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AMERICA 250



Dear Atlantic City Residents and Guests,

Our beaches are fully guarded by the Atlantic City Beach Patrol; our Public Works Department has those beaches looking their best; and thanks to our partners at the CRDA, extra Tourism District police officers are once again on patrol, keeping our residents and the millions of people who visit Atlantic City this summer safe. Yes, the busiest part of the season is here, and the City of Atlantic City is ready!

In what has become one of my favorite traditions to kick off summer, Mayor Marty Small, Sr. Scholarships were once again awarded to Atlantic City residents. This year, we were able to provide 58 scholarships to graduating seniors and residents pursuing graduate degrees and trade school. When I call each student individually to let them know they are getting a scholarship, the joy from their reactions never gets old. For

many, this scholarship makes the difference in whether they can continue their education or not. While the initial funding for this program has come to an end, I remain committed to finding a way to continue creating opportunities like this for our residents.

As we celebrate Independence Day and America 250, please take a moment to reflect on the values that have made our nation strong, like opportunity and hope for a better tomorrow. Those same values guide us under the Small Administration every day.

Have a wonderful Fourth of July weekend, and happy birthday to the USA!!

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

-Mayor Marty Small, Sr.

NEW ADDITIONS TO THE BEACH & BOARDWALK

Atlantic City Celebrates Black Heritage with Marker and Tour



Officials gathered at Missouri Avenue and the Boardwalk to unveil a New Jersey Black Heritage Trail marker recognizing the historic significance of Chicken Bone Beach. The New Jersey Black Heritage Trail program highlights individual, historic moments and places that have shaped Black history throughout New Jersey. Chicken Bone Beach is one of Atlantic City's most important historical landmarks. Immediately following the unveiling ceremony, Mayor Small and the City of Atlantic City's Planning & Development Department officially launched the Atlantic City Black Cultural Heritage Tour, showcasing many of the people, places, and institutions that have played a vital role in shaping Atlantic City's Black history and culture. The digital experience allows users to explore locations virtually at their own pace or participate in a guided tour.

BLUE MATS NOW ON THE BEACH



Atlantic City Public Works has installed blue mats this summer at every handicapped-accessible beach access point (except States Avenue due to beach erosion). They are intended to make it easier for elderly residents and visitors, and those with disabilities, to enter and leave the beach.

REHABILITATED KENNEDY PLAZA



Kennedy Plaza is undergoing a \$1.5 Million revitalization just in time for the heart of tourism season and the return of weekly Mardi Gras on the Boardwalk summer concerts. The project includes brand new boards among other enhancements.



CAMPAIGN EXPANSION



Boardwalk visitors are now being greeted by colorful Great Day Atlantic City banners, the latest expansion of the city's ongoing effort to showcase why Atlantic City is a great place to live, work and invest. The banners link to the Great Day platform. Local businesses have a chance to advertise alongside the Great Day campaign.

GREAT DAY GAZETTE

SPORTS A MAJOR FOCAL POINT TO START SUMMER



Six Atlantic City students who share a passion for soccer experienced the thrill of the World Cup in person at MetLife Stadium thanks to the New Jersey Governor's Office. Back at home, the city's Multicultural Office, along with Visit Atlantic City, the Atlantic City Sports Commission and North 2 Shore partnered for an outdoor Soccer Celebration at Showboat during Team USA's first match. The event featured peewee soccer, face painting, giveaways, and a massive screen to enjoy the action.

In other sports news....

FIELD UPGRADES



A \$1.33 Million renovation project to improve Dolphin Field has broken ground. Funded through New Jersey's Green Acres Program, the project will transform the popular sports facility with a series of significant upgrades, including new turf, locker rooms and lighting. City officials are targeting completion of the project in time for the upcoming fall football season.

Atlantic City youth have been taking aim at new skills in recent weeks through Recreation's Archery Program, where they have been learning proper technique and target shooting.

Residents had a REEL-y fun day on the water during Atlantic City Senior Services' 3rd annual Fishing Excursion, with memories made and many fish caught, some of them keepers!

The young ladies in Atlantic City's Girls Lacrosse Program with Eyekonz Sports got to show off what they've been learning during a special Olympic Day showcase at Pop Lloyd Stadium.





