



The City News

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City of Atlantis
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Atlantis, FL 33462

June 2021

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Dear Residents,

The City Council has unanimously appointed Mr. Derek Cooper to fill Seat 5 recently vacated by Peter Shapiro. Mr. Cooper was selected from a pool of four candidates that submitted letters-of-interest for the position. My fellow councilors and I recognized the excellence of all four and thank Stephen Johnson, Maggie Sarubbi, and Robert Sibulkin for their willingness to step forward and work for our community. Congratulations to all and welcome Derek!!

Seats remain open on the Board of Adjustment and Police Pension Board. If you have interest in serving the City on one of these Boards, please contact the City Clerk, Kristen Puhalainen, through City Hall at (561) 965-1744, extension 115. Please see City website for further information.

City Council has scheduled the first of our budget workshops as we move toward development and approval of the budget. The first workshop is scheduled for Tuesday June 22 at 7:00. Budget discussions will continue at the regular July Council meeting on July 21. The Council is expected to establish the 2021-2022 maximum millage rate at that meeting.

June is upon us and that means..... Hurricane Season!! If you haven't already, please start your yearly planning. Do not wait until last minute to trim trees!!! Many new residents are arriving from "up north" and have not experienced the "fun" we have here. There are many resources for down-loading checklists for storm preparation. This brings up the on-going question of

storm window/door protection and the rule changes made last year regarding allowed duration. The council recently heard about the difficulties created for both snowbird and vacationing residents. At the June 16 Council Meeting, we expect to hear and consider more about a program that we hope is more flexible while still allowing for acceptable community appearance.

It is with sadness that I note the passing of a long-time resident, Nancy Wolfe. Nancy was a regular attendee at Council Meetings and involved citizen. She will be missed.

On a happier note, it is High School and College Graduation time again!! Let's Celebrate our graduates!!! A number of graduating high school seniors live within our community and I hope you take time to read about their accomplishments and plans for next year. Go to the City's website homepage and click on a link "Looking for Atlantis Grads!" under the News Flash heading. There you will find presentation of news from each graduate. The City of Atlantis is proud of their accomplishments and wish all our graduates the best!! If you know a neighboring Atlantis resident who isn't listed, please have them share their story. The website also provides a link to an Atlantis Graduate Form. Reach out and congratulate our graduates. Make them feel special!

Take care and take care of each other.

Mayor Michael LaCoursiere

Local Planning Agency
June 16, 7 pm

Regular Council Meeting
June 16, 7:15 pm
Budget Workshop-
June 22, 7 pm



City Hall closed
July 5th in
observance of
Independence Day

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CITY MANAGER'S NOTES

Summer is here! School is almost out and with it will come more free time for the kiddos. The easing of Covid restrictions and availability of vaccines should allow for this to be a more normal summer break.

While we have hope for a much-needed summer of fun and continued progress toward normalcy, we must raise caution for a growing trend in the City. We are receiving an increasing number of calls regarding children, pre-teens, driving golf carts. The frequency of near misses with vehicles being reported is concerning and preventable. Regrettably, we recently recorded two separate accidents involving a golf cart rolling over with occupants being injured.

Obviously, the use of golf carts on City streets is not the issue. It is the safe and responsible operation of a golf cart. Obeying traffic laws and consideration for pedestrians and other vehicles is critical for everyone's safety.

We would like to remind parents that children under the age of 16 are not permitted to operate a golf cart on City streets. When operating a golf cart, they must have a valid identification card or driver's license with them. Carts must follow the same rules of the road as vehicles. Additionally, the number of riders on a golf cart may not exceed the carts seating capacity.

We hope that with the cooperation of parents we can keep the fun in summer and avoid any unnecessary incidents.

Brian R. Moree, City Manager

CITY NEWS

The City of Atlantis Council Meeting was held on May 19th at 7:00 p.m.

Resolution 21-12, appointing a new Councilor to fill the Group 5 vacancy passed 4-0. Four candidates were interviewed by the Mayor and Council. Mr. Derek Cooper of Fairway Court was selected to take the place of retiring Councilor, Mr. Peter Shapiro. Mr. Cooper is a newer resident of less than two years in Atlantis. Mr. Cooper serves as Comcast's Regional Vice President of External Affairs for the Florida Region. He is engaged to Ashley Youngs of Atlantis and also has an 8-year-old daughter named Sage. After voting, Mr. Cooper took the oath of office as our new Councilor. Welcome and congratulations Derek!

