



The City News

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THE MAYOR'S CORNER

August 2012

It doesn't seem possible that we are now less than a month away from the start of school. Footballs will soon fill the air and folks will spend weekends cheering on their favorite team(s). Atlantis is gearing up for the season as well. Citizen committees are busy making plans for the city's first Tailgate Party. Like you, I don't have many details yet, but I am sure it goes without saying that there will be food, fun, and rumor has it, a bonfire. I'm sure the "old-timers" are already reminiscing about the Christmas tree bonfire parties of years past. Déjà vu or not, look for details in this and following newsletters.

For city government, midsummer means that budgets for the following year must be finalized. At last month's council meeting, a resolution was passed setting the coming year's millage at rollback. For those not familiar, this means that ad valorem taxes assessed by the city will not exceed those collected the past year. This rate cannot increase as we complete the budgeting process, but could decrease. For Atlantis this means there will be a decrease in the rate due to the fact that our property values rose. It is impossible to know exactly what the effect on each homeowner will be. Each home's value is dependent upon its particular set of circumstances. The city can only set the rate, not the value that determines each property's final assessment. Regardless of the rate, the goal this year was to maintain our level of services without cutting staff. Frankly, we are at staffing levels that if cut will probably reduce services. Notable in the new budget is an increase of 33% in our fire rescue contract. Our level of service remains very good and the City of Greenacres has been very cooperative toward completing this contract. The increase is due to a greater number of responses and the expiration of credits given previously. Both cities look forward to continued cooperation and commitment. All new capital improvements have been minimized and expenses reviewed to insure cost-efficient use of all

funds. We love our city but understand the economics and realities of current financial situations.

We still have no agreement in our dispute over "\$12.50" monies with the county. Every city has signed a resolution encouraging the county to release the funds. It is now up to the county commission to direct the administrator to release these funds. County administration seems to be relying on details they believe to be correct however; no city entered the agreement thinking they would be deprived of funds based on future interpretations. This is an item on an August county commission agenda and we hope our commissioners will agree and instruct the administrator to release the funds.

The upgrade of the master lift station located just beside the JFK gate is nearing completion. Who knew we could create day after day of deluges by trying to install new underground tanks and pumps? The pumping is over and the river it caused on the street by the gate has subsided. We realize it was an inconvenience to residents but just think what it did for the contractor.

Complaints have greatly increased about golf carts on our streets. Atlantis has regulations concerning golf cart use and police have been asked to increase enforcement actions. If you have a golf cart and allow children to use it, consider yourself warned. Previously there have been injuries caused by improper and under age golf cart operation. We do not wish a repeat.

I hope everyone enjoys the remainder of the summer. Stay safe and enjoy our city or have a safe return if you have retreated to the "hot and dry north". I am extremely proud and excited to be in the greatest city in south Florida. See you soon.

Mayor Mike Dahlgren

City of Atlantis
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Atlantis, FL 33462

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Next City Council Meeting.

Wednesday.

August 15, 2012

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

Manager's Notes, August 2012

You may have noticed that there was no July newsletter; there was not much new information to provide so we took a rare break. Here we are in late July looking ahead at the balance of 2012. You will see on page 9 the community calendar of upcoming events. Volunteer to help or just come and join the fun. Our events are geared toward one and all!

With all the rain this summer there has been an increase in roof repairs. When you contact a roofer, ask them to check with the building department to see if a permit is necessary for the repair. The building official will advise whether the scope of the repair makes it necessary for a permit. The fee for work done without a permit is four times the normal fee. Let's not forget minimum property standards. It bears repeating that Atlantis prides itself on a neat and orderly appearance.

From time to time we hear from homeowners who need a building permit or other document notarized. All of the city hall staff and the dispatchers who work the desk in the police department have the Notary Public designation. Should you need documents notarized someone is available 24/7 to assist.

We will soon begin our update to the City Directory. More and more of us are abandoning our land lines making the information in the directory inaccurate. From time to time we are looking to call to obtain additional information for a permit, or the police may see your garage door up in the middle of the night and try to notify you. We wish to obtain the correct information for the directory. See page 9 for the form to provide updated information.

See you at the Fall Tailgate Party and Bonfire.

Mo Thornton
City Manager

City News...

The Atlantis Council Meeting was called to order at 7:00 pm on July 18, 2012.

