



The City News

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THE MAYOR'S CORNER

SEPTEMBER 2013

As we approach the beginning of the peak period of hurricane season, I trust our citizens have been vigilant and prepared their properties for whatever the remainder of the season may bring. Our city has agreements with debris haulers in place in the event we should need them. Our city staff has been busy attending county disaster preparedness meetings and law enforcement has had mock drills. We can never say that we are prepared, but everyone has and is doing their best to prepare for the welfare of our city.

I trust everyone has noticed the fact that schools are now totally in session. Please join me in taking extra caution to ensure the safe passage of all students and parents during the busy morning and evening periods. It is especially critical in the mornings since there is very little or low light when children are leaving for school. There always seems to be people late for work or school hurrying to get out of the city and the usual influx of people working and golfing early in the morning. Please help by observing traffic laws and being extra cautious.

The city is in the final month of its fiscal year. To date our staff has managed to navigate us through a very tough year with very close to anticipated results. Fortunately we have not experienced any major financially unexpected events.

The city utilities have completed the update of our master lift station, which I reported on previously. We are beginning the updating of our substations, which have been greatly stressed throughout this very rainy season. The staff has managed to keep

things working while specifications and contracts were prepared to complete needed work. This is a planned activity so it will not require any additional charges to your utility bills. Water rates for next year have been adjusted to account for increases from county water and disposal fees. Over the years these increases have been infrequent and small. The major difference this year is that substantial changes are being made to the county wastewater treatment facilities for the handling and disposing of remaining solids. This is beyond our control, but seems to be justified by disposal regulations.

I know several people have noticed the attention given to the mapping of the county for the purpose of developing new flood maps. Several articles appeared in the newspaper and on television. Since the eastern side of our city has always been in a mapped flood zone, I thought it prudent to attend and learn what the process would mean to the future of Atlantis. As the maps appear now, if adopted, we will have no portion of the city within any of the flood zones. This will not mean that everyone will automatically be exempt from flood insurance requirements. Lenders determine this, but it could be possible that alternative financing may be available without flood insurance requirements. Of course, flood insurance will still be available and any individual can elect to carry it on their property. In short, this will not affect the availability, just the possible requirement or rate of flood insurance.

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City Council

Meeting

Wednesday

SEPTEMBER 18, 2013

7:00 pm.

Council Meetings are held the third Wednesday of each month in the Council Chambers

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Even though Atlantis faired very well in this initial flood assessment, large areas of the county did not. Many surrounding communities have been greatly affected. The major areas being added to current flood zones are along the C51 canal and spillway (Southern Boulevard). Most of the western communities and residential areas are also greatly impacted. This would appear as no concern to Atlantis, and we should probably support the adoption of the maps as soon as possible. I am having trouble agreeing to this as the future development in the county could be greatly influenced by these huge areas included in flood zones. Residential development ignored, it could be a difficult decision for any business or industry to consider relocation or expansion in the county knowing that the business and/or its employees will have to deal with new flood considerations. Since many concerns were expressed to FEMA over the maps, it has been agreed that anyone affected could present new data by the end of November, which will be analyzed and maps changed if found credible. There will be a public hearing on this, probably in 2014, where the public will be invited to attend and learn the status of their property under the new map scenarios. More information will be presented when and if new results are obtained. Stay tuned!!

Enjoy the last days of summer. See you in the fall!

Mayor Mike Dahlgren

Manager's Notes September 2013

Park Committee:

The city is forming a committee to recommend a scope for the renovation of the Kintz Park Community Center building. Many interested citizens attended the last council meeting to express their views on a possible scope. If you would like to be on this committee, please call me or email me with your name, address, phone number and email address. We will convene the committee in late September. My email address is mthornton@atlantisfl.gov

The City of Atlantis owns the water and sewer utility that serves the residents of Atlantis and a residential and commercial area north of the L14 Canal. The utility is funded solely with revenue from the sale of water and sewer services. These charges pay for the personnel to run the utility along with payment for repairs and maintenance of the system, bulk water and sewage disposal. I have noticed lately that more and more bills are paid after the due date and are then subject to turn-off for non-payment. There are many ways to pay your bill. Elsewhere in the newsletter there is a form to sign up for auto-draft from your checking account. We also take checks, credit cards and cash. If you are scheduling your own payments with your bank you must schedule it with enough time to reach us by the due date. We must receive your payment by the due date in order to avoid late charges and turn-off penalties. It is not enough to tell us that it has been scheduled with the bank.

