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## SCORCHING START

### Dear Atlantic City Residents and Guests,

It's safe to say the summer season in Atlantic City is off to a scorching start!

While Mother Nature didn't cooperate during Memorial Day Weekend, she quickly made up for it with beautiful weather that set the stage for an exciting beginning to the summer. Right out of the gate, the Atlantic City Soar & Shore Airshow drew tremendous crowds to our city, providing an early season boost for our casinos, restaurants, and local businesses. We also officially launched our new Food Truck Program, creating even more dining options for residents and visitors to enjoy throughout the summer and beyond.

But I want to take this moment to highlight what is sure to end up being one of the most memorable events of the summer: the Mayor Marty Small, Sr. Inaugural Gala. The response

from our community was truly overwhelming. This event became the largest mayoral inaugural gala in Atlantic City history, and that would not have been possible without the incredible support of so many people, especially my gala committee. Whether you attended the gala, contributed to the cause, or helped spread the word, thank you for being part of something special.

We are still collecting donations and will announce the total amount raised for charity later this summer, but I can already say this event was a huge success, bringing people together in support of organizations that make a difference every day.

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

-Mayor Marty Small, Sr.



# HELLO, SUMMER!



## STARTING THE 2026 SEASON WITH TRADITION AND MEGA EVENTS



Mayor Small officially unlocked the ocean for summer 2026 in Atlantic City by placing the ceremonial key in the sand during the city's annual Opening of the Sea ceremony outside Resorts Casino Hotel. He was joined by Police Chief James Sarkos, Fire Chief Scott Evans, Beach Patrol Chief Steve Downey and Public Safety Director Sean Rigin in welcoming residents and visitors for what is expected to be a banner summer season in Atlantic City. This was followed by the annual Beach Ball Drop on the Boardwalk to ring the season in with style.

Guarded hours began at Atlantic City beaches Memorial Day Weekend, with beaches to be fully guarded by the end of June. Lifeguards are on duty from 10:00 AM to 6:00 PM daily. For your safety, please only swim when lifeguards are on duty and always follow posted beach safety guidelines. The ACBP is here to help keep everyone safe this summer.



### FOOD TRUCKS ARE SUMMER READY



To celebrate the launch of the first summer season featuring food trucks at Gardner's Basin and O'Donnell Park, Mayor Small, members of Atlantic City's Economic Development team and others involved in this program were joined by participating food truck operators for an official ribbon-cutting ceremony. Ten total trucks can operate, with five stationed at each location. As of the ribbon cutting, seven food trucks have already been approved. Approved food trucks only are permitted to operate daily from 8:00 AM to 10:00 PM. Apply for a license at [www.acnj.gov](http://www.acnj.gov).

### TAKING FLIGHT

The Visit Atlantic City Soar & Shore Airshow brought three days of aerial excitement and massive crowds to the beach and Boardwalk to soak in all the action. The Airshow will be back in 2027! Stay tuned for details.



Airshow photos can be found on the Gallery page under the media section at [www.acnj.gov](http://www.acnj.gov).

# GREAT DAY GAZETTE

## THE DEVELOPMENT RENAISSANCE IS HERE

### THE RESIDENCES AT ORANGE LOOP



Mayor Small, New Jersey Governor Mikie Sherrill, developer Brian Zoubek, along with city, county, and state leaders celebrated the grand opening of Zoubek's Residences at Orange Loop, Atlantic City's new luxury townhomes located on Kentucky Avenue just steps from the beach and Boardwalk. This is the latest example of the wave of investment reshaping Atlantic City, with major residential, commercial, and mixed-use developments on the rise. According to Zoubek Properties, Residences at Orange Loop is a new chapter of sophisticated coastal living.

### "The Time is Now"

You hear Mayor Small say the above quote often, and now major developers who are investing in Atlantic City are saying the same. At an "Atlantic City State of the Market" event, it was made abundantly clear that confidence in Atlantic City is skyrocketing, as Atlantic City is proving it is a city on the rise and a prime destination for investment.



### New Class of Future Entrepreneurs



Participants in the 2026 cohort of Atlantic City's Small Business Academy gave their business pitches at Yungster Joos, then were celebrated during graduation at the Atlantic City Aquarium. They entered this free program with dreams to start a new business or build an existing venture and left equipped with valuable knowledge and practical tools to launch, grow, and market successful businesses. The winners of the pitch competition earned additional resources to help bring their visions to life, but every participant deserves praise for investing in themselves!

### Fallen Heroes

The Atlantic City Police Department's 11 fallen officers were recognized during a poignant memorial ceremony at St. Nicholas of Tolentine, which was followed by a memorial walk from the church to the First Responders Memorial at Saint James Place and the Boardwalk.



Read more about stories like this in Atlantic City's Public Safety Insider.



