click on "Online Utility Payments"

Click on "Pay Utility Bills"

Fill in required information on the form and submit, make sure to include your Utilities Service Address. You will receive an email confirmation.

Option 3. Auto Draft Services- No postage, No late charges, No checks to write!

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.

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.

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: _____



Caption: (L-R) Hab-a-Hearts Annual Luncheon Chairs: Marianne Vellis and Beverlee Miller Raymond

The Hab-a-Hearts 23rd Annual Luncheon Planning Underway

The Hab-a-Hearts, an auxiliary benefiting Palm Beach Habilitation Center, are hard at work planning for the 23rd Annual Hab-a-Hearts Luncheon presented by PNC Wealth Management, Palm Beach to be held on Monday, February 17 at Mar-a-Lago Club, Palm Beach.

The 2014 Chairs for this *must attend* luncheon are Beverlee Miller Raymond and City of Atlantis resident, Marianne Vellis. This year's Honorary Chair is Babbette Wolff. Committee members include: Jim Accursio, Prudie Anderson, Amy Bernard, Donna Brown, Nancy Cashman, Carol Cucci, Joanne Driscoll, Kathy Fernandes, Barbara Fuschetti, Ann Jaggie, Jenifer Kelley, Henrietta Koretsky, Helen Logothetis, Ann Paton, Christine Pitts, Sheila Rinker, Valerie Seifert, Lou Ann Wilson Swan, Lynne Wise Smith, and Sherry Szczublewski.

This year's reigning Queen of Hearts is the City of Atlantis resident, Nancy Cashman, who has served as a dedicated member of the Hab-a-Hearts Steering Committee for over ten years.

Guests will enjoy Hab-a-Tinis provided by Perfect 1864 Vodka of Legacy Imports and complimentary wine by Diageo, listen to the musical talent of Valerie White, and have an opportunity to bid on over 300 silent auction items during the cocktail reception hour.

Special guest will be Bruce Helander, collage artist, writer and curator, who created a poster design of vintage hearts symbolizing all the love, affection, and generosity of the day. This beautiful collage and other high-end items will be available during the live auction by Jim Accursio, auctioneer extraordinaire. A sneak preview of a few of the live auction items include: tickets to a Yankees Game, Saks Fifth Avenue Shopping Spree, and a week stay in North Carolina, and much more.

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 placed in community employment. Each year, more than 700 individuals receive a variety of services from the Palm Beach Habilitation Center.

Tickets are \$225 each. To receive an invitation, purchase a ticket or for more information, please call Jacqueline Nicholson, Director of Development, at 561-965-8500, ext. 212 or e-mail jnicholson@pbhab.com.

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COUNTRY CLUB

Dining Room Schedule

Dinner served Tuesday — Sunday Evenings beginning at 5 p.m.
Lounge opens at 1:30 p.m. with a Light Menu • Happy Hour 4 to 6 p.m.
Snack Bar Café Open Daily from 7:30 a.m. to 2 p.m.

Atlantis Celebrates the Sounds of the Decades

Friday, January 17, 2014

Johnny T's "The Voices of Legends" Dinner Show

Doors open at 6 p.m. Show starts at 7:30 p.m.

Dinner & Show • \$38 pp. Inclusive of dinner, show, tax & service charge (Beverages additional)

Saturday, January 25, 2014

'50s Night featuring Sounds by Vinny, The Singing Jukebox

Friday, February 28, 2014

The Sounds of the '60s by Like Honey — Cool sister-act based in Delray Beach

Saturday, March 22, 2014

The Popular Variety Pop Duo of Robert and Mandy France

Friday, March 28, 2014

'40s Night by The World's Smallest Big Band led by Ted Knight

Visit www.AtlantisCountryClub.com and click on DINING for details.

Three Affordable Golf Membership Options

Option No. 1: Annual Golf Membership \$1,500. plus tax

Includes: All green fees for one year for one person, complimentary range balls, 20% discount on select non-sale merchandise in the golf shop, special guest fees for family and friends, advanced tee times and a USGA handicap index. \$25. cart fee per round additional.

