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MAY 2010

THE MAYOR'S CORNER

"Wow!!!" doesn't do justice, but I believe it conveys the feelings about Spring Fling. Thanks to all who attended and showed their enthusiasm and appreciation for our city. Certainly I cannot begin to express enough thanks to all who made this a success. The weatherman is the only person I can think of to criticize, but everyone showed that not even he could stop a determined group of Atlantis citizens. Great show, good food, and spectacular fireworks all furnished by a great committee and extremely generous citizens and businesses – WOW!!!

City Council activities are well documented in the newsletter each month, and on the City's website. We owe Mr. Mitchell thanks for his continued interest in our activities. He is a dedicated promoter of our city and other noteworthy projects. Thanks, Craig.

Council continues to update our statutes and regulations to reflect changes in state and regional statutes and regulations. After a lot of negotiating, new rules about water conservation were released by the South Florida Water Management District. In my opinion, the biggest changes are increasing the number of times we can water our lawns and landscaping to three times per week (see page 6 for the new regulations), and in the case of water emergencies, a much stricter enforcement program and fine structure. We are not currently in a water emergency and since we are entering the rainy season, there is probably not a need for increased watering days. More information will appear in future newsletters.

Council will soon begin considerations for the next budget year. Nothing will be done until we receive our valuation reports from

the county property appraiser in July. Then we can estimate income and compare it with budget requests to determine the final tax rate. All we really know now is that residents with homesteaded properties will see an increase of 2.7% in their valuations, the limit imposed by the "Save Our Homes" amendment. If your market value was greater than the assessed value last year, you will probably see this increase even though overall valuations have decreased. Non-homesteaded property will simply follow the market values as in the past, and assessed values might actually decrease.

We are expecting to see the beginning of construction to widen Congress Avenue in the next month or two. The road is scheduled to remain open, but be prepared for disruptions and inconveniences during this project. The West Gate may be the best way to get in and out of the City.

There are many bills being proposed in Tallahassee this year that could impact us in the future. The Florida League of Cities is a great way for Atlantis to stay informed of any legislation that would be unfavorable to us and allow us to comment before passage. We have an update as part of every council meeting and your council members are updated at least weekly on pending bills and legislation.

I am very appreciative of the opportunity to serve all residents, both year-round and those who feel obliged to take summer vacations in the north. Regardless of what happens elsewhere, you are the "stimulus" for your city government. I am glad to be a small part.

Mike Dahlgren

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Next City Council Meeting is Wednesday,

MAY 19, 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.

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Manager's Notes, May 2010

Neither rain, nor...

Despite the downpour, we had a wonderful time at our Spring Fling. The kids didn't mind the wet weather at all-- they climbed the rock wall and slid down the water slide for hours! And everyone who braved the rain to watch Peter Johncke's show really enjoyed it.

Our thanks to David Kintz, Marti Rayl and their entire staff at Atlantis Country Club for resetting tables and moving the bar when it became clear that we were going to move to "Plan B" for dinner. Seating was set up inside to accommodate the 400+ people who enjoyed a tasty Italian buffet. Thank you to the Atlantis Golf Club for hosting their Open House and the Classic Car Show. And even though golf was pretty much washed out, thanks to the golf staffs at both clubs for planning their afternoon golf "outings."

Again this year, I can't thank our volunteers enough. Vicki Rautbord, Pat Matulis, Bobby Dicks, Keller Lanahan, Judy Wilkinson, Susan Methfessel and Frank Austino were on the Planning Committee. Vicki and Pat worked together on logistics, publicity and programming. Bobby graciously opened "Bobby's Gift Shop" to sell wrist bands and souvenirs in the Council Chambers for two weeks before the event; she had help from her husband JC, Patti McFawn, Alice Conway, Joan Thompson and Sue Wagner. Of course, no good deed goes unpunished. Our humblest apologies to Bobby; while she was volunteering at City Hall one day, one of the royal palm trees decided to shed one of its large fronds right onto the fender of her car. Oops. The car is in the shop and all will be well, but it was quite a shock when she walked out of City Hall and saw what had happened!

Keller Lanahan coordinated the children's games and activities. Judy Wilkinson organized the tennis tournament (which was rescheduled for April 25) and Susan Methfessel coordinated a team of volunteers. She and Pat Matulis, Judy Wilkinson and Guy Motzer, Rita and Bill Santoro, Stewart and Betty Hurline, and Paula and Alan Michelson worked at the registration and souvenir tables.

