



# The City News

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City of Atlantis  
260 Orange Tree Drive  
Atlantis, FL 33462

September 2020

## THE MAYOR'S CORNER

Dear Residents,

Well.... September has arrived. Hurricanes, high temperatures, and oppressive humidity are part of the yearly experience. It is the rainiest month of the year. Hang in there, better weather will come.

Speaking of rain, the City recently completed this year's program of street overlays despite continued rain delays in the JFK Circle area. If not in place already, all pavement markings will soon be complete. It is nice to ride on a newly placed road surface. The City Manager estimates that the current overlay will last about 10 years. When we complete the road paving cycle over the next two years, we will continue the efficient use of our 1% Infrastructure Tax monies to address other infrastructure issues.

As you know, we are finalizing the budget for the upcoming fiscal year. There has been a lot of interest in how we spend or do not spend our money. No matter how the budget is resolved, there is a way you can help the City secure future funding. Make sure you complete the U.S. Census form. It is easy. Go on-line to [2020census.gov](https://2020census.gov) and complete the application. It only takes a few minutes. Help our City receive its share of representation and tax dollars. At one point in April, the City of Atlantis ranked first in Florida in response rate. We have since dropped. As of this writing, the City of Atlantis is 46<sup>th</sup> of 415 cities (71.9% rate) and fourth of 39 cities in Palm Beach County. I would like to see us get as close to full participation as possible. Remind your neighbors and friends.

Speeding continues to be the most frequent complaint I receive from residents. The police department is actively working enforcement throughout the City. You may have seen the pole installed on Walton Heath Drive that posts east-bound speeds. Also, you have probably encountered the radar-on-trailer at various locations around town. Amazingly, collected data reveals that most speeders are our own residents!!! Failure to properly stop is another common violation. Again, by residents. I urge you to be more mindful of our whole community. Take the few extra seconds to make your way. I am working on it too. Great neighborhoods are safe neighborhoods.

As mentioned in previous editions of the Mayor's Corner, this is my continuing reminder about the changes to our garbage collection process. Most notably, I ask you to visit the City's website and familiarize yourself with the requirements for screening your household garbage and recycling. On collection days, keep your containers hidden and Waste Pro will find them. Please do not put containers where they can be seen from the roadway. Let us keep our streetscape free of visual pollution. If you are uncertain about screening requirements, please contact City Hall for clarification. Many homeowners will need to plant hedges or install approved screening to hide their containers. Please be reminded that screening for all single-family homes is to be in place by end-of-year.

**Mayor Michael LaCoursiere**

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1st Budget Hrg  
September 8  
7:00 pm

Code Workshop  
September 8  
After Hearing

2nd Budget Hrg  
September 16  
7:00 pm

Regular Council  
Meeting  
September 16



Update your  
directory /  
notification  
information:

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**GET IT FIRST!**

**Sign up for  
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**delivery of the  
City News**



**CITY NEWS**

The City of Atlantis Council Meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m. on August 19th.

The presentation of the City Audit Report was given. Atlantis was given a clean and highest report. The City Manager, Brian Moree, and staff were praised by the Auditors for helping the process with no obstruction or disagreements. Council approved the results of the Audit by a 5-0 vote.

Ordinance 455 passed 3-2 upon its Second Reading after a long discussion by Council and residents. This amends Chapter 11.6: Signs and Advertising.

Passing 5-0, Resolution 20-11 appoints members to the City’s Boards and Committees. Congratulations to all!

Also passing 5-0, Resolution 20-12 authorizes the Mayor, City Manager, and Chief of Police to sign a “Mutual Aid Agreement” for combined operational assistance and voluntary cooperation between Palm Beach County Law Enforcement member agencies. Our Atlantis Police Department is one of those members.

After a long discussion between Council and some attending residents, Council decided to hold a public Budget Workshop on Wednesday, September 2nd at 7:00 p.m. Many planned projects will have to be eliminated if Council changes their point of view. All are encouraged to attend in person, or by phone, or in writing.

William Mitchell



**Be a Poll Worker!**

The Palm Beach County Supervisor of Elections is seeking Poll Workers to serve the voters.

