



The City News

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260 Orange Tree Drive
Atlantis, FL 33462

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DECEMBER 2008

THE MAYOR'S CORNER

Dear Residents,

Although this is normally my favorite time of year, so far this year I am not so cheery. Investments are suffering, credit facilities are weak, banking systems in disarray, and big automakers are asking to "hitch a ride". When it will end, I am not certain, but I would like to take this opportunity to ask that we, as a collective, support our local Atlantis businesses as well as our neighbors as best we can. By doing so, we can help ensure the continued viability of our infrastructure but most of all, provide assistance to those that may need it the most. If anything good can come from this unified approach, it will be that our slice of municipal heaven is doing its part to assist in the economic recovery process.

I am pretty certain that the hard-copy of this newsletter will arrive after we had our golf cart parade (Dec 8) but I know that this event will have proven to be another huge success. Each year the number of meals served increases, the number of decorated carts increases, the complexity in decorating techniques is refined, and the camaraderie that is fostered during the process brings us all a little

closer together. Hopefully you were able to attend this great event and for those of you that happened to win prizes, Congratulations, and thank you for being part of our great tradition.

Despite the dreary beginning to this newsletter, I would like to end on a more positive note. There is no doubt that these are tough times, we recognize it, and we will (WITHOUT A DOUBT) overcome. However, acknowledging that it will not be easy, we need to remember that the purpose of the holiday season is to renew our hope and faith and it is through this renewal process that we find the strength necessary to look forward to a "better day". We are, after all, the greatest country in the world, and it is because of who we are that we can rest assured that the "better day" is near.

On behalf of your City Staff and your City Council Members, I wish you, your families, and loved ones, a joyous Holiday Season and a Blessed New Year.

As always.... Serving Proudly,
Mayor Manny Fernandez

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2009 Directories & Decals Available in Chambers starting January 2nd, 8:30am-4:30 pm for a few weeks. They are also available at the Police Department 24/7 during the volunteer weeks and thereafter.

**A HAPPY, SAFE
HOLIDAY SEASON TO
ALL OUR RESIDENTS**



**NEXT COUNCIL
MEETING DEC 17th
AT 7:30 PM**

Trela J. White, Esq., 2008 City Attorney of the Year Award



On November 21, 2008, the Florida League of Cities held its annual *Florida Cities of Excellence Awards* program in Orlando, where it was announced that **Trela J. White, Esq., our city attorney**, was selected as the **2008 City Attorney of the Year**.

The program is designed to highlight all the wonderful and innovative services cities provide to improve the quality of life in Florida and to honor dedicated city leaders and cities for their excellence in public service. "It is truly an honor

and a privilege to salute such an outstanding city attorney in this celebration of dedication, innovation and public service", said Carmine Priore, Florida League of Cities president and Vice Mayor, Wellington.

The *City Attorney of the Year* honors a city attorney who displays exceptional excellence in the following areas: judgment, initiative, integrity, innovation, professionalism, commitment and citizen relations. Ms. White's law firm, Corbett and White, P.A., represents Atlantis, Golf, Lantana, Manalapan, Mangonia Park, Palm Beach Shores, Palm Beach Gardens (interim), Royal Palm Beach, South Palm Beach, and Tequesta.

Ms. White was also named as one of the top Municipal Lawyers in South Florida in the South Florida Legal Guide for 2005, 2006, 2007 and 2008. Even though Trela represents many cities in Palm Beach County, she has chosen the City of Atlantis as her home. Congratulations Trela!

THE CENTURIONS ANNUAL COCKTAIL RECEPTION



The Centurions are pleased to announce that Dr. Gary Wiren will be featured speaker at the Annual Cocktail Reception, 5-7 PM on January 20, 2009, at the Atlantis Golf Club, Atlantis. Dr. Wiren is a Master Teaching Consultant at Trump Golf International, a Master Member of PGA of America, former National PGA staff director, an author of 11 golf books and has 13 film credits.

The Centurion Leadership Steering Committee chaired by Otis Brown, includes: Sandy Beach, William Benton, John Farmer, Harry Kennedy, Bryan Meuman, Carl Palmisano and Bobby Pastorius. The Centurions is an auxiliary of the Palm Beach Habilitation Center, which prepares men and women with disabilities to live and work to their greatest level of independence.

