



The City News

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City of Atlantis
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Atlantis, FL 33462

July 2020

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Dear Residents,

I hope you were able to celebrate and enjoy the Independence Day holiday! This year was different for many and our battle with COVID-19 continues. Positive test reports are in a rapid rise in our immediate area. Masks are a simple and effective way to lessen our potential impact on each other. Our zip code now falls in the "red" category on Florida's COVID-19 Data and Surveillance Dashboard published daily by the Florida Department of Health. Zip Code 33462 has had 385 cases reported as of June 30. Many surrounding zip codes have seen larger numbers.

City Council is now working with the City Manager to establish a budget for fiscal year 2020-2021. Council will establish a maximum millage rate on July 15. On-going discussions about final budget components will continue until final acceptance in September.

Now that City Council has nearly completed Code revisions dealing with minimum property standards and signs, we look toward strategic planning. A Strategic Planning Workshop is scheduled for August 12. Council looks to establish long-term plans to implement changes in how we do business and improve the community.

Each month for the rest of the year I intend to remind you of 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 don't put containers where they can be seen from the roadway. Let's 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.

Residents! We need your help. Homeowners living at street intersections have raised valid complaints of trespassing by bicycle and golf cart riders. At no time should anyone use a private driveway to "cut" a corner. Parents, please provide your children with direction to keep their bicycles, golf carts, or other vehicle off private driveways. Let's respect our neighbors' right to peaceful enjoyment of their property.

Until next month, everyone take care and take care of everyone.

Mayor Michael LaCoursiere

Regular Council Meeting
July 15, 2020
7:00 p.m.



Primary Election Day
Tuesday
August 18



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CITY MANAGER NOTES**Streets Paved with Gold.**

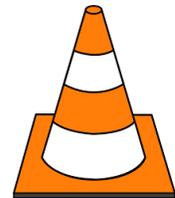
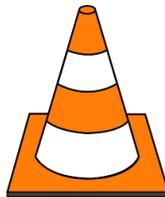
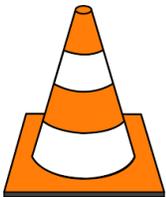
While the article title may be figurative, the paving is not. Its July, time for the City's annual street paving projects. Each year, the Infrastructure Surtax Oversight Committee approves projects and the City Council approves funding from gas tax and the infrastructure surtax (sales tax) revenue. This year, paving is tentatively scheduled to begin on July 23rd, weather permitting. The City selected Ranger Construction to complete the work under an existing annual contract they have with Palm Beach County. Utilizing the terms and rates from the contract with Palm Beach County has allowed the City to accelerate our paving schedule and save hundreds of thousands of dollars in the process. We will be mailing additional information to residents directly impacted by the paving projects. Traffic will be maintained with flagging operations. Work on John F. Kennedy Drive will be completed at night due to the traffic associated with our entrance, JFK Medical Center employee parking, and patients visiting the numerous medical offices. We are hoping for good weather and expecting the same great success as last year.

Do you speed while driving in the City? If you do, we would like to thank you for the generous contribution you are about to make to the City! Starting very soon, our Police Department will be deploying new devices and practicing old-fashion radar checks to help you make a contribution --- in the amount of your choice. We want to assure you that the money from your speeding ticket will be reinvested here in the community to pay for things like our new speed trailer, speed detection signs, and radar units. For those of you that will not be making a contribution, thank you for observing our city-wide speed limit of 25 mph.

Have you completed the 2020 Census? If not, you can expect a knock at the door starting in mid-July. Census workers will be canvassing the City for those that have not replied. They will be practicing social-distancing guidelines, but they are coming! You still have time to avoid a knock at the door by taking 5- minutes to visit the 2020 Census website at <https://my2020census.gov/> and completing the questionnaire.

Stay safe and stay positive.

Brian Moree, City Manager

**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

PBC Comm District 3 – David Kerner 561-355-2203

Cassandra Davis – Airport Noise 561-471-7468

POLICE DEPARTMENT NEWS

Chief Robert G. Mangold

Community Safety through Community Awareness and Involvement:

Crime Prevention Tip: FLHSMV reminds motorists to follow this critical Safe Summer Travel Checklist:

- Slow down, stay cool. Obey all posted speed limits. Speeding and driving aggressively increases the probability and severity of a crash.
- Check all tires, including the spare. As a vehicle's first line of defense, tires should be routinely inspected and maintained to ensure they are in good condition. Check the vehicle's tire pressure and ensure the vehicle's tires have adequate tire tread. Under-inflated tires can overheat. Never overload a vehicle; it can result in premature tire wear, blowouts, and hydroplaning.
- NEVER leave children or pets in vehicles unattended. Summer can be incredibly hot in Florida and leaving children or pets unattended for even a short time can be deadly. Make sure all passengers are accounted for when exiting the vehicle.

