



The City News

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City of Atlantis
260 Orange Tree Drive
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May 2020

THE MAYOR'S CORNER

Dear Residents,

As we enter May, we find that Governor DeSantis and Palm Beach County have issued statements introducing reduced restrictions related to Covid 19. Please look to the City's website for updates on how these policy changes are allowing the partial re-opening of Sunset and Kintz parks. It is certainly good news that our two golf courses are now able to resume responsible service and provide both residents and guests an outlet from isolation.

I thank City Manager Brian Moree for his continuing effort to stay informed on local and regional topics related to helping our City function during the pandemic. Brian participates in daily phone conferences and is well versed in the policies and procedures implemented by other communities and how they may or may not be applicable to ours. City staff remains nimble and quickly responds to the changing conditions.

Further to the City's website, under the heading "News Flash" you will find that South Florida Water Management District (SFWMD) has issued Landscape Irrigation Guidelines. These stricter guidelines are implemented to provide water conservation during South Florida's dry season. As many of you realized in recent months, rainfall amounts are down and our lawns began turning brown. Many of us look to increase the use of our sprinkler systems to bring back the green. However, this works against the need to limit groundwater withdrawals. Groundwater levels during the late dry season typically fall. This is reflected by our lake levels dropping and exposing unsodded banks. SFWMD wants to ensure that the groundwater table does not drop too low and create potential for saltwater intrusion. Accordingly, we must limit sprinkler water volumes, run our systems only between the hours of 7 pm and 7 am, and in compliance with

the guidelines. Should rainfall not return to average amounts, additional restrictions may be implemented by SFWMD. Tougher restrictions have been implemented in Lee County.

Last month I introduced the switchover to a new garbage collection vendor, Waste Pro Systems. Not surprisingly, there has been a learning curve for Waste Pro and many homes have not received consistent or complete collection of household garbage and recycling. I too have been frustrated with having my recycling missed 3 out of 5 times. If your collection has been missed, please call City Hall or go to the City's website (Big Red Button on homepage) to report this and have your name/address placed on the supplementary pick-up list. I can report that Waste Pro has slowly improved and the number of missed collections in the residential area has dropped steadily from 91 the first week, 60 the second, 45 the third, 16 the fourth, and 9 this week. I hope the downward trend continues. Please know that the contract we have with Waste Pro requires no more than 5 "misses" before a penalty is assessed. We have been working under a grace period but it appears it is time to enforce the contract. There is no reason that collection of garbage at anyone's residence or business is missed. Also, keep a lookout in May for information related to our ordinances and establishment of a screened area to hide your cans and bins. Cans and bins should not be seen from the road. Some homes may have to install landscaping or the equivalent. We hope to have full compliance by end-of-year. We will further discuss garbage matters at our next council meeting, scheduled for May 20.

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Regular Council Meeting
May, 2020
7:00 p.m.



May 25th

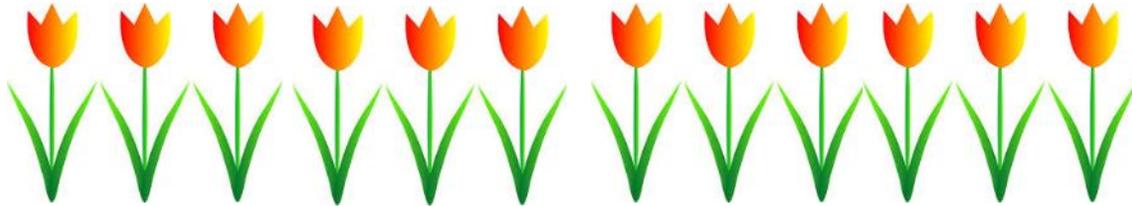
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Mayor's Corner, continued

Speaking of Council Meetings, the meeting scheduled for April 15 was cancelled. I recommended this to Council and staff since we were in the throes of dealing with the pandemic and understanding social distancing. Additionally, the City Manager and I agreed that nothing on the agenda was of pressing time importance. This month the City is considering an online meeting with Councilors participating remotely. Should we move forward with this option, a "practice" meeting may be necessary. A "practice" meeting is required to be available to the public. Please stay tuned for news about this.

Mayor Michael LaCoursiere

**CITY MANAGER NOTES****Keep moving forward...**

The future looks better this month. The positive virus case numbers continue to trend down, and the hospitals have not been overrun, but it may be much longer before 'normal' is normal. Despite the stay at home orders and necessary precautions, time keeps moving forward.