(Seated: Sandy Beach, Bobby Pastorius, Bill Benton.
Standing: John Farmer, Bryan Meuman, Harry Kennedy, Carl Palmisano.
Missing: Otis Brown, Chairman)

Otis Brown said, "We are thrilled that Dr. Gary Wiren, a highly-sought-after national and international speaker, has agreed to talk at the 2009 cocktail reception. Dr. Wiren has entertained and enlightened thousands at PGA and other events across the globe with his extensive background in teaching, speaking, writing and playing. I am sure that the Centurions will be impressed with his style of humor, motivation and education!"

For more information about the Centurions or the PB Hab Center, please call Roxanne Jacobs, Director of Development, at 561-965-8500 or e-mail rjacobs@pbhab.com.

ATLANTIS CITY COUNCIL NEWS:

The Council meeting was called to order on November 19, 2008, at 7:30 PM.

Mandated by State Law, Ordinance No. 407—an Ordinance Adopting An Amendment to the City’s Comprehensive Development Plan, passed 5-0 upon second and final reading. This gives us a ten year water supply plan. It was also noted that water and sewer bills can now also be paid by Visa or Mastercard on line. Cash or check is still the preferred method of payment, as it costs the city a percentage fee for processing credit cards.

Resolution No. 08-27—A Resolution Authorizing the Mayor to sign a Nuisance Animal Control Agreement with Grizzly’s, passed 5-0. Either party can terminate this agreement by giving a 30-day notice.

Miscellaneous Business: Mr. Dennis Kanai of 537 N. Country Club Drive was appointed by Council to the Police Pension Board. Congratulations and much success Dennis!

The Mayor thanked Treasurer Michael Dahlgren and City Manager Mo Thornton and staff for all of their hard work on the City’s financials as the year comes to a close.

It was noted by Council to please remember our dedicated City workers and Police by giving a contribution to the Atlantis Holiday Fund, Without them, our beautiful and tranquil municipality could not exist.

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

POLICE DEPARTMENT NEWS BY CHIEF ROBERT MANGOLD

Holiday Safety: The police department wants to remind everyone that this is the season for crimes of opportunity, such as purse snatching, car burglaries, etc. Citizens need to exercise extra care when shopping and carrying armloads of packages to parked cars:

- be observant of others in your immediate vicinity
- do not shop alone
- avoid carrying large sums of money
- lock your vehicle when you park it
- do not leave valuables in plain sight in unoccupied vehicles
- be prepared to enter your vehicle without having to rummage for your car keys
- when traveling always keep your doors locked

THE ATLANTIS POLICE DEPARTMENT WISHES OUR RESIDENTS A HAPPY AND SAFE HOLIDAY SEASON!

Pedestrian/Cyclist Safety: Due to changing to Eastern Standard Time and the onset of the winter season, it has been getting dark much earlier in the evening. The police department strongly encourages joggers, bicyclists, and all other pedestrians to carry or wear illuminating devices and reflective clothing that will help to ensure your visibility to motorists.

**TRAFFIC ENFORCEMENT
NOVEMBER, 2008**

Total Enforcement:	332	Total Parking:	1
Citations:	322	Citations:	1
Written Warnings:	10	Written Warning:	0

**CRIME STATISTICS
OCTOBER, 2008**

	<u>Major</u>	<u>Residential</u>	<u>Commercial</u>
Burglary (Structure & Vehicle)	1 (Attempted)		1
Theft (Grand & Petit)			2
Robbery			1

Thank you, Atlantis!

We'd like to acknowledge those residents and business associates who have made contributions to our 50th birthday celebration...either by sponsoring the day's events on April 4, or by placing a congratulatory message in the "Memory Book." We'll keep this list cumulative, so we can see how our contribution list is growing! See page 5-6 to see how you can add your name to this list...Thank you!

