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THE MAYOR'S CORNER

Dear Residents,

Welcome to Atlantis! At least that is what we as a City have always tried to say through our security partners serving the three entrances. As I have noticed, and many of you have written, that needed attentiveness, friendly smile, and general assistance has waned significantly. City Council discussed this topic at the July meeting and have agreed to hold a workshop to discuss our options and get a feel for what residents would like. Certainly, something better than we have now! Stay tuned. We expect to open the conversation after more residents return for the season.

I wish to thank those dozens of you who responded to my discussion topic, ARP money, presented in last month's Mayor's Corner. I have enjoyed hearing from some of you for the first time. I'm sorry if I didn't get a chance to respond to some of you. My intention was to simply get a feel for what our residents are thinking. Most respondents, unsurprisingly, supported keeping the money and using it within the restrictions outlined in the Federal Government's plan.

By the time you read this, our annual re-surfacing project will be complete. Thank you for your patience and cooperation during this needed effort. Kudos to City Manager, Brian Moree, for securing this work at "piggyback" rates already negotiated in other communities. This allows the City to receive beneficial pricing that allowed us to complete our street overlay rotation in a much shorter time. The City can now see other ways to use Palm Beach County's 1-cent tax infrastructure funds.

The City is now working toward finalizing the budget for next fiscal year. City Council has established the maximum allowable millage rate at 7.61, the same value as last year. City Council will be meeting on August 18, September 13, and September 22 to finalize the millage rate. Based upon preliminary information from the City Manager, he may recommend the rate be dropped to 7.54. The rollback rate is 7.3705. All rates between 7.61 and 7.3705 remain an option. I have underlined the date of September 22 to highlight that your City Council has elected to move September's monthly meeting to the fourth Wednesday. This will allow us to comply with calendar restraints for budget hearings and reduce the total number of meeting nights.

I invite you to turn the pages and read the City Manager's column this month. Lake Worth Drainage District (LWDD) will soon be working to clear the L-15 waterway and its banks. This work will likely impact some of our residents that currently enjoy screening by trees and hedges not located on their property. Please keep up to date with information provided by LWDD and the City. We are expecting that LWDD will be placing survey stakes along their right-of-way limits. This will allow those living adjacent to the canal to see what may be impacted.

Take care and take care of each other.

Mayor Michael LaCoursiere

Regular Council Meeting
August 18
7:00 pm

1st Budget Hearing
September 13
6:00 pm

School starts

August 10th,

watch for students!



City Hall closed
September 6 for
Labor Day

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CITY MANAGER'S NOTES

Coming Through!

In October, the Lake Worth Drainage District (LWDD) will be completing rehabilitative work on the L-15 canal in Atlantis. The L-15 runs from Cypress Key Circle to Orange Tree Drive, south of North Country Club Drive and north of Muirfield Drive and the Lost City Golf course. The L-15 is owned and maintained by the LWDD.

The rehabilitative work will be extensive and may include dredging of the canal channel, reconstruction of the canal bank, removal of vegetation, and removal of structural and non-structural encroachments. Residents with fencing, trees, hedges, patios, fire pits, and other structural elements will be afforded an opportunity to move the elements from LWDD property prior to construction.

Survey crews have started staking out LWDD property limits. The LWDD will forward a formal letter in August to residents living adjacent to the canal. A public hearing is tentatively scheduled for September 23, 2021 at the District's offices.

If you would like to speak with a representative regarding this specific project, please contact Steve Sherman, LWDD Compliance Supervisor, at 561-819-5580 or ssherman@lwdd.net

The City will provide updates, as available, on our webpage and Facebook.

Brian R. Moree, City Manager



CITY NEWS

The City of Atlantis Council Meeting was called to order at 7 p.m. on July 21st.

The second and final reading of Ordinance 460 passed 5-0. This involved R-1 District architectural elements for the various villa groups, so as to have a uniform appearance within each group.

The first reading of Ordinance 461 also passed 5-0. This will amend municipal qualifying dates for those running for local office to the first 7 business days in November.

