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PARTY WITH A PURPOSE

Dear Atlantic City Residents and Guests,

Mark this date on your calendars, be the Atlantic City Police Athletic League. **Saturday, May 30, 2026.**

That night, I'll be hosting my second Inaugural Gala, this one at Hard Rock Hotel & Casino Atlantic City, and I want everyone reading this to be part of it in some fashion. This year's gala will be bigger than the last, which was already the largest mayoral gala in Atlantic City history, and we're raising the bar even higher this time around because this event is, and always will be, for the people.

Every single dollar raised goes directly to Atlantic City charities. In 2022, together, we raised an incredible \$611,000 to support our youth. This year, we're expanding that impact by supporting not only youth organizations, but also seniors, veterans, the arts, and other community groups. Our main beneficiary for 2026 will

I've set an ambitious goal of raising more than \$750,000 this year, and with your help, we will make it happen. Be sure to find us on Eventbrite, where you'll find ticket options available for every budget. We're going to make sure this is an epic party with a purpose.

And speaking of celebrations, I was deeply honored to receive the President's Award at the 2026 NAACP Annual Freedom Fund Gala, also hosted by our friends at Hard Rock. My love for Atlantic City is no secret, and anytime I am recognized like this, I view it as an award for our community as a whole.

It's a Great Day Here in the City of Atlantic City!

-Mayor Marty Small, Sr.



(NAACP FREEDOM FUND GALA)

INFRASTRUCTURE IMPROVEMENTS CONTINUE

SETTING THE STAGE FOR ATLANTIC AVENUE PAVING

LATEST ATLANTIC AVE TIMELINE



Construction crews are currently removing concrete to prepare foundations for new light poles.



Once complete, light pole installation will begin.



Following installation, roadway milling and paving through the heart of Atlantic City is expected to start before the end of this spring.



Motorists should anticipate temporary detours and modified traffic patterns in active work zones only along Atlantic Avenue and select adjacent side streets during construction.



The City of Atlantic City has officially begun the final phase of the Atlantic Avenue Improvement Project, marking a major milestone in the much-anticipated transformation of Atlantic Avenue. This phase includes the milling and paving of Atlantic Avenue from Tennessee Avenue to Albany Avenue, along with traffic signal synchronization and additional lighting.

BOARDWALK MAKEOVER ROLLS ON



As we get closer to the start of the summer season, the \$20 Million Boardwalk repair project in Atlantic City utilizing New Jersey Boardwalk Preservation Fund money from the state continues from New Jersey to Tennessee Avenues. Construction crews will work diligently to move this project along with as few disruptions as possible as we enter the warmer months. Boardwalk repair work (NJEDA) from Bellevue to Arkansas Avenues was completed last fall.

DEFINING MOMENT



While addressing attendees at the 2026 East Coast Gaming Congress, Mayor Small used infrastructure improvements as just one of many examples why Atlantic City simply needs to worry about what it can control as it relates to New York casino gaming. He reminded everyone that Atlantic City is always reinventing itself and the city will continue taking matters into its own hands.

“We’re going to do whatever we can on our part to make sure Atlantic City is clean, Atlantic City is safe and the visitor experience is memorable, and that’s my promise.”

GREAT DAY GAZETTE

A NEW GENERATION OF EXPERIENCES



Royal TREATMENT



Following the overwhelming success of last year's Daddy-Daughter Sneaker Ball, Atlantic City mothers and their sons got to experience this unique and heartwarming event thanks to Atlantic City Recreation and other Department of Health & Human Services divisions. "A King's First Queen" gave families the chance to step out in style and dine and dance the night away, red carpet entrances and all, at the beautifully decorated All Wars Memorial Building.



LAX TO THE MAX



Atlantic City Recreation's Girls Lacrosse Program, in partnership with Philadelphia-based nonprofit Eyekonz Sports, is off and running at Pop Lloyd Stadium!



Girls in grades 3-8 have been learning all the lacrosse basics, free of charge, and even got to participate in their first game in Philadelphia! In addition to building athletic skills, this program offers pathways to college scholarships.



HAVE OURSELVES A FIELD DAY



The Department of Health & Human Services made Spring Break a memorable one for Atlantic City youth with the return of the popular Field Day at Dew Park. Games, ice cream, crafts, sports...you name it, the kids enjoyed got to enjoy it during this community gathering!

Crowned



Our Office of Multicultural Affairs had the honor of leading CROWNED (Creative, Resilient, Optimistic Women Navigating Empowered Destinies), where young ladies have been enjoying weekly sessions on building confidence, personal branding, and embracing their leadership potential.