Bills for Atlantis residents are sent out on the 25th of every other month – in the months of January, March, May, July, September and November. Payment is due on the 12th of the following month, with a \$10 late penalty levied after that. Accounts that are not paid within 21 days are subject to Final Notice of Turn-Off for Non-Payment. It gets rather costly to pay late, and be subject to the turn-off fee. We would prefer to collect the bills as they are due so that we have the cash flow to meet our obligations.

Just a reminder that building permit applications must be signed by both the property owner and the contractor. We cannot process applications that have not been signed by the owner. All projects that involve exterior alteration must have a permit and be approved by the Architectural Review Committee. If you have a question about what needs a permit, call the Building Department at 561-965-1744.

Mo Thornton

City Manager

City News...June 2013

The City of Atlantis Council Meeting was brought to order at 7:00 p.m. on August 21, 2013.

Resolution No. 13-16 passed 4-0. This authorizes the mayor to sign an agreement with Command Security for security services at the gatehouses at our three entrances. The guards are State-licensed and trained by Command Security in accordance with direction from Atlantis' Police Chief.

Resolution No. 13-17 passed 4-0. This adopts a new and revised Fee Schedule for water and wastewater services to be collected by the City for utility services.

Resolution No. 13-18 passed 4-0, This provides for Public Participation Rules in accordance with Florida State Statues for Atlantis Council Meetings, any person wishing to address City Council or one of its boards or commissions may do so at the time of Council discussion prior to voting on the ordinance or resolutions. However, topics not on the agenda must be addressed under the "Public Comments". Each speaker is allowed one opportunity to speak per topic, for a maximum of three minutes, and must be directed to the Council or Board as a whole and not to one individual.

Resolution No. 13-19 passed 4-0. This authorizes the Mayor to sign an agreement with A-Plus Home Health Care Inc. for a one day Flu Shot Clinic in October of 2013 for vaccinations for Atlantis Residents and invited guests of the City.

Resolution 13-20 passed 4-0. This authorizes the Mayor to sign a "Lift Station Conversion 2013 Agreement" with Hinderland Group, Inc. for the rehabilitation of Lift Station 3.

In Miscellaneous Business: There was a lengthy discussion of the scope of work for the Kintz Park building renovations. Ten people from the public spoke in favor of more extensive and elaborate renovations than what the Council felt could be afforded at this time out of the contingency fund. Treasurer Manny Fernandez made a motion to use the remaining funds for a 3% increase in pay for Staff Members beginning with their next paycheck. He said they have not had an increase in many years. The motion passed 3-1.

William Mitchell

(official minutes at www.atlantisfl.gov)

Please take a moment to update your Atlantis City Directory Listing

Family Name _____

First Name _____ Spouse _____

Atlantis Address _____

Please provide us with the best phone number to reach you. If it is a cell number please indicate who it belongs to. If you check Unlisted we will use your number internally and not publish it in the directory.

Phone Number (_____) _____ (Name) _____ Listed _____ Unlisted _____

Additional Directory Listing for Northern Address and Phone Number (Leave blank if none or no publish)

Northern Address _____

Northern Phone Number _____

POLICE DEPARTMENT NEWS

Chief Robert G. Mangold

Community Safety through Community Awareness and Involvement:

Crime Prevention Tip: Hiring of Unregistered Cleaning Services & Other Businesses

There has been an increase in thefts and fraud attributed to persons working in the city who are unlicensed and not registered to do business within the city. In one case the resident's housekeeper, who had worked for her for more than 10 years, stole numerous checks from the home that were forged and then cashed.