Edward and Adele Nabhan
Manuel Fernandez and Family
Timothy Danaher and Family
Timothy Danaher, in memory of Helen Mathewson
Dan and Marion Holefca
Colie and Nancy Hogan
Goldberg Family
Dr. Clark and Mimi Ford
David, Logan and Tyler Kintz
Phyllis and Dan Stedem
The Erickson Family
Patricia and Vaughn Prunier, in memory of Fay and Jack Sheils
Charlane Macon and Susan Macon Seigle, in memory of Glen Macon
Hal Osborne, in memory of Lois Jean Reid Osborne
Pat and Ray Matulis
Katie Vath and Otto Simonis
Varady Family
Richard and Joan Brown
Audrey and Ed Halperin
Fred Furtado, Cynthia Furtado, David Furtado, Marla Ribeiro
in memory of Lynne and daughter Virginia Furtado
Yorktowne Villas Association
Bill Benton
Barry Kearns
Abby Lohman
Glenn Pierce
Doug Cameron
Peter Ellis
Martin, Patricia, Tracy & Pat Thorne in memory of Roscoe M. Thorne, MD
Jim & Pat Simon
Tom, Kellie, Caitlin & Megan Kintz in memory of Dan & Irene Murray
Thomas (Tom), Kellie, Caitlin & Megan Kintz

ATLANTIS IS TURNING 50 IN 2009!

Here's how you can get in the spirit...

Send in some photos and stories for our commemorative book and DVD. You can e-mail them to Atlantis50th@atlantisfl.gov, or bring them down to City Hall. Please put your name, address and phone number on the back of the photos; we'll make sure you get them back.

Mark your calendar for April 4---we're having a parade, buffet dinner and games for the kids, capped off with fireworks after dark. The only cost to our residents for all these events is \$5 per person---we'll be selling wristbands as "entry tickets" early in the new year.

Think about being a sponsor for our events. All contributions are tax-deductible, and we're asking Atlantis-based businesses to be sponsors, too. Keep in mind that sponsorships can be shared among individuals or groups. Examples of sponsorships are listed below; contact Mo Thornton at City Hall 965-1744 for more details.

Gold sponsor (\$25,000)—banner display in parade, logo on all written materials, 2-page ad in commemorative book

Silver sponsor (\$15,000)—banner display in parade, logo on all written materials, 1-page ad in commemorative book

Bronze sponsor (\$10,000)—JFK Medical Center is sponsoring t-shirts

Tables and chairs for picnic -- \$7500

Children's games -- \$5000

Sound and stage -- \$2500

Commemorative bag -- \$2500

Trolley -- \$2500

Commemorative pin -- \$1500

Marching band-- \$1500

License plates: \$1500

Put a congratulatory ad in the commemorative book. See Page 6 for suggested formats and submission form. We've gotten quite a few ads from our residents, but we invite groups to participate, too! Are you a member of a golf group? Bridge club? Tennis team? Think about putting an ad together for the group.

50th Anniversary Booklet

Choose a size and format (see examples on left) or make up your own message, and return this form with your check (payable to City of Atlantis) to Mo Thornton, 260 Orange Tree Drive, Atlantis, FL 33462.

Select a size:

full-page ad (\$100) 1/2-page ad (\$50)

1/4-page ad (\$25)

Select a format: _____

Please use this message instead:

How you want your name(s) to be printed? _____

Name and address:

Phone number: _____



Atlantis, Paradise Found
1959-2009

**The Fernandez Family
Congratulates**

**The City of Atlantis
On 50 Successful
Years**

**Manny, Diana, Nick,
Andre and Danielle
Fernandez**

Format #1

Your Name Here

*Congratulations to the City
of Atlantis on 50 Years*

Format #2

*Best Wishes to the
City of Atlantis*

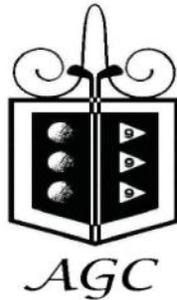
*50 years and going
strong*

*David, Logan and
Tyler Kintz*

Format #3

*Vicki and Clayton Rauthord
Congratulate the City of
Atlantis on 50 years of
greatness.*

Format #4



MERRY CHRISTMAS & HAPPY HOLIDAYS FROM ALL OF US AT ATLANTIS GOLF CLUB

There has never been a better time to join The Private Club in the City of Atlantis. Please contact Teke Carson, our Membership Director, for details on our just announced special promotion that Atlantis Residents can take advantage of.

We offer 27 Holes, Full Practice Facilities, a No Tee Time Policy, a Full Social Calendar with Exceptional Dining.

AGC - It's not just golf, it's a private country club lifestyle!