**Requirements:**

- ◆ Must be a registered or pre-registered voter
- ◆ Must be able to read, write, and speak English fluently
- ◆ Must attend a Poll Worker Orientation Session
- ◆ Must attend training prior to each election

**Serve your community! Get paid!**

[www.pbcelections.org](http://www.pbcelections.org)

## POLICE DEPARTMENT NEWS

Chief Robert G. Mangold

### Community Safety through Community Awareness and Involvement:

#### Crime Prevention Tip: Cyber Highlights Staying Safe on the Go: Mobile Device Safety

Downloading apps safely on your devices is a must. It is recommended that you review the features, permissions, and technical requirements of any new app before installing it on your device. Know what information the app will store about you, such as location, financial information, or personal contacts. Additionally, installing apps from official app stores is also vitally important, as these stores scan apps for malicious code and have stricter requirements for vendors. Downloading apps from third-party sites is risky and can expose you to apps that can adversely affect the operation of your device or have malicious code. In addition to doing your research before you download an app, maintaining the apps you already have is also key. Experts recommend that you keep mobile apps and your device's operating system up to date; that is the best defense against emerging online threats, viruses, malware, or any other malicious attacks. One of the best ways to combat cyber threats is to install antivirus software on all your mobile devices. Delete applications that you download for a specific purpose, such as when you are going on vacation and will only need it for a short period of time. It is also a good idea to go through the apps on your mobile devices every couple of months and delete any that you are no longer using. This not only frees up space on your device's hard drive but allows you to make sure you are not giving unwanted access to your personal information.

Mobile device safety is a necessity given all the personal information stored on your laptops, tablets, and smart phones. Mitigating theft of personal identifiable information or loss of money requires good mobile device safety habits and regular application (app) maintenance. In addition to being conscientious about what you access and do on your mobile device, below are some suggestions of good habits to keep in mind:

Avoid using public wireless networks (Wi-Fi) as much as possible as they are not secure and can open your device up to vulnerabilities. If you do need to access Wi-Fi, consider using a virtual private network (VPN) and remember to disconnect as soon as you are done.

- Disable the geo-tagging feature on your mobile device, which will turn off location and limit tracking through apps.
- Ensure that the passwords you use to access different apps are all unique, at least 15 characters in length, and include numbers, letters (upper and lower case), and special characters. It is also vitally important that you keep your passwords private.
- Encrypt sensitive data on your devices, when possible. By encrypting data, it stores sensitive data (such as financial information, emails, and contacts) in an unreadable form so they cannot be easily understood by bad actors. Set your device to lock when you are not using it. This will encrypt all the data on your device and require a user to input a code to access it.

Information courtesy of Florida Department of Law Enforcement (FDLE) and Florida Fusion Center (FFC)



# NEW TRASH RULES

In November, the City Council passed Ordinance 453 amending Code Chapters 8 and 15 addressing trash pick-up regulations. The Council considered that underground containers often can't be repaired or replaced, and amended the Code accordingly. These changes are currently in effect.

- Trash containers may be kept above ground, within the residential building, or outside, if properly screened from public view.
- All containers continue to be required to be watertight with tight fitted covers.
- Trash containers shall be accessible for collection from the backyard or side yard on the designated collection days, without the necessity of unlocking a door, fence, gate, or similar obstacle. Containers shall be screened from public view from the adjacent right-of-way or neighboring property.
- Vegetative waste may be placed at the curb at noon on Sunday for Monday pick-up. Bulk may be placed curbside at 5 p.m. Sunday for Monday pick-up, with the exception of the first Sunday of the month, when it may be placed curbside at noon. Otherwise, all such waste and trash shall be screened from public view from the right-of-way adjacent to the front yard.
- Recycling containers shall be placed by the underground containers or with the above ground containers in the back or side yard and properly screened from public view.
- Screening may consist of obstructed view behind the residence, screening material, or hedge.