Resolution Number 12-13 passed 4-0, which strongly supports the county's continued allocation from the traffic tickets of the \$12.50 funds to municipalities interoperable radio system. This is pursuant to the County's Resolution R-2002-0192. Atlantis needs this funding, as do the other municipalities in Palm Beach County to help pay for their radio projects.

Resolution Number 12-14, authorizing the mayor to sign the second contract addendum with M&M Asphalt for \$3,500.00 passed 4-0. This was for additional striping of the newly paved Sudbury and Gleneagles Drives. The first addendum for \$2,800.00 was for the extra street repair prior to paving of the intersection that meets Walton Heath Drive.

In Miscellaneous Business, Council set the millage rate at the rollback rate following the recommendation by the city manager. The first

budget hearing will be September 12th, 2012 at 5:01 pm.

Council voted 4-0 to permanently turn off the fountains on the two lakes at our main entrance on Club House Blvd. due to spraying and damage to nearby residences. If one of the villa groups in the city would like the fountains for their area the city will give them to the group.

Passing 3-0, Council voted to pay up to \$2,500.00 toward cleaning of an open storm drain ditch that runs across the Atlantis Country Club property on their golf course. This ditch connects the city's storm drains on Glenbrook Drive and North Country Club Drive. Atlantis Country Club is currently revamping their golf course and now would be the logical time to do this project.

William Mitchell
(official minutes at www.atlantisfl.gov)

POLICE DEPARTMENT NEWS
Chief Robert G. Mangold

Community Safety through Community Awareness and Involvement:

Crime Prevention Tip: **Self-Defense - Tear Gas & Pepper Spray**

Self Defense

How effective is tear gas for self-defense. The answer is that tear gas is very effective in the hands of a trained person. Tear gas is considered a "non-lethal" personal self-defense device. However, chemical sprays have caused death, under certain conditions. Also beware that these items may be illegal in some states and cannot be carried onto airplanes and certain buildings.

Chemical Sprays

Self-defense chemical sprays or tear gas, come in three general categories of active ingredients: CN, CS, and OC.

CN, which is an abbreviation for *chloroacetophenone* was used by the military and police departments in the 60s and 70s, but is not used much anymore. This product is not really a gas, but rather crystals suspend in liquid and placed under pressure to create a vapor. Tear gas products such as MACE have proven to be less effective against violent attackers, especially those under the influence of narcotics and alcohol. Additionally, these tear gas products have a fairly slow reaction time of three to thirty seconds.

CS is short for *ortho-chlorobenzalmalonitrile*. It is a micro-pulverized irritant. It irritates the mucous membrane of the nose, throat, eyes, and the skin in high concentrations. It works better than CN, but is not readily available to the public. Both of these chemical sprays can be toxic and cause serious vomiting, and choking. CN and CS are not all that effective against dogs because they lack lacrimal glands.

OC is short for *oleoresin capsicum*, which is extracted from chili peppers and is commonly called **Pepper Spray**. This product is the most widely sold today and the spray of choice for police since 1977. Pepper spray is generally regarded to be the most distressing to experience, but it must be sprayed directly in the eyes or inhaled to be most effective. The product is an oily liquid that is not very soluble in water. The strongest concentrations are 15% active ingredients and rated at least two-million scoville heat units. The high scoville heat rating is more important than the percentage of ingredients. Direct facial contact and inhalation of the spray will induce coughing, choking, and nausea, as well as dilation of the eye capillaries resulting in temporary blindness. The mucous membranes will swell causing breathing difficulties and causing the assailant to be temporarily incapacitated. Skin contact will cause a burning sensation, which is further aggravated by rubbing the area. A one second burst can affect an attacker for up to 45 minutes without causing permanent damage.

Why Use Pepper Spray?

To know the answer to "Why Use Pepper Spray," one needs to know who would be using the pepper spray and why?" Most of the replies to who and why are the expected ones, such as "For self-protection when out in public," or "I work late at night and I'm scared to walk to my car," or "I have an ex-something who is stalking me and I want to defend myself." In these examples, the intended uses vary from general to specific.

In my experience, the majority of persons who inquire about carrying a self-defense device don't have a specific need or purpose in mind. Their basis for wanting such a device stems from a general fear of assault. These persons will carry the canister for a week or two until the novelty wears off and then it will find its way to the bottom of a purse, a glove compartment, or dresser drawer. Many casual users end up accidentally spraying themselves or their pets or when their children get into it they discard it.