In another recent case, thousands of dollars of jewelry came up missing from a home that was being cleaned by undocumented workers who were employed by a cleaning service that is not licensed in the county or the City of Atlantis. The workers had no identification making it difficult, if not impossible, to verify the names that the employer gave for the employees.

Just because a business is registered doesn't mean you are immune from falling victim to an unscrupulous worker. In a case in late 2012, a longtime reputable plumbing company sent an employee to replace a water heater in a resident's home. The homeowner chose to pay for the work in cash, which the plumber kept. The customer was sent a bill for the work by the company which led to a police report being made. Because the company paid taxes on the employee's earnings and kept the required business records, the crooked employee was accurately identified, a warrant was obtained and the suspect was arrested. The worker had recently moved to Florida to avoid paying court-ordered child support.

The city ordinance that regulates the registration of those who transact business in the city is found in **City of Atlantis Code of Ordinance Sec. 9-16. - Levy of business tax; registration.**

(a) Business tax. A tax is hereby fixed and imposed upon every person who maintains a permanent business location or branch office within the city for the privilege of engaging in or managing any business, profession or occupation within the city. This tax shall not be construed to mean any fee or license paid to any commission or official for permits or examinations which are deemed to be regulatory and are requirements in addition to and not in lieu of the business tax imposed under the provisions of this article. A business tax is also hereby levied upon any person who does not qualify under the provisions noted herein above and who transacts any business or engages in any occupation or profession in interstate commerce, if such business tax is not prohibited by Section 8 of Article I of the United States Constitution.

(b) Registration. Any person who does not fall into any one of the categories set forth above in subsection (a) but who comes within the corporate limits of the city to carry on, complete, perform or engage in any type of business, is hereby required to register with the city by filling out a registration form with the city clerk, except that this registration requirement shall not apply to any trade or business regulated by the department of business and professional regulation pursuant to F.S. § 205.065. Persons for whom registration is required must provide a copy of a valid business tax receipt issued by another municipality and/or by the county indicating that he possesses a valid business tax receipt at the location of his branch or permanent office and must provide proof of insurance. A nominal registration fee shall be charged to cover administrative costs in registering these additional businesses, occupations and professions; the amount of which registration fee shall be set by resolution of the city council.

If you are considering hiring a business or individual to do any type of work at your home and want to determine if that business or individual has a current business registration with the city, contact City Hall at 965-1744.

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<u>TRAFFIC</u>		<u>CRIME STATISTICS</u>		
TOTAL CITATIONS:	64	<u>Major Crimes</u>	<u>Residential</u>	<u>Commercial</u>
CITATIONS:	53	Battery	1	1
WARNINGS:	06	Burglary (Structures & Vehicles)		2
PARKING CITATIONS:	05	Theft (Grand & Petit)		2

Flu and Pneumococcal Shots Clinic & City Of Atlantis Annual Health Fair

When: October 18, 2013 From 9 am until 11 am

Where: The Council Chambers at 260 Orange Tree Drive

A-Plus Home Healthcare 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.

IMPORTANT Billing Information: Anyone receiving a vaccine must present a valid form of Identification.

Medicare Recipients must provide their Medicare ID

A-Plus will bill Medicare directly, with no co payment or deductible. Medicare MUST be your primary insurance company; they will not pay if you have another insurance company. You must pay A-Plus and then submit a receipt to your insurance company to get reimbursed.

Non-Medicare recipients will be charged \$30.00 for Flu and \$90.00 for Pneumococcal vaccines.

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

First come first serve, from 9 AM—11:00 AM

Code Enforcement: City of Atlantis Code of Ordinance, Sec. 4-61 Maintenance and appearance standards for all structures

It is that time of the year again! The heat and moisture of the summer cause algae to grow everywhere including the roofs, driveways and patios. As we do every year, the code enforcement officers will be going around the community in the near future to request that properties be cleaned and brought up to Atlantis property standards. Many of our residents do their regularly scheduled fall cleaning as well as take proper care throughout the year. We thank those residents for taking care of their property.