Thank you to our teen volunteers who set up tables and chairs: Nick, André and Daniella Fernandez, Michael and Matthew Moraguez, Carly McNeice, Andrea Schwarzkopf, Cayla Saviolidis, Patrick Rizk, Eric Momper and Nicole Thornton. As usual, all hands were on deck to do whatever needed to be done. Members of City Hall staff, including Jean Barbieri and Jude Cochran, assisted. Utilities Director Steve Mazuk, Matt Woods and Bill Doran handled the logistics and heavy lifting. Chief Bob Mangold, Sergeant Sean Mahoney and Officer Scott Furness were on hand for traffic and safety. Thanks also to the Greenacres fire crew, which stood by at the end of the party to assist with the fabulous fireworks by Zambelli—they were spectacular!

Although everyone got drenched, nothing could dampen the spirit of Spring Fling! Thanks to all who participated!

Mo Thornton

Progress in Atlantis

You may be wondering what happened to the three buildings at the JFK Condo Medical Center behind the bank. They had been vacant since the '04 and '05 hurricanes. Through an agreement with the medical condo, JFK Medical Center removed the buildings in preparation for constructing a state-of-the-art three-story medical office building on the site. They have received the appropriate code variances and are proceeding with full construction plans. We expect to see the plans for final permitting before the end of 2010. Preliminary site plans and elevations are available for review at City Hall.

As noted in William Mitchell's report on the April 21 Council meeting, the city is currently considering a zoning text change to allow Administrative Offices as a permitted use in the RC Zoning district. This change will allow the South Florida PGA to purchase the building at 186 Atlantis Boulevard (currently the Atlantis Realty office) for their new headquarters. It would also allow the realty office to operate out of the clubhouse at the Country Club. During the discussions about the proposed amendments and property transfer, it was noted that the ordinance contained an incorrect rear setback requirement for the Realty building. The setback change in the amended ordinance brings the setback in the code into conformity with the property as it was actually constructed.

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The Local Planning Agency of the City of Atlantis took place at 7:15 p.m. on April 21st.

Ordinance No. 414, an ordinance amending Chapter 15, Zoning, was voted on and passed 4-0 with Vice Mayor David Kintz abstaining due to his family's business being involved. This ordinance, if passed upon its second and final reading on May 19th, would allow a real estate office to be located within or attached to clubhouses at both the Country Club and the Golf Club. The present building occupied by Atlantis Realty would then be allowed to be sold for use as administrative offices. The amendment revises the rear setback requirement to a 10 foot setback, where 30 feet is currently required.

The City of Atlantis Council Meeting began at 7:30 p.m.

Ordinance No. 413, an ordinance amending Chapter 14, Water and Sewers passed 5-0 upon its first reading. Second and Final Reading will take place May 19th. This revises the city's irrigation conservation regulation to reflect the conservation policies of the South Florida Water Management District.

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Resolution 10-9, a resolution authorizing the Mayor to sign a certain Energy Grant Agreement with Palm Beach County, passed 5-0. This provides for the City's receipt of up to seventy one thousand dollars in energy efficiency and conservation block grant funds from the County.

In Miscellaneous Business, Mr. Thomas Kintz was appointed to the Police Pension Board by a 5-0 Vote. Mayor Dahlgren read proclamations celebrating the 90th Birthdays of Roy Fratz and Eugene Baker of Atlantis. Congratulations, Gentlemen!

Council thanked the Chief and City staff for all of the hard work involved with the Spring Fling Event. The event broke even financially and was a success. The Country Club and the Golf Club were thanked for their participation, as well as the committee that spent so many hours planning the event. Treasurer Manny Fernandez stated that the City's Finances were strong.

William Mitchell

(official minutes at: www.atlantisfl.gov)

Food donations:

Cleaning out the Cupboards and heading north for the summer? You may bring any non-perishable food items that you don't want to keep to City Hall and we will donate them to the local food pantry.

Please check expiration dates before donating food items.

Volley Ball:

The Volley Ball Court has been completed and is now open at Sunset Park.