AROUND THE COMMUNITY

TURNING IDEAS INTO ACTION



Atlantic City welcomed community leaders, violence intervention professionals, faith leaders, youth advocates, and national experts for the three-day Pull Up 4 Peace Conference at Showboat Resort, an event focused on building safer, stronger communities through collaboration and action. Hosted by the City of Atlantic City's O.N.E. Neighborhood Evolution Anti-Violence Division and partnering organizations, the conference featured panel discussions, workshops, and keynote presentations. Attendees also heard powerful stories of resilience from survivors and frontline leaders committed to reducing violence. The conference concluded with a Peace Walk from Showboat to City Hall, where participants marched together in solidarity to promote the message that violence is not acceptable.



Atlantic City Police Sergeant Christian Ivanov received an emotional hero's welcome as he was released from AtlantiCare Regional Medical Center following a remarkable recovery from life-threatening injuries sustained in the line of duty just a few weeks prior. Members of the ACPD, law enforcement partners, city leaders, family members, friends, and hospital staff gathered outside the medical center to participate in a clap-out and honor guard escort recognizing Sgt. Ivanov's dedication to public service. Read more stories like this in the monthly Atlantic City Public Safety Insider!

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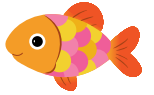
During June's Pride Month, the Pride Flag was raised high above City Hall as a reminder that everyone deserves to feel welcome in Atlantic City. The Mayor's Office of LGBTQIA+ Affairs also organized another successful Great Pride Day event at O'Donnell Park.

Every year at Bader Field right around Flag Day, Atlantic City Public Safety personnel conduct a Flag Retirement Ceremony, honoring worn and weathered American flags through a dignified and respectful disposal process.



From cookouts to cultural gatherings, Juneteenth was celebrated throughout Atlantic City, and it all kicked off with a beautiful Juneteenth Flag Raising Ceremony at City Hall, organized by the Mayor's Office of Special Events.

GREAT DAY GAZETTE



AQUARIUM ADDS NEW EDUCATIONAL SPACE



Visitors to the Atlantic City Aquarium now have even more opportunities to learn about the natural world thanks to the opening of a newly expanded environmental education space. The third-floor exhibit area is designed to educate visitors about environmental stewardship, conservation, and the importance of protecting local ecosystems. The new space was designed and developed by the South Jersey Transportation Authority (SJTA).

NEW PROGRAMS WRAP UP FOR THE YOUTH OF ATLANTIC CITY

The Atlantic City Youth Services Division and Atlantic City Recreation completed a new series of programs for Atlantic City kids that began in the spring. At ACYS Charm School, Atlantic City boys and girls learned valuable life skills including proper etiquette, respect, confidence, and table manners, while kids found their rhythm at ACYS Dance Studio at Arlin's Dance Spot while learning new techniques on the dance floor. MudGirls Studios helped our young artists mold something special at ACYS Ceramics Class, while our young ladies learned about leadership, hard work, and the importance in believing in themselves at AC Rec's Girls Table Talk program.



CHARM SCHOOL



DANCE STUDIO



CERAMICS



TABLE TALK

★ CONGRATS TO OUR EMPLOYEES OF THE 2ND QUARTER! ★

Simonia Armstrong (Municipal Courts), Patti Corcoran (Planning & Development), Ladesha Hyman (Revenue & Finance), Morreen Johnson (Human Resources), Andrew Kramer (Administration), Brian Maiese (ACFD), Bertha Martinez (Health & Human Services), David McClariy (Public Works), Gavin Rauch (ACPD), Madina Sanders (L&I), Matthew Stanwood (ACPD)

THANK YOU FOR READING!

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



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WHAT'S COMING UP

SENIOR BEACH DAY

Tuesday, July 21st

It'll be a day of fun in the sun for Atlantic City residents ages 55 and older during Atlantic City Senior Services' first Senior Beach Day at Albany Avenue from 10:00 AM to 2:00 PM! Call the division at 609-347-5458 to register.

STEEL PIER DAYS

Various Summer Dates

City Council and Steel Pier are partnering to offer residents free admission to the iconic amusement park on select dates this summer. To see when your council representative is hosting, visit www.acnj.gov.

COMMUNITY YARD SALE

Saturday, July 25th

The Mayor's Office of Special Events is organizing a Community Yard Sale from 9:00 AM to 2:00 PM, giving residents the chance to clean out & cash in! Residents have two options:

1. Host a yard sale at their home and be included on our citywide map.
2. Reserve a space at our centralized location outside City Hall (this option is currently wait list only)

Register at www.acnj.gov, the deadline is July 10th.

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