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

Persons wanting to carry pepper spray should take a training course before purchasing it. Most legitimate instructors will sell the product that best meets your needs. Pepper spray ideally should be carried in the same place every day. A belt holster or loose outer coat pocket is best. A purse or key chain is a poor location because the canister is not always accessible. If you must walk into a dark parking lot or some isolated place you should have the pepper spray canister in your hand and finger on the trigger. Surprise assaults happen very quickly and usually without warning. If the canister is not in your hand you simply won't have time to retrieve it. The effective range of most spray canisters is approximately 3-10 feet depending whether the canister emits a mist or stream. In my experience, when a person properly carries pepper spray they become hyper-vigilant. Most people soon realize they will never need the spray because of their heightened awareness of their surroundings. When alert, it is difficult for an assailant to surprise you. It is better to think of alternatives to avoid a confrontation in the first place like relocating your car, changing your work schedule, or setting up a buddy system when walking in secluded urban areas.

Next month our crime prevention series will continue with the second half of "Self Defense Chemical Sprays."

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

SEC. 13-5 OF THE ATLANTIS CODE OF ORDINANCES- All golf cart operators within the city must be a minimum of sixteen (16) years of age and must possess either a valid Florida Driver's License or valid Florida Identification Card.

The number of occupants in any golf cart being operated within the city shall be restricted to the number of seats on the golf cart; however, a child under the age of seven (7) years may ride on the lap of an adult passenger (18 years of age or older) who is not operating the golf cart.

Violations of this section may be enforced by any lawful means available to the city, including, but not limited to the city's code enforcement board or special master.

Golf carts are also required to comply with Florida State Statutes regulating motor vehicles, i.e., golf carts must obey all traffic control devices (stop signs), travel on the right side of the roadway, etc.

The police department has received numerous complaints over the past few weeks of juveniles operating golf carts, driving recklessly, and trespassing on private property. Please assist the police department by complying with the City Ordinance.

TRAFFIC ENFORCEMENT

Total Enforcement: 107
Traffic Citations: 87
Written Warnings: 12
Parking: 8

CRIME STATISTICS

Major Crimes Residential Commercial
Battery 1
Burglary (Structures & Vehicles) 3
Theft (Grand & Petit) 3

Hurricane Preparedness



This hurricane and flood information has been designed to provide you and your family important hurricane protection and safety information. Please keep this guide as a reference June 1-Nov 30, 2012.

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

- ◆ Put important documents and phone numbers in a waterproof container.
- ◆ 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. Do not return until it is safe to do so.
- ◆ 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.
- ◆ You can get helpful information regarding power outages, etc. by going online at FPL.com. To report a hazardous condition or power outage, please call 1-800-4OUTAGE (1-800-468-8243).

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

- Three gallons of water per person
- Canned & ready-to-eat food, fruits, crackers, etc. and 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 toothbrush, toilet paper, etc.
- Liquid bleach to treat drinking water
- Cash – ATM's may not be operating after a storm

Here is a list of local phone numbers to further assist you:

- **EMERGENCY 9-1-1**
- **ATLANTIS POLICE 965-1700**
- **CITY HALL 965-1744**
- **UTILITIES DEPARTMENT 965-1744**
- **511– provides traffic information– road conditions and construction updates 24 hours a day.**

Here is a list of websites that may also assist you:

- **FEMA- WWW.FEMA.GOV**
- **STATE– WWW.FLORIDADISASTER.ORG (SERT HOME PAGE)**
- **COUNTY– WWW.PBCGOV.COM**
- **LOCAL-WWW.ATLANTISFL.GOV**

Help your neighbors if they are unable to prepare by themselves. Let us all band together and stay as safe as possible this season.

FLOOD HAZARD & PREPARATION INFORMATION**THE LOCAL FLOOD HAZARD**

Every property is at risk of flooding. In fact, there is a 26% chance of experiencing a flood during the life of a 30-year mortgage. Many factors contribute to flooding in areas not designated as Special Flood Hazard Areas. The greatest flood threats come from excessive rainfall that accompanies coastal storms, tropical storms and hurricanes. Finished Construction Elevation Certificates are on file.

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.