As much as it pains me to bring it up, June 1st and the start of hurricane season is approaching. The forecast for this season is for 'above normal'. I cannot emphasize enough that we should all make our preparedness plans early this year. Make critical decisions regarding where and when you may evacuate, if needed. Trim trees and landscape during May. If you have been postponing roof repairs, storm shutters, or impact windows, our building department is functioning and permitting work. Check both your hurricane recovery and virus prevention supplies and stock up now, before the shelves are empty.

The City has a new website. Over the coming weeks we will continue to update and fine tune our information. Some new features include a dedicated latest news section, a button to report a trash collection issue, and a button to access city documents. You can also check the City Facebook page for local happenings and news.

The City is celebrating this year's graduating classes of high school seniors and college grads. The time-honored traditions leading up to graduation have been denied the Class of 2020. While we cannot make up for their loss, we can celebrate their accomplishment. The City will showcase our 2020 graduates on our website and social media platforms. To participate, please complete the City's 2020 graduate form on our website: 'Class of 2020' under 'Community' and send us your student's senior picture to include.

Stay safe and stay positive.

Brian Moree, City Manager

POLICE DEPARTMENT NEWS

Chief Robert G. Mangold

Community Safety through Community Awareness and Involvement:

Hurricane Season: As we have advised in the past several years, federal, state, and county emergency management officials are emphasizing to all citizens that plan to remain in their homes in the event of a hurricane, to be prepared to be **self-sufficient** for a minimum of five to seven days; this includes water, food, and medical supplies. The rationale behind this position is based on the lessons learned from previous natural disasters. Federal, state, and local governments have discovered that they are not able to marshal their resources any faster than this. In addition, depending on the severity of the disaster, or the number of disasters requiring emergency response, assistance may not be forthcoming before five to seven days due to an overtaxed emergency response system. Finally, citizens should not rely totally on their government to provide for their safety but need to accept a modicum of responsibility for their own welfare. Unfortunately, this year the danger presented by potential hurricanes is multiplied due to the ongoing pandemic, therefore even more reason to be prepared to be self-reliant.

The police department will compile a list of those residents with special needs (medical problems, etc.), that will be staying in Atlantis throughout the hurricane season. The department wants to determine what services our residents with special needs may require in the event of a hurricane and based on those needs we may find it necessary to recommend evacuation to individuals that may be at risk if they shelter in place. Please contact Megan Legall at 965-1700 to provide us with your information.

For hurricane preparation information please go to the Red Cross website at www.redcross.org/get-help/how-to-prepare-for-emergencies. and review the links dedicated to disaster preparedness. These links provide all the information necessary to plan for any type of natural or manmade disaster whether in your home, school, work, or community. Another excellent website is www.floridadisaster.org.



CRIME STATISTICS

March 2020

Major Crimes

Residential

Commercial

Battery / Assault	0	3
Burglary (Structures/Vehicles)	0	2
Theft (Grand & Petit)	0	3
Vehicle Theft	0	0
Robbery	0	0

Residential Crime Location(s): None

TRAFFIC ENFORCEMENT

March 2020

Total Enforcement	79
Traffic Citations	67
Written Warnings	12
Parking Citations	0



CODE COMPLIANCE NEWS

Code Officer William J. Amason

Hope this newsletter finds all healthy, safe, and following guidelines suggested by the CDC as we all navigate this Coronavirus pandemic.

Because of the Palm Beach County Solid Waste request to refrain from tree trimming and producing large accumulations of vegetative waste during the month of April it is anticipated that May will be opened up for preparation for the upcoming hurricane season with lots of waste developed. Please prepare for your trimmings in the hopes all is completed by June or July at the latest.

With the social distancing and stay at home request prevalent what better time to get out and do the yard-work, Landscaping, sprinkler repair, spreading of fertilizer, and in some case weed killers to bring yards into compliance with City Code. Some yards have been needing attention for a long time. The following Code addresses the before mentioned.

Sec. 4-61. - Maintenance and appearance standards for all structures.

Exterior of structures free from stains and show no evidence of deterioration, weathering, discoloration, etc.

Yards must be sodded in accordance with chapter 8.5 of the City Code, and mowed on a regular basis to provide a healthy, neat, manicured appearance at all times.