Sadly, during comments from members of the public, it was told that longtime resident Nancy Wolfe had unexpectedly passed away with her family and loving pet, Daisy, at her side. Nancy was only 67 years old and was known to all as an

Atlantis activist, who was always trying to make our City a better and safer place to live. She was also always helping others who were in need. May God bless you Nancy, you are already missed.

Resolution 21-13 passed 5-0, approving future paving contract renewals with Ranger Construction for roadwork.

Also passing 5-0, Resolution 21-14 approves our agreement for credit/debit card processing with the Open Edge company.

Under Miscellaneous Business, an update on Lantana Airport was given. The noise study is being completed. Atlantis is part of the County's appeal to ban jets. The County is paying of 90% of all legal fees and costs. We will pick up the remaining costs as agreed upon. A technical report is the most recent part of the process.

Atlantis is a thriving and lively city that anyone should be happy to reside in, and enjoy the Country Club lifestyle.

William Mitchell

POLICE DEPARTMENT NEWS

Chief Robert G. Mangold

Community Safety through Community Awareness and Involvement:

Crime Prevention Tip: Credential Scam

If you try logging in to an account, but get a “wrong password” error what do you do? You’ll probably try typing the same password again. But if that doesn’t work, do you try another one of your passwords? Then another, and another? Cybercriminals have a clever new scam that takes advantage of this exact behavior.

You receive an email with a link to view an important document. If you click the link, the document looks blurred-out and is covered by a fake Adobe PDF login page. If you enter your email and password, you’ll get an error stating that your password is invalid. This page allows you to try a few more times before eventually blocking you from viewing the document. But the truth is, there was never a document to view. Instead, the cybercriminals saved your email address and every password you tried to use. They can use this information to try to log in as you on other websites.

Don’t be fooled! Remember these tips:

- Remember that any site, brand, or service can be spoofed.
- Never click a link in an email that you were not expecting. If you’re not sure, reach out to the sender by phone to confirm the legitimacy of the email.

Always use a password that is unique to that specific account. This way, if your credentials are stolen, the cybercriminals can’t access your accounts on other websites.

Stop, Look, and Think. Don't be fooled.

US Postal Service Scam

If you receive a text message or an email that says it’s from the U.S. Postal Service, officials say don’t click on the link.

In a written alert the U.S. Postal Inspection Service warned consumers that scammers are sending bogus emails known as “phishing” and phony text messages known as “smishing,” claiming to be from the USPS.

“These messages are prompting unsuspecting consumers to confirm their personal delivery information by clicking a link or downloading an attachment, that, when opened, can activate a virus and steal information such as usernames, passwords and financial account information,” the USPS alert stated.

<u>CRIME STATISTICS</u>	<u>April 2021</u>		<u>TRAFFIC ENFORCEMENT</u>	<u>April 2021</u>
<u>Major Crimes</u>	<u>Residential</u>	<u>Commercial</u>		
Battery / Assault	0	0	Total Enforcement	70
Burglary (Structures/Vehicles)	0	0	Traffic Citations	60
Theft (Grand & Petit)	0	1	Written Warnings	15
Vehicle Theft	0	0	Parking Citations	15
Robbery	0	0		

City Board Vacancies

The City of Atlantis is looking for residents to serve on the following boards:

Police Pension Board

A board of trustees responsible for administering the pension fund managed by Raymond James.

Meets quarterly, in the morning.

Members are required to file a financial disclosure form with the State each year.

Board of Adjustment Regular and Alternate Seats

Considers variance and special exception applications.

Decides appeals of administrative decisions relating to Chapter 15 of the City's Code of Ordinances.

Meets as needed.

Members are required to file a financial disclosure form with the State each year.

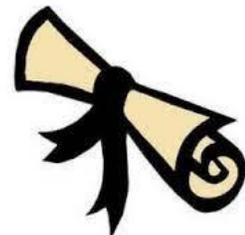
Interested residents should contact the City Clerk at 561-965-1744 x115 or kpuhalainen@atlantisfl.gov.

CLASS OF 2021

Graduating from High School or College? We're looking for you!

Your community is proud of your accomplishments, and we want to provide a platform to share your news. It's been a tough year, but you made it. We wish you a bright and happy future.

To be included in the Graduate Showcase on our website and social media, visit www.atlantisfl.gov.