FLOOD INSURANCE

Homeowner's insurance policies DO NOT cover losses due to flooding. There is a 30-day waiting period. Please note that new flood insurance policies will not be written once a storm is approaching. 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. For additional information about flood insurance, visit FEMA's website at: www.fema.gov/business/nfip/

FLOOD SAFETY

There is no substitute for advance planning and preparation. Be aware of what steps to take to minimize your losses due to flooding. Prepare and annually update an inventory of all personal property with descriptions and photos, store drinking water in clean containers, keep a portable radio and flashlights on hand with fresh batteries, and have adequate first-aid supplies on hand. 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. Do not drive through a flooded area.

To create a personalized disaster preparedness plan for your family and/or business, please visit the State of Florida Disaster preparedness website at: www.floridadisaster.org

SUBSTANTIAL IMPROVEMENT REQUIREMENTS:

The National Flood Insurance Program (NFIP) requires that, if the cost of the reconstruction, rehabilitation, addition, or other improvements to a building equals or exceeds 50% of the building's market value, the entire building must meet the same construction requirements of a new building.

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 Florida 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.

THE FLOOD WARNING SYSTEM:

The City has a reverse 911 telephone dialing system that will notify of pending storms. In addition, 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. If you have a weather band radio, tune it to NOAA, weather radio frequency 162.475 MHz to receive local weather updates.

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; raise furniture off the floor or move it to upper floors. 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. Store materials like tarps, sandbags, plastic sheeting, plywood, and lumber to protect structures, and to make quick repairs after a severe storm. Board up or shutter windows and doors. FEMA resources can now be accessed online at www.pbclibrary.org/grsmainresources.htm

DRAINAGE SYSTEM MAINTENANCE

The Lake Worth Drainage District maintains the lateral canals in Atlantis. The Public Works Department maintains the remaining swales and storm drains. To reduce the risk, severity or duration of flooding; it is vital to maintain the water-carrying capacity of the drainage system. Florida law prohibits the willful obstruction of our drainage systems and provides both civil and criminal penalties for anyone convicted of such a felony. Anytime you see debris partially or completely blocking a storm drain opening please remove and dispose of the debris or call at the City at 561-965-1744. It is illegal to dump or throw anything into the ditches and canals. If you see anyone disposing of anything, including liquids, trash, vegetation or any other debris into any component of the drainage system please report it immediately to the Atlantis Police Department at 561-965-1700.

BENEFICIAL FUNCTIONS OF THE FLOODPLAIN:

These benefits take many forms:

Natural flood and erosion control: Provides natural flood and erosion control by flood storage and conveyance, and reducing flood velocity.

Water quality: Improves water quality by filtering nutrients and impurities from runoff.

Ground water recharge: Recharges the ground water while simultaneously reducing the frequency and duration of surface flow.

Biological resources; Supports high rate of plant growth, provides breeding and feeding grounds and enhances water fowl habitat.

Societal resources: Provides open space, aesthetic pleasures for the community and opportunities for scientific and environmental research studies.

NPDES (National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System) REQUIREMENTS:

The City of Atlantis must follow the Federal government's requirements in our NPDES permit. It is everyone's responsibility to protect our water resources. Please do not directly discharge any used water into our watercourses. Simple examples are washing vehicles in close proximity of a storm drain and storing chemicals outdoors. The law prohibits dumping toxic waste, including pesticides, into the ground or groundwater. TOXIC or hazardous wastes include such things as oil and antifreeze. If you see anyone disposing of anything into any component of the drainage system, please report it immediately to the Atlantis Police Department at 561-965-1700.

Outdoor use of pesticides, herbicides, and fertilizers must be applied sparingly to avoid contamination of our surface waters. Please follow directions and do not overspray pesticides or herbicides. Also please do not apply amounts in excess of the recommended amounts for fertilizers. Organic or slow release fertilizers are preferred as these are less likely to be washed off into the storm drain system. Also, please apply only to the targeted areas and remove excess from any paved surfaces. South Florida is a sub-tropical rainfall region, so please consider reducing applications in the wet season and/or apply early in the morning to avoid our typical afternoon thunderstorm pattern in the wet season (June through October).

Storm Water

www.StormwaterAndMe.org

By knowing the facts and being aware, you can help clean up our lakes and waterways. Always remember, **nothing but stormwater** belongs in the storm drains.

