



The City News

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City of Atlantis
260 Orange Tree Drive
Atlantis, FL 33462

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THE MAYOR'S CORNER

Dear Residents,

A committee of our residents, and city staff, has been meeting regarding the establishment of a festival style celebration this coming fall. I don't want to "steal their thunder" by disclosing the details of their accomplishments but just wanted to provide notice that the dedication of the newly constructed heart trail, at the west entrance, will be done in conjunction with the festival. It looks great doesn't it?

New Garbage and Recycling Contract: One of the amenities that the residents of Atlantis pay for is back/side door garbage and recycling collection. Underground cans are required by City code and we strongly encourage residents to use them. It is not necessary to take garbage or recycling items to the curb. The only items that should be placed at the curb are vegetative debris and bulk trash, and only on Monday. Southern Waste Systems will be the new collection company beginning October 1. Let's get everyone on the same page and use the underground cans. Keep the household garbage and recycling by the back/side door in or near the underground cans. This way our new

hauler will learn the route by checking each and every house. We are paying for this service - let's use it.

City Tax Update: As expected, the overall property value of the city dropped by 9.6% this year. As a result, in order to have the exact amount of funds necessary to stay revenue neutral, we need to increase our millage rate. In the end, the city will take in an amount equal to, or less than, it did last year. Note: this does not mean that your portion of the tax may not go up or down, but that as a whole, the city will not receive a penny more through the property tax system than it did last year. Despite this, we are still working on finalizing numbers to produce the most favorable outcome possible. This time next month, we will hopefully communicate final tax news.

Until October, please stay safe and keep an eye out for those tropical storms.

Serving Proudly,
Mayor Manny Fernandez

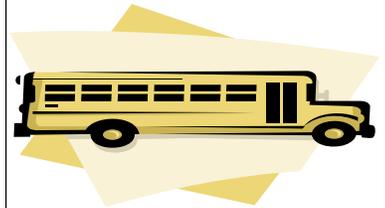
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School is back in session

Please watch for children!!

The next City Council Meeting is Wednesday, September 16, 2009 at 7:30 pm.

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

THIS ISSUE OF CITY NEWS IS PACKED FULL OF UPCOMING ATLANTIS COMMUNITY EVENTS! DON'T MISS OUT!

Manager's Notes, September 2009

Fall will be here before you know it, and perhaps some cooler weather? To help celebrate fall, Atlantis is sponsoring a Green Market in conjunction with the First Annual Fall Festival on October 3, 2009. We have taken our successful Bike-a-Thon and rebranded and expanded it to encompass a fall celebration at the park. We hope this change will bring out more of the community. We will continue the 10 mile bike ride and end at Kintz Park for food and fun. We will once again have a bounce house, rock climbing wall and dunk tank along with other fun activities. Proceeds from the Dunk Tank will benefit the American Heart Association. We have invited vendors from the West Palm Beach Green Market to be there. We want to continue to support the Heart Association through this event, but at the same time make this event self-supporting through sponsorships and participation.

This year we will kick off the Fall Festival with a dedication of the new Heart Trail at the West Park at 8:15 am. The bike ride will leave from there at 8:30. Ride your bike or bring your golf cart to the West Park and Kintz Park as parking is limited. See the flyer for more information. Register in advance and be entered into a drawing for "Green Market Bucks." All attendees will need a wristband for entry into the event at both parks. You don't have to be a biker to register early; all attendees are eligible for the drawing. See you on October 3!

Mo Thornton

ATLANTIS CITY COUNCIL NEWS

The Atlantis Council Meeting was called to order at 7:30 p.m. on August 19, 2009.

Resolution No. 09-17 passed 4-0. A resolution of the City Council supporting the petition for rule-making to amend the Florida Water Quality Standards. This will revise the existing water body classification to provide new and more appropriate usages in a more efficient and effective manner.

Resolution No. 09-18, passed 5-0. A resolution authorizing the City Manager to do business with TD Bank. The bank offers banking services which the City desires to utilize. The Mayor and City Council Members will be designated as signatories on the accounts.

Resolution No. 09-19 passed 5-0. A resolution authorizing the Mayor to sign an agreement with Southern Waste Systems for Garbage, Vegetative Waste, Bulk Trash, Recycling and Debris removal. SWS will begin service on October 1, 2009.

Resolution No. 09-20 passed 5-0. A resolution authorizing the mayor to sign an agreement with Allegiance Security Group for a term of one year, beginning on September 30, 2009. This provides for continued gatehouse security.