Atlantis Country Club

www.AtlantisCountryClub.com

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

Memberships Started April 1, 2021

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

Non-member tee-times can be booked up to 5 days in advance online at AtlantisCountryClub.com. The online tee-times are pre-paid.

Snack Bar Open Daily 7:30 am

The Snack Bar is open for breakfast and lunch and beverages. 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 mid-afternoon. Enjoy the popular regular menu items as well as beer, wine, and spirits.

Atlantis Country Club is open to the public since 1972.

Call 561-965-7700, extension 32 for snack bar orders.



CODE COMPLIANCE NEWS

Code Officer William J. Amason

June 2021

June is here, and it's time to address landscape, hedge, and tree concerns in preparation for the upcoming storm season. Take the time now to do the yardwork, landscaping, sprinkler repair, spreading of fertilizer, and in some cases weed killers to bring yards into compliance that we all have been putting off for a long time.

Coinciding with preparation for the upcoming Hurricane Season we would like to remind the citizenry of our Landscape Ordinance once again.

Chapter 8.5—LANDSCAPING AND TREE PROTECTION

ARTICLE I.—IN GENERAL

Sec. 8.5-7. - Supplemental regulations.

(h) *Maintenance.* The owner of the property shall be responsible for maintenance of all landscaped areas which shall be maintained to present a healthy, neat, and orderly appearance always and shall be kept free from refuse and debris. In the event any landscape material should die, such material shall be replaced within 30 days.

A big thank you goes out to all who are adhering to the City's request, as prescribed in the City Code, for ***not*** putting your Garbage and Recycle containers curbside. Also, remember that the containers ***shall always*** be screened from public view. The screening can be done by vegetative plantings. Any other material will require a review by the Architectural Review Committee.

FOR THOSE THAT FAIL TO FOLLOW CITY CODE AS IT PERTAINS TO GARBAGE, RECYCLE, AND VEGETATIVE WASTE, TIME IS APPROACHING THAT IF CITY CODE IS NOT FOLLOWED THE WASTE REMOVAL COMPANY WILL BE INSTRUCTED NOT TO COLLECT THE WASTE. THE PROPERTY OWNER WILL BE REQUIRED TO REMOVE THE ITEMS THEMSELVES AND/OR CHARGES FOR REMOVAL MAY BE ADDED TO THE UTILITY BILL.

*****Recent Code Violations documented requiring emphasis to Citizens of Atlantis.*****

Golf Carts- All golf cart operators within the city **must be a minimum of 16 years of age and must possess either a valid Florida driver's license or valid Florida identification card.** The number of occupants in any golf cart being operated within the city shall be restricted to the number of seats on the golf cart; however, a child under the age of seven years may ride on the lap of an adult passenger (18 years of age or older) who is not operating the golf cart. Violations of this section may be enforced by any lawful means available to the city including, but not limited to the city's code enforcement board or special master.

Parking on City Streets-It shall be unlawful for any person to park on any street or public thoroughfare within the city, any automobile, motorcycle, bicycle, moped, wagon or other motor-driven or animal-drawn vehicle except in spaces designated by appropriate signs, markings or white lines, or under the instructions of a police officer.

Rental Property- The rental of any single-family residence, multiple family residence, residential unit or multiple family dwelling **for any** period of time less than one month shall be considered a commercial use and as such shall be prohibited. The rental of any single-family residence, multiple-family residence, residential unit or multiple-family dwelling for one month or longer shall be permitted up to three times per valid annual business tax receipt cycle in any residential zoning district within the city; however, a business tax receipt and affidavit are required prior to such use occurring.

A fellow citizen has recommended HURRI-CLEAN for removal of rust stains from structures, driveways, and sidewalks, caused by irrigations systems. This item can be purchased at J.N. Equipment 1042 S. Congress West Palm Beach, Florida 33406.



Community Activities



ADULT TENNIS Exercise, fun & fellowship, new players welcome, all levels. Sunset Park (Military entrance), Mondays & Fridays 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

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

PICKLEBALL CLUB Kintz Park. Contact Scott Hanlon at 561-732-1115

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

YOGA BY JOAN Offered virtually, Sun., Tues. & Thurs. Contact Joan: 561-767-6339 joaniefla@hotmail.com

WELCOME NEW RESIDENTS

Michael Angelov
John Buntin
Errol & Beverly Forman
William Partalis

OUR CONDOLENCES ON THE DEATH OF

Nancy Wolfe

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- 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 10 am to 6 pm**
- Friday, Saturday, Sunday 10 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.