Be on the lookout for anything being dumped into storm drains or water bodies. Some common illegal discharges to storm drains include:

Pool Care: Discharge of chlorinated pool water into the city's storm drain is prohibited. Pool water must be de-chlorinated and discharged on to the ground, not into the storm drain system. Discharge from pool maintenance, replastering or other construction is strictly prohibited.

Lawn Care:

- Use pesticides and fertilizers sparingly. When use is necessary, use these chemicals in the recommended amounts.
- Use organic mulch or safer pest control methods whenever possible.
- Compost or mulch yard waste. Don't leave it in the street or sweep it into storm drains or waterways.
- Don't overwater your lawn. Consider using a soaker hose instead of a sprinkler.
- Cover piles of dirt or mulch being used for landscaping projects.

House Care and Maintenance:

- Purchase biodegradable, non-toxic products.
- Use, store and dispose of products as directed on the container.
- Sweep up and properly dispose of any construction debris.

Vehicle Care:

- Use a commercial car wash or wash your car on a lawn or other unpaved surface.
- Check your vehicle regularly for leaks and/or spills. Clean up and properly dispose of materials used for spill clean up. Repair leaks as soon as possible to prevent future spills.

- Antifreeze
- Automotive fluids
- Construction debris (wood, drywall, concrete, mortar)
- Debris (plastic bags, six-pack rings, bottles, and cigarette butts)
- Detergents
- Disinfectants
- Excessive dirt and gravel
- Fertilizers
- Insecticides
- Grease
- Oil filters
- Paint
- Pesticides
- Pet waste
- Solvents/degreasers
- Trash
- Yard waste (leaves, grass, mulch)
- Take the time to educate others on the negative impact of dumping into a stormwater system.
- Call the City of Atlantis at 561-965-1744 to report dumping and discharges into stormwater systems.



Community Calendar:

Saturday September 22, 2012 – Fall Tailgate Party and Bonfire

Friday October 19, 2012 – Annual Flu Shot Clinic

Wednesday October 31, 2012 – Halloween Party

Thursday November 22, 2012 – Thanksgiving Day – No Garbage or Recycling Pickup

Monday December 10, 2012 – 20th Annual Holiday on Wheels Golf Cart Parade

Saturday March 30, 2013 – Easter Egg Hunt

Saturday April 13, 2013 – Spring Fling



Flu and Pneumococcal Shots Clinic & City Of Atlantis Annual Health Fair

When: October 19, 2012 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 \$28.00 for Flu and \$75.00 for Pneumococcal vaccines.

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

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

Atlantis City Directory Listing

Family Name _____ First Name _____ Spouse _____

Atlantis Address _____

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

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.

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

Northern Address _____

Northern Phone Number _____



September 22nd is the first day of Fall---

Fun and Fall go together!

Join your friends & neighbors on September 22nd
at our 2012 Fall Tailgate Party and Bonfire!

Where: All activities will take place at Atlantis Country Club in the field behind the PGA Office. Parking will be available, but we encourage those families with a golf cart to drive it to the Club.

What and When:

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|----------------|-----------------------------------------------------|
| 4:00 pm | Games for kids and adults begin; cash bar opens |
| 5:00 – 7:00 pm | “Tailgate” Dinner provided by Atlantis Country Club |
| 5:00 – 8:00 pm | Great music! Live band! |
| 7:15 pm | The Great Bonfire ---with s’mores to follow! |



Admission: Your ticket (a wristband) is available at City Hall from now until September 21 at pre-event prices:

\$15 for adults; \$10 for 4-12 year olds; no charge for kids 3 and under.

This price includes admission to all activities and dinner.

Cash bar available for beverages other than water.

Wristbands will also be available for sale at the party, with a slight increase in price: \$20 for adults and \$15 for 4-12 year olds.

Paying Your Utility Bill Has Never Been Easier!!

Option 1. 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 2. 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. 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



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: _____



Water Utilities Department

Administration

8100 Forest Hill Blvd.

West Palm Beach, FL 33413

(561) 493-6000

Fax: (561) 493-6008

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County Administrator

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<http://www.pbcwater.com>

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FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE
Monday, July 2, 2012

Robert Nelton

Senior Public Relations Specialist

Palm Beach County Water Utilities Department

T: 561.493.6062 F: 561.493.6008 rnelson@pbcwater.com

**Palm Beach County Water Utilities Department
to Flush Lines with Chlorine Starting July 16**

To maintain high water quality in the County's water distribution system, Palm Beach County Water Utilities Department will temporarily modify the disinfection process used to treat our drinking water. The County will be using a somewhat stronger disinfection process to produce chlorine residual instead of a chloramine residual from July 16 to August 16, 2012. The County will also increase hydrant flushing during this time. This is a preventative maintenance process.