Online Payments:

If you wish to pay your utilities bill online by credit card go to: Atlantisfl.gov

Click on **City Government**,

Click on **Utilities**,

Click on **Online Utility Payments**,

Click on **Pay Utility Bills**. This will take you to the screen to enter your credit card information. We are notified immediately via email when payments are made from the web site.

POLICE DEPARTMENT NEWS

Chief Robert G. Mangold

Crime Prevention – Auto and Residential Burglary: What are characteristics of a burglar? There are a portion of vehicle burglaries that occur during the daytime. Often these are crimes of opportunity where the unsuspecting victim leaves the vehicle for a short period of time. Often these criminals will walk or ride a bike through parking lots looking into vehicles for valuable items, usually checking door handles for unlocked vehicles. Sometimes those walking will be followed by a get-a-way vehicle. It is not uncommon for windows to be broken out. Some will watch the parking lot for a female to leave their car without their purse. They will approach the car and look for the purse; if it is present often they will break out the window and take it. In this type of incident the criminals will steal cash and credit cards, often using the credit or debit card prior to the victim returning to the vehicle and discovering the burglary. It's always best to take valuables with you or secure them in the trunk.

Night time vehicle burglaries can occur anytime between 10 p.m. at night and 6 a.m. in the morning. These criminals have several methods of travel: walking, bicycle, or accompanied by a vehicle. Typically those on foot or bike will move about freely going from car to car as they travel through a neighborhood. They will hide if a vehicle approaches, usually lay down beside the car they're near or hide between houses. Once the vehicle passes they will get up and resume criminal activity. Sometimes a vehicle is used, often pulling into a neighborhood and turning off its lights. One or two passengers will exit the vehicle and begin checking cars on both sides of the road, while the vehicle trails along with them. If another vehicle approaches they simply drive off and return to pick up their accomplices. Some of these criminals will only target unlocked vehicles and some will break out windows. This is why it is important to remove all valuable items from the vehicle.

Residential burglary often occurs during the daytime when most residents are believed to be working. Often criminals will ride around in vehicles or park for periods of time looking for residents to leave their home. When they see someone leave their home or there appears to be no activity at a home the criminals will approach the home. The criminals will knock at the front door to ensure no one is home. They will then go to the back of the home and force entry into the home. Sometimes they may just kick in the front door. There are criminals, including juveniles, who will walk or ride bicycles through your neighborhood. They often look for the same absence of activity at a home and knock on the front door. If someone answers the door they claim to be looking for someone they know does not reside there. They may even try to present themselves as a business person. If this occurs, look for the following: clothing, identification, or a vehicle that would connect them to a legitimate business. The best policy is to never open the door to someone you do not know. If you should see a vehicle in your neighborhood that does not belong or if someone knocks at your door asking for someone that does not reside there call 911 right away and report it.

What can you do? Get involved. Be the "Eyes and Ears" of Law Enforcement. This partnership is a key element in stopping criminals. If you observe any of the above mentioned burglar characteristics call 911 right away and report it. Take steps to make you and your family a hard target: remove valuables from vehicles, light your homes, and add extra security or an alarm system.

TRAFFIC ENFORCEMENT

April 2010

TOTAL ENFORCEMENT : 190
CITATIONS: 190
WRITTEN WARNINGS: 00
PARKING CITATIONS: 00

CRIME STATISTICS

March 2010

MAJOR CRIMES:	Residential	Commercial
Burglary :	0	5
(Structures & Vehicles)		
Theft: (Grand & Petit)	2	3
Battery:		1



Spring Fling 2010!

Thank you to our “Friends of the City”

We'd like to acknowledge those residents and business associates who have made contributions to “Spring Fling 2010.”

Sampath & Latha Srinath

James Sugarman and Louis Kolber

Ray and Pat Matulis

Guy Motzer and Judy Wilkinson

Edward and Abigail Morgan

Lee & Carolyn Phillips

John and Charlotte Morgan

Southern Waste Systems

Medical Specialists of the Palm Beaches

Atlantis Outdoor Services

Ed & Judy Jokiel

Fred & Patti McFawn

Prudie Anderson

Frank & Charlene Holecek

Lew & Drue Weinstein

A. D. Saba Enterprises

Richard & Barbara Johnson

Steve & Cathy Moore

Alan & Paula Michelson

Yorktowne Villas Association

Corbett & White

John & Barbara Dicks

John & Susan Methfessel

Gerry Timmins

Sandra Thompson– Hagen Thompson Gallery

Joyce Kjellgren

Eleanor Martin

J. Shelhamer Landscaping

Sue Wagner

Olga Hamblet

David Kintz

Florida Power & Light

J.F.K. Medical Center

Reward Lighting

South Florida Water Management District approved a Year-Round, 3-Day-A-Week Watering Option—What does it mean for Atlantis?

