



The City News

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THE MAYOR'S CORNER

October 2013

I'm told it's official. Fall arrived about a week ago! As we look forward, I am truly anticipating an exciting fall and winter season highlighted by the return of many residents. Summer in the city was warmer than normal, wetter than normal, with hopefully few abnormalities.

September was the end of the city's fiscal year and although the results are not official, indications are that we have managed to live within our expectations. There have been numerous discussions and compromises involved in this achievement. Staff has to be commended for steering us through what could have been an unachievable maze, or worse yet, a fiscal cliff. I would personally like to express my thanks to our great staff and the work and cooperation of our citizens.

Please note elsewhere in this newsletter some of our upcoming events, namely the annual flu shot clinic and, of course, our Halloween youth party. We look forward to seeing many of you there.

Once again I feel it necessary to ask that we be extra careful while driving

walking, and just being "out and about" after dark. We can all do our part to avoid an accident by increasing our vigilance and slowing down. Thank you for your help.

Reality is setting in and saying that this could be my final newsletter. No, not by choice but I will be in Washington DC during the threatened shut-down to occur October 1! Just like the old Kingston Trio song about the fellow stuck on the Boston subway, they might soon be asking of me, "Will he ever return?" Is it possible to get out of a shut down capitol? I think everyone who knows me understands that I can hardly wait to visit with our elected delegation to present my opinion and listen to what they are going to do to get the sequestration and debt-ceiling crisis solved. Although all have responded that they would "like to meet with me", no one has gotten back with a time and place. Hmmmm?

Regardless of my plight, have a great start to fall and welcome to all returning residents.

Mayor Mike Dahlgren

City of Atlantis
260 Orange Tree Drive
Atlantis, FL 33462

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Next City Council

Meeting

Wednesday

OCTOBER 16, 2013

7:00 pm.

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



Atlantis Annual

Halloween Party Oct. 31

See Page 7 For details

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The City of Atlantis 21st Annual

Holiday on Wheels Golf Cart Parade

Monday, December 9, 2013.

October 2013 Manager's Notes

The new fiscal year is here. We are in the process of closing the books and seeing the results of operations for Fiscal 2013. As we move into fall our upcoming events are the Halloween Party and in December the Annual Home Decorating Contest and the 21st Annual Holiday on Wheels. We will again time the judging of the homes to coincide with the Golf Cart Parade. Winners will be announced at the close of the Golf Cart Parade on Monday evening December 9, 2013.

As you are cleaning out the cupboards at the end of hurricane season, please consider donating usable items to the local food pantry. Just bring the items here to City Hall and we will make sure they go to a worthy organization. We will again be collecting food donations at the Golf Cart Parade.

As the rainy summer comes to an end our Code Enforcement Officers will be busy checking homes for Minimum Property Standards. We will begin sending letters stating the deficiencies in mid-October. We understand that some of you may already have the work scheduled. Please call us when the work is completed and someone will be by to check. Thank you in advance for attending to your property. The appearance of the community is important to everyone.

Mo Thornton
City Manager

City News...September, 2013

The City of Atlantis Final Budget Hearing was held at 7:00 p.m. pm September 18, 2013. After a Public Hearing, Resolution 13-21 adopting the final Millage Rate of 7.9000 passed 4-0. Resolution 13-22 adopting the budget for the Fiscal Year 2013-2014 passed 4-0.

The City of Atlantis Council Meeting was brought to order at 7:06 p.m. immediately following the Final Budget Hearing on September 18, 2013. There was a request for a public hearing from the owner of 3070/3072 McSherry Drive concerning unpaid water charges. For a number of years they have not paid for the availability of water and have ignored requests for payment. Council voted not to grant any leniency in this matter and again requested payment for the past due bills.

Resolution No. 13- 23, passing 4-0, will place liens on certain properties such as 3070-3072 McSherry Drive. Most of the homes are outside Atlantis, but within our service area.

Resolution No. 13-24, authorizing the Mayor to sign an agreement with Phillips and Jordan for hurricane debris removal passed 4-0.

A new business, The Polo Bakery will be opening in mid October at the Shoppes of Atlantis near the Atlantis Grill on South Congress Avenue. The new owner invited all to attend this real bakery that uses real ingredients!

The City Manager has spoken with the County about the improvements planned for the Palm Beach County Park Airport. She was assured that the type of planes allowed will remain the same (no jets) but that it will be a better experience for those using the recreational airport.

It was verbally approved by Council to keep the scope committee for the park building to the people already on the list.