## ELECTION INFORMATION

The deadline to register for the November 3rd General Election is October 5th. For registration and other questions contact the PBC Supervisor of Elections:

561-656-6200

[www.pbcelections.org](http://www.pbcelections.org)

### CRIME STATISTICS

July 2020

| <u>Major Crimes</u>            | <u>Residential</u> | <u>Commercial</u> |
|--------------------------------|--------------------|-------------------|
| Battery / Assault              | 1                  | 3                 |
| Burglary (Structures/Vehicles) | 0                  | 1                 |
| Theft (Grand & Petit)          | 1                  | 0                 |
| Vehicle Theft                  | 0                  | 0                 |
| Robbery                        | 0                  | 0                 |

### TRAFFIC ENFORCEMENT July 2020

|                   |    |
|-------------------|----|
| Total Enforcement | 60 |
| Traffic Citations | 35 |
| Written Warnings  | 14 |
| Parking Citations | 11 |





## Atlantis Country Club

[www.AtlantisCountryClub.com](http://www.AtlantisCountryClub.com)

190 Atlantis Blvd. • Atlantis, FL 33462 • Golf: 561.968.1300 • Dine: 561.965.5788

### Welcome Back to Golf at Atlantis Country Club

Atlantis Country Club is following guidelines established for the safety of both our employees and golfers.

Non-member tee-times can be booked up to 3 days in advance online at [AtlantisCountryClub.com](http://AtlantisCountryClub.com). The online tee-times are pre-paid tee-times.

**Call 561-968-1300 for information and tee times!**

### Snack Bar Now Open at Atlantis Country Club

In addition to the Golf Course, the Snack Bar is open for breakfast and lunch. Both take-out at the window and dining inside and on the outdoor patio (according to current guidelines) are available. Snack bar hours are 7:30 am to 4:30 pm. The popular regular menu items are available and beer, wine and spirits are also available.

Atlantis Country Club is open to the public since 1972.

Call 561-965-7700, extension 32  
for orders and information.



## CODE COMPLIANCE NEWS

SEPTEMBER 2020

Code Officer William J. Amason

Please continue to follow the CDC guidelines and remain safe as we enter the fall, political, and most active storm season of the year. The following are a few issues we need to bring to all citizens' attention. Excerpts from each Code Ordinance are as follows:

**Storm Panels;** Under no circumstances shall wood or metal panels be installed prior to June 1 nor shall they be allowed to remain in place after November 30 of any year, unless a tropical storm or hurricane "warning" or "watch" has been issued outside of such time frame, in which case the said panels are allowed but must be removed within two weeks of the end of the storm event. The use of **storm** panel systems or **shutter** systems while the building to which they are attached is occupied by any person must be pursuant to the issuance of a tropical **storm** or hurricane "warning" or "watch", the declaration of a state of emergency; or in compliance with all provisions of the Florida Fire Prevention Code and the Florida Life Safety Code relative to ingress, egress and escape requirements.

**Painting of Residence:** No building or other structure, including driveways, patios and pool decks, shall be painted (including the use of the same or a different color of exterior paint on the walls, roof or any other part of the structure or surface) without first obtaining an architectural approval from the city architectural committee (ARC).

**Political Signs:** Political signs shall be erected no more than 30 days

before a federal, state, county or municipal election and must be removed within 48 hours of the election day or political event for which they were placed.

Furthermore, regarding the Presidential candidate Flags in the community. The Courts have interpreted these flags are not a campaign flag/sign. While it promotes the specific candidate's brand, it was not approved or funded by the specific campaign. The flag was manufactured and marketed as a commercial item by vendors for profit. Vendors that are not affiliated with campaigns sell materials both supporting and disparaging the candidates. Presently, the City allows the appropriate display of flags supporting branches of military service, college and professional athletic teams, holidays, etc. The Presidential Candidate flags or garden flags where the resident declares their preferences is no different than those flags. If a person wanted to put up a Garden yard flag that says, "I love my German Shepherd", "I love my Garden", or "Proud Italian lives here," is allowed according to City of Atlantis Code with a maximum of three flags per property.

For your information the City of Atlantis Code which refers to Signs and Advertising can be accessed through the City of Atlantis Website, Chapter

11.6-10 subsection (4) specific to Flags.

**Dog Defecation** It shall be unlawful for any person possessing or maintaining a cat or dog to permit such animal to defecate upon private property not owned by said person or upon public property, including but not limited to sidewalks and swales, without removing said defecation. **IT IS SAD THAT THIS REMINDER HAS TO BE PROVIDED.**

**Seniors vs Crime:** Through recent training information was learned about resources specific to Crime Vs Seniors. This information is provided by the Florida Attorney General's Office which also provides speakers for presentations. Information is provided on IRS Fraud attempts, Credit Card Fraud, Contractor Fraud, unlicensed and unregistered handyman workers, and other popular scams where seniors are targeted. Information will be obtained to disseminate to the citizenry **ASAP**. Efforts will also be made, in coordination with the Police Department, to have a speaker from the State of Florida Attorney General's Office available (time period right) to pass on this valuable information. In the interim please visit <http://www.seniorsvscrime.com/> for brochures, articles, and online information.