Residents and businesses with an **odd-numbered** street address (see exception below) may water lawns and landscapes on **Mondays, Wednesdays and/or Saturdays**, only **before 10 a.m. OR after 4 p.m.**

Residents and businesses with an **even-numbered** street address, **no street Address**, or those that **irrigate both even and odd addresses** within the same Zones (which may include multi-family units and homeowners associations) may water lawns and landscapes on **Tuesdays, Thursdays and/or Sundays**, only **before 10 a.m. OR after 4 p.m.**

Q: Does the District's Year-Round Irrigation Rule allow for additional watering days and times for irrigating newly planted lawns and landscaping?

A: Yes. Additional watering for up to 90 days is allowed following the installation of new lawns and landscaping.

On the day new landscaping is installed, new plantings and the soil may be irrigated once without regard to the normally allowable watering days and times. Soil irrigation is also allowed immediately prior to planting.

New plantings that have been in place for **30 days or less** may be watered on **Mondays, Tuesdays, Wednesdays, Thursdays, Saturdays and/or Sundays**, only **before 10 a.m. and/or after 4 p.m.**

New plantings that have been in place from **31 to 90 days** may be watered on **Mondays, Wednesdays, Thursdays and/or Saturdays**, only **before 10 a.m. and/or after 4 p.m.**

Irrigation is limited to the areas containing new landscaping only. An entire irrigation zone may be watered only if new landscaping is planted on at least 50 percent of that zone. If new landscaping is planted on less than 50 percent of an irrigation zone, only the new plantings may be watered.

For more information, visit the South Florida Water Management District online at:

www.sfwmd.gov.



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MAY EVENTS

Friday May 7, 2010

Neil Zirconia Dinner & Show

Popular Neil Diamond Impersonator

Former stockbroker and Delray Beach resident Chuck LaPaglia was recently profiled in the *Palm Beach Post* by Frank Cerabino, who said, "These days LaPaglia's full-time job is strumming his guitar and singing in sequined outfits under the name Neil Zirconia, "the ultimate faux Diamond."

One fan said Neil Zirconia "does quite a show, giving the history of the songs and doing costume changes." neilzirconia.com

Dinner 6:30 p.m. • Show 7:30 p.m. \$35.00 per person

Sunday May 9, 2010

Mother's Day Champagne Buffet

11 a.m. to 3 p.m.

Buffet — \$32.00 per person

Children 12 and under — \$16.00

Plus 6.5% sales tax and 18% gratuity

Breakfast items served up to 1 p.m.

RESERVATIONS: 561-965-5788

Junior Summer Camp

Juniors between the ages of 7 and 14

\$185.00 per Junior. Call the Club for an application 561-968-1300

Two Sessions: June 7-10 and June 14-17. 9:00-11:00 A.M. each day.

- Professional instructors
- Contests and Games
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- Participation Gift.
- Mini golf on the final day of camp.

Sherwin Anderson / Tennis Professional and Atlantis presents:

The Game of A Lifetime!

Camp Starts 06/7/2010

Camp Hours: 8:30 am -Noon



Atlantis Summer Camp

Atlantis Summer Tennis and Sports Camp with Coach Sherwin

Anderson. Mr. Anderson has over 20 years coaching kids tennis and summer camps. Kids will learn the basics and progress from there according to ability. Sample week:

Monday: Intro to tennis- review fundamentals. Begin Forehands and Backhands. Big Game.

Tuesday. Volleys, Review Forehands and Backhands, start Serve.

Wednesday- Hitting to targets with Forehands, Backhands, Volleys, and Serves. Competitive Drills.

Thursday- Skill level rating-Video taken. Ability rating.

Matches with rotation to level. Ladder Match.

Friday is Match Day and Pizza Day. Tournament and Rally Ball.

