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FROM THE MAYOR

Dear Atlantic City Residents and Guests,

Didn't I tell you this was going to be the biggest summer ever in the history of Atlantic City? Now that we've reached September, I can honestly say I don't think that predication was an exaggeration. We had so many different large-scale events in Atlantic City these last few months. How amazing were those Phish and TidalWave beach concerts? And was it just me, or was the Airshow as exciting as ever this year? The estimated crowd of 550,000 people seemed to agree.

For me, one of my personal summer highlights happened when I got to finally donate the money raised from my inaugural "Together We Rise" gala in June to Atlantic City youth nonprofits. My goal initially was $500,000, but guess what? We eclipsed the $600,000 mark! And minus gala expenses, all that money goes directly to charity.

It's hard to believe it's Labor Day Weekend already, but here we are. This is the time of year many beach towns might start pulling their foots off the gas a little bit, but not here in Atlantic City. As I like to say, we just getting started. We had some huge announcements recently and I assure you there are many more coming up soon.

I hope you have a safe and relaxing holiday weekend, thanks for reading our newsletter and remember, it's a GREAT Day Here in the City of Atlantic City!

Oh, and go Eagles!!!

Sincerely,

Mayor Marty Small, Sr.

INVESTING IN ATLANTIC CITY

Atlantic City gets....

- $5M for citywide cameras
- $3.9M for public works projects (boardwalk repair and vehicles)
- $3M to help make local buildings more energy efficient
- $1.3M for fire engines
- $1M for boardwalk repair
- $1M for boardwalk expansion
- $350K for City Hall HVAC

16.8 Million Reasons to Smile

Governor Phil Murphy visited Atlantic City to highlight recent State funding for the community, including millions of dollars in municipal aid in the Fiscal Year 2023 budget. Atlantic City is one of the municipalities that will benefit from direct State investments in key areas such as public works projects.

"Over the past four years, we have worked to help restore fiscal responsibility and encourage Atlantic City to grow and thrive in order to make this a city of opportunity for local residents," said Governor Murphy.

The FY2023 budget includes more than $43 million in direct municipal aid, including $2.15 million from the one-time Municipal Relief Fund – all of which will help day-to-day operations in the city. Additional funding for Atlantic City includes $2 million from the Anti-Violence Out-of-School Youth Summer Program line-item to help provide local children with safe educational and recreational opportunities, and $20 million in federal funds that the New Jersey Department of Transportation secured for the city to enable critical infrastructure updates to Route 40.

The State also assisted Atlantic City in putting together a successful application to FEMA for a Flood Mitigation Assistance grant of over $5 million to improve a local canal that helps alleviate flash flooding in the area to protect residents and their homes.

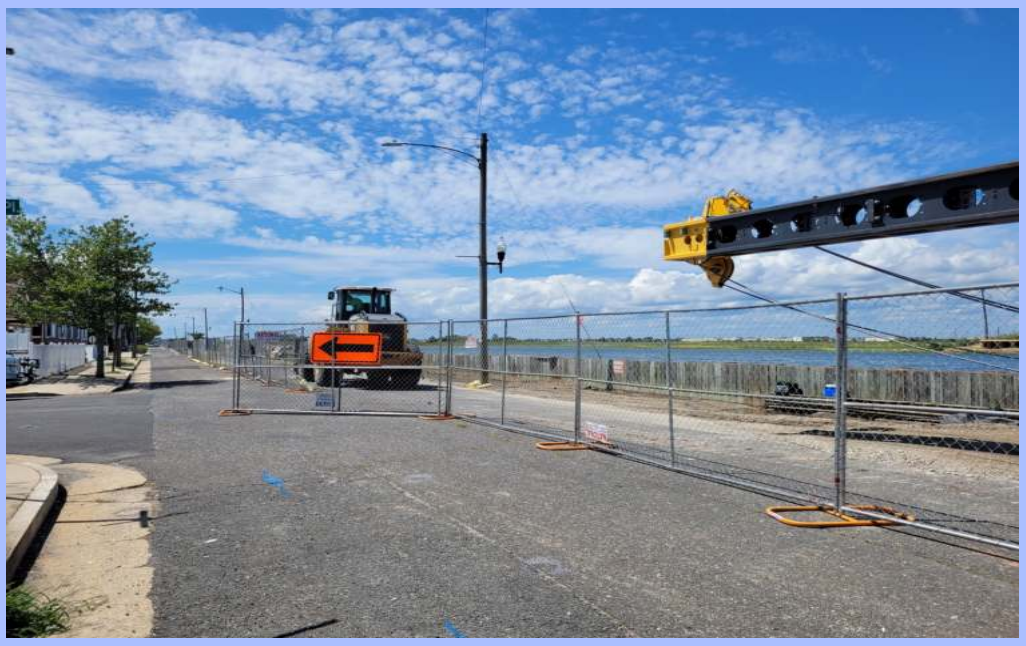
Further funding includes $16.8 million in Fiscal Year 2022 Transitional Aid that was recently allocated to Atlantic City to meet needs in the areas highlighted to the left.