**As always, please continue to follow these guidelines:**

**Do's**

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

**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.

The Code Compliance Officer is continuing to make an extra effort for personal contact, while practicing social distancing, with the responsible parties when violations have been observed, primarily for educational purposes, and to remind them of certain City of Atlantis codes they may not be familiar with.



# Community Activities



**ADULT TENNIS** Sunset Park, Mondays & Fridays from 9 to 11 a.m.

**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](http://www.habitatpbc.org)

**JEWELRY CLASS:** Tuesdays & Fridays 7-9 pm. Contact Marie Claude Green at 736-5609, 271-8967 or [clvert@aol.com](mailto: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](mailto: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. Best AP U.S. History passing rate in PBC. Contact Corey Musser, 561-908-4810 or [cmusser06@gmail.com](mailto:cmusser06@gmail.com)

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

## WELCOME NEW RESIDENTS

Sharon Buntin  
Michael & Sophie Falbo  
Luis & Thebis Franceschi  
Arina Parau  
Jonathan & Heather Woolf

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Instagram: <https://www.instagram.com/cityofatlantisfl>

Twitter: <https://twitter.com/cityofAtlantis2>

### Code Report Continued

Since the last Newsletter the following violations within the City have been identified:

**CODE STATISTICS: July 17<sup>th</sup>, thru August 24<sup>th</sup>, 2020.**

**Violations Identified**  
45

**Courtesy Notices**  
20

**In Compliance upon Request**  
33

**Pending**  
12

Mostly educational and reminder contacts

If you have any questions, complaints, or wish to offer suggestions please contact;  
City of Atlantis Code Department  
C/O Bill Amason  
[Wamason@atlantisfl.gov](mailto:Wamason@atlantisfl.gov) 561-965-1744/561-822-6005 Cell

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260 Orange Tree Drive  
Atlantis, FL 33462  
561-965-1744

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by Sandy Thompson (313-1060)

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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. Other containers must be screened.

**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.

# Atlantis Notification System and Directory Update

The City of Atlantis Emergency Contact software system enables emergency and other various city alerts to be sent via text, email and phone. This service is available to all residents who register. Please complete this form and return to the Police Department by mail, fax to 561-968-9443 or email to mlegal@atlantisfl.gov  
This information is also used to update the Directory entries of our residents.

**Submit only if there are changes to your information or preferences.**

*Note: Information supplied via this form is subject to public records law.*

Family Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Landline Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Include phone in Directory \_\_\_ Yes \_\_\_ No

*Please do not include me/us in the Directory at all \_\_\_\_\_*

## Residents/Phone numbers in the household requesting notifications:

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Email: \_\_\_\_\_ Email Alert \_\_\_\_\_

Cell : \_\_\_\_\_ Text Alert \_\_\_ / Phone call \_\_\_ / Include in Directory Yes \_\_\_ No \_\_\_

All Notifications \_\_\_\_\_ Emergency Notifications Only \_\_\_\_\_

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Email: \_\_\_\_\_ Email Alert \_\_\_\_\_

Cell : \_\_\_\_\_ Text Alert \_\_\_ / Phone call \_\_\_ / Include in Directory Yes \_\_\_ No \_\_\_

All Notifications \_\_\_\_\_ Emergency Notifications Only \_\_\_\_\_

If you would like an additional address **listed in the directory** please include below:

Out of State Address \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ Phone \_\_\_\_\_

**Emergency Contact:** \_\_\_\_\_ Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

The City of Atlantis has a Solicitation Ordinance. Would you like to allow solicitors to visit your home?  
YES \_\_\_\_\_ NO \_\_\_\_\_

I want to receive the City's newsletter: Y / N. Please send via USPS \_\_\_\_\_, or via email:

\_\_\_\_\_ @ \_\_\_\_\_ . \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ @ \_\_\_\_\_ . \_\_\_\_\_

I give my consent to the City of Atlantis to use this information to alert me of events through its notification system. I will notify the City of changes to this information, and I will not hold the City of Atlantis responsible if I fail to do so.

\_\_\_\_\_  
Signature

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date