COMMUNITY SUPPORT & PROGRAMS

GETTING THAT ALL IMPORTANT SECOND CHANCE



All Wars Memorial Building was packed with Atlantic City residents looking to put their life back on track at a court outreach and expungement event. Thanks to the Atlantic City Joint Municipal Court and O.N.E. Neighborhood Evolution Anti-Violence division, individuals with active bench warrants, outstanding fines, or other open cases got to address their matters. Local social service providers and public agencies were also on hand to assist.

During National Reentry Month, the Atlantic City Reentry Resource Fair brought dozens of partners together to support residents returning home to our community. Job readiness and housing resources, as well as mental health support, were available. Thank you to the Casino Control Commission, Angels in Motion, and the city's CDBG Office, for helping create a welcoming and impactful event!



Senior Care

Atlantic City Senior Services' first Senior Health and Wellness Expo was designed to help guide our residents ages 55 and older to live long, happy lives. Seniors got health screenings, sampled healthy snacks, heard from presenters on a range of topics and obtained critical resources.



There was also an active component to the expo where seniors participated in classes like Chair Yoga as seen above!

FELICIDADES, GRADUATES!



Congratulations to the graduates of our Intermediate Spanish class! Another GREAT program from our Multicultural team, participants completed the course with stronger language skills, confidence, and connections built through a shared love of learning. We especially want to recognize their dedication and perseverance, showing up each week, and pushing themselves to grow. We look forward to seeing our graduates continue their language journey!



And congratulations to the 2026 Atlantic City Walk of Fame inductees, who have taken their rightful place in history with plaques in Brighton Park: Tavares, Sister Sledge, Melba Moore, Billy Paul, Roy Ayers and Black Ivory.

GREAT DAY GAZETTE



PLANTING ROOTS FOR THE FUTURE



In celebration of Arbor Day, the City of Atlantic City, in partnership with the Atlantic City Shade Tree Committee, was joined by students from Pennsylvania Avenue School in grades 3 through 6 for a hands-on tree planting event. Students helped plant three crabapple trees and two red maple trees along North Carolina Avenue. The students also participated in a creative activity led by the Atlantic City Youth Services division, where they planted seeds in personalized pots.

HONORING A HERO



Congratulations to ACFD Firefighter Joseph Reitzler who was awarded the prestigious Certificate of Valor by the Atlantic County Firefighters Association in recognition of his extraordinary bravery during a life-threatening incident two summers ago!



Check out the monthly Public Safety Insider for more news like this at www.acnj.gov.

FUTURE AC LEADERS



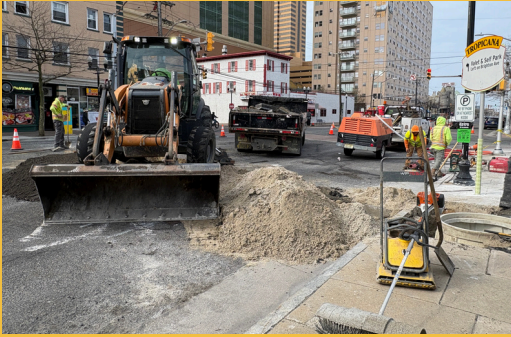
Our youngest visitors suited up and showed up during Bring Your Child to Work Day at City Hall! The kids stepped into real hazmat suits to learn about environmental spill response, enjoyed exciting demos from our Police and Fire Departments, and spent the morning with Mayor Small, among other fun and exciting ventures!



The city took part in the ribbon cutting for Platters Seafood & Soul Food's newest Atlantic City location on The Walk! Platters has already joined our Keep it Local campaign, which supports small businesses in our community.

THANK YOU FOR READING!

THE GREAT DAY GAZETTE IS PRODUCED BY THE CITY OF ATLANTIC CITY PUBLIC INFORMATION OFFICE



(PHOTOS TAKEN BY CITY OF ATLANTIC CITY STAFF)



WHAT'S COMING UP

OPENING OF THE SEA

Join Mayor Small, ACPD Chief James Sarkos, ACFD Chief Scott Evans and ACBP Chief Steve Downey for the Opening of the Sea Ceremony on Friday, May 22 at 1:00 PM on the Boardwalk outside Resorts Casino Hotel. Mayor Small will officially "unlock" the ocean for the season before tossing the traditional Memorial Day wreath in the ocean. Stick around for music, games and prizes all afternoon until the annual Beach Ball Drop at 5:00 PM.



SOAR & SHORE AIRSHOW

The Shore & Shore Airshow, presented by Visit Atlantic City, takes flight from Friday, May 29 to Sunday, May 31 from around 12:00 PM to 3:00 PM all three days. Set up on the beach or along your favorite spot on the Boardwalk and enjoy this free show to kick off summer! New this year: on May 29 from 5:00 to 7:00 PM, meet the civilian performers at Atlantic City International Airport while enjoying food trucks and giveaways.



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