"In addition to the enhancement with cameras," said Mayor Small, "we applaud the state for their assistance in significant investments in our public works department, fire department, and an Energy Savings Improvement Program."

The Senators Stop By

Senator Corey Booker visited the Boys & Girls Club of Atlantic City to tour their Teen Center with Mayor Small. They both got lessons in the lab and learned all about coding.

Senator Bob Menendez joined Mayor Small on the Atlantic City Boardwalk to highlight funding for boardwalk revitalization and for the infrastructure project to elevate Route 40.



Flood Protection

The $6.5 million Lower Chelsea bulkhead project to replace all public bulkheads is now underway. This project includes the replacement of various sections of city-owned bulkhead along Sunset Avenue, Winchester Avenue, and various street ends in the Lower Chelsea Neighborhood.

This is part of the Small Administration's comprehensive plan to address storm protection and drainage issues throughout the City. The Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) has selected three Atlantic City projects for Flood Mitigation Assistance funding.

"This is part of our effort to make the City of Atlantic City one of the most resilient cities on the east coast," said Mayor Small. "We thank our federal and state legislators, the Federal Emergency Management Agency, the New Jersey Department of Community Affairs, and the New Jersey Office of Emergency Management for working the City."

The Small Administration is implementing a $100 million resiliency plan to reduce nuisance flooding and provide for storm protection. Projects nearing completion include the bulkhead construction on South Boulevard in Chelsea Heights and the replacement of check valves along the back bay.

Other projects that will be under construction soon include Gardner's Basin dredging and bulkhead repair, Chelsea and Ducktown public bulkhead replacement from Albany Avenue to the Atlantic City Expressway, and dry floodproofing at City Hall.

No City funds will be used for these projects.

***Traffic Advisory* Expect heavy delays and road closures on September 10th due to the Ironman 70.3 Atlantic City.**

More information is available at acnj.gov.

Soldier's Home Remains Closed

Effective August 14th, the Small Administration temporarily closed All Wars Memorial Building – also known as Soldier's Home.

The air conditioning unit in the building needs to be fixed, but other repairs have to be made first before that can happen.

"The Small Administration is working to fix long standing issues in the building that include roof replacement and interior repairs," Mayor Small said in a statement. "Until these issues are resolved, the air conditioning system cannot be repaired. Due to national supply chain shortages, there is no set timeline when this work will be completed and Soldier's Home can reopen. We estimate this could take up to three months."

Anyone with events scheduled at Soldier's Home within the estimated time frame can call 609-347-5407 to discuss their options moving forward, which include refunds or rescheduling your event to a future date.

Third quarter final tax bills were sent out to Atlantic City property owners beginning the week of August 19th.

Amounts are currently available on the City of Atlantic City website.

The grace period extension for **3RD QUARTER ONLY** will be September 9, 2022.

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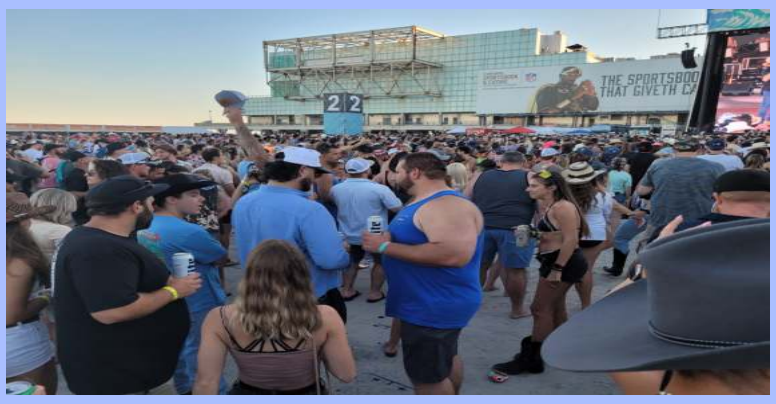
The Atlantic City beach was the place to be in August as massive crowds showed up for the three-day Phish concert, the three-day TidalWave Music Festival, and last but certainly not least, the Atlantic City Airshow. We would like to thank the organizers, Law Enforcement, medical personnel, public works and everyone else who worked countless hours leading up to and during these events to make sure everything went according to plan. We're proud to say it did!



IMPROVING PUBLIC SAFETY

The City of Atlantic City has announced a plan to improve safety both within the school system and on the streets.

