



# The City News

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Atlantis, FL 33462

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FEBRUARY 2010

## THE MAYOR'S CORNER

Dear Residents,

If you were at our last council meeting, you heard our accounting auditors rendering their opinion as to the fiscal health of our city. Having rendered an "Unqualified Opinion", the best there is, they went out of their way to point out the city staff's efforts in arriving at such a conclusion. With so many municipalities experiencing extreme shortfalls and dire adversity, our city staff was able to control expenses, while maintaining all levels of service, and arrive at a financial result that was less than 1% from our budget calculations. Many thanks to you and your staff Mo Thornton, for a job well done.

Another municipal election period is upon us, and in March, we will once again be voting on three out of five seats on our City Council. As I have said every year, exercising your right to vote is key in our continued success. Please do so in March.

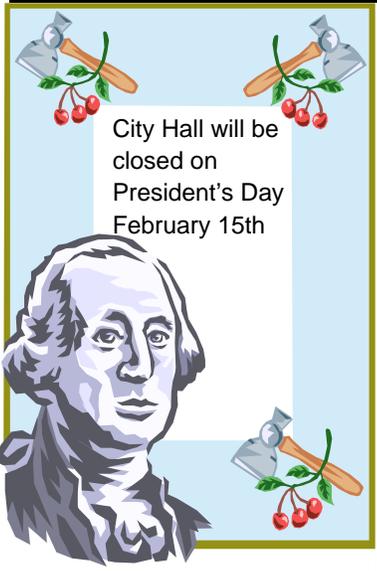
This past month, another devastating natural disaster has orphaned, and claimed the lives of so many of our brothers and sisters in Haiti. What has been so glaringly amazing to me is the groundswell of support being provided from all over the world. Having spoken to so many friends and colleagues whose families have been affected by this tragedy, the common theme of gratitude resonates in every story I hear. With these events serving as learning lessons as to how close we can be to a similar predicament, let's take the time to positively reinforce the relationships we have with our own loved ones so that we can always rest assured that they know how we truly feel about them. Happy Valentine's Day and thank you for your continued generosity towards helping Haiti.

Until next Month...

Serving You Proudly,  
Mayor Manny Fernandez

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The next City Council Meeting is Wednesday,  
**FEBRUARY 17, 2010 at 7:30 pm. Council**

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

**Did you know?**

**OUR NEWSLETTER IS ALSO**

**AVAILABLE ONLINE.**

**www.atlantisfl.gov**



**Manager's Notes, February 2010**

I was remiss last month in not mentioning the residents who suggested the name *Sunset Park* for our renovated "old" West Park. The name was submitted independently by both D'Etta Tracy and Ray Matulis. D'Etta is a long-time resident of Atlantis, who loves the City and was thrilled that her suggested name was the one that was chosen by the community. While on vacation in Massachusetts, Ray wrote in suggesting the same name. Thank you to D'Etta and Ray!

If you are a tennis player, you have already noticed that some of the tennis courts have been closed for resurfacing. The contractor is resurfacing all four tennis courts and the basketball court. We expect the project to be completed in about 30 days. The courts at Sunset Park will be closed at the end of January, and then the courts at Kintz Park will be closed in early February to complete the work there.

As you will read on other pages of the newsletter, we will have our First Annual Spring Fling on Sunday, April 18. We had such a great time last year planning and participating in the city's 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary that the committee wanted to continue the event. This year the basics are the same, but we have added golf to the afternoon's activities. This is an opportunity for all city residents, not just club members, to play 9 holes of golf at the club of their choice. Each club has planned a special day for the first 60 players to sign up and enjoy their course. The Atlantis Golf Club will have an open golf format. Atlantis Country Club is organizing a "Family Fun Day." Shotgun start at both courses will be at 4:30 pm. Pick your course and don't get left out of the fun. "Spring Fling" information starts on page 4. See pages 6&7 for more information about the golf.

