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Atlantis, FL 33462

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THE MAYOR'S CORNER

Dear Residents,

I certainly pray that this newsletter finds you well.

The series of storms, that have recently lined up to threaten us, are a stark reminder of what living in paradise occasionally has to offer. The fact that most of New Orleans was spared the worst of Gustav's wrath does not mean that we should diminish the potential severity of the oncoming storms. As a matter of fact, we should be doing the opposite by preparing for the worst yet hoping for the best. Do not let a false sense of security lull you into thinking that we will "get by OK". Please prepare! If you need help in knowing how to prepare, please come by City Hall or the Police Department for assistance. Once you have done all you need to do for yourselves, please extend a helping hand to your neighbors. If you find that a neighbor needs help but refuses assistance, please let us know by calling City Hall or the Police Department and we will do our best to help and encourage them to cooperate.

Chances are that this year's Bike-A-Thon will have occurred when

you read this hardcopy newsletter (September 6th). Despite this, we anticipate that we will have another great turnout. Children will have an abbreviated route and the adults will endure a lengthier ride with plenty of water stops. Waiting at the finish line is good food and great citizenship. For those of you that enjoyed dunking me in the dunk tank last year, I am sorry but we felt that this year, the cities "Code Enforcement Officer" would draw a more willing crowd. Remember, all proceeds will go to benefit the American Heart Association.

City Tax Update: Many of you have received notification that your municipal taxes are slated to go up. This notification is a legal requirement whose process inhibits us from exceeding the millage rate that is published. Therefore, our work is not done yet. We are still working on finalizing numbers to produce a favorable outcome. This time next month, we will hopefully communicate good and final tax news.

Until October, please stay safe.

Serving Proudly,

Mayor Manny Fernandez

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SAVE THE DATE!
APRIL 4, 2009
ATLANTIS BIG 50TH
CELEBRATION

IMPORTANT
TIME TO SIGN UP
FOR FLU & PNEUMO-
COCCAL SHOTS.
HEATH FAIR IS
OCTOBER 3RD

GOOD LUCK TO
ATLANTIS
STUDENTS THIS
SCHOOL YEAR!





City Of Atlantis
Flu Shots, Pneumonia Shots
Annual Health Fair. Come join us and have your
health care questions answered.

When: October 3rd 2008 From 9 am until 5 pm
Where: The Council Chambers at 260 Orange Tree Drive, Atlantis Florida

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.

Billing Information:

Anyone receiving a vaccine must present a valid form of Identification.

Medicare Recipients must provide their Medicare ID card.

A-Plus will bill Medicare directly, with no co-payment or deductible.

Non-Medicare recipients will pay in Cash \$25.00 for Flu and \$40.00 for Pneumococcal vaccines.

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

Please give City Hall your name, phone number, and the number of people interested in receiving the shots. You can also fill out the form below and either drop it in the mail, or bring it into City Hall. Appointments are first come first serve, and are scheduled with approximately 20 people per half hour slots, from 9am to 4:30pm

The Blood Mobile will be here accepting donations.

All blood donors receive a mini physical including iron, cholesterol , blood pressure checks and free gifts. Our goal is 14 units of blood.

Come help us save a life by donating blood.

Palm Tran will be here providing information about their door to door program.

HCI will be here with Free CPR demonstrations and blood pressure checks.

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

Greenacres Medics will be available to answer questions.

Atlantis Police will be on hand to enter emergency contact information into the DHSMV data files, check infant car seats, answer questions, provide crime tips and cookies and coffee.

Name: _____ Phone: _____

Number of people to receive Flu Vaccination : _____ Pneumococcal _____

ATLANTIS CITY COUNCIL NEWS:

The City Council meeting was called to order on August 20, 2008 at 7:30 PM.

Resolution No. 08-15; 08-16; 08-17; 08-18; 08-20 — all passed 5-0. These resolutions are assessing liens for unpaid water charges against certain residences in the city. The responsibility of good citizenship toward one’s neighbors and our municipality is not taken lightly here in Atlantis. Please remember to pay your bills in a timely fashion. Thank you.

Resolution No. 08-21–A Resolution Authorizing the Mayor to sign An Agreement with Waste Management for Storm Debris Removal, passed 5-0.

Resolution No. 08-22— passed 5-0 - This is An Agreement With Allegiance Security Services valid through September 30, 2009 for guard service at our

entrance gates. Please continue to help Atlantis by reporting to the police any wrong doing that you observe as you enter or leave the city. Things have improved greatly, but it is always a work in progress. City Council is also working on this situation, reports Councilmember Cathy Higgins. Gatehouse problems are important.

In Miscellaneous Business, it was reported that a very active committee of volunteers are working on the plans for the Atlantis 50th Anniversary Celebration to be held April 4, 2009. The committee is looking to locate businesses and individuals for sponsorships to help defray the costs of the event. A minimal charge for crowd control will also be put into effect as this event will be open to the general public.

