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FROM THE MAYOR

March 1, 2024

Dear Atlantic City Residents and Guests,

As the calendar flips to March, it's time to get out your green. No, it's not football time, good thing because I'm STILL not over how that Philadelphia Eagles season ended. It's almost Saint Patrick's Day, and in Atlantic City, that means the return of the Saint Patrick's Day Parade on our world-famous Boardwalk. I've been informed this year's parade will be bigger and better than ever! So, mark your calendars for Saturday, March 9th and make sure you join in on the fun, more details are below.

It's been a month since my 'State of the City' address and trust me, we are working diligently to ensure everything we discussed in the presentation gets done. In the weeks after the address, I went to each of the civic association and neighborhood meetings to give an overview of my presentation because it's important our residents stay informed. Construction begins soon on two of the projects I highlighted – the City Hall Courtyard (to be renamed Lt. Governor Sheila Y. Oliver Plaza) and Pop Lloyd Stadium. In fact, all are welcome on March 6th at 11:00 AM to the courtyard groundbreaking ceremony. And I am happy to report Atlantic City is receiving $20-million of Governor Murphy's $100-million Boardwalk Preservation Fund grant!

I am humbled to announce I've been named to the 2024 Insider NJ African American List in Honor of Black History Month, the icing on the cake of a memorable February in Atlantic City. We did more at City Hall to celebrate Black History Month than ever before, and I even got to speak at Our Lady Star of the Sea School's Black History Lunch, where I reminded the students about the Small administration's investment in our youth, and let the kids know they can be whatever they want to be when they grow up as long as they believe in themselves.

Thanks for reading our newsletter and remember, It's a Great Day Here in the City of Atlantic City!

- Mayor Marty Small, Sr.

'BIGGER AND BETTER' ST. PATRICK'S DAY PARADE!

Parade Details

Saturday, March 9, 2024

Starts at 1:00 PM(ish) at 500 Boardwalk

Parade Route is 2 Miles

Contact the Parade Committee at:

stpatricksparadeac@gmail.com

During a news conference on the Atlantic City Boardwalk at St James Pl, Mayor Small, along with the Atlantic City Saint Patrick's Day Parade committee (made up of local community member volunteers) promised this year's parade on March 9th will be bigger and better than ever before, and will have the entire town buzzing! More than a dozen string bands and piper bands will be among the 100-plus participants in the parade, which goes from Ocean Resort Casino to Albany Avenue along Atlantic City's Boardwalk. Tens of thousands of people are excepted to attend this family-friendly event, with Grand Marshals Kelsey Grammer of 'Cheers' and 'Frasier' fame, and Steve Troiano, proprietor of Maynard's Cafe.

Members of various city departments took part in the Atlantic County Community Utility Assistance Day held in Atlantic City, organized by the New Jersey Board of Public Utilities. More than 300 individuals showed up to get connected with free utility grant programs to help them cut costs. Call 609-345-1365 if you're in need of assistance.

Beginning in March, the city will hold monthly Job Readiness Forums in an effort to prepare Atlantic City residents to seek, secure and sustain jobs. To learn more about the program, residents and future employees are urged to attend an upcoming Informational Session.

Thursday March 7, 2024

11:00 AM - 12:30 PM

Carnegie Library
35 S. Dr. Martin Luther King Blvd, Atlantic City

The first Monthly Job Readiness Forum at Carnegie will be March 28th from 10:00 AM -12:30 PM (and will recur every 4th Thursday of the month thereafter)

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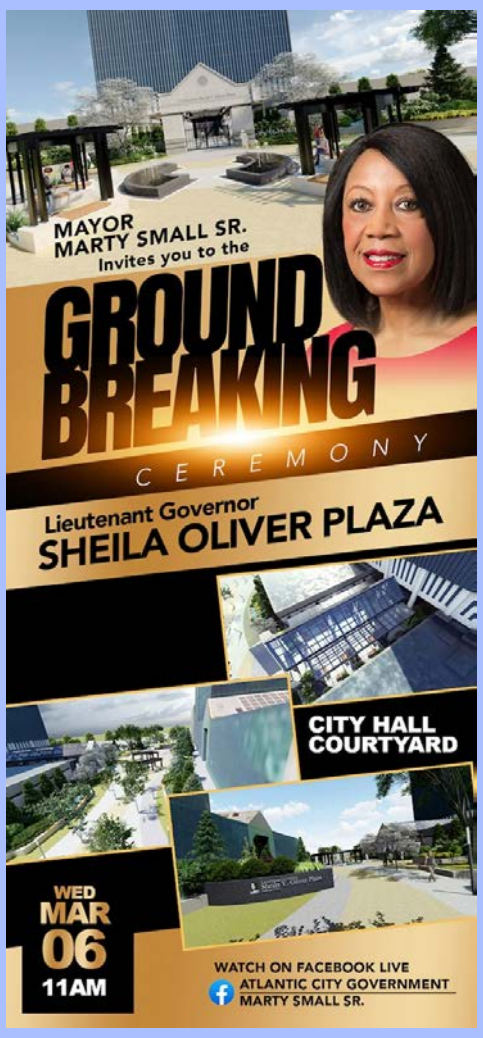