Paying Your Utility Bill Has Never Been Easier!!

Option 1. We still take cash and checks!! Bring or mail your payment to City Hall 260 Orange Tree Drive, Atlantis Florida 33462. There is also a drop box in the rear parking lot at City Hall for drive up drop off of your payment.

Option 2. The City takes credit cards for the payment of the utilities bill and other city charges. In order to pay your bill via credit card, follow these simple steps:

Go to our web site: Atlantisfl.gov

Click on "City Government"

Click on "Utilities"

Click on "Online Utility Payments"

Click on "Pay Utility Bills"

Fill in required information on the form and submit. You will receive an email confirmation.

Option 3. Auto Draft Services- No postage, No late charges, No checks to write!

The City of Atlantis Utilities provides customers with the convenience of Auto Pay for their Utility Bills. By providing us with your bank information, the City is able to automatically deduct your utilities payments from your account. You may sign up for this service at any time.

Q. How do I sign up for Auto Draft Services?

A. Complete the authorization form and send it, or drop it off at City Hall.

We are located at 260 Orange Tree Drive, Atlantis, Florida 33462.

Q. How will my bill be paid?

A. On the fifth of the month following the bill date, your account will be debited for the amount of your bill.

Q. Do I have to bank with a certain bank?

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 US Funds.

Please complete this form and return it along with a voided check.

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 at any time I wish to discontinue this service, I will notify the City of Atlantis Utilities. I further understand that items returned unpaid are subject to fees by the city.

Customer Name (As shown on bill) _____

Service Address: _____

Financial Institution: _____

Account Number: _____

Routing Number: _____

Phone Number: _____

Signature: _____

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COUNTRY CLUB

Welcome Back Neighbors!

School is back in session, Labor Day Weekend is past, and we are ready to serve you for another wonderful season at

Atlantis Country Club.

Stop in to say hello and enjoy a great dining experience.

Thursday Night

Entertainment by the talented Valerie White

Friday Night

Kids Eat Free from the Children's Menu
with the purchase of a dinner entree by an adult

Dining Room Open Thursday • Friday • Saturday

Dinner served beginning at 5 p.m.

Lounge opens at 2 p.m. • Happy Hour 4 p.m. to 6 p.m.

Atlantis Country Club Golf News

Treat yourself to better golf!

PGA Professionals Todd Leckrone, Dan Larkin, Jamie Wierenga and former LPGA member Julie Kintz have 50 years of combined teaching experience.

Call for a lesson today!

**Go to www.AtlantisCountryClub.com
for information and to book tee times.**

190 Atlantis Blvd.
Atlantis, FL 33462
Dine: 561.965.5788
www.atlantisdine.com
Golf: 561.968.1300
www.atlantiscountryclub.com

September 2013



2014
Homestead Exemption Outreach
2nd Wednesday of Each Month
Atlantis City Hall - 1:30 PM

September 11, October 9, November 13, & December 11

Conducted by:

PALM BEACH COUNTY PROPERTY APPRAISER'S OFFICE
Division of Education Services

THE PROPERTY APPRAISER OFFICE WILL TAKE YOUR 2014 HOMESTEAD EXEMPTION APPLICATION AND ANSWER VALUATION QUESTIONS

Please contact Mike Pratt at 561 355 4021 For Questions or email mpratt@pbcgov.org

- Every person who has legal title **on January 1** to a residential property and lives there permanently qualifies for this exemption. You must be a permanent resident of Florida on January 1 of the initial application year. You may either apply by mail or in person at any time through the year but the deadline is March 1 of the qualifying year.
- A copy of your deed and proof of residency is required. You may submit a copy of your Florida driver's license, voter's registration or permanent residency card. In lieu of a pending permanent resident alien card, we will accept Federal Form I485, "Approval Notice for application to adjust to permanent resident status."
- Exemptions available include: \$25,000 Homestead Exemption, Additional \$25,000 Homestead Exemption, Senior Citizen Exemption, \$5,000 Disabled Veterans Exemption, Combat-disabled Senior Veterans and the \$500 Widow/Widower Exemption

Presented as a Public Service by the Education Services Division of the PBC Property Appraiser's Office

Community Activities

ALL AMERICAN TEAM TENNIS: Youth Team Tennis, meets Tues & Thurs from 6 –7:30 pm at Sunset Park. For more information contact Coach Ken at 561-578-9914.