William Mitchell
(Official Minutes at www.atlantisfl.gov)

POLICE DEPARTMENT NEWS BY CHIEF ROBERT MANGOLD

Reminder: Ordinance 284, reference garbage & trash, requires that vegetative waste and bulk trash not be placed for collection earlier than 5 PM on Sunday, the day before collection. However, on the first Sunday of each month, vegetative waste and bulk trash may be placed curbside for collection after 12 PM for the Monday pickup.

Public Safety: The police department has received a number of traffic obstruction complaints in the form of hedges, trees, and mailbox foliage that obstructs the view of oncoming motor vehicles, bicyclists, and pedestrians. Please check your yard to ensure that your property is not causing a visual obstruction that could result in an accident.

TRAFFIC ENFORCEMENT

AUGUST 2008

Total Enforcement:	308	Total Parking:	3
Citations:	299	Citations:	3
Written Warnings:	6	Written Warning:	0

CRIME STATISTICS

JULY 2008

<u>Major</u>	<u>Residential</u>	<u>Commercial</u>
Battery		4
Burglary (Structure & Vehicle)		4
Theft (Grand & Petit)	1	

HEART WALK INFORMATION



The City of Atlantis will once again be teaming up with JFK Medical Center for a Heart Walk. This is scheduled to take place on **Saturday, September 27, 2008** in West Palm Beach, along Flagler Drive. The money raised helps fight heart disease by supporting life-saving research and education. For more information or to sign up, call Mo Thornton @ (561) 965-1744 or Richard Brown at (561) 642-0939 if you would like to help out.

MARK YOUR CALENDAR & JOIN OUR TEAM:

DATE: Saturday, September 27th

DISTANCE: 5K, 3.2 MILES

LOCATION: MEYER AMPHITHEATRE, WEST PALM BEACH

SCHEDULE: 7:00am - Fun Begins 9am - Walk Begins

TEAM CAPTAIN: RICHARD BROWN 561-642-0939

Come out and support JFK Medical Center, the largest heart hospital in Palm Beach Country that is right at our back door.

Last Year's Heart Walkers and Contributors: Manny Fernandez and Family, Fred Furtado, Dave & Kay Cantley, Taylor Fulner, Mike & Susan Dahlgren, Frank & Janet Austino, Richard & Joan Brown, Barbara Whitford, Craig Mitchell, Audrey & Ed Halpern, Wayne Levine, Phillip DeVillier, Gunter & Nualagh Strugger, Donald & Arlene Brooks, Ken & Kris VonThaden, Robin Brown, Tim & Catherine Higgins, Kevin Adair, Clayton & Vickie Rautbord, Bill and Tracy Boyd, Barbara Milensky, Linda Clayton, Maggie & Christina Sarubbi, Taylor Trindade, Weegie Armstrong, Joyce & Jessica O'Neil, Ken Norberg, Joanne Cameron, Henry & Lucy Ullman, Albert Chattin, Robert Mangold & Family, Eberly Family, Mo Thornton & Family and Joan Cannata-Fox.

About the American Heart Association: Every man, woman, and child is at risk of heart disease and stroke, the nation's #1 and #3 killers. The American Heart Association 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.

Everyone has a family member or friend who has suffered from heart disease. Let's all walk together to support this worthwhile cause and save lives. Remember the life you save may be your own.

It would be great to see your name on this year's list!

Send us those photos and stories!

Our 50th Anniversary Celebration will be here before we know it! As we begin to put together a "Memory Book" and DVD, please start looking for photos that will help tell the history of Atlantis, and write down some of your favorite memories. If you grew up here, what do you remember best? If someone asks you why you live here, what do you tell them? What's changed the most? Let us hear from you. You can bring your stories and photos (please put your name, address and phone number on the back of the photos) or e-mail them to Atlantis50th@atlantisfl.gov.

Thanks for the memories!

WATERING RESTRICTIONS

Residents in Atlantis may irrigate two days a week:

For residents with an **odd** numbered address (ending in 1,3,5,7,9) lawn watering is permitted on **Wednesday and Saturday** from 12am to 10am **or** from 4pm –11:59pm. No watering 10am-4pm.

For residents with **even** numbered address (ending in 0,2,4,6,8) lawn watering is permitted on **Thursday and Sunday** from 12am to 10am **or** from 4pm –11:59pm. No watering 10am-4pm.

For more information call 800-662-8876 or visit www.sfwmd.gov/conserve

BUSINESS TAX RENEWALS

Local Business Tax Renewal Notices (formerly known as Occupational Licenses) were mailed in July. Payment is due by September 30, 2008. Save money by paying promptly—escalating penalties are incurred for payments received after that date. All businesses, commercial and home based, as well as residential rental unit owners are required to obtain a Business Tax Receipt each fiscal year. Contact Joy Cooperman at 561-965-1744 if you need further information about your Business Tax Receipt.