William C. Mitchell

(official minutes at www.atlantisfl.gov)

2010 HOMESTEAD EXEMPTION APPLICATIONS

The Palm Beach County Property Appraiser's Office will be accepting Homestead Exemption applications from residents. (All Palm Beach County residents are welcome)

Where: City Council Chambers at 260 Orange Tree Drive.

When: The 4th Wednesday of each month, now through December 23, 2009. Time: 11:00 am to 12:00

A copy of your deed and proof of residency is required.

For further information log onto the Palm Beach County Property Appraiser's website at: www.pbcgov.com\ PAPA or call them at 561-355-2866 or you can contact the Atlantis City Clerk at City Hall 561-965-1744

POLICE DEPARTMENT NEWS by Chief Robert G. Mangold

Even though school has already started, these tips are an important reminder for motorists, parents, and students:

BACK TO SCHOOL TRAFFIC SAFETY TIPS***FDOT Encourages All to be Cautious as Students Return to Class***

The Florida Department of Transportation (FDOT) Community Traffic Safety Program reminds motorists, parents and students to take extra traffic safety precautions as children head back to school in Palm Beach County on August 18. The beginning of the school year is a time when children are at increased risk of transportation-related injuries from pedestrian, bicycle, school bus, and motor vehicle crashes. FDOT offers the following tips for making back to school commutes safer for motorists and students.

Tips for Motorists:

- Do not text or talk on your cell phone while driving.
- Slow down and obey all traffic laws and speed limits.
- Be alert for school zones that have a reduced speed limit at designated times of the day.
- Watch for school buses. Red flashing lights and an extended stop arm indicate the school bus is stopping to load or unload children. State law requires you to stop.
- Keep an eye out for children walking in the street, especially where there are no sidewalks.
- Be alert for children playing and gathering near bus stops and for those who may dart into the street without looking for traffic.
- When backing out of a driveway or leaving a garage, watch for children walking or biking to school.
- When driving in neighborhoods or school zones, watch for young people who may be in a hurry to get to or away from school and may not be thinking about getting there safely.

Tips for Parents:

- Be a good role model. Always buckle up in the car, always wear a helmet when biking, and always follow pedestrian safety rules. Don't text or talk on your cell phone while driving.
- Supervise young children as they are walking or biking to school or as they wait at the school bus stop.
- Provide your children with bright clothing so motorists can easily see them.
- If your child is under 4 years old and weighs less than 40 pounds, make sure the child is properly buckled up in a weight-appropriate child safety seat in the back seat. Children, ages 4 to 8, weighing over 40 pounds and measuring four feet nine inches or less should ride in a booster seat. In addition, safety experts advise that all children under the age of 12 should ride in the back seat.
- Make sure that your teen driver understands and obeys all traffic laws. Discourage them from texting or talking on a cell phone while driving.

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Tips for Students:

- Always buckle up when riding in a car. Be sure to remove your backpack before getting in the vehicle. Never buckle your safety belt with your backpack on.
- Always ride in the back seat. It's the safest place for young people.
- Always wear a helmet and follow traffic safety rules when riding your bike.
- If you ride a school bus, learn and practice the safety rules for waiting at the bus stop, getting on and off the bus, and riding the bus.
- Never wait for the school bus in the roadway.
- If you walk to school, learn and practice the safety rules for pedestrians. It's extremely important for you to use sidewalk when available, look left-right-left when crossing the road, and always walk facing traffic.
- Always cross at crosswalks; obey all traffic signs, traffic lights and crossing guard instructions.
- Cross railroad tracks only at designated pedestrian or roadway crossings. Observe and obey all warning signs and signals.
- Do not walk, run or ride your bicycle down railroad tracks. It's illegal and dangerous.
- Teen drivers should avoid speeding and distractions while driving, such as texting, talking on cell phones, eating and adjusting the radio. Teens are also reminded never to overload their vehicle; everyone riding in a vehicle must use a safety belt.
- Be a good role model for your younger brothers, sisters and friends, and help them learn and follow vehicle safety rules.