Yards may contain areas not intended for sod such as play areas, gardens, flower beds, driveways, walks, etc. All such areas shall be clearly defined and must be landscaped in accordance with chapter 8.5 of the City Code and maintained free of weeds and other uncultivated growth so that they provide a healthy, neat, manicured appearance at all times.

All yards (both vegetative and non-vegetative areas) shall be maintained so as to present a healthy, neat, and orderly appearance at all times. Debris and refuse shall be removed from all yard areas immediately.

Dead or substantially dead vegetative material (including trees or individual tree branches, shrubs, hedges, vines or other vegetative material) is hereby declared to be a public nuisance, and must be removed and/or replaced within 30 days.

Roofs and Driveways fall into this category and are a constant issue that is addressed in the Code Officer travels.

Sadly, Garbage, Recycle, and Vegetative waste concerns continue to be an area in which many residents are not complying. **Time is nearing where stricter enforcement of this Code will be required.**

Do's

- Screen garbage and recycle containers from public view.
- Put vegetative waste out on Sunday after 12 noon.
- Put bulk waste out after 5 p.m.

Don'ts

- Put containers curbside
- Allow lawn care companies to leave vegetative waste they make. You are responsible. In the future it may not be picked up and you could be charged.

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The City understands that all residents are more concerned with the Coronavirus Pandemic and hopefully are practicing Social Distancing and Proper Hygiene as suggested by the Center for Disease Control (CDC).

Extensions for completing these corrections will be granted base on if and when this crisis is determined to be over by the CDC. Some residents in the City make plans to travel elsewhere for the summer months. If you have been notified of a concern please make plans to have the correction made in your absence. This in the long run is for the benefit of your community and the aesthetic beauty of the City of Atlantis as a whole.

Please contact:

City of Atlantis Code Department

561-965-1744 ext. 119/561-822-6005 cell

C/O Bill Amason

wamason@atlantisfl.gov

CITY COUNCIL CONTACT INFORMATION

Mayor Michael LaCoursiere	561-822-6210	mlacoursiere@atlantisfl.gov
Vice Mayor Allan Kaulbach	561-822-6240	akaulbach@atlantisfl.gov
Councilor Keller Lanahan	561-822-6737	klanahan@atlantisfl.gov
Councilor Guy Motzer	561-822-6496	gmotzer@atlantisfl.gov
Councilor Peter Shapiro	561-822-6188	pshapiro@atlantisfl.gov

LIST OF PUBLIC OFFICIALS

Rep. Lois Frankel - 561-998-9045

United States Senator Marco Rubio – 561-775-3360

United States Senator Rick Scott – 561-514-0189

Senator Lori Berman – 561-374-7870

State Representative Joe Casello – 561-292-6015



The City of Atlantis has been closely monitoring the rapidly evolving COVID-19 situation, especially as it impacts the well-being of our residents and employees. **With that being said, we**

have decided to close City Hall for walk-in business. We have made arrangements for our employees to be able to serve you while adopting social distancing practices. We are committed to maintaining high levels of service and being responsive, and will do whatever is necessary to continue to conduct business.

Please contact us by phone and/or email:

City Hall: 561-965-1744, extensions below

Police Department: 561-965-1700

CITY MANAGER

Brian Moree ext 110 bmoree@atlantisfl.gov

BUILDING DEPARTMENT

Daisy Garcia-DeLuca ext 112 dgarcia@atlantisfl.gov

Any business regarding the building department please contact Daisy for instruction.

UTILITY DEPARTMENT

Lynne Carranza ext 117 lcarranza@atlantisfl.gov

Leave envelope in payment drop box behind the building.

NO CASH PAYMENTS. Checks, debit/ credit cards or money orders will be accepted.

Please call for all other utility needs.

CITY CLERK

Kristen Puhalainen ext 115 kpuhalainen@atlantisfl.gov

FINANCE DEPARTMENT

Kathleen Lee ext 120 klee@atlantisfl.gov

COVID-19 INFORMATION

Provided by Palm Beach County

What are the symptoms of COVID-19?

The most common symptoms of COVID-19 are fever, tiredness, and dry cough. Some patients may have aches and pains, nasal congestion, runny nose, sore throat or diarrhea. These symptoms are usually mild and begin gradually. Some people become infected but don't develop any symptoms and don't feel unwell. Most people (about 80%) recover from the disease without needing special treatment. Around 1 out of every 6 people who get COVID-19 becomes seriously ill and develops difficulty breathing. Older people, and those with underlying medical problems like high blood pressure, heart problems or diabetes, are more likely to develop serious illness. People with fever, cough and difficulty breathing should seek medical attention.

