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4 YEARS STRONG

FROM THE MAYOR

October 5, 2023

Dear Atlantic City Residents and Guests,

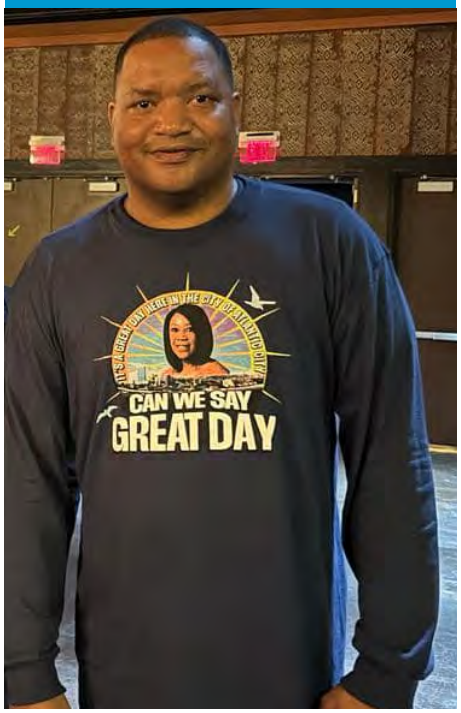
It has always been my dream to one day be mayor of the Great City of Atlantic City. It was not a smooth ride to get to this point. I hit many speed bumps along the way and, at times, was unsure if it would ever happen. But I never gave up and never lost site of the end goal, and on October 3, 2019 my dream became a reality when I was finally sworn in as mayor of this great city. Since then, things have not always been perfect, and they certainly have not always gone my way. But I can proudly say I've experienced way more wins than losses these last four years, way more ups than downs, and Atlantic City's future looks brighter than ever before.

I wouldn't be where I am today without the love and support of my family and friends, but also not without my incredible staff. From October 3, 2019 on, I've been trying to build Atlantic City from the inside out, and that starts with City Hall. So, it brought me pure joy to be able to host Atlantic City's first 'Great Day 2023' staff professional development day for the entire Small administration. This gave all of my employees the chance to unite as an organization and build team morale. We heard from fascinating motivational speakers and promoted positive workforce climate and culture, all while getting to have a little fun together.

One of the highlights of 'Great Day 2023' for me personally was getting to announce the dedication of our upcoming City Hall Courtyard project to the late New Jersey Lieutenant Governor Sheila Oliver. For everything she has done for my administration and for Atlantic City, she deserves nothing short of having an entire plaza to her name. This project has been two years in the making and it makes me happy to know she will now be forever associated with Atlantic City.

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

- Mayor Marty Small, Sr.



Lt. Governor Sheila Y. Oliver Plaza

(The above photos are renderings of the project)

Mayor Small announced construction to improve the City Hall Courtyard is scheduled to begin in January of 2024. The enhanced courtyard will be named after the late New Jersey Lieutenant Governor Sheila Oliver. Her name will be etched in the building above the main entrance, and will be placed on street signs throughout the courtyard. The newly appointed Acting Commissioner of the NJ Department of Community Affairs (DCA), Jacquelyn Suarez, members of the DCA staff and members of Sheila Oliver's family were present for the announcement.

The project incorporates environmentally responsible and enhanced security features. Highlights include the addition of benches, beautiful trees and shrubs, a rain garden, a fountain, improved lighting and a covered walkway above the main entrance to City Hall, which will be gated. The project also features a redesigned main parking lot and north parking lot. The project is anticipated to be completed by Fall of 2024.

Mayor Small, City Councilman-at-Large Bruce Weekes and the city's Revenue and Finance Department partnered up for a free seminar, educating individuals on the proper protocol for obtaining business with the City of Atlantic City. This was open to everyone, while geared toward minority and local businesses. Attendees were educated on RFPs (Request for Proposals), RFQs (Request for Quotes), bids, binding, vendor opportunities, professional service contracts and more. 'How to Do Business with the Great City of Atlantic City' is part of Mayor Small's continuing education series for Atlantic City residents, which also includes the Small Business Academy, scheduled to start its next cohort later this Fall.

September 22nd is now 'Jerzday' in Atlantic City! While the cast of 'Jersey Shore Family Vacation' was in town filming, Mayor Small invited them to the Boardwalk outside Hard Rock Hotel & Casino Atlantic City where he delivered a Proclamation to show appreciation for their roles in bringing attention to our area over the years.

"For the last 15 years this group has made New Jersey proud through their strength, perseverance, family values, gym, tan and laundry," the Proclamation read. Fans of the hit MTV show filled the Boardwalk to celebrate with the cast and cheer them on.

Atlantic City experienced coastal flooding and dangerous rip currents on multiple occasions in September. If you have not done so already, we ask that you sign up for our 'AC Alerts' emergency notification system to get all the latest information during severe weather events. We would like to thank our Office of Emergency Management, police officers, EMTs, lifeguards, Public Works crews and Public Information team who all work extra hours in the Command Center during these weather events to keep our residents and visitors safe and informed.