BUILDING PERMITS

It is important to check with the City building department to determine if a building permit is necessary. Anything to do with construction, remodeling, fences, pools, windows, doors, driveways, gutters, generators, electrical and plumbing requires a permit. Make sure you ask if your contractor has obtained a permit. Contractors work in various communities and not all regulations are the same. It is your responsibility to know if a building permit is needed and has been obtained. The penalty for doing work without a permit is quite substantial. If you have any questions, call the building department at 561-965-1744.

WELCOME NEW RESIDENTS

Gilles & Dominique Ross, 632 Cypress Key Drive

Deaths:

Alexander Gregory, 108 Turnberry Drive

John J. Raymond, Sr., 145 Atlantis Blvd. #303

REAL ESTATE AND POLITICAL SIGNS:

Section 11.6-6(1) States:

There shall be only one sign displayed for the purposes of sale, lease, or rent, and such sign shall be a uniform rectangular size, twelve inches in width by eighteen inches in length. Such signs shall have a white background with black lettering with black or white support structure made of wood or metal, consisting of two posts no larger than one inch by one inch. When installed, the bottom of the sign shall be approximately eighteen inches above the finished grade of the ground, with the top of the face of the sign no more than two and one-half feet above the finished grade of the ground.

Now that election time is near, it is important to remember the City code when it comes to campaign signs and their placement.

Code Section 11.6-4(2) states that: political signs, with a maximum height of four (4) feet from ground level, must be removed within forty-eight (48) hours of the election day or political event for which they were placed.

This means that political signs may be placed in the city, are no more than four foot off the ground and they must be removed within 48 hours of the election - whether it is the municipal election or any other election.

Signs may be placed on private property with the owners permission. Signs may not be placed on public property or rights-of-way.

Keep in mind that Atlantis relies heavily on its natural surroundings and beautification efforts to retain its unique character. This concern is reflected by the active and objective regulations of the appearance and design of signs.

PENSION BOARD VACANCY:

The retirement of Sergeant Jack Allen created a vacancy on the Police Pension Board. The trustees have a fiduciary responsibility for the investment of the fund. The Board meets quarterly to review investments and make recommendations.

The City Council appoints members to this Board. The preferred candidate for this vacancy is someone

with a strong knowledge of investments and investment practices.

Please submit a letter of interest, including experience and qualifications to Mo Thornton, City Manager, City Hall, 260 Orange Tree Drive or via email to mthornton@atlantisfl.gov.

Please indicate your interest to serve by September 26, 2008.

IMPORTANT ANNOUNCEMENT REGARDING ROOFING PERMITS

The City Council and the Architectural Review Committee met at a Workshop on Wednesday, September 3, 2008. to discuss various items of concern.

By consensus, the two bodies agreed that as a roof is an exterior alteration, as such should appropriately come before the Architectural Review Committee for review.

The Architectural Review Committee meets each

Wednesday at 8:30am in City Hall. All applications for permits for exterior alterations, including roofs, received by the close of business on Monday each week will be considered that Wednesday. Incomplete applications may be delayed.

Please make your contractor aware of this requirement.

Thank you for your cooperation.



Tennis Coach Sherwin Anderson has the following items to offer for the Kids and Adults this Fall



One-

After School Tennis Fall Session- We will learn the basics in tennis with matches scheduled at different times throughout the year.

Thursday 5-6 pm Little Lobbers Ages 5-8 yrs old

Thursday 6-7 pm Hot Shots Ages 7 and Up

Classes Begin on September 11th, 2008

Two

Thursday Evening Adult Intermediate to Advanced Clinic and Round Robin

7-9 pm. Every Thursday. If new please call **561-588-4557** for more information

Extensive exercise with some advanced drills!

Three

7-8 pm on Wednesday Beginners Adult Classes Great for New Players and Players Returning to Tennis

Classes resume on September 3rd, 2008 Please call to register and confirm-561-588-4557

Basics of tennis with an eye toward getting you playing "The Game of A Lifetime" as soon as possible

Four

Private Lessons available on Request with Tennis Professional Sherwin Anderson

Have Coached from Beginners to Professionals- Schedule your lesson today!

New this year- Chess Club and Homework Help- Schedule as needed. Tutoring as needed.

Please call with your interest- Sherwin Anderson Tennis Professional / Chess coordinator/ Homework Tutoring **561-588-4557**

Later in the school year we will schedule a Basketball League - Please call or email with interest at:
mr10s@bellsouth.net

Thank you,

Sherwin Anderson

Tennis Professional City of Atlantis

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