During a Promotional Ceremony at City Hall Council Chambers, the Atlantic City Fire Department swore-in Manuel Branco (pictured below) and Michael Macready to battalion chief, and the following eight individuals to captain: Ismail Abdussamad, Neil Anderson, Andrew Biscieglia, Ryan Cooke, Stephen Kohler, Daniel Morgan, Anthony Santoro, John Varallo, Jr. Mayor Small administered the oath of office. With these promotions, and the addition of 36 new recruits, the ACFD now has seven battalion chiefs, 46 captains, and 199 staff members in total.

The City of Atlantic City would like to congratulate our Employees of the Quarter for the start of 2024, each selected by their department directors:

Latray Butcher (Police), Captain Vernon Cruse (Fire), Samm D'Amore (Health & Human Services), Kellie Davis (Human Resources), Megan Frederick (Public Works), Latasha Jones (Licensing & Inspections), Nicole Kramer (Revenue & Finance), Leslie Lewis (Municipal Court), Lance Smith (Administration - CDBG), Shennita Williams (Planning & Development)

Longtime city employees Trish Mooney and Leah Marshall were each recently honored by receiving proclamations recognizing their 60-plus years of service to the city (combined), Trish mainly in the Purchasing department and Leah in Human Resources and Health and Human Services. They each retired at the end of 2023, and the city wishes them nothing but the best in their next chapters!

Congratulations to Assistant Solicitor Karl Timbers on a successful year as President of the Atlantic County League of Municipalities! City Council Vice President Kaleem Shabazz will serve as Vice President in the upcoming year.

Atlantic City seniors were feeling the love during the 'Cupid's Legacy' Valentine's Dinner at Stockton University. Atlantic City Senior Services partnered with Stockton for this unique event, that gave the seniors a chance to dine, play games and win prizes with Stockton students . Mayor Small appeared at the event, as did Stockton Dean of Student Services Marcus Johnson and his crew od Resident Scholars.

March features a wide variety of FREE trips and activities open to all Atlantic City residents 55 and older!

March 5th, 12th, 19th, 26th – Fun and Fitness Classes 'Motown Style' at All Wars Memorial Building; 5:00 PM

March 6th – Trip to Philadelphia Flower Show

March 8th – Reading Terminal Market (Philadelphia) Shopping Trip

March 11th – Introduction to Sewing Informational Meeting at the PAL Building, 5:00 PM

March 12th – Bowling at King Pin Lanes, 9:00 AM

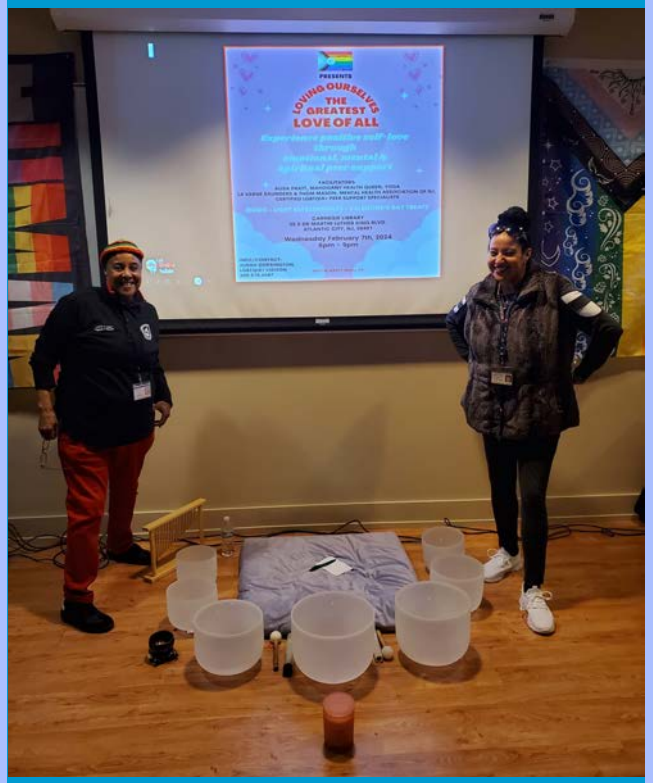
March 13th, 20th, 27th – Chair Yoga and Sound Meditation at the PAL Building, 3:00 PM

March 19th – BINGO at the PAL Building, 1:00 PM

Call Atlantic City Senior Services at 609-347-5458 to register and get the full details on these events at acnj.gov.