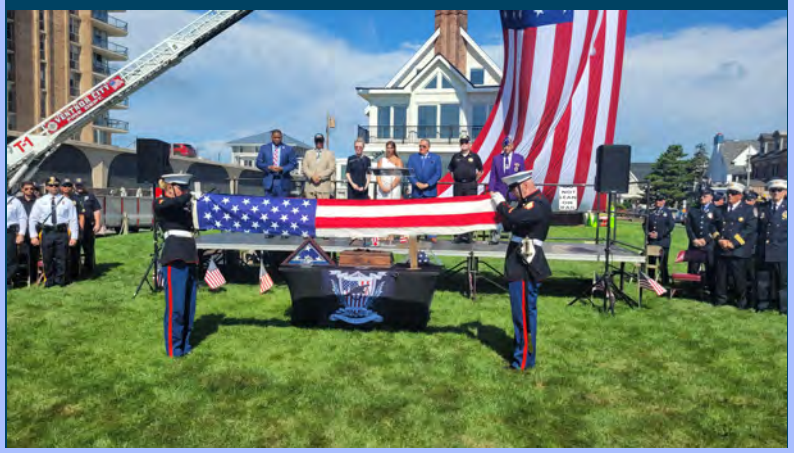
Atlantic City's first all-electric HERO-wrapped patrol vehicle was unveiled on the Boardwalk in front of the Tropicana thanks to a partnership between the John R. Elliott HERO Campaign for Designated Drivers and the Atlantic City Police Department. The ACPD's new Mustang Mach-E is the 21st patrol vehicle from police departments throughout southern New Jersey to be wrapped with the HERO Campaign's logo and slogan promoting the use of designated drivers to prevent drunk driving. After the unveiling, the CRDA honored 23 Atlantic City First Responders during their annual 'First Serve to our First Responders' dinner that officially kicks off Atlantic City Restaurant Week.

After 28 weeks of training, the Atlantic County Police Training Center held a police academy graduation. One Atlantic City police officer and 11 Special Law Enforcement Officer, Class II were members of Class 27. Congratulations to all graduates!

It's never too early to prepare for Winter!

Our Department of Public Works got to craft and hone their vehicle operation skills in a course at Bader Field set up by the New Jersey Department of Transportation, designed to help crews get ready for snow season. This served as a friendly competition, while also focusing on precision when maneuvering the trucks.

The Atlantic City community came together with our First Responders and city and county leaders to remember the day we will never forget. The Atlantic City Saracini-O'Neill 9/11 Memorial at Jackson and the Boardwalk once again served as the location for this year's September 11 memorial ceremony.



During a CitiStat meeting, Director of Public Works Crystal Lewis recognized two workers in the Department – Jermaine Elliott and Nicholas Barbera -- for the exceptional job they did cleaning up the Kentucky Avenue Tunnel. This was not a simple task, and we appreciate their outstanding work!

Sign Up Now !

The stands were open to the public as the City of Atlantic City took on the Atlantic City School District in a softball game at Surf Stadium. While things didn't go the city's way in this one, watch out school district, there will be a rematch this Fall! This came on the heels of a fun and exciting Adult Softball League at Surf Stadium.

Next up for adults: Men's Flag Football, 3 v. 3 Men's Basketball, Coed Volleyball, Kickball, Game Night, Karaoke and Zumba.

*To register for any ACYS or AC Rec program, there are links on the City of Atlantic City website - acnj.gov - or you can sign up using the bio links in their respective social media pages:

@atlanticcityyouthservices
@atlanticcityrecreation

The 2nd cohort of the Atlantic City Infrastructure Program is underway. ACIP is a joint venture between the City of Atlantic City and Atlantic City Electric. This cohort consists of 22 Atlantic City residents who have now begun their life-changing journey. The program gives Atlantic City residents utility training and work-ready skills to prepare them for promising careers in the energy field. The 1st cohort, last year, celebrated 26 graduates who are now working with Atlantic City Electric or one of the company's contractors of choice.

It was a successful start to T-Ball season for our Atlantic City youth grades K-2. Atlantic City Recreation will be announcing additional T-Ball dates soon, along with dates for Jr. Major League Soccer for grades K-8. AC Rec is also looking to bring an all-boys AND an all-girls NFL FLAG team to compete in a Regional Tournament in Philadelphia later this year. Tryouts have begun, with future dates to be announced soon.

Atlantic City Senior Services treated our most precious jewels living at Atlantic City residential buildings to free 'Senior Appreciation Day' massages, haircuts, manicures and pedicures! Seniors also got to enjoy a recent fishing trip and boat cruise on the Spirit of Philadelphia.

Throughout October, the Senior Services Department will be offering more free activities for ALL Atlantic City seniors than ever before. Events include fishing, BINGO, Zumba, Paint & Sip and a performing arts trip, PLUS Senior Appreciation massages, haircuts manis and pedis for all seniors citywide. Call the department at 609-347-5458 to sign up and get more details at acnj.gov.

Multicultural Services also held a Flag Raising Ceremony at City Hall celebrating Nigeria Independence Day. The Atlantic County Nigerian Association was on hand, along with the city's CFO Toro Aboderin and Director of Enginerring Uzo Ahiarakwe, who are both of Nigerian descent.

There was no better way to kick off Hispanic Heritage Month in Atlantic City than with a celebration at City Hall honoring the Independence Day of three countries: Honduras, Mexico and El Salvador! Attendees got to enjoy food and music, while representing their countries by wearing the colors of its flag. This was organized by City of Atlantic City Multicultural Services, who also has a Hispanic Heritage Month display set up through October 15th at the Noyes Arts Garage.

And congratulations to Rafael Arango with our Multicultural Services Department who has been named to the Front Runner New Jersey list of 30 Under 40 Top Young Latinos of South Jersey for 2023!

You never know when you'll need to save a life! Thank you to ACPD, our Health and Human Services department and the Atlantic County Sheriff's Office for arranging First Aid and CPR training for the City Hall staff.

SAVE THE DATE!

October 25
Harvest Festival
Businesses and agencies must fill out a registration form to set up a table

December 2
Winter Wonderland Parade (rain date is December 9)
If you are interested in participating, contact the Mayor's Office of Special Events: events@acnj.gov

Can We Say Great Day?!

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