Also, the first reading of Ordinance 462 passed 4-1. This will update, revise, and clarify regulations for storm shutter use within Atlantis.

Passing 5-0, Resolution 21-17 agrees to a 15-year contract with the City of Greenacres for fire services. The existing 4% annual contract adjustment has been reduced to 3%. The reduction in the annual adjustment will result in a total expense

decrease of \$1,697,147, or an annual average of \$106,000 over the term of the agreement.

Resolution 21-18, recognizing the South Florida Water Management District's irrigation rules, passed 5-0, so as to help conserve water on a year-round basis for landscape irrigation.

Under Miscellaneous Business, by a 5-0 vote, the proposed millage rate for the 2021-2022 fiscal year was set temporarily at the maximum rate of 7.61. This rate will be adjusted after the Budget Hearings beginning on September 13th.

After 30 years of service, Steve Mazuk will be retiring as our Public Utilities Director in January. It was decided to hire a temporary Public Utilities Assistant Director as soon as possible to work with Steve to absorb some of his vast knowledge of the City's workings.

William Mitchell

POLICE DEPARTMENT NEWS

Chief Robert G. Mangold

Community Safety through Community Awareness and Involvement:

Crime Prevention Tip: Five-Star Fraud

Say the new browser extension that you want to download has a lot of positive reviews. These reviews may make the extension seem legitimate, but not necessarily. Cybercriminals often use fake reviews to trick users into downloading malicious browser extensions.

For example, a malicious Microsoft Authenticator extension with fake reviews was recently found in the Google Chrome Store. The extension had five reviews: three one-star reviews and two five-star reviews. The real one-star reviews warned others that the extension was malware, while the fake five-star reviews praised the extension. This is just one example of how bad guys use fake reviews to gain your trust.

So, how do you know if the cool new extension is safe to download? Follow these tips to stay safe:

- Only download extensions from trusted publishers. Cybercriminals can easily publish extensions or apps to app stores, so make sure you know who developed the extension before you download it.
- Be suspicious of extensions that ask you to enter sensitive information. Legitimate extension downloads may request special permissions from you, but they won't ask you to give up sensitive information.

Look for negative reviews. Don't just focus on the positive reviews. Negative or critical reviews are less likely to be fake.

Information compliments of our IT staff.

CRIME STATISTICS

June 2021

Major Crimes

Residential

Commercial

Battery / Assault	0	1
Burglary (Structures/Vehicles)	0	0
Theft (Grand & Petit)	0	2
Vehicle Theft	0	0
Robbery	0	0

TRAFFIC ENFORCEMENT

June 2021

Total Enforcement	54
Traffic Citations	43
Written Warnings	11
Parking Citations	12

HOMESTEAD EXEMPTION OUTREACH



Conducted by:

PALM BEACH COUNTY PROPERTY APPRAISER'S OFFICE

Division of Education Services

THE PROPERTY APPRAISER'S OFFICE WILL TAKE YOUR 2022 HOMESTEAD EXEMPTION APPLICATION AND ANSWER VALUATION QUESTIONS

September 1, October 6, November 3, December 1

1:30 p.m.—2:30 p.m. Atlantis Council Chambers

Landscaping Irrigation Restrictions to Conserve Water



The City of Atlantis adopted and enforces the 3 day-A-week rules of the SFWMD. Please adhere to the following:

- ◊ No watering between 10 a.m. and 4 p.m.
- ◊ Residents and businesses with odd-numbered addresses may water lawns and landscapes on Mondays, Wednesdays and/or Saturdays
- ◊ Residents and businesses with even-numbered addresses, no street addresses or those that have both even and odd addresses such as HOAs, may water lawns and landscapes on Tuesdays, Thursdays, and/or Sundays.

The Landscape Irrigation Rule allows additional watering for up to 90 days following the installation of new lawns and landscaping.

For more information on the above, rule exclusions, and alternative irrigation schedules visit sfwmd.gov/community-residents/landscape-irrigation or call 800-662-8876.

LITTLE LIBRARIES ARE COMING!