The City, and the Atlantic City School District, have discussed a potential collaboration that would enhance safety in the schools. In June, the City applied for a federal grant that would allow eleven Class III officers – officers assigned to school districts -- to be stationed. The goal is to increase that number to 22, which will mean two officers are stationed at each school.

"In Atlantic City, we always want to be prepared", said Mayor Marty Small, Sr. "You know the old adage is 'you rather have options and not need them than to need options and not have them.' So, we want to put our police department and the school district in a position where we are prioritizing safety."

The Small Administration is also looking to increase police presence throughout the city, with one of the main focuses being Atlantic Avenue. In a community-policing effort, the city has planned to hire part-time police aides to provide full coverage around the city.

"We are reaffirming our commitment to cleaning up Atlantic Avenue," said Chief of Police James Sarkos. "The police department will be out in full force, making sure that anything that is in violation of the two criminal codes will be strictly enforced and we're going to get Atlantic Avenue the way it should be, the way it used to be."

The Atlantic City Police Department will include specific details in their October roll-out plans.

Atlantic City Continues to Make Major Strides in its Renaissance with the 6th Auction of 36 Parcels

Waterfront Lots, Development Sites, Prime Commercial Land, Single and Multi-Family Homes, and a four-acre site in the Approved Cannabis Cultivation Zone to go to Auction on September 14, 2022

ATLANTIC CITY, NJ – Max Spann Real Estate and Auction Co. is pleased to announce the Auction of 47 Properties assembled into 36 parcels throughout Atlantic City. The properties will be sold in an Online Auction beggining Monday, September 12, 2022 and concluding Wednesday, September 14, 2022. Bidders may bid online or through the Max Spann app.

Along with eleven homes ready for renovation, some highlights of the sale include:

- Two separate commercial lots on Pacific Avenue. Both are high traffic, high visibility, and close to the beach and boardwalk.
- A four-acre lot in the Mid North Section located in the recently designated areas for cannabis cultivation.
- Several Multi-unit residential development sites
- Waterfront Residential with new bulkheads, ready to build and dock your boat.

A full list is available on www.maxspann.com along with pictures and an interactive map of all the properties up for auction.

"Now is the time to invest in Atlantic City," said Atlantic City Mayor Marty Small, Sr. "We have an incredible list of properties available, and so many big things happening in Atlantic City both right now and on the horizon, so don't miss this prime opportunity to get in while you still can."

The Online Auctions will conclude Wednesday, September 14th. A Property Information Package with terms and online bidding instructions is available by calling 888-299-1438 or visiting www.maxspann.com.
The upcoming Max Spann auction schedule includes numerous properties in the Southern New Jersey region. In the heart of the new entertainment district of Atlantic City, three Beach Block parcels will be sold by a sealed bid auction. The 85 rental units include rooms and apartments spread out between two, 10,228 sq. ft. buildings, with a vacant lot next to the structures. All bidding paperwork is due Tuesday, September 20, 2022, at 11:00 AM.

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The City of Atlantic City wants to bring better, more affordable Internet service to residents and businesses and we need your help! We ask any Atlantic City property owner to please scan the QR Code or ***visit acnj.gov*** and take just two minutes to fill out this brief survey.

Donation Breakdown

The proceeds from Mayor Small's gala fundraiser went to the following Atlantic City-based programs:

- Atlantic City Dolphins ($158,000)
- Atlantic City Police Athletic League ($63,000)
- Boys & Girls Club of Atlantic City ($63,000)
- Empowerment Tools Coalition ($63,000)
- Omega by the Sea Foundation ($43,000)
- Atlantic City Ballet ($5,000)
- HOPE Foundation ($5,000)

The check presentation ceremony was held at Resorts Casino. Owner Morris Bailey was honored for generously donating $35,000 to the gala.

From free haircuts to free boat rides to free Zumba classes, Atlantic City Senior Services has been busy making sure our elders look and feel their very best.

Youth programs in Atlantic City have been getting some media attention lately. Jenna Meissner with PHL17 ***stopped by NFL FLAG*** to scope out the scene. And ***Route 40 did a feature*** on our summer camps, recapping their success and looking ahead.

We are in the process of rehabilitating parks throughout the city. Edith Donaldson Park (pictured below) was recently completed. Next up: Texas Avenue Park.

Mayor Small joined the Michaels Organization at Buzby Homes to honor the Atlantic City young adults who graduated from an intensive, 11-week summer training program in construction trades.

Most of the participants have already found jobs, some of them hired by Michaels.

Good luck to you all!

The City of Atlantic City would also like to wish students and faculty best of luck during the 2022-2023 school year, including our crossing guards, who are ready to go!

Can We Say GREAT DAY?!