Limited Space. Sign up Early. Reserve your Spot!

- Video of Camper
- Match Play
- Bring your music day/ Show and Tell Day
- Other Sports- Soccer, Basketball, and Fun Games
- Pizza Day on Friday!
- Charting of progress



Kintz Park , Atlantis, FL. 8:30 - Noon pm Monday-Friday. Early drop off and Late pick up available! Extra charge applies.

Tel: 561-588-4557 with Questions

SHERWIN ANDERSON / TENNIS PROFESSIONAL AND ATLANTIS PRESENTS: Atlantis Summer Tennis and Sports Camp \$145.00 per WEEK

Camp Starts 6/7/2010
 Cost is \$145.00 per week!
 5% discount for Multiple weeks
 5% discount for Families

Bring your Racquet, Water Bottle, Towel, change of clothes, sunscreen, bag for your stuff, we provide balls, instruction, and fun!
 Call:561-588-4557 with questions or E-mail: Mr10s@bellsouth.com

How many _____

Name _____ Week 1 6/7 Week 2 6/14 Wk 3 6/21

Address _____ Wk 4 6/28 Wk 5 7/5 Wk 6 7/12

Phone/Fax No. _____ Wk 7 7/19 Wk 8 7/26 Wk 9 8/2

Room _____

Method of Payment Check Bill Me

Signature of Parent or Legal Guardian _____

Weeks and kids Total: _____
 Half due to reserve spot _____
 Minus Discount _____
 Total Due: _____

Make Check payable to: Sherwin Anderson / USPTA Tennis Professional
 Send to: PO Box 4106 Lantana, FL 33465

No postage, No late charges, No checks to write with Automatic Bill Payment

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

SIGN UP FOR AUTOMATIC BILL PAYMENT:

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: _____

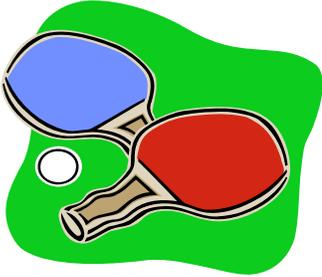
Financial Institution: _____

Account Number: _____

Routing Number: _____

Phone Number: _____

Signature: _____



Community Activities



AFTER SCHOOL TENNIS - THURSDAYS 5-6 PM AGES 5-8 THURSDAYS 6-7 PM AGES 7 & UP
Throughout the school year .

ADULT BEGINNER TENNIS - WEDNESDAYS 7- 8 PM Basics of tennis and an eye toward getting you playing "The Game of a Lifetime".

THURSDAY ADULT TENNIS Intermediate to Advanced round robin and clinic 7PM. Extensive exercise with some advanced drills.

We have Summer Tennis Camp Starting in June 2010.

For any of the above classes contact **COACH Sherwin Anderson** USPTA PRO at 561-588-4557.

SENIOR TENNIS – Monday and Fridays from 9-11 AM at Sunset Park until May 15, 2010– After May 15th, Monday 9-11 am and Thursday 5-7pm Contact: **Betty Ann Badger** at **561-434-4145**

THE LITERARY SOCIETY is suspended for the summer and will resume in November. Contact **PAT** at **561-966-7600** for further information.

The Great Book Club of Atlantis- is suspended for the summer and will resume in October. Interested persons should contact **Dr. Bennett Miller** at **561-968-2675** for further information.

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

ATLANTIS PERSONAL TRAINING- Customized training for all needs from young to old. Improve your golf game, core strength, balance, muscle tone, flexibility and achieve weight loss. Improve your overall quality of life. **Carene Kengeter-** American Council of Exercise- Certified Personal Trainer Call: 561-313-4026

WATER COLOR CLASSES: Are suspended for the summer and will resume in November. Call Joan Tiberi at 561-547-5123.

John Hancock will be in the council chambers from 10-11:30 on May 13, 2010 to give a presentation on the benefits and features of long term care insurance. For information call Jim Matheson at 561-573-0367 or Marc Brenner at 561-723-2139.

Warm welcome to new residents:

Thomas and Laura Schutze 484 South Country Club.

Richard and Julia Mooney 725 Muirfield Circle.

Our condolences on the deaths of:

Virginia Miller

Edward Murachanian

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by Sandy Thompson (313-1060)

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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 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.