How does COVID-19 spread?

People can catch COVID-19 from others who have the virus. The disease can spread from person to person through small droplets from the nose or mouth which are spread when a person with COVID-19 coughs or exhales. These droplets land on objects and surfaces around the person. Other people then catch COVID-19 by touching these objects or surfaces, then touching their eyes, nose or mouth. People can also catch COVID-19 if they breathe in droplets from a person with COVID-19 who coughs out or exhales droplets. This is why it is important to stay more than 1 meter (3 feet) away from a person who is sick.

[World Health Organization](#) is assessing ongoing research on the ways COVID-19 is spread and will continue to share updated findings.

What You Should Do

- **Stay Informed** CDC is updating its website daily with the latest information and advice for the public. (www.cdc.gov/ncov)
- **Remember To Take Everyday Preventive Actions** to prevent the spread of respiratory viruses
- **Respiratory Protection** The CDC recommends that people wear cloth face coverings in public settings where other social distancing measures are difficult to maintain (e.g., grocery stores and pharmacies), especially in areas of significant community-based transmission.
- **If You Feel Sick** with fever, cough, or difficulty breathing, and have traveled to China or were in close contact with someone with 2019-nCoV in the 14 days before you began to feel sick, seek medical care. Before you go to a doctor's office or emergency room, call ahead and tell them about your recent travel and your symptoms.

TESTING SITES

FITTEAM Ballpark of the Palm Beaches 5444 Haverhill Road, West Palm Beach 561-642-1000

South County Civic Center 16700 Jog Road, Delray Beach 561-804-0250

C.L. Brumback Primary Care Clinics 1150 45th St. West Palm Beach 561-642-1000

Indian Town 411 W. Indiantown Rd., Jupiter 561-642-1000

Lakeside Medical Center 39200 Hooker Highway, Belle Glade 561-642-1000



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Plus tax 7%

Unlimited Carts

email: membership@lostcitygolf.com for an application



“We Are In This Together”

Lost City Golf Club is pleased to announce that we are now offering

Take-out service to the residents of Atlantis

Please place your order at 561-966-7606

from 11:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m.

Curbside pickup between 3:00 p.m. - 7:00 p.m.

We encourage you to order early.

Payment required over the phone when order is placed.

(delivery for medical circumstances only)

Daily menu is posted on our website at: www.lostcitygolf.com

Under the Dining & Social Section

Hurricane Preparedness Guide

This hurricane guide has been designed to provide you and your family important hurricane protection and safety information. Please keep this guide as a reference.

Now that the hurricane season is here, it is important to be as prepared as possible. Here are some helpful tips:

- Put important documents and phone numbers in a waterproof container.
- All trees and shrubs should be trimmed by now – do not do any trimming before a hurricane is about to come.
- Monitor the tropics: tune into local television and radio stations; heed the advice of local authorities; evacuate if ordered. Do not return until it is safe to do so.
- Remove lawn furniture, pots, plants or any other outside items that could be potential projectiles.
- If a storm watch has been issued, do not place yard waste, recycling, or garbage at the curb. Please be patient until normal collection resumes.
- You can get helpful information regarding power outages, etc. by going online at FPL.com. To report a hazardous condition or power outage, please call 1-800-4OUTAGE (1-800-468-8243).

If you haven't already prepared a hurricane emergency supply kit, do so now. Remember to include such items as:

- Three gallons of water per person
- Canned & ready-to-eat food, fruits, crackers, etc. and foods that do not require cooking
- Manual can opener
- First aid kit, prescription and non-prescription drugs
- Matches in a waterproof container
- Paper cups, plates, and plastic utensils; foil, plastic wrap & plastic garbage bags and personal hygiene items such as soap, toothpaste and toothbrush, toilet paper, etc.
- Liquid bleach to treat drinking water
- Cash – ATM's may not be operating after a storm

DO NOT RUN PORTABLE GENERATORS INSIDE YOUR HOME OR GARAGE

Here is a list of local phone numbers to further assist you:

- **EMERGENCY 9-1-1**
- **ATLANTIS POLICE 965-1700**
- **CITY HALL 965-1744**
- **UTILITIES DEPARTMENT 965-1744**
- **511– provides traffic information– road conditions and construction updates 24 hours**

Here is a list of websites that may also assist you:

- **FEMA- WWW.FEMA.GOV**
- **STATE– WWW.FLORIDADISASTER.ORG (SERT HOME PAGE)**
- **COUNTY– WWW.PBCGOV.COM**
- **LOCAL-WWW.ATLANTISFL.GOV**

Help your neighbors if they are unable to prepare by themselves. Let us all band together and stay as safe as possible this season.