TRAFFIC ENFORCEMENT
August 2009

Total Enforcement:	228	Total Parking:	0
Citations:	208	Citations:	0
Written Warnings:	20	Written Warnings:	0

CRIME STATISTICS
July 2009

<u>Major Crimes</u>	<u>Residential</u>	<u>Commercial</u>
Battery		1
Burglary (Structures & Vehicles)		2
Theft (Grand & Petit)	1	3

Garbage Services

The City has signed a new contract for garbage collection with Southern Waste Systems. The current contract with Waste Management will expire on September 30th. Residents should notice little if any change in service. Back/side door Garbage Collection remains on Monday and Thursday. Back/side door Recycling Collection remains on Thursday. Curbside Bulk and Vegetation Collection continues on Monday. Beginning October 1, vegetation collection will be limited to six (6) cubic yards of debris per week. Six cubic yards is approximately the size of three refrigerators. This is a county-wide standard for vegetative debris. Vegetative debris in excess of the stated amounts will be collected and result in an additional charge. A minimum of \$75 and up to an amount equal to the disposal charge plus \$75 will be placed on the water bill for collection of oversized piles. Please remember that curbside collection of vegetative debris only pertains to that which is generated by the homeowner. City code requires that vegetative debris generated by a paid landscaper or lawn maintenance company be removed the day it is generated by the contractor.

Collection of bulk items such as furniture or household debris remains unlimited. Items placed at the curb for Monday collection should be placed no earlier than 5:00 pm Sunday evening. On the first Sunday of each month, items may be placed at the curb after noon for Monday pickup. No items should be placed at the curb for Thursday pickup.

Water Quality

We have had a considerable number of calls regarding the water quality in the lakes and canals. This year we have had a significant bloom of duck weed, water hyacinth and other aquatic vegetation. Runoff of organics and fertilizers feed the aquatic vegetation and contribute to their proliferation. Many areas have been sprayed.

Certain water bodies are sprayed and maintained by Lake Worth Drainage District. The District sprays affected areas every 6-8 weeks when needed. Areas treated by the city and/or contract entities are treated with a similar frequency. Spray policies are developed to consider the overall health of the water body, including fish and beneficial aquatics. Some sprays do not result in an immediate vegetation kill. Patience and repeated spray will reduce or eliminate this unsightly vegetation.

Minimum Property Standards

Just a reminder, October starts our annual property review for Minimum Property Standards. Look at your property now and see if things need to be straightened up and cleaned up. The following list includes items that will be reviewed.

Roof – Clean and in good repair

House – Clean and not showing signs of weathering and deterioration. Are there rust stains from the irrigation system? These can be removed by using Rust-Aid or similar products available at the hardware store. Is the garage door painted and in good repair? Is the trim painted and in good condition?

Driveway – Is it clean and free of potholes and weeds? Paver brick driveways are susceptible to weed growth. Weeds can be sprayed with Round-up or similar product available at the hardware store.

Yard – Are the grass and shrubs adequately maintained? Have the trees been trimmed to present a neat and orderly appearance? Has adequate irrigation been provided? Regardless of water restrictions, it is expected that lawns be kept green and neatly mowed. Is there dead or dying landscape material? Dead landscape material must be replaced within 30 days.

If your property is exhibiting any items on this list, please take steps to correct the situation. Our property values have suffered because of the overall economy. Let's not let our community deteriorate.

COME JOIN US FOR “HEART WALK”

The City of Atlantis will once again be teaming up with JFK Medical Center and the American Heart Association for the annual Heart Walk. The money raised helps fight heart disease by supporting life-saving research and education.

For more information or to sign up, call Mo Thornton at 561-965-1744; if you would like to help out, call Richard Brown at 561-642-0939.

MARK YOUR CALENDAR & JOIN OUR TEAM!

DATE: Saturday, September 26

LOCATION: Begins and ends at Meyer Amphitheatre, West Palm Beach

DISTANCE: 5K (3.2 miles)

TIME: 7:00 a.m.—Fun Begins

9:00 a.m.—Walk Begins

This year, our team will be wearing the lime green T-shirts from the 50th anniversary celebration



They say “I  Atlantis”—the perfect shirt for the Heart Walk! If you didn’t purchase one for the 50th, you can buy one at City Hall. They’re \$8, and come in all sizes—for kids and adults.

About the American Heart Association: Every man, woman and child is at risk of heart disease and stroke, the nations #1 and #3 killers. The AHA is working to prevent, treat and defeat these devastating diseases by funding research, increasing people’s knowledge and power over their health, and advocating for healthier communities. These efforts are making a difference for present and future generations...and saving lives.

Make this Year’s Heart Walk a family affair and come out to support JFK Medical Center, whose Heart and Vascular Institute is the premier facility in Palm Beach County for comprehensive cardiovascular care—right at our own back door.



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

Come join us and have your health
care questions answered.

