



# The City News

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**July 2021**

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Dear Residents,

As we avoid the first tropical storm to hit Florida this year, I want to remind you to continue your preparations for hurricane season. Tropical Storm Elsa is just the first storm of likely many to occupy our thoughts this summer. Hopefully, you and yours have an opportunity to get out of town and enjoy some cooler weather up north so you can forget the uncomfortable conditions we are experiencing. Although I was not up north for Independence Day, I was able to see oceanfront fireworks. It is always a great way to complete a celebration of our country's independence. Thanks to the City Manager and staff for putting up decorations throughout the community.

City Council is now working with the City Manager to establish a budget for fiscal year 2021-2022. Our first workshop was held on July 7. The City Manager presented his initial analysis of the proposed budget including a list of proposed capital improvement projects for consideration. Council will establish a maximum millage rate at our July Council Meeting on July 21. As of this writing, I do not expect a millage increase currently at 7.61. Presentation material included analyses for rates reduced to 7.54 and rollback. On-going discussions about final budget components will continue until final acceptance in September. As always, we encourage your participation in this process and encourage you to attend our July and August meetings for further discussions.

Speaking of Capital Improvements, stop by Kintz Park to see the newly installed tot playground equipment.

The Federal Government will soon distribute stimulus money to communities as part of the American Rescue Plan. The City of Atlantis is scheduled to receive nearly \$900,000.00 for use in restricted categories and time frames. The payout will likely be over two years. Philosophies differ on whether the City should accept the stimulus money during a time when our financial health is relatively good. One viewpoint says that the City should not accept this money and return it. Another says a one-time "gift" is a "no brainer" to accept and utilize. I would be interested in reading your opinion on this. Just send something short and thoughtful. My email address is

[MLaCoursiere@Atlantisfl.gov](mailto:MLaCoursiere@Atlantisfl.gov).

It is that time of year again for roadway resurfacing. Currently the work is scheduled to commence July 20<sup>th</sup>. Please check the City's webpage for updates on the schedule. The streets involved are Palm Circle, Atrium Circle, Alpine Drive, Woodland Circle, Cypress Key Circle, Muirfield Circle, Villa Circle, Forestview Drive and Pine Villa Drive. Payment for this work comes from funds generated by the Palm Beach County Infrastructure Surtax (1%) as recommended by the City's Surtax Committee.

Take care and take care of each other.

**Mayor Michael LaCoursiere**

Budget Workshop  
July 7, 7 pm

Regular Council Meeting  
July 21, 7:00 pm

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**HAPPY  
4TH OF  
JULY!!**

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## CITY MANAGER'S NOTES

Recently, there have been a few local municipalities that have been challenged with water issues. The news coverage prompted many of our residents to ask questions about the safety of our water in Atlantis.

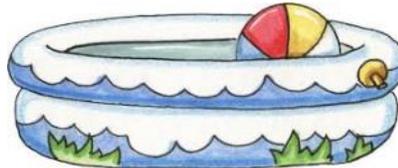
Atlantis operates a water system for the entire city and outside surrounding areas. We manage a water plant, storage tanks, and piping or distribution system that includes water mains, service lines, meters, and hydrants. The system operates continuously to meet the water and fire protection needs of customers.

The city uses personnel and automation to constantly monitor our water quality and we meet all State standards for safe drinking water. We do not use surface water that is susceptible to algae contamination.

The city recently drained and cleaned our storage tanks. This effort included a detailed engineering inspection of the tanks from the outside and inside. We also replaced several aged valves at the water plant. Our distribution or piping system is monitored for water quality as well. Water samples are collected from the system and laboratory tested on a regular basis.

We have dedicated utilities staff and a Director of Utilities with 30-years of experience and service to Atlantis. We want our customers to feel comfortable knowing that we are maintaining our system and working diligently to provide you the safe water you expect. So, pour yourself a tall glass of water and enjoy!

Brian R. Moree, City Manager



### CITY NEWS

The City of Atlantis Council Meeting was called to order at 7:08 p.m. on June 16th.

State Sen. Lori Berman and Rep. Joe Casello were present to update Atlantis about the 2021 legislative session.

Ordinance 460, zoning: R-1 District Architectural Elements passed 5-0 on first reading. This applies to the villa groups in the R-1 zoning district. This clarifies the permitted villa group architectural aesthetics and design elements within all city villa group neighborhoods.

Under Resolution 21-15, which passed 5-0, Councilor Guy Motzer was appointed as the City Councilor to the Finance and Audit Committee.

Resolution 21-16 also passed 5-0. Mr. Scott Hanlon was appointed to the Board of Adjustment.

Under Miscellaneous Business, an update was given on the creation of a new shutter ordinance that will be presented for approval upon 1st reading at the July 21st Council Meeting.

A report on Security Services proposals for our three gatehouses was given. Among the proposals by the bid selection committee, in addition to their preference on the bids received, are a call for updated cameras and automatic gates. No decisions were finalized.

William Mitchell

## POLICE DEPARTMENT NEWS

Chief Robert G. Mangold

### Community Safety through Community Awareness and Involvement:

#### Crime Prevention Tip: Phishing (Email) & Smishing (Text) Scams

If you receive a text message or an email that says it is from the U.S. Postal Service, officials say do not 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.