Mo Thornton  
City Manager

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**ATLANTIS CITY COUNCIL NEWS**

The City of Atlantis Council Meeting was called to order at 7:30 pm on January 20, 2009.

The first reading of Ordinance 412, Amending Chapter 2, Code Enforcement, passed 5-0. This change updates the city code to be in sync with state laws.

Resolution 10-01 passed 5-0. This resolution appoints the Supervisor of Elections to the City's Canvassing Board for Municipal Elections.

Resolution 10-02 passed 5-0. This resolution declares support for the City of Atlantis to pursue grant opportunities for energy conservation and energy efficiency projects.

Resolution 10-03 passed 5-0. This resolution awards a contract for tennis court resurfacing to Professional Courts and Supplies Inc. They will install a durable surface called Plexicushion to our existing tennis courts. This surface is a very durable surface, is softer than asphalt and makes playing tennis less stressful to the human body.

Resolution 10-04 passed 5-0. This resolution provides for the City of Atlantis to impose and assess liens for unpaid and delinquent water and/or sewer services on properties in the water service area.

Resolution 10-05 passed 5-0. This resolution authorizes the mayor to sign a business associate agreement with JFK Medical Center.

In miscellaneous business, the presentation of the 2008-2009 audit by Holyfield and Thomas was accepted 5-0. Our Municipality passed with top recognition as being the "best" and "clean". Thanks to good management and staff our budgeting was basically "on the mark", which is exceptional compared to other municipalities during these difficult times. Congratulations Atlantis!

The City Manager reported that the Atlantis Spring Fling event is scheduled for April 18, 2010. Both clubs will be involved in the event, and the use of sponsorships and a self-sustaining budget of \$30,000.00 is planned. The county is planning on starting the widening of Congress Ave. north of Lantana Road in July.

William Mitchell

( official Minutes available at [www.atlantisfl.gov](http://www.atlantisfl.gov))

# POLICE DEPARTMENT NEWS

Chief Robert G. Mangold

**Traffic Enforcement:** The police department has received a number of complaints regarding motorists speeding and failing to stop for stop signs. Atlantis Officers strictly enforce all Florida traffic statutes and will be performing directed enforcement in areas where violations have been observed. Please drive safely for everyone's sake.

**Ord. #284 Reminder:** Vegetative waste and bulk trash must be placed for collection no earlier than 5:00 p.m. on the day preceding pickup and no later than 7:00 a.m. on the scheduled day of pickup; with an express exception to this time restriction occurring on the first Sunday of every month when such materials may be placed for collection after 12:00 noon on Sunday prior to the scheduled Monday pickup.

**2010 New Decals:** The department has received mixed reviews of our new decal format; some residents like them and some have expressed concerns about possible damage to after market tint, rear window defoggers, etc.

The department opted for an interior applied decal due to our old style decals fading and deteriorating before the end of their annual use; the new decals should maintain their color and graphics for the entire year. Upon receipt of the new decals they were tested on a vehicle with after market tint and positioned on the rear defogger elements. After approximately two weeks the decal was removed by carefully lifting a corner and peeling it off without any damage to the tint or rear window defogger. The old decals had to be scrapped off, while the new test decal peeled off much easier and left no trace of its application. There was also a cost benefit consideration; the new decals are approximately 60% less expensive than the old decals.

The police department will continue to evaluate the new format based on citizen comments and design functionality. If there are any residents having a problem applying the new decals, or removing the old, please contact the police department and an officer will be happy to assist.