Teke Carson
Membership Director
966.7602 / atlantisgolf.org

Red Cross Recognizes Dan Queener, of Atlantis, for Service in Hurricane Aftermath

Dan Queener of Atlantis was commended by the Greater Palm Beach Area Chapter of the American Red Cross alongside 12 other local residents during a ceremony held for volunteers who traveled to Louisiana and Texas to assist with relief efforts for Hurricanes Gustav and Ike. Chapter CEO Larry Casey arranged the program to emphasize the significance of volunteerism. Casey thanked these selfless volunteers acknowledging they are the organization's "lifeline." The volunteers were each given a certificate and pinned in front of local dignitaries, Red Cross staff, family, friends and media.

Dan Queener responded to disaster relief assignment for Hurricane Ike. While deployed, he was able to reunite with Bulk Distribution Leader Joe Mash, a volunteer who he had previously worked with. He also got in touch with his high school sweetheart who now lives in Houston. Of the challenge, Dan said he was "impressed with everyone's cooperation under duress." He was also pleased with the youths of AmeriCorps who he called "intelligent and industrious." Dan Queener is a retired physician who joined the Red Cross before Hurricane Wilma. Hurricane Ike was his third deployment.

Altogether, the American Red Cross has opened 830 shelters/evacuation centers in hurricane-ravaged regions in the Gulf. Nearly 21,000 Red Cross volunteers have served approximately 15 million meals and snacks, so far. The volunteers have distributed thousands of clean-up and comfort kits in the area. Each volunteer representing the Greater Palm Beach Area Chapter shared an important part in this enormous disaster response, reaching beyond the scope of our local community and into towns where Red Cross clients were appreciative of the aid.

Decals and Directories...and License Plates!

It's that time of year...we'll be distributing auto decals and the new *City Directory* starting on January 2, 2009. But this year's a bit different—we're celebrating our city's 50th Anniversary, and we've purchased commemorative license plates in honor of the occasion! We'll have them available for purchase (\$5) during "decal and directory days," so we can get in the spirit early in the year.

And when you come down to City Hall to pick up your decals and directory, that would be a good time to drop off any photos, stories and congratulatory ads (see page 5) you want included in our 50th anniversary "Memory Book." Thanks!

City directories and 2009 decals for your vehicles will be available at City Hall (In Council Chambers) on January 2, January 5-9, January 12-16 and January 19-23 from 8:30am-4:30pm. Before 8:30am and after 4:30pm they will be available in the Police Department. To obtain a decal, you will need your current registration for each vehicle. Also, please be courteous to the residents who are distributing the directories and decals—they have volunteered their time to help you and make things as easy as possible. After January 23rd, the decals and directories will be available in the Police Department 24/7. Please be patient with the dispatchers, they are doing their best.

WELCOME NEW RESIDENTS:

Donald & Sandra Michonski,
645 Atlantis Estates Way

Deaths:

Virginia Ashworth, 249 Sudbury Drive
Terri Barnes, Woodland Circle
John Bolognini, 441 N. Country Club Drive
Richard E. Mollinario, 340 Orange Tree Drive, #3
Arthur D. Conlan, 204 N. Country Club Drive

Ficus Whitefly Update from Mike Dahlgren

As I look around our beautiful City it is disturbing that so many of our Ficus are beginning to succumb to the Whitefly. The experts are still observing and recommendations are beginning to change.

The first change seems to be that spraying has not been successful. I believe it is because the prime habitat of the insect is on the lower side of the leaf making contact by spraying very difficult. Using systemic sprays is apparently not as effective as soil applying insecticides. This latter method allows greater concentrations of the chemical to enter the plant and achieve longer-term control. Many treatments to date have involved applying a granular insecticide to the soil around the plants. The chemical then enters the roots and moves up through the plant to the leaves. Many applications I have observed have not been very effective. I suspect this is due to not enough water being applied to the soil where the granules were applied to thoroughly "dissolve" the chemical. With two times per week watering, and being extremely dry, it seems results may have been less than expected.

There are not any new options for homeowner applications. I doubt there will be any additional methods approved in time to help. Current recommendations are for the preparation of a slurry to drench the soil with imidacloprid. This is probably best done by a commercial applicator as they have a wider availability of chemicals. If you do decide to attempt this yourself be sure to apply at the labeled rate and use plenty of water for granular materials. Remember not to spray and drench with the same ingredient as resistance will occur.

I am going to attempt to start posting information on the Web Site. I have to work out the details with City Management, but I think this would be the best way to update information as it becomes available. Additionally, I will list some alternatives that might be used should one choose to replace their Ficus.