Option No. 2: All Inclusive Annual Golf Membership \$4,500. plus tax

Includes: All green fees and cart fees for one year for one person, complimentary range balls, 20% discount on select non-sale merchandise in the golf shop, special guest fees for family and friends, advanced tee times and a USGA handicap index.

Option No. 3: All Inclusive Annual Family Golf Membership \$6,500. plus tax

Includes: All green fees and cart fees for one year for applicant and spouse, complimentary range balls, 20% discount on select non-sale merchandise in the golf shop, special guest fees for family and friends, advanced tee times and a USGA handicap index.

Mark your Calendars: January 19th *Ces't La Vie* Nine and Dine • 3:30 PM

190 Atlantis Blvd.
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Dine: 561.965.5788
Golf: 561.968.1300

www.atlanticcountryclub.com

January 2014

Community Activities



ALL AMERICAN TEAM TENNIS: Youth Team Tennis. For more information contact Coach Ken at 561-578-9914. Meets in Atlantis. Season 8 Starts February 4th and runs for approximately 11 weeks.

CHESS CLUB: Meets every Monday night at 7:00 pm. Call John Schwan at 315-783-6873 for more information.

CHILDREN'S DANCE CLASSES: At Kintz Park. ages 2-6, Tap, Ballet and Creative Movement. Boys and Girls welcome. Call Lisa Lee at 561-317-5738

GREAT BOOKS CLUB OF ATLANTIS: Will Meet in the Council Chambers on January 10th at 2:00 p.m. Call Dr. Bennett Miller at 561-968-2675 for further information.

GUITAR LESSONS: All styles, all ages welcome. Contact Diane Levine at 561-267-7921.

JEWELRY CLASS: Held in the Council Chambers on Tuesdays 7-9 pm. For information and dates, call Marie Claude Green at 561-736-5609 or 561-271-8967 or email her at CLVERT@AOL.COM

LITERARY SOCIETY: Will meet January 18th and review "A Week in Winter", by Maeve Binchy in the Atlantis Golf Club's Ladies Card Room for a continental breakfast and a chance to greet old friends and meet some new members to our group. Anyone wishing to join the group is welcome! \$7.00 will be collected. We look forward to a fun and interesting year. PLEASE call Pat Clem (966-7600 x101) if you plan to come.

LANTANA ROAD BRANCH LIBRARY : Offering book and film discussions groups. Contact Susan Kelly at 561-304-4500.

PERSONAL TRAINING: Improve your overall quality of life. Carene Kengeter American Council of Exercise Certified Personal Trainer Call: 561-313-4026.

REPUBLICAN CLUB OF CENTRAL PBC: 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 in Lake Worth for fellowship and interesting guest speakers. For more information contact Peggy Vrane (561) 868-5807 Richard Beiter (561) 965-4282 or Ron Leeds (561) 969-9600.

SENIOR TENNIS: Mondays and Fridays from 9-11am at Sunset Park. Contact: Betty Ann Badger 561-434-4145.

TENNIS CLASSES: Contact Coach Sherwin Anderson USPTA PRO at 561-588-4557.



A WARM WELCOME TO NEW RESIDENTS:

Daniel & Brigitta Fielder –308 Fairway Ct.

Lois Richmand– 324 Orange Tree Ct

James & Cherie Rozendal—515 Pinetree Ct.

Salit Zelekovitz—104 Windsor Ct.

OUR CONDOLENCES OF THE DEATH OF:

Phyllis Applefield

Evelyn Allsopp

Charlotte Borders

Susan Marion

Edward Quinlan

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IMPORTANT TELEPHONE NUMBERS:

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

KINTZ PARK SPLASH PAD HOURS:

Monday through Thursday 11 am to 6 pm
Friday, Saturday, Sunday 11 am to 8 pm
· **During periods of heavy rain, the splash pad hours may be suspended.**
* **Kintz Park will be closed periodically for maintenance.**

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 BEFORE 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.