**TRAFFIC ENFORCEMENT**

January 2010

**CRIME STATISTICS**

December 2009

		<u>Major Crimes</u>	<u>Residential</u>	<u>Commercial</u>
<b>Total Enforcement:</b>	<b>147</b>	<b>Burglary</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>1</b>
<b>Citations:</b>	<b>135</b>	<b>(Structures &amp; Vehicles)</b>		
<b>Written Warnings:</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>Theft (Grand &amp; Petit)</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>2</b>
<b>Parking citations:</b>	<b>none</b>	<b>Vehicle Theft</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>1</b>

*Become a "Friend of the City" and help us host Spring Fling!*

As announced on page 5, our first annual Spring Fling is scheduled for Sunday, April 18. We expect that by selling "tickets" (wrist bands) to our residents and soliciting contributions, we will be able to cover most of the cost of food, games and entertainment. However, we will need some special contributions if we want to enjoy a repeat of the fabulous fireworks we saw at our 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Party.

We are soliciting donations from our Atlantis-based businesses, and are inviting our residents to make a tax-deductible contribution, too. Sponsorships can be shared with several residents or a group, e.g. condo association, tennis group. We will recognize your gift with signage at "Spring Fling" and also in the City's newsletter.

**\*We already have our first "Friend of the City." Sampath & Latha Srinath are sponsoring the Children's Games. Thank you!**

If you are interested in becoming a "Friend of the City," please send the enclosed form to our City Manager, Mo Thornton. And if you have any questions, or would like additional information, you can call (965-1744) or send an e-mail to her at [mthornton@atlantis.gov](mailto:mthornton@atlantis.gov).

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"Friend of the City" Contribution for Spring Fling 2010

I/we want to make a tax-deductible contribution for Spring Fling 2010.

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Telephone: \_\_\_\_\_

Enclosed is a check made payable to the "City of Atlantis" in the amount of

- \$250       \$500       \$1000       Other \_\_\_\_\_

Or, please charge my credit card account in the amount of \$ \_\_\_\_\_:

- Visa       Master Card       Discover

Card # \_\_\_\_\_ Expiration Date \_\_\_\_\_

Please print name as it appears on card \_\_\_\_\_

Signature \_\_\_\_\_

# "Spring Fling" Sunday April 18, 2010

Our 50th Birthday Party was so much fun that we've decided to do it again! It has a new twist, and the name of our new tradition is "Spring Fling."

*All residents are welcome.*

Plan to be part of the fun at this City-wide event....

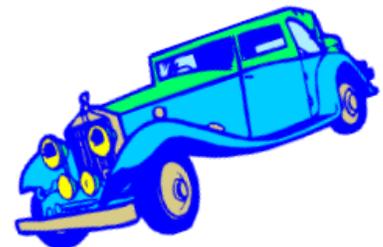


## Events of the Day:

2:00 - 4:00 pm	Festivities begin at the Golf Club (across from City Hall) with an Open House, refreshments, and a car and boat show.
3:30 pm - dark	Children's games begin at the Country Club (next to the real estate office)
4:30 - 6:30 pm	Golf begins at both clubs. (See page 6& 7 for more details).
5:00 pm	Music begins at the Country Club; beverage/cash bar available
6:00 pm - 7:30 pm	Buffet dinner at the Country Club (parking lot)
8:00 pm	Fireworks by Zambelli

Cost is \$10 per person (kids 3 & under are free). You may reserve your wristband at City Hall starting February 8th. Wristbands will be \$15 the day of the event.

Atlantis souvenirs will be available for purchase when you reserve your wristbands at City Hall and also at The Spring Fling.



# "Swing into Spring"

## April 18, 2010



Open to all residents of Atlantis.  
Please join us for a  
"Family Fun Day"  
9-Hole Golf Event starts at 4:30 pm.  
Shotgun Start

\$25 + tax (\$26.63) per player  
Under 17 years of age plays for free  
Children of all ages are invited to  
participate....

Deadline for registration is  
April 6th. Limited to 60 players.  
To reserve your place please call the  
golf shop @ 968-1300



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April 6th. Limited to 60 players  
Use of personal golf carts is  
encouraged.

