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FROM THE MAYOR

Dear Atlantic City Residents and Guests,

I first said this during my State of the City address way back in February, and I've continued saying it ever since: this year's City of Atlantic City Winter Wonderland Parade is going to be the BIGGEST PARADE IN ATLANTIC CITY SINCE MS. AMERICA! This event gives us a chance to bring the entire community together, which I love. In the past, the Winter Wonderland Parade has taken place in our neighborhoods, and we explored the idea of continuing that trend this season. But guess what? We're expecting Atlantic Avenue to be paved in December as part of phase II of the Road Diet AND part of Baltic Avenue, another parade option, is also scheduled to be paved this winter. So, it made sense to have the parade at the third option we were discussing and that is the world-famous Atlantic City Boardwalk. Every single one of the departments under the Small administration will be taking part, and we encourage ALL local businesses and organizations to do the same. Call the Mayor's Office of Special Events Office right now to get involved (609-347-5823).

As we enter the season of giving, I want to announce I have come up with yet another way to give back to the youth of Atlantic City. On top of my three-year, $3-million scholarship commitment to our residents, I also recently announced I am sponsoring not one, but two great college tours run by local organizations. The NAACP Youth Council Tour and the Original Atlantic City College Tour by the Omega by the Sea Foundation take students to Historically Black Colleges and Universities over the span of multiple days. Plus, I am covering the cost for 100 Atlantic City residents to go on these tours each year through 2027 using American Rescue Plan grant money. I believe education is important to developing these young minds. This demonstrates my commitment to giving our children the tools needed to achieve success. More details on the program can be found on the City's website.

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

- Mayor Marty Small, Sr.

Walking in a Winter Wonderland

Dancing elves, Atlantic City Ballet Nutcracker performers, Santa Claus and the Grinch all showed up to officially kick off the 2024 holiday season in Atlantic City during a Tinseltown Holiday Experience press conference at Tanger Outlets organized by the Casino Reinvestment Development Authority (CRDA). It was during this event, Mayor Small announced this year's Winter Wonderland Parade on December 7th, organized by the Mayor's Office of Special Events, will relocate to the Atlantic City Boardwalk. The parade begins at 11:00 AM at Rhode Island Avenue, and the procession goes down to Albany Avenue. More details on the post-parade celebration, as well as this year's prade grand marshal, will be revealed soon, so stay tuned for these exciting details!

All community members, businesses and local organizations wishing to participate in the Winter Wonderland Parade should fill out the application posted at www.acnj.gov and return it to the Special Events Office in person at City Hall or via email no later than Monday, November 22nd. Questions can be directed to the Special Events Office at 609-347-5823. The rain date for the parade is December 8th.

To see the full list of tree lightings, displays, pop-up experiences, entertainment and ALL holiday happenings in Atlantic City this season go to www.atlanticcitynj.com/holiday-happenings.

Trick-or-treating came early in Atlantic City thanks to the Mayor's Office of Special Events and all City departments, who had plenty of candy to distribute to the kids during this year's Harvest Festival outside City Hall. While the little ones enjoyed their treats along with games, music and a raffle, everyone in attendance got to learn about the many exciting programs offered to our community!

Other Important Dates this Holiday Season

November 18th – Thanksgiving Food Box Giveaway for Atlantic City residents held outside City Hall (Tennessee Avenue Entrance) organized by Atlantic City Senior Services (609-347-5458).

November 21st – Coat Drive from 11:00 AM – 3:00 PM at City Park (South Carolina and Atlantic Avenues) organized by Atlantic City Reentry Services and the City's Homeless Outreach team. New or slightly worn coats can be dropped off at City Hall for donation.

November 25th – Hot Meal Delivery to Senior residents.

More information on these events can be found at www.acnj.gov

STANLEY HOLMES VILLAGE ACTION PLAN

While the Atlantic City Housing Authority (ACHA) is its own entity, Mayor Small gave the ACHA a platform at City Hall to present its plan of action to ensure the safety and well-being of Stanley Holmes Village residents this winter and beyond. The plan, which was presented by ACHA project manager Mike Brown, includes delivering more dependable heat and hot water to residents, facilitating the voluntary transfer of some residents to better living conditions and preparing for future redevelopment. In an effort to correct issues the ACHA is dealing with because of decades of inadequate maintenance, current ACHA leadership is enacting a replacement instead of just repair strategy as well as a new funding approach focused on building upon prior investments.

The ACHA has invested $3.5-million toward heating and gas improvements to make Stanley Holmes Village habitable while budgeting funds for remaining ACHA portfolio properties. The ACHA is replacing failing boilers with higher efficiency boilers (pictured above), replaced failing gas lines in 19 buildings and replaced more than 60-percent of crawl space piping. Heating system repairs are expected to be complete by the end of November of this year. A full recap of the ACHA presentation can be found at www.acnj.gov. Residents and members of the public with questions for the ACHA can contact Executive Director Thomas Sahlin at 609-344-1107 ext. 216; tsahlin@atlanticcityha.org.

The New Jersey Historic Trust has recommended the award of five grants for projects in Atlantic City. The applications included three City-sponsored projects – the interior restoration of Fire House #2, condition assessments and design development for Fire House #3 and Fire House #6, and funding for a Black history tour to celebrate the City's rich African American cultural and architectural history. In addition, grants are recommended for the Absecon Lighthouse and Jim Whelan Boardwalk Hall. No other city received as much funding as Atlantic City.

The City recently started construction of the exterior restoration of the historic Fire House #2 at the corner of Indiana and Baltic Avenues.

The Atlantic City Police Department was joined by local leaders and the community for a Unity Walk from Kennedy Plaza to the Public Safety building. This event is held each year at the culmination of National Faith and Blue weekend.