# AROUND THE COMMUNITY



## NEIGHBORHOOD PRIDE TAKES CENTER STAGE



Atlantic City's Clean Communities team officially launched the fifth summer of its annual Clean Communities initiative with a neighborhood cleanup at Kingston Avenue Playground with city leaders. Throughout the summer, Public Works crews will be in every ward on a regular schedule to help keep Atlantic City clean, safe, and beautiful. Residents are encouraged to join the effort by taking pride in their properties. If our Clean Communities team spots a property that stands out for its upkeep, you may get a special surprise! Also new this year is mobile recycling where residents can place recyclable household items like electronics and scrap metal on the curb during their regular collection days.

Public Works street sweepers are out and about in city neighborhoods making sure our streets are looking their best! So crews can efficiently service blocks in every ward, there are signs posted indicating when crews will be there, and when cars can't park on the street. It's only for a few hours on the select day, and only during the times listed on the sign. Please check the posted street cleaning signs in your area, as schedules vary by neighborhood, so crews can safely and efficiently service each block.



And in an additional showing of community pride, all city staff took time out of their busy schedules to participate in a citywide cleanup!

## PLEASE DON'T STOP THE MUSIC



The City of Atlantic City has officially dedicated Kentucky Avenue and the Boardwalk as "Harvey Mason Way" in honor of Grammy-nominated artist Harvey Mason, whose legendary musical journey began in his hometown of Atlantic City, recognizing Mason's extraordinary contributions to the music industry and his lasting influence on artists and fans across the globe.



Atlantic City's young creatives got hands-on experience and valuable mentorship through Planning and Development's Dream Big Masterclass! Participants learned from Grammy-nominated producer Luke Witherspoon III and special guest Zion Marley, exploring everything from songwriting and music production to artist development, entrepreneurship, creative ownership, and audio recording.

## HEALTHY PETS

The Atlantic City Health Department held a successful Rabies Vaccination Clinic for resident's pets at Firehouse #1, administering vaccinations for more than 150 dogs and cats, helping keep our furry family members healthy and protected.



Details will be shared soon on the next clinic in September!

# GREAT DAY GAZETTE



## SHOWERING THE MOST IMPORTANT WOMEN IN OUR LIVES WITH LOVE



Moms and mother figures got to walk the pink carpet and enjoy an afternoon of music and food with each other as the Mayor's Office of Special Events hosted a Mother's Day Luncheon at City Hall. What better way to say 'I love you' than with a day of togetherness?!

Atlantic City residents visited Bloomfield for a Brunch & Flower Bouquet Making Class for Atlantic City Senior Services' 3rd Annual Mother's Day event. There, they learned how to make flowers bloom and brought home "Flower Purses" as a special Mother's Day gift to themselves.



The Atlantic City Multicultural Services division and La Casa Dominicana helped honor the women who do it all with a heartfelt Mother's Day Celebration / Feliz Día de las Madres. The event was filled with music, dancing, Zumba, refreshments, gifts, and community love.

## THEY GROW SO FAST



Our youth are digging into something new at Atlantic City Youth Services Garden Club. Participants in grades 4-8 have been getting their hands dirty filling beds with soil and getting their starter plants into the ground. Signups are still open for other ACYS programs happening now like Ceramics Class, Charm School and Swim Club.



## WORLD DAY



Atlantic City proudly celebrated World Day for Cultural Diversity at Brighton Avenue School alongside students and staff! Soccer was the theme of the day, with students learning a new appreciation for the game.



## PEACE OF MIND



Participants in Multicultural Services' Tai Chi classes at Community Haven have been enjoying the benefits of gentle movement, balance, and mindfulness while connecting with others in a welcoming space.

# THANK YOU FOR READING!

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## WHAT'S COMING UP

### PRIDE FLAG RAISING

**June 4th**

Kick off Pride Month with a Flag Raising Ceremony outside City Hall at 12:00 PM organized by Atlantic City's Office of LGBTQ+ Affairs.

### RESUME WORKSHOP

**June 9th**

The City of Atlantic City Job Readiness & Employment Resource Program (under the CDBG office), in partnership with Jewish Family Service (JFS), is hosting a FREE workshop from 10:30 AM to 12:30 PM at Carnegie Building (35 S. Dr. Martin Luther King Boulevard) designed to help residents enhance their employability. Participants can create professional resumes, access job leads and gain valuable training to achieve career success.

### SOCCER CELEBRATION

**June 12th**

Join Multicultural Services and our partnering organizations for a soccer watch party, face painting, peewee soccer, giveaways and more from 6:00 PM to 11:00 PM at Showboat Resort.

### WORKOUT TRAINING

**Summer Saturdays**

Join Atlantic City Reentry Services for a FREE community fitness experience designed for all ages and fitness levels. Here's your chance to get active in a positive, high-energy environment. Saturdays at 12:00 PM through August 1st, enjoy these beginner and advanced workout sessions at the Altman Park Pickleball Courts, which include live music!

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