To reserve your place please call the  
golf shop @ 966-7626



## Add some swing to your "Spring Fling!"

All residents of Atlantis have an opportunity to play 9 holes of golf at the Spring Fling! Sign up to play a "traditional game" at the Atlantis Golf Club, or for "Family Fun Day" (children of all ages are invited to participate) at the Atlantis Country Club.

Numbers are limited to 60 players at each course, so take a look at the details below, decide where you'd like to play and complete the form below.

Cost: \$25 + tax (\$26.63) per player; under 17 years of age plays for free

Deadline for registration: April 6, 2010 (or until 60 players have signed up for the course of your choice)

Tee time: 4:30 pm shotgun (games will end at 6:30 pm)

To reserve your place at Family Fun Day at the Atlantis Country Club, or for additional information, call the Golf Shop at 968-1300.

To reserve your place to play at the Atlantis Golf Club, or for additional information, call the Golf Shop at 966-7626.

----- clip and submit by April 6 -----

Yes, I'd like to reserve a place to play golf at The Spring Fling!

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

Phone Number \_\_\_\_\_

Number of players: \_\_\_\_\_ adults \_\_\_\_\_ under 17

I would prefer to play at \_\_\_\_\_ Atlantis Country Club OR \_\_\_\_\_ Atlantis Golf Club

Payment enclosed: Total Amount \_\_\_\_\_

Check \_\_\_\_\_ Credit Card Number \_\_\_\_\_ Exp. Date \_\_\_\_\_

Drop off or mail form to Atlantis Golf Club (301 Orange Tree Drive)  
or Atlantis Country Club (190 Atlantis Boulevard)

## Atlantis Trio to Chair 19<sup>th</sup> Annual Hab-a-Hearts Luncheon



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

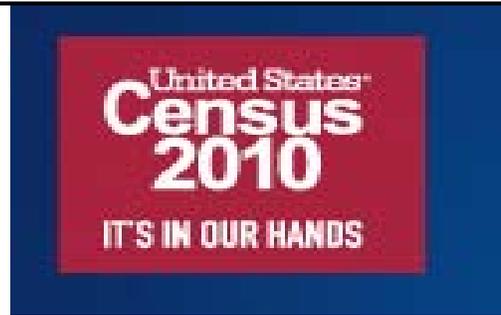
The Hab-a-Hearts, an auxiliary benefiting the Palm Beach Habilitation Center, have named Linda Reichenstein, Joanne Driscoll and Craig Mitchell as Co-Chairs of the 19<sup>th</sup> Annual Hab-a-Hearts Luncheon to be held on **Monday, February 8<sup>th</sup>** at the historic Mar-a-Lago Club in Palm Beach.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

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

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

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

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



### **We Can't Move Forward Until You Mail It Back.**

That's why it's so important that you fill in the form and promptly mail it back. Census information affects the numbers of seats your state occupies in the U.S. House of Representatives. When you do the math, it's easy to see what an accurate count of residents can do for your community. Better infrastructure. More services. A brighter tomorrow for everyone. In fact, the information the census collects helps to determine how more than \$400 billion dollars of federal funding each year is spent on infrastructure and services. Some of these services are used by the City of Atlantis for our police department and city street projects.

#### **Participation isn't just important—it's mandatory.**

We depend on your cooperation and trust, and promise to protect the confidentiality of your information. Title 13 of the U.S. Code protects the confidentiality of all your information and violating this law is a crime with severe penalties. In addition, other federal laws, including the Confidential Statistical Efficiency Act and the Privacy Act reinforce these protections.

#### **Private information is never published**

It is against the law to disclose or publish any of the following information:

Names

Addresses including GPS coordinates

Social Security numbers

Telephone numbers

#### **We Collect Information to Produce Statistics**

We use your information to produce statistics. Your answers cannot be used against you by any government agency or court.

#### **Sworn for Life to Protect Your Confidentiality**

All Census Bureau employees take the oath of nondisclosure and are sworn for life to protect the confidentiality of the data.