Register emergency contact information. In the event of an emergency, make sure law enforcement knows who to call. The FLHSMV allows all driver license and ID card holders to register up to two designated emergency contacts. Log on [HERE](#) to register or update contacts.

- Prepare for driving in inclement weather. Summer is hurricane season in Florida, and along with an increased number of wildfires, drivers should be aware of changing weather and road conditions. Drivers should know their evacuation routes, check road closures and call *FHP to report unsafe road conditions.
- Check for recalls. Always make sure your vehicle is in peak condition to travel. Check for recalls before hitting the road at safercar.gov.

Drive Sober. Plan ahead and designate a sober driver or call a ride service. Report impaired drivers by dialing *FHP (*347) or 911.

CRIME STATISTICS

May 2020

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

Residential Crime Location(s): None

TRAFFIC ENFORCEMENT

May 2020

Total Enforcement	10
Traffic Citations	9
Written Warnings	1
Parking Citations	1



CODE COMPLIANCE NEWS

JULY 2020

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.

Many of you have taken advantage of the recent pleasant weather to address yardwork, landscaping, hedge and tree concerns in preparation for the upcoming storm season.

****Note: *Asplundh***, a subcontractor for FPL, is presently working in the City to trim trees in the area of the main (feeder) electrical lines to reduce possible outages during storm season. Once the main lines have been trimmed the lateral lines are scheduled to be trimmed. These are the lines behind houses in the Sudbury, Gleneagles, Walton Heath, and North Country Club areas. This Code Officer will be checking these areas in the near future to identify possible concerns. As a resident if you see or think there may be a concern in your area please contact the Code Compliance Officer. ******

****Westpark Volleyball Area** under review for scheduling, proper licensing for instructors and insurance for outside users. ******

****Iguana infestation/eradication** research underway.

Results from Code revision Workshops:

- Under no circumstances shall storm panels **OF ANY KIND** 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" declaration which includes the City of Atlantis has been issued by the State of Florida, Palm Beach County, or the National Weather Service outside of such time frame, in which case the said panels are allowed but must be removed within two weeks after the storm system has completely passed the City and the declaration has been lifted of the end of the storm event.
- When trees in view of the public have been removed the **stumps** should also be removed below ground level to eliminate the unsightly appearance.

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. As your Code Officer and fellow resident this simple act does make a difference to the look of the City of Mondays and Thursdays. **THE NEXT STEP IS TO GET ALL RESIDENCES TO SCREEN GARBAGE AND RECYCLE CONTAINERS FROM PUBLIC VIEW, AT ALL TIMES, INCLUDING THE DAY OF COLLECTION.**

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.

CODE STATISTICS May 25 thru June 23, 2020.

<u>Violations Identified</u>	<u>Courtesy Notices</u>	<u>In Compliance upon Request</u>	<u>Pending</u>
33	13	9	4 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

561-965-1744/561-822-6005 Cell

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.



RESURFACING PROJECT

The City's annual resurfacing project is tentatively scheduled to begin July 23rd. The project potentially includes Walton Heath Drive, JFK Drive, Atlantis Blvd., Fairway Court, Troon Drive, N. Country Club Drive (between Glenbrook Dr. and Orange Tree Dr.), Windsor Court., Westwood Ct., Rosemont Ct., Greenbriar Ct. and Palm Circle.

During the resurfacing, paving equipment may temporarily impede access to your property and driveway for up to 15-20 minutes. Traffic lanes will be closed one lane at a time during the resurfacing. Flagging personnel will be present to direct traffic.

Residents are asked to proceed with caution when traveling through the work area and be mindful of the workers.

Solid waste collection will maintain a normal schedule.

Should you have questions, please contact City Hall at 561-965-1744.

CITY NEWS

The City of Atlantis Local Planning Agency meeting was held at 7:00 p.m. on June 17th.

Consideration of Ordinance 455 failed by a 2-3 vote for amending Chapter 11.6 Signs and Advertising. There was a long discussion about what should be included and not included and would be discussed further.

Immediately following this meeting, the City Council meeting began.

Under public comments, the Council was asked to revisit the iguana situation due to the recent large influx of these invasive animals to our City. The Council said they would take a second look at the problem and establish a protocol.

Ordinance 455, amending Chapter 11.6, was tabled for corrections by a 5-0 vote. The first reading of this ordinance will now be held at the July City Council meeting.

Upon 1st reading, passing by a vote of 5-0, Ordinance 456 amends Chapter 4 Buildings and Building Regulations; and Chapter 8.5 Landscaping and Tree Protection. The prohibited plant species list was expanded.