William Mitchell

(official minutes at www.atlantisfl.gov)

POLICE DEPARTMENT NEWS

Chief Robert G. Mangold

Safety Tip: From the American Red Cross Take a Look at **Our Lucky 12 Tips** for a Safe Halloween Ghouls and goblins will take over the night. But even scary creatures need to be safe and celebrate Halloween right. Halloween's greatest hazards aren't vampires and villains, but falls, costume mishaps, and automobile collisions. The Red Cross wants your family to have a safe Halloween so we're providing these tips, **the Lucky 12**:

1. Map out the route that you plan to roam, so adults are assured you will find your way home!
2. From the bravest of superheroes to the noblest of knights, everyone should remember to bring their flashlights!
3. If you visit a house where a stranger resides, accept treats at the door and, please, don't go inside.
4. When you get ready to put on your disguise, use face paint instead of masks, which will cover your eyes.
5. Always remember, before you embark, to wear light-colored clothing to be seen in the dark! (And remember to use reflective tape, even on bikes, and brooms and the edges of your cape!)
6. As you roam through the neighborhood collecting your treats, please look both ways before crossing the street! (And speaking of streets, the corners are the place for trick or treaters to cross no mat-ter their pace.)
7. Wigs, capes and costumes are flammable attire, so avoid open flames to prevent a fire!
8. Use a glow stick instead of a candle so your jack-o-lantern isn't a safety gamble!
9. You may fly on a broom or a space ship from Mars, but please be on the lookout for drivers in cars! (Between parked cars is no place to hide, be sure that you're seen whether you're a clown or a bride.)
10. Monsters and zombies should stay off the lawn, and only visit homes with their porch lights turned on!
11. You may be dressed as a werewolf, a cat or a frog, but be cautious around strange animals, especially dogs.
12. Have a grown-up inspect your candy when you're done trick-or-treating to remove open packages and choking hazards before eating.

TRAFFIC

TOTAL CITATIONS: **59**
 CITATIONS: **49**
 WARNINGS: **03**
 PARKING CITATIONS: **07**

CRIME STATISTICS

<u>Major Crimes</u>	<u>Residential</u>	<u>Commercial</u>
Battery	1	4
Theft (Grand & Petit)		3

Code Enforcement: City of Atlantis Code of Ordinance, Sec. 4-61 Maintenance and appearance standards for all structures

It is that time of the year again! The heat and moisture of the summer cause algae to grow everywhere including the roofs, driveways and patios. As we do every year, the code enforcement officers will be going around the community in the near future to request that properties be cleaned and brought up to Atlantis property standards. Many of our residents do their regularly scheduled fall cleaning as well as take proper care throughout the year. We thank those residents for taking care of their property.

A Message from the Department of Airports Regarding Changes at the Lantana Airport

The Department of Airports provided us with an update regarding the Palm Beach County Park (Lantana) Airport. As you may know, the long-term lease agreement between Palm Beach County and Florida Airmotive, Inc., will be expiring next year. The Department of Airports recently completed a Request for Proposals process for a new fixed base operator (FBO) for the airport to commence operations upon the expiration of the lease agreement with Florida Airmotive. Four proposals were received, and the selection committee recommended that Galaxy Global Acquisitions, Inc., be awarded the new FBO lease agreement. The Department and Galaxy are currently in the lease negotiation process.

Galaxy is based in Palm Beach County and has been operating FBOs for almost 30 years. Galaxy currently operates at six other airports, including the Palm Beach International Airport, and has developed a reputation in the industry of one of the leading FBO chains in terms of customer service, safety and security. Galaxy has proposed making a significant capital investment of \$5,525,000 in the airport, which will include the construction of a new terminal building within the first three lease years and enhancements to the entrance way located on Lantana Road. Galaxy's financial proposal exceeded the County's minimum requirements, which will result in increased lease revenues that the Department anticipates will be reinvested, in large part, in the maintenance and repair of the existing buildings and improvements at the airport.

"It is not our intention to change the character of the airport. The airport will continue to be frequented primarily by recreational aircraft owners and small businesses; however, we believe the investments anticipated to be made by both Galaxy and the County are necessary to ensure that the airport is operated and maintained in a first class manner in the future as expected by the public and airport users. "

Please take a moment to update your Atlantis City Directory Listing

Family Name _____

First Name _____ Spouse _____

Atlantis Address _____

Please provide us with the best phone number to reach you. If it is a cell number please indicate who it belongs to. If you check Unlisted we will use your number internally and not publish it in the directory.

Phone Number (_____) _____ (Name) _____ Listed _____ Unlisted _____

Additional Directory Listing for Northern Address and Phone Number (Leave blank if none or no publish)

Northern Address _____

Northern Phone Number _____

Flu and Pneumococcal Shots Clinic

When: October 18, 2013 From 9 am until 11 am **Where:** The Council Chambers at 260 Orange Tree Drive
A-Plus Home Healthcare will be administering the Flu and Pneumococcal Shots. The Flu vaccine is available to anyone older than 6 months and the pneumococcal vaccine to anyone older than 13 years of age.