DEMOCRATIC WOMEN'S CLUB OF PALM BEACH COUNTY: Meets the first Saturday of each month. Contact Simma Sulzer for details at 968-7399.

CHESS CLUB: Meets every Monday night at 7:00 pm. Call John Schwan at 315-783-6873 for more information.

CHILDREN'S DANCE CLASSES: At Kintz Park. ages 2-6, Tap, Ballet and Creative Movement. Boys and Girls welcome. Call Lisa Lee at 561-317-5738

GREAT BOOK CLUB OF ATLANTIS: Meets in the Council Chambers. Call Dr. Bennett Miller at 561-968-2675 for further information.

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

JEWELRY CLASS: Held in the Council Chambers on Tuesdays 7-9 pm. For information and dates, call Marie Claude Green at 561-736-5609 or 561-271-8967 or email her at CLVERT@AOL.COM

LITERARY SOCIETY: First meeting on November 20: Mrs. Lincoln's Dressmaker by Jennifer Chiaverini (Sue Wagner will be leading our review.) Look forward to seeing you on 20 November at 9:30 in the Ladies' Card Room for a continental breakfast and a chance to greet old friends and some new members. Anyone wishing to join the group, please come. Why not invite your friends or neighbors to come with you. PLEASE call Pat Clem (966-7600 x101) if you plan to come so the staff can be prepared for us.

OUR CONDOLENCES ON THE DEATHS OF:

Pauline Alvarez

Albert Metzger

Ted Haner

Kay Christofers

Joyce Andrew

Floyd Knickerbocker

Esperanza Suarez-Ravelo

LANTANA ROAD BRANCH LIBRARY : Offering book and film discussions groups. Contact Susan Kelly at 561-304-4500.

PERSONAL TRAINING: Improve your overall quality of life. Carene Kengeter American Council of Exercise Certified Personal Trainer Call: 561-313-4026.

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

THE ROTARY CLUB OF LAKE WORTH : Meets every Wednesday at noon for lunch in Lake Worth for fellowship and interesting guest speakers. For more information contact Peggy Vrane (561) 868-5807 Richard Beiter (561) 965-4282 or Ron Leeds (561) 969-9600.

SENIOR TENNIS: Mondays and Fridays from 9-11am at Sunset Park. Contact: Betty Ann Badger 561-434-4145.

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

WATER COLOR CLASSES: Will resume in the Fall. Call Joan Tiberi at 561-315-2633 for information or email her at jmt332@yahoo.com

A WARM WELCOME TO NEW RESIDENTS:

Richard Yerg 716 Muirfield Circle

Ocossi & Anna Helena Savolainen 300 JFK Drive

Jokki & Marianne Vaisanen 300 JFK Drive

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IMPORTANT TELEPHONE NUMBERS:

EMERGENCY (Fire, Police, Ambulance)	911
Police and Fire (Non Emergency)	561-965-1700
J F K Medical Center	561-965-7300
Atlantis City Hall	561-965-1744
Building Department	561-965-1796
Police (Administration)	561-965-1711
Utilities Department	561-965-1744
Garbage Collection	561-965-2627
Atlantis Country Club	561-965-7700
Atlantis Golf Club	561-966-7600
Atlantis Realty	561-965-7900

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 material for collection **BEFORE 7:00 am** on the day of service. Curbside items may only be placed at the curb after 5:00 pm on the day before collection. *Exception, on the first Sunday of each month items may be placed at the curb after noon for Monday pickup. **Please use your underground containers**. Liners may be obtained at Ace Hardware. Recycle containers may be obtained at City Hall. For repairs and replacement contact Jim Shumacher at 561-718-5888.

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.