Passing by a 3-2 vote, Ordinance 457 imposes a six-month moratorium on applications for development/redevelopment in the R-1 Zoning District as set forth in Chapter 15 Zoning. It will give time for this zone to put the proper rules and regulations in place in a legal manner.

Under Miscellaneous Business, interviews were given for the Board of Adjustment and Architectural Review Committee (ARC) applicants. Accepted applicants will be announced at the July Council meeting.

An appeal of the ARC ruling of a villa in Cypress Key for wanting to upgrade their driveway from asphalt to natural Chicago brick was approved by a 4-1 vote. There was a problem because the villa group had not updated their rules and regulations to include this situation. The new moratorium in the R-1 Zoning District should help with future situations.

Council wished everyone a safe & secure Fourth of July.

Please do not forget to social distance and to wear your mask for personal safety and that of others.

William Mitchell

PALM BEACH COUNTY WATER UTILITIES DEPARTMENT TO FLUSH LINES WITH CHLORINE JULY 8—JULY 29

In order to maintain compliance with regulatory water quality requirements in the water distribution system, the Palm Beach County Water Utilities Department (PBCWUD) will temporarily modify its water disinfection process between **Wednesday, July 8 to Wednesday, July 29, 2020**.

The modification will entail the use of free chlorine as opposed to chloramine during the three-week period.

Periodic modifications to the water disinfection process are standard practice and recommended by the Palm Beach County Health Department as a precautionary measure to maintain high water quality in the county's water distribution system.

Customers served by PBCWUD, which includes Atlantis, may notice a slight chlorine taste and odor of chlorine can keep an open container of drinking water in their refrigerators for a few hours to allow the chlorine to dissipate.

Users of home dialysis machines, owners of tropical fish and managers of stores and restaurants with fish and shellfish holding tanks are advised to seek professional advice as the method of removing free chlorine residuals differs from removing chloramine residuals.

Anyone needing more information on this temporary change in the water disinfection process is advised to call PBCWUD at (561) 740-4600 and select option #1.



As many of you have seen and almost all have heard about, step one in refurbishing the golf course has taken place. We removed a small number of Ficus trees and Pine Trees on our courses over the past couple of weeks. The turf in those areas has never been happier. More sun and airflow have already created a healthier situation for all the vegetation in the area. Ficus trees are extremely fast-growing with shallow roots that create several issues to Bermuda grass. The canopy is large and provides too much shade to Bermuda grass at certain times of the year depending on the position of the sun. The shallow root system also takes a large amount of water and fertilizer from the grass.

As expected, we received a lot of feedback already but please understand that this is step one of many.

Next year during the renovation we will be transplanting medium size Oaks into the open areas as they are a lot less intrusive, have a slower growth rate, and are better for the environment as they give off much more oxygen into the atmosphere than do Ficus trees. We have many areas on the courses that have so many beautiful oaks that no one can even see because they are in such a tight cluster, they go unnoticed.

When all is said and done, at the end of the renovation, everyone who is a member and resides in the city will be very pleased with the finished product. The members will have a fresh new look to the courses with better turf quality, which will attract new members, and the residents will more than likely see an increase in their property value being located in a community with such promising future for the club and the cities property values.

Respectfully,

Lost City Golf Club Board of Directors





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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. 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.

All Atlantis CC facilities are open to the public since 1972.

[Call 561-965-7700, extension 32](tel:5619657700)
for orders and information.



Keep mosquitoes **outside**

- Keep screens on all windows
- Repair holes in screens
- Keep doors and windows shut
- Use air conditioning



Stop mosquitoes from **breeding**

Mosquitoes breed by laying eggs in and near standing water. As little as one teaspoon or bottle cap of water standing for more than one week is enough for mosquitoes to breed and multiply.

At your house or business:

Put away items that are outside and not being used because they could hold standing water.

In your garden:

Keep flower pots and saucers free of standing water. Some plants, such as bromeliads, hold water in their leaves—flush out water-holding plants with your hose once a week.

Around all buildings:

At least once a week, empty, turn over or cover anything that could hold water:

Tires

Boat or car covers

Buckets

Roof gutters

Toys

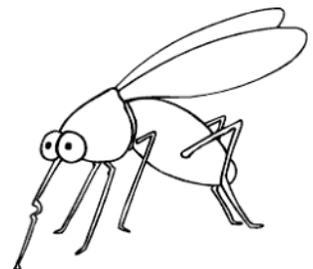
Coolers

Pools & pool covers

Pet dishes

Birdbaths

Trash, trash containers and recycling bins





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 RESIDENT

Derek Cooper & Ashley Youngs
Joseph Dimarzio
Edward & Doreen Gynn
Clifton & Kaitlyn Schandelmayer
Cindy Sykes

OUR CONDOLENCES ON THE DEATHS OF:

Audrey Halperin
Robert Wasson



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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 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.