They will be located at Sunset Park, Kintz Park,
and City Hall.

To get involved, contact the City Clerk at
kpuhalainen@atlantisfl.gov or 965.1744 x115





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.

Atlantis Literary Society

The Atlantis Literary Society will again be meeting at Lost City Golf Club this coming season. We will start meetings in November. Please put the third Wednesday of each month on your calendar – the first meeting will be November 17, 2021.

For those readers who like to get ahead - the books that we will be reading this season are: *The Color of Water* by James McBride, *Killing Crazy Horse* by Bill O'Reilly, *Fast Girls* by Elise Hooper, *The Women in the White Kimono* by Ana Johns, *The Four Winds* by Kristin Hannah and *Lilac Girls* by Martha Hall Kelly. Exactly which book will be discussed at which meeting has not been finalized yet.

We are asking for volunteers to lead the discussion of the book each month. Please reach out and let us know what book you would like to discuss, and you can even choose which month you would like to lead the discussion. Ask a friend to join you in leading the discussion – a fun and easy way to be a part of the group.

Happy reading and see you all in November.

Martha Greenhalgh – mgreen144@aol.com, 617-947-2713

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 current storm season. As we all work to beautify our properties the **SFWMD (SOUTH FLORIDA WATER MANAGEMENT DISTRICT)** is requesting that citizens adhere to the **Landscaping Irrigation Restrictions to Conserve Water** as described in the brochure attached to this Newsletter. **These restrictions are permanent and should always be adhered to even when rainfall is daily, as of late.** The Code Officer will be educating the citizens in the next couple of months.

See: <https://www.sfwmd.gov/community-residents/landscape-irrigation>

CODE ISSUES;

The Code Officer has been required to address increasing violations by residents allowing private entities completing landscape maintenance and projects leaving behind their clippings instead of taking them as required by city Code. The Code is as follows.

Sec. 8.3-9. Removal of grass, trees, etc.

It shall be the responsibility of all individuals and business entities who engage in the business of lawn or garden care for hire within the city to remove from the city all accumulations of grass, tree or shrubbery cuttings and all other waste incident to their maintenance of lawns, shrubberies and trees on the same calendar day that said waste is created or accumulated. Failure to do so shall be deemed a violation of this section and shall be punishable as hereinafter provided in section 8.3-11.

Sec. 8.3-11. Penalties.

- (a) The amount of any penalty to be assessed for violation of this chapter shall be set by resolution adopted by the city council and may be amended from time to time as necessary.
- (b) ***Penalties to be assessed for violations of this chapter may be added on the violator's water bill for payment to the city or may be recorded as a lien against the property along with the administrative costs of preparation and recording of the lien.***
- (c) Violations of this chapter may be cited to be heard by the city's code enforcement board, special master for code enforcement, or may be enforced by any other legal means available to the city.
- (d) The manner of enforcement of this chapter shall be at the sole discretion of the city.

Properties in the vicinity of the 500 block of South Country Club, Forestview, and Woodland Circle are showing signs of potential **"Bark Beetle"** infestation. Please check or have an expert look at your **Slash Pine** trees for treatment or possible removal. It is documented that the Beetles can kill a tree in as little as two to four weeks in the warmer months.

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.

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



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.

JEWELRY CLASS: Tuesdays & Fridays 7-9 pm. Contact Marie Claude Green at 736-5609, 271-8967 or clvert@aol.com

LANTANA ROAD BRANCH LIBRARY : Closed for renovations.

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 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

WELCOME NEW RESIDENTS

Mr. & Mrs. Bagley
Tom & Ruthann Butterworth
Tomas & Sofia Caraballo
Jerry Catoe
Leandro & Angelica Contreras
Roberto Galero
Dennis Hines & Mary Ann Monnin
Razmig Panossian
Josh Tate & Erin Porostovsky
Andres Porath & Taryn Mays
Margaret Sheahan & Patricia DiPietro

OUR CONDOLENCES ON THE DEATHS OF:

Dennis Dorsey
Gwendolyn James



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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.