Community Activities



ALL AMERICAN TEAM TENNIS: Youth Team Tennis. Contact Coach Ken at 578-9914. Meets in Atlantis.

ART CLASSES: Water Media Wednesdays 1-4 p.m. Contact Maureen Cleary at 351-7748 or mcleary99@aol.com

DEMOCRATS OF ATLANTIS meets every 3 months in Atlantis. Contact Thais Villanueva 561-789-1209

GREAT BOOKS CLUB Returns in the Fall. Contact Cathy Toppin 561-964-2508

GUITAR LESSONS: All styles, all ages welcome. Contact Diane Levine at 561-267-7921.

HABITAT FOR HUMANITY Get involved: Donate to 561-253-2290, volunteer at www.habitatpbc.org

JEWELRY CLASS: Tuesdays & Fridays 7-9 pm. Contact Marie Claude Green at 736-5609, 271-8967 or clvert@aol.com

LANTANA ROAD BRANCH LIBRARY : Offering book and film discussions groups. Contact Susan Kelly at 304-4500.

LITERARY SOCIETY: The Atlantis Literary Society supports the Library in Lantana by collecting donated books. Contact Martha at 617-947-2713.

OIL & ACRYLIC PAINTING Contact Nancy Tilles 561.889.1010 or email ntilles@comcast.net

REPUBLICAN CLUB OF CENTRAL PBC: Meets the first Thursday of each month at 6:15 p.m. at the Atlantis Country Club. Contact George Blumel at 561-543-4971.

THE ROTARY CLUB OF LAKE WORTH : Meets Wednesdays at noon for lunch for fellowship and guest speakers. Contact Peggy Vrane 868-5807 Richard Beiter 965-4282 or Ron Leeds 969-9600.

TENNIS CLASSES: Contact Coach Sherwin Anderson USPTA PRO at 561-588-4557.

TUTORING: AP History interactive sessions. AP US History teacher in PBC, 85% passing rate. Contact Corey Musser, 561-908-4810 or cmusser06@gmail.com

YOGA BY JOAN Kintz Park Recreation Building, Sun., Tues. & Thurs. Contact Joan: 561-767-6339 joaniefla@hotmail.com

WELCOME NEW RESIDENTS

Carl & Karen Brinkhoff
Douglas Hutchison
Teresa Licamara
Alessandra Perry
Taylor Smith
Timothy Sullivan
Daniel Vignets

OUR CONDOLENCES ON THE DEATHS OF:

Vicki Baker
Rose Goldner



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IMPORTANT TELEPHONE NUMBERS:

- EMERGENCY (Fire, Police, Ambulance) [911](tel:911)**
- Police / Fire (Non Emergency) 561-965-1700**
- J F K Medical Center 561-965-7300**
- Atlantis City Hall 561-965-1744**
- Building Department 561-965-1744 x112**
- Police (Administration) 561-965-1711**
- Utilities Department 561-965-1744 x117**
- Garbage Collection 561-965-1744 x112**
- Atlantis Country Club 561-965-7700**
- Lost City Golf Club 561-966-7600**

KINTZ PARK SPLASH PAD HOURS:

- Monday through Thursday 11 am to 6 pm**
- Friday, Saturday, Sunday 11 am to 8 pm**
- During periods of heavy rain, the splash pad hours may be suspended.**
- * Kintz Park will be closed periodically for maintenance.**

GARBAGE INFORMATION:

BACKDOOR PICKUP

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

CURBSIDE PICKUP

- **MONDAY ONLY – YARD WASTE AND BULK ITEMS**

Please place all household garbage and recycling for collection [BEFORE 7:00 am](#) on the day of service. Bulk items may be placed at the curb after 5:00 pm on Sunday for Monday pickup. Vegetation may be placed at the curb after noon on Sunday 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.