The City of Atlantic City Department of Public Works has installed two, new signs to both welcome guests and thank them for visiting. One is located at Brigantine Boulevard and Maryland Avenue as you are entering Atlantic City from Brigantine, and the other can be seen at the Public Works Yard exit.

The Atlantic City Police Department held two 'Coffee with a Cop' events in October, one at the Oceanside II Family Success Center and one at Baltic Plaza Apartments. Thank you to all who showed up!

YOUTH AND SENIORS

"OUR TWO MOST PRECIOUS RESOURCES" -Mayor Small

The youth of Atlantic City have been enjoying brand-new, FREE programs this Fall courtesy of the Atlantic City Youth Services (ACYS) division and the Atlantic City Recreation (AC Rec) division. ACYS is introducing Uptown School Pre-K and Kindergartners to foundational ballet technique through a partnership with Arlin's Dance Studio. And registration will begin soon for free ballet classes for all Atlantic City youth ages 7-14, in an ACYS partnership with the Atlantic City Ballet! Youth taking part in the ACYS Ocean Saddle Equestrian Academy at Split Elm Equestrian rode horses on their own for the first time, while AC Rec is creating a new generation of golfers by teaching our youth the basics of the game during Golf Days at Greentree Golf Course. And ACYS and AC Rec have partnered for free drum classes at Uptown School Complex. Maybe we'll see an Atlantic City youth drumline in the near future! Also, coming up soon or just beginning now are Baking Made Easy, Kids Carpentry and Hair Studio. Follow ACYS on social media @atlanticcityyouthservices and AC Rec @atlanticcityrecreation.

ACYS continued its College Tours for residents with a visit to Lincoln University and will soon visit Fairleigh Dickinson University and William Paterson University on November 6th. To further demonstrate the City's commitment to our youth, Mayor Small also announced he is sponsoring college tours for Atlantic City residents organized by the NAACP Youth Council and the Omega by the Sea Foundation over the next four years.

The Atlantic City Senior Services division introduced billiards to its list of regularly-scheduled, free programs for Atlantic City residents ages 55 and older, a list that also includes Bowling, Bingo and Fun & Fitness class. Our seniors have also been enjoying some special Fall activities like Pumpkin Painting, Farmer's Market Trips and a Harvest Workshop with CROPS Nonprofit. Lastly, participants in the first Senior Sewing Class got to show off their creations fashion show-style!

¿PODEMOS DECIR GRAN DIA?!

The City of Atlantic City Multicultural Services division is offering free Intro to Spanish courses, helping Atlantic City residents master the basics of Español. This language learning journey is in partnership with La Casa Dominica NJ, Inc. While space is full at the moment, those interested in this class, and similar programs offered by the City can call the Multicultural Services Office at 609-347-6492. There is a wait list for Intro to Spanish. Other events the Multicultural Services Office has been involved in lately include another free Financial Literacy Course for residents, a cultural showcase of Peru and a Dia De Los Muertos celebration.

October was LGBTQIA+ History Month, and the Mayor's Office of LGBTQ Affairs celebrated progress in the fight for equality with a special flag signing. During the month, members of the LGBTQ+ community and allies were invited to sign a flag at City Hall with loving messages to inspire hope for future generations. This was the same flag that was used during the inaugural City of Atlantic City Pride Flag Raising in 2021.

With October also being Breast Cancer Awareness Month, the various departments at City Hall decorated their doors in a show of support to those individuals affected by this disease. Staff members also wore pink every Wednesday of the month to further raise awareness and show solidarity.

Please join us in congratulating and thanking some of our exemplary City of Atlantic City employees for a job well done! They have each earned the title of 'Employee of the Quarter' selected by their direct supervisors. Your efforts do not go unnoticed, and the City of Atlantic City is grateful for all you do!

Riley Flynn (Police Department)
Donna Herbert (Revenue & Finance)
Shakinah Moody (Planning & Development)
Lateefa Thompson (Licensing & Inspections)
Dana Fisher (Public Works)
Rhea Burch (Human Resources)
Ashley Biscardi (Health & Human Services)
Joseph Reitzler (Fire Department)
Denise Campos (Municipal Court) Kyshawn Wyman (Business Administration - IT)

City Hall and all City of Atlantic City Government Buildings will be closed on the following November dates:

Nov 5 – Election Day
Nov 8 – Professional Staff Development
Nov 11 – Veterans Day
Nov 28 – Thanksgiving
Nov 29 – Day After Thanksgiving

Can We Say Great Day?!

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2024 Accelerated Tax Lien Sale
DECEMBER 20, 2024

Dates To Remember During Tax Sale Process:

Tuesday, November 12th Last day to pay before penalties are added (No postmarks) Payments are processed the date received.
Friday, November 15th CLOSE OF BUSINESS
1. Tax Sale List is generated and Penalties are added
2. AC Website Online payment feature is disabled for ALL 2024 balances
Monday, November 18th First Tax Sale Notice mailed
Guaranteed Funds are required (NO PERSONAL, BUSINESS OR ONLINE CHECKS ISSUED BY BANK WILL BE ACCEPTED)
Tuesday, November 26th
1. List Advertised on City Website
2. First Tax Sale Advertisement in Press of Atlantic City
Monday, December 2nd ~ Second Tax Sale Notice mailed
Tuesday, December 10th ~ Second Advertisement in Press of Atlantic City
Thursday, December 19th ~ ALL 2024 Delinquencies MUST be paid on or before 12/19/2024 to avoid Tax Lien Sale
Friday, December 20th ~ Tax Lien Sale- NO PAYMENTS WILL BE ACCEPTED

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