IMPORTANT Billing Information: Anyone receiving a vaccine must present a valid form of Identification.

Medicare Recipients must provide their Medicare ID

A-Plus will bill Medicare directly, with no co payment or deductible. Medicare *MUST* be your primary insurance company; they will not pay if you have another insurance company. You must pay A-Plus and then submit a receipt to your insurance company to get reimbursed.

Non-Medicare recipients will be charged \$30.00 for Flu and \$90.00 for Pneumococcal vaccines.

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

First come first serve, from 9 AM—11:00 AM

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. 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: _____

Signature: _____

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COUNTRY CLUB

Dining Room Schedule

Dinner served Thursday, Friday and Saturday at 5 p.m.

Fall Schedule Begins November 5, 2013

Open Tuesday — Sunday

Dinner served beginning at 5 p.m.

Lounge opens at 2 p.m.

Happy Hour 4 to 6 p.m.

Snack Bar Café Open Daily at 7:30 a.m.

Mark your calendars for **Thanksgiving Dinner, Thursday November 28**
for a family feast served from 1 pm to 7 pm.

Three Affordable Golf Membership Options

Including new all-inclusive memberships!

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. Cart fee 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 calendar for **Sunday, October 27, 3:30 p.m.** for our annual

Howl at the Moon Nine and Dine Event!

190 Atlantis Blvd.
Atlantis, FL 33462
Dine: 561.965.5788
www.atlantisdine.com
Golf: 561.968.1300
www.atlantiscountryclub.co

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City of Atlantis Halloween Costume Contest

Thursday, October 31, 2013

5 PM at Kintz Park



In case of rain, contest will be held at the Atlantis Country Club.

Pizza and Soda will be available.

**All participants need to sign up by 5:45 the day of the contest.*

Prize Categories: Scariest, Most Original, Cutest, Funniest

Age Categories: 0-3, 4-7, 8-11, and 12 and up.

Questions?

Call Leslie Leckrone at 969-1590



We hope to see you there!





2014
Homestead Exemption Outreach
2nd Wednesday of Each Month
Atlantis City Hall - 1:30 PM

September 11, October 9, November 13, & December 11

Conducted by:

PALM BEACH COUNTY PROPERTY APPRAISER'S OFFICE
Division of Education Services

THE PROPERTY APPRAISER OFFICE WILL TAKE YOUR 2014 HOMESTEAD EXEMPTION APPLICATION AND ANSWER VALUATION QUESTIONS

Please contact Mike Pratt at 561 355 4021 For Questions or email mpratt@pbcoaov.org

- Every person who has legal title **on January 1** to a residential property and lives there permanently qualifies for this exemption. You must be a permanent resident of Florida on January 1 of the initial application year. You may either apply by mail or in person at any time through the year but the deadline is March 1 of the qualifying year.
- A copy of your deed and proof of residency is required. You may submit a copy of your Florida driver's license, voter's registration or permanent residency card. In lieu of a pending permanent resident alien card, we will accept Federal Form I485, "Approval Notice for application to adjust to permanent resident status."
- Exemptions available include: \$25,000 Homestead Exemption, Additional \$25,000 Homestead Exemption, Senior Citizen Exemption, \$5,000 Disabled Veterans Exemption, Combat-disabled Senior Veterans and the \$500 Widow/Widower Exemption

Presented as a Public Service by the Education Services Division of the PBC Property Appraiser's Office

Community Activities

ALL AMERICAN TEAM TENNIS: Youth Team Tennis, meets Tues & Thurs from 6 –8 pm at Kintz Park. For more information contact Coach Ken at 561-578-9914.

DEMOCRATIC WOMEN'S CLUB OF PALM BEACH COUNTY: Meets the first Saturday of each month. Contact Simma Sulzer for details at 968-7399.

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: Meets in the Council Chambers. 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: First meeting on November 20: Mrs. Lincoln's Dressmaker by Jennifer Chiaverini (Sue Wagner will be leading our review.) Look forward to seeing you on 20 November at 9:30 in the Ladies' Card Room for a continental breakfast and a chance to greet old friends and some new members. Anyone wishing to join the group, please come. . PLEASE call Pat Clem (966-7600 x101)

OUR CONDOLENCES ON THE DEATHS OF:

Osvaldo Espino

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& SUMMER TENNIS CAMP: Contact Coach Sherwin Anderson USPTA PRO at 561-588-4557.

WATER COLOR CLASSES: Will resume in the Fall. Call Joan Tiberi at 561-315-2633 for information or email her at jmt332@yahoo.com

A WARM WELCOME TO NEW RESIDENTS:

Julie Henehan-300 JFK Drive

Marian Lawton -460 North Country Club Drive

Elyse Underberg -316 Fairway Court

Nicholas Arsalis- 552 South Country Club Drive

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260 Orange Tree Drive
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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.