In a new Smishing (SMS Phishing) attack aimed at Android users, cyber criminals send a text message that claims you have a delivery that needs to be paid for. If you tap on the link provided in the text, you are taken to a page that asks you to update your Google Chrome app. If you tap the **Install Now** button on the page, a download begins, and you are redirected to a payment screen. On this screen, you are asked to pay a small fee so that your package can be delivered. If you provide any payment information on this page, it is sent directly to the bad guys.

Unfortunately, this scam gets worse. If you tapped the **Install Now** button mentioned above, you downloaded malware that uses the icon and name of Google Chrome to disguise itself. This "app" then uses your mobile number to send thousands of smishing texts to random, unsuspecting victims.

Do not become a part of their scam! Follow the tips below to stay safe from attacks like this:

- Only download and update apps through your device's official app store.
- Though this attack targets Android users, this technique could be used on any kind of mobile device, so always be suspicious of unexpected text messages.
- If you are expecting a package, stay up-to-date on your order by visiting the retailer's official website and not by tapping a link in a text message.

**CRIME STATISTICS**

**May 2021**

**Major Crimes**

**Residential**

**Commercial**

Battery / Assault	0	0
Burglary (Structures/Vehicles)	0	1
Theft (Grand & Petit)	0	1
Vehicle Theft	0	0
Robbery	0	0

**TRAFFIC ENFORCEMENT**

**May 2021**

Total Enforcement	79
Traffic Citations	66
Written Warnings	13
Parking Citations	17

## Palm Beach County Water Utilities Department to Modify Water Disinfection Process Starting July 8, 2021. This affects Atlantis water customers.

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 July 8th and July 29 2021.

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

Periodic modifications to the water disinfection process are a standard and recommended practice as a precautionary measure to maintain high water quality in the county's water distribution system. Please note that this is routine maintenance.

Customers may notice a slight chlorine taste and odor during this period. These conditions are temporary and will not cause any adverse health effects.

Those who are especially sensitive to the taste and odor of chlorine can keep an open container of drinking water in the refrigerators for a few hours to allow the chlorine to dissipate.

*Users of 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 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, option #1.**

### 2020 WATER REPORT

The City's 2020 is now available. It can be found on our website, in City Hall, in the Council Chambers lobby, or by emailing the City Clerk.



### LITTLE LIBRARIES ARE COMING!

Atlantis will soon have its own Little Library program. Stay tuned for details!





## Atlantis Country Club

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

## Happy July 4th!!



## 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.

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.

As the 2021 storm season approaches the following information is provided to you for **EDUCATIONAL PURPOSES** Recently **City Code 4-61(8)(a)** which speaks to storm shutter/panel systems was revisited at the request of members of the community. Two primary points were brought up during the discussion:

- 1) Safety for the Occupants when egress or ingress is needed post storm.
- 2) The aesthetic beauty of the City when shutters/panels are left up for extended period post storm.

The following **suggestions** were made.

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.

Outside of storm event if shutters are going to be closed for any period they must be permitted and inspected Roll-Up, Accordion, or weaved meshed type that are harmonious, and color coordinated with the structure and surrounding community. Unpermitted panels must be taken down within two weeks after the event.

Outside of storm event the City must be notified as one does when being placed on the "Dark House" list when the shutters or storm panels will be in place.

For safety reasons storm panels should not be in place when the residence is occupied outside of the storm event period. This could be a Fire Safety and Emergency hazard for ingress and egress for both occupants and emergency personnel.

The current City Code is being re-written at the time of this Newsletter. As described above this information is being provided for **EDUCATIONAL PURPOSES** and will soon become standing City Code. Should you have any questions please contact the Code Officer. Documentary of those residences will be a priority this storm season.

### **Recent Code Issues.**

As with dogs off leash, per City Code (**Sec. 3-20. Running at large prohibited; leash length restrictions**) specific states that no owner or keeper of any **dog, cat or other animal** shall permit such animal to run at large. Additionally, no owner or keeper of any dog, cat or other animal shall allow such animal to walk on a leash exceeding six feet in length. **Any animal running at large is hereby declared by the city council to be a public nuisance.** As such the animal can be impounded by the Palm Beach County Animal Control. Numerous recent complaints about a friendly domestic cat in the North Country Club area has caused neighbors' considerable concern.

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. ALSO SCREEN MECHANICAL DEVICES.**

With the above said there are still a few on Mondays and Thursdays who still don't honor the request. Believe it or not, on most occasions, it is not the same ones but different residences.



# 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](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)

**PICKLEBALL CLUB** Meets Tuesdays, 6:30 pm at 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](mailto:cmusser06@gmail.com)

## WELCOME NEW RESIDENTS

Gregory Adelman  
 Laura Cabrera  
 David & Lisa Centrella  
 David Jordon  
 Roland D. Kerns II  
 Debra Polera  
 Kim Polito  
 Kathy Smith

## OUR CONDOLENCES ON THE DEATH OF:

Thomas  
 Thornton



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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.