Lastly a quick reply to those that have questioned the use of Imidacloprid. Yes, it is the chemical that the beekeepers are suspecting is causing "rapid colony collapse". I believe it is safe on Ficus when used as a soil application. Ficus don't have any bee attracting properties so there should be no problem from contaminated nectar and pollen.

Good luck

FOR YOUR INFORMATION ...

- **THERE WILL BE NO GARBAGE OR RECYCLING PICKUP ON THURSDAY, DECEMBER 25th. THE NEXT GARBAGE DAY WILL BE MONDAY, DECEMBER 29th AND THE NEXT RECYCLE DAY WILL BE THURSDAY, JANUARY 1ST.**
- **Now that the holiday season is here, please be considerate of your neighbors when having holiday parties. Do not park on their lawn, or block their driveway. This way everyone will have a happy holiday season.**
- **As you hold your Homeowner Association meetings, please provide City Hall with a list of the officers, even if they are the same as last year. We still need a 2009 list. This information is very important to City Hall and our residents. Thank you for your cooperation.**
- **NEW SPLASH PAD HOURS: MONDAY—THURSDAY 11 AM—4 PM
FRIDAY, SATURDAY, SUNDAY 11 AM—5:30 PM**

THE LITERARY SOCIETY

Of the 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 generally add to our enjoyment of Atlantis living. The cost is \$5.

Call Pat at 561-966-7600.

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CHILDREN AND ADULTS

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CALL: JEWEL LITTENBERG 964-1683

PAINTING CLASSES

WEDNESDAY 1-4 PM— **RESUME JAN. 7th**

FOR INFORMATION CONTACT:

JOAN TIBERI 561-547-5123

**GREAT BOOKS CLUB STARTS
DECEMBER 12 AT 2 PM IN
COUNCIL CHAMBERS
ALL ARE WELCOME**

FOR INFORMATION CALL:

SIMMA SULZER AT 561-968-7399 OR
DR. BENNETT MILLER 561-968-2675.

AFTER SCHOOL TENNIS

Thursday 5-6PM Ages 5-8
Thursday 6-7PM Age 7 & up

FOR INFORMATION CALL:

SHERWIN ANDERSON 561-588-4557

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(except in Feb 2009, 2nd & 4th)

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561-271-8967 EMAIL: CLVERT@AOL.COM

Look for information on a Basketball League later in the school year. If interested call Sherwin Anderson at 561-588-4557 or email him at: mr10s@bellsouth.net



NO POSTAGE, NO LATE CHARGES, NO CHECK TO WRITE

AUTOMATIC BILL PAYMENT

You may sign up for this service at any time. The following should answer questions concerning this service:

- Q. How do I sign up? A. Complete the authorization form and include a copy of a voided check.
- Q. How will my bill be paid? A. On the 5th of the month following the bill date your account will be debited for the amount of the bill. When you have signed up for the service, we will send a letter confirming receipt of your application. After that, don't send a check to pay the bill. It will be taken care of through the bank.
- Q. Do I have to bank at a certain place? 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 U.S. FUNDS.
- Q. Do I have to pay my bill this way? A. No, this is a voluntary program.

Detach and return with a voided check.

SIGN UP FOR AUTOMATIC BILL PAYMENT

Please complete and return this form:

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 if at any time I decide to discontinue this payment service, I will notify the City of Atlantis Utility.

CUSTOMER INFORMATION:

Customer Name (As shown on bill) _____

Service Address _____

Signature _____

Date _____ Daytime Telephone _____

REQUIRED BANKING INFORMATION:

Financial Institution _____

Type of Account: _____ Checking _____ Savings _____

Account Number _____

Please enclose a voided check.



Stop in and relax after a busy day of shopping.

Have a bite to eat or a cocktail.

Lunch

Tuesday – Friday

11:30 AM – 2:00 PM

Sunday

11:30 AM – 2:00 PM

Dinner

Tuesday – Saturday

5:00 PM – 9:00 PM

Sunday

5:00 PM – 8:00 PM

Christmas Eve Dinner

Wednesday, December 24, 2008

5 to 7 PM

New Years Eve

Wednesday, December 31, 2008

6:00 PM – MIDNIGHT

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WWW.ATLANTISDINE.COM

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