**We have been working with the Census Bureau for several months assuring that all of our addresses are included in the census. Census workers must physically canvass the addresses that do not return the census information. Much of our revenue that comes from the state and the county is based on population. If our population is undercounted, it will result in revenue loss that can only be made up through local taxes. Help us help you and be counted! 2010 marks the decennial census. Every ten years the U.S. Census Bureau conducts the national census. On or about April 1, each household will receive a census card or information. We want to make sure our population is counted. We have been told by the Census Bureau that Canadian citizens are eligible to be counted in the US Census as well. Be sure to return your information to the Census Bureau on April 1. Each and every person counts.**

**If you have any questions please feel free to call us at 965-1744.**

# *Atlantis Golf Club*

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

***Regular & Associate Golfing***

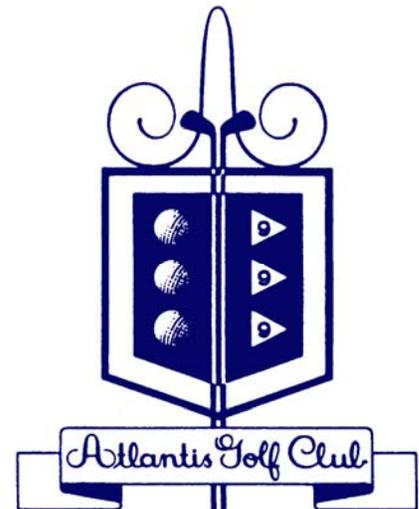
***Business & Corporate Golfing***

***Junior & Deferred Golfing***

***Social & Summer Membership***

***Introductory Trial Membership***

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



For more information about membership, please call

Tommy Butcher at 561-966-7602

or come by and take a tour of the facilities.

## Community Activities



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

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

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

**THE LITERARY SOCIETY** of Atlantis Golf Club meets on *the third Wednesday* of each month at the Atlantis Golf Club. We invite all to attend and have fun. We review books, have a fruit and Danish continental breakfast, meet interesting authors, get to know each other, and add to our enjoyment of living in Atlantis. The cost is \$5.00 CONTACT PAT at **561-966-7600**

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

**JEWELRY CLASS - Held TUESDAYS, 6-8 PM in Chambers.** For information and dates, call **Marie Claude** at **561-736-5609** or **561-271-8967** or email her at [CLVERT@AOL.COM](mailto:CLVERT@AOL.COM)

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

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

**CORRECTIONS IN THE DIRECTORY:** Please make changes to the following residents in your 2010 directories:

Mike and Chris Locricchio, phone number is 561-968-1135

Alan Robb, 364 Colony Key Circle, phone number 561-434-3451

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**Warm welcome to new residents:**

Battista Venittelli 157 Atlantis Blvd. #306

Mike and Christine Morton 300 JFK Drive #406

**Our condolences on the deaths of:**

Gene Hirs

Vito Lafata

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561-965-1744

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by Sandy Thompson (313-1060)

**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 11am to 4 pm**  
**Friday, Saturday, Sunday 11am to 8pm**

- During periods of heavy rain, the splash pad hours may be suspended.

**GARBAGE INFORMATION:**

**BACKDOOR PICKUP**

- \* MONDAY – HOUSEHOLD GARBAGE
- \* THURSDAY – HOUSEHOLD GARBAGE & RECYCLE

**CURBSIDE PICKUP**

- \*MONDAY ONLY – YARD WASTE AND BULK ITEMS

Please place all material for collection by **7:00 am** on the day of service.

Curbside items may only be placed at the curb after 5:00 pm on the day before collection.

\*Exception, on the first Sunday of each month items may be placed at the curb after noon for Monday pickup.

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

Landscape debris generated by a paid landscape maintenance company must be removed on the day of generation by the maintenance company. (City of Atlantis Code of Ordinances 8.3-9)

Questions, Call City Hall at 965-1744.