When: October 23rd 2009 From 9 am until 5 pm

Where: The Council Chambers at 260 Orange Tree Drive

A-Plus 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 \$45.00 for Pneumococcal vaccines.

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

First come first serve, from 9 AM—4:30 PM

Forms are available at City Hall for anyone who wishes to fill them out prior to the clinic.

Please contact City Hall at 561-965-1744 with any questions.

The following businesses will be on hand with valuable information for our residents:

HCI will be here with Free CPR demonstrations, blood pressure checks, and information about the American Heart Association.

H2U from JFK Medical Center will be here providing information to seniors.

Greenacres Medics will be available to answer questions about what to expect when medics come to your house.

Atlantis Police Department will be on hand to enter emergency contact information into the DHSMV data files, answer questions, and provide crime tips.

Slossberg Chiropractic & Wellness will be here giving complimentary chair massages.

Comprehensive Hand and Physical Therapy-Lake Worth will provide free fall screenings for residents.



2009 Fall Festival
Saturday, October 3, 2009
8:00 AM—Registration at West Park
8:15 AM Park Dedication
8:30 AM—10 mile Bike Ride begins
Finish at Kintz Park
Green Market at Kintz Park from 8:00 AM to Noon

Heart Trails & Ladybugs & Bikes & Games & a Green Market, too...

This year we have taken our successful Bike-a-Thon (our 3rd annual) and turned it into something extra special—it's grown into our 1st annual Fall Festival! We'll kick off the day at 8:00 am at the West Park. The Mayor and City Council along with the City Manager will dedicate the park and our new Heart Trail. We'll toast the event with coffee and juice, and release 4500 ladybugs to celebrate our updated recreation area.

Then hop on your bikes (you can roller blade or walk, too) for a 10-mile ride (or a shorter route for walkers and the little ones) through the city to Kintz Park for a morning of games and lunch. We've also invited local merchants to participate in our first Green Market.

For an entrance fee of \$5 for individuals and \$20 for the whole family, you can join your neighbors and friends for a fun ride (or walk). Afterwards, we'll have a bounce house, rock wall, and face painting for our younger residents. With lunch included, that's quite a bargain!

Wear your lime green "I  Atlantis" T-shirt—if you want to purchase one, all sizes—for kids and adults—are available at City Hall, before the event, for \$8.

DUNK TANK—BRING YOUR CASH—Our Mayor has again volunteered to take a turn in the dunk tank! There might be other fun targets, too! Proceeds from the dunk tank will benefit the American Heart Assoc.

VOLUNTEERS—We'll need help the day of the event. Here are ways you can help us:

- Sponsor a Water Station in your driveway along the bike route. (see map on page 9)
- Work with us at the pre-event staging areas at West Park or at Kintz Park to help set up the Green Market, or after the bike ride to help with lunch and activities at Kintz Park.
- For teens who need community service credit, this event will qualify.

Call Mo Thornton (965-1744) or Diana Fernandez (963-8484) if you would like to help out. Pre-register by September 25,2009 and be entered into a drawing for a special prize! Please make checks payable to "City of Atlantis."