Customers served by the Palm Beach County Water Utilities Department may notice a slight chlorine taste or odor in their tap water during this period. These temporary conditions will not cause adverse health effects. If you are especially sensitive to the taste or odor of chlorine, keep an open container of drinking water in your refrigerator for a few hours to allow the chlorine to dissipate.

Users of home dialysis machines, owners of tropical fish and managers of stores and restaurants with fish and shellfish holding tanks are advised to seek professional advice as the method for removing chlorine residuals differs from removing chloramine residuals from tap water.

This process will not affect Glades Utility Authority customers in Belle Glade, Pahokee and South Bay.

Should you need more information on this change in the water treatment process, please call the Palm Beach County Water Utilities Department at (561) 740-4600, option #3.

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The City of Atlantis purchases water from Palm Beach County. Customers served by the Palm Beach County Water Utilities Department may notice a slight chlorine taste or odor in their tap water during this period. These temporary conditions will not cause adverse health effects. If you are especially sensitive to the taste or odor of chlorine, keep an open container of drinking water in your refrigerator for a few hours to allow the chlorine to dissipate.

We will also take advantage of this procedure to flush hydrants during this time. This is a preventative maintenance process.

Community Activities

THE DEMOCRATIC WOMEN'S CLUB OF PALM

BEACH COUNTY: Meets the first Saturday of each month. Contact Simma Sulzer for details at 968-7399.

THE GREAT BOOK 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: In the Council Chambers on Tuesdays from 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

THE LITERARY SOCIETY: Summer Reading Suggestions can be picked up in Pat Clem's office. Have a great summer.

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 PALM BEACH

COUNTY : 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 at the Atlantis Golf Club 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.

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

SENIOR TENNIS: Monday 9-11 am and Friday 9-11am at Sunset Park. Contact: Betty Ann Badger 561-434-4145.

WATER COLOR CLASSES: Suspended until fall. Call Joan Tiberi at 561-547-5123 for information.

NEIGHBORHOOD KIDS MEETING: Calling all kids ages 5-10 years old. Let's meet at Kintz Park and play! Every Sunday from 2-4 pm. Snacks and water provided. Call Maureen Frankel at (305) 213-3377 or 964-6878.

THE PALM BEACH HABILITATION CENTER is looking for donations of goods and time. If you have time the Thrift Store is looking for volunteers to work a few hours per week. Additionally, they are always looking for donations of furniture and clothing and other goods to be resold. Proceeds from the thrift shop benefit the adult programs serving disabled persons at the Center. Call Halle at 965-8500.

FREE HEALTH AND HAPPINESS WORKSHOP!

Join us for an hour of fun and learning. Adopt a healthier lifestyle to look better, feel better and live a longer life! Free hour long seminar August 16th at 6pm, held in the Council Chambers at City Hall. Light refreshments will be provided. Call Jim at 954-234-5050 for complete details.

LANTANA ROAD BRANCH LIBRARY

Offering book and film discussions groups. Contact Susan Kelly at 561-304-4500.

OUR CONDOLENCES ON THE DEATHS OF:

Iyengar Shamanthaka

Joan Soumila

Mary Sullivan

A WARM WELCOME TO NEW RESIDENTS:

Richard & Barb Croft

Geoffrey Howe

Juha-Pekka Karenius

Whitney Kirkland

Edward Kissling

Miika Makila

Juha Millaskangas

Lori Munro

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EMERGENCY (Fire, Police, Ambulance) [911](tel:911)

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

KINTZ PARK SPLASH PAD HOURS:

Monday through Thursday 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 **by 7:00 am on the day of service.**

Curbside items may only be placed at the curb after 5:00 pm on the day before collection. *Exception, on the first Sunday of each month items may be placed at the curb after noon for Monday pickup.

Please use your underground containers. Liners may be obtained at Ace Hardware. Recycle containers may be obtained at City Hall. 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.**