City staff celebrated Valentine's Day with a Red and Pink Day, one of many specialty attire days at City Hall in February. Other dress up days included African Attire Day and HBCU/ Greek Day for Black History Month, and Jersey Day just ahead of the Super Bowl.

The Mayor's Office of LGBTQ+ Affairs invited the community to experience positive self-love through emotional, mental and spiritual support during the 'Loving Ourselves, The Greatest Love of All' event at Carnegie Library. Attendees got to hear from peer support and mental health specialists, while learning about the benefits of yoga and meditation.



Up next for the Mayor's Office of LGBTQ+ Affairs is 'The Purple Soiree' on Sunday, March 10th from 2:00-6:00 PM at the Clarridge Hotel, celebrating International Women's Day. Call 609-347-6492 to register for this free event, which includes music, a buffet and a comedy performance .

Attire is, you guessed it, purple!

City Hall was full of delicious treats as members of our staff brought in homemade sweet potato pies and pound cakes for a friendly competition in celebration of Black History Month. The winners, as voted on by a panel of judges, were:

Business Administrator Anthony Swan (Pictured Left - Sweet Potato Pie)

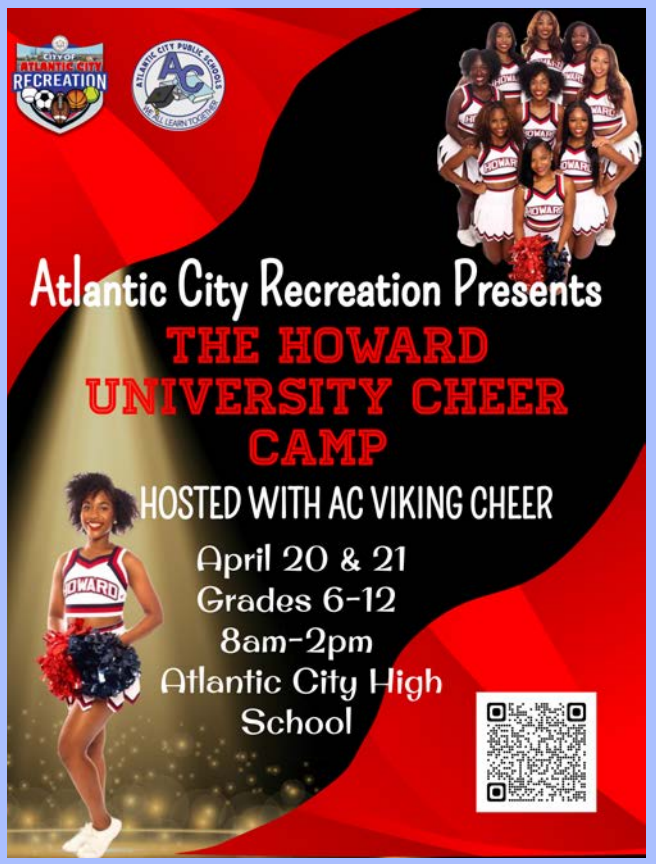
Eunice Chu-Middlesworth w/ the Solicitor's Office (Pictured Right - Pound Cake)

Black History Month was full of events virtually daily at City Hall thanks to the Mayor's Office of Special Events, who organized employee highlight sessions celebrating the achievements of some of our own, a special Black History Jeopardy event and an employee potluck at the end of the month, on top of a monthlong display in the City Hall lobby, among other activity. Atlantic City Youth Services had a monthlong HBCU showcase in the lobby, and the Multicultural Division organized a free Community Museum Day for Atlantic City residents at the National Museum of African American History & Culture.

Atlantic City residents learned how to budget and improve their personal finances during the first class of a free Financial Literacy Course, presented by our Multicultural Services division. Future courses are offered in English and Spanish, call 609-347-6492 to get on the wait list to sign up as space is limited and demand is high.

The Atlantic City Police Department was honored to welcome Alex Mann (far right), a PA resident living with autism. Alex has made it his life's mission to spend time with as many law enforcement officers as possible to promote autism awareness. The ACPD was the 468th police department he has visited. Alex was given a tour of the Public Safety Building and Police Compound.

Thank you to the company leaders with Orkin who took time to build and donate hundreds of stuffed teddy bears, along with messages of encouragement, to our First Responders and Health and Human Services division. These bears will be used to uplift the spirits of children during emergency and other unfortunate situations.



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