DROP OFF PRE-REGISTRATION AT CITY HALL BY September 25,2009

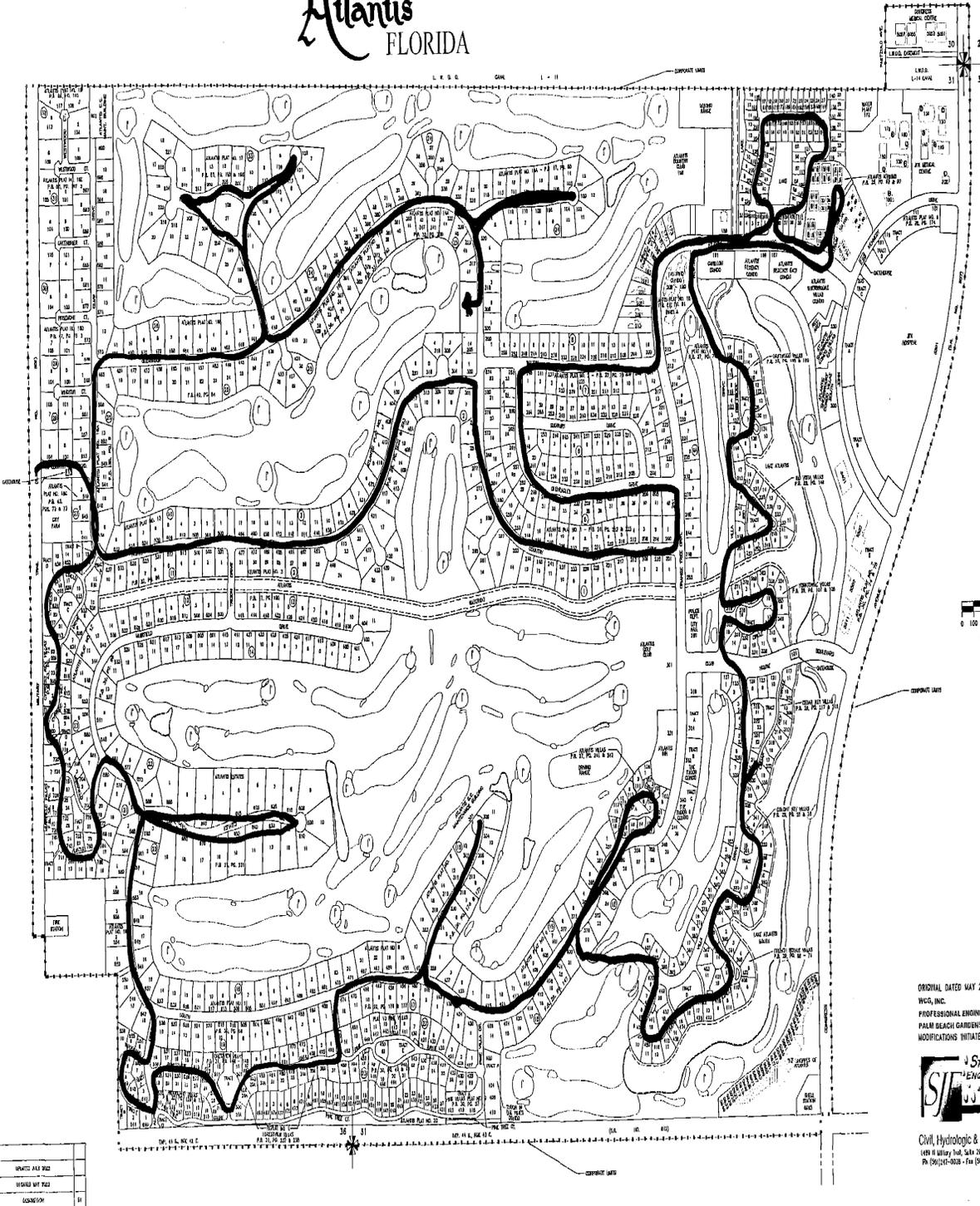
Family Name and Address: _____

Number of Participants: _____ (\$5 each or \$20 for the family) Total \$ _____

T-Shirts are \$8 each: Number of shirts: Child sizes _____(S)_____ (M); _____(L)_____ (XL)
 Adult sizes: _____(S); _____(M); _____(L); _____(XL); _____(XXL)

Total Amount Enclosed: _____

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Community Activities

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

CHESS CLUB AND HOMEWORK HELP - Also available.

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. Contact: **Sherwin Anderson at 561-588-4557**

SENIOR TENNIS— Monday and Fridays from 9-11 am at West Park— Contact: **Betty Ann Badger at 561-434-4142** or **Rob DeCesare at 561-315-0880**

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 561-965-7600

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 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. Have fun with friends and neighbors while Improving cardio respiratory and musculoskeletal fitness!!! 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 Wilcoxon 561-313-4026 American Council of Exercise - Certified Personal Trainer.

WATER COLOR CLASSES: Resume on November 4th and will be held each Wednesday from 1-4PM in the Council Chambers. Registration is required. Call Joan Tiberi at 561-547-5123.

MATURE DRIVER'S CLASS: The American Safety Council will be conducting a Mature Driver's Class on November 5th and 6th, 2009 from 9-12 in the Council Chambers. Registration is required and forms will be available at City Hall and next month's newsletter.

BLOOD MOBILE: The Blood Mobile will be here on November 5th and 6th from 11:30 am—1:30 pm. They will be accepting donations of blood. All donors will receive a free mini physical and cholesterol screening. All donors also receive a thank you gift. Please help save a life by donating blood!

Warm welcome to new residents:

Hernan and Patricia Ramos, 281 No. Country Club Dr.

Michael Langolf, 5 Atrium Cr # C

Our condolences on the deaths of:

Marjorie Heinrich

James Angelos

Linda Evans

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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

NEW SUMMER 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 or by calling Jim Schumacher at 718-5888 for liners or other repairs. 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.