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### Atlantic City Department of Public Works' Citywide Community Cleanup Initiative Returns for 2023

**Atlantic City, N.J. (June 5, 2023)** – Today, City of Atlantic City Mayor Marty Small, Sr. and the city's Department of Public Works kicked off the 2023 "Project Clean Community" initiative in Atlantic City's 1<sup>st</sup> Ward. Public Works crews will be cleaning a different Atlantic City Ward each day throughout the summer, while encouraging residents to do their part to keep their neighborhoods clean by promoting personal responsibility through education and community involvement.

Following this morning's news conference, Mayor Small, City Council President representing Atlantic City's 1<sup>st</sup> Ward Aaron "Sporty" Randolph, and the directors of each city department participated in the first cleanup of the summer by helping Public Works crews pick up trash at Fisherman's Park. During each cleanup, the Public Works team will have a table setup where they will hand out reusable bags, trash pickers and gloves to residents, and will educate the public on why it's important to take pride in your neighborhood. Crews will also go door-to-door to make sure residents have the resources needed to keep their properties clean. The schedule is as follows:

*1<sup>st</sup> Ward – June 5, June 20, July 3, July 17, July 31<sup>st</sup>, August 14<sup>th</sup>, August 28<sup>th</sup>, September 11<sup>th</sup>, September 25<sup>th</sup>*

*2<sup>nd</sup> Ward – June 6<sup>th</sup>, June 21<sup>st</sup>, July 5<sup>th</sup>, July 18<sup>th</sup>, August 1<sup>st</sup>, August 15<sup>th</sup>, August 29<sup>th</sup>, September 12<sup>th</sup>, September 26<sup>th</sup>*

*3<sup>rd</sup> Ward – June 7<sup>th</sup>, June 22<sup>nd</sup>, July 6<sup>th</sup>, July 19<sup>th</sup>, August 2<sup>nd</sup>, August 16<sup>th</sup>, August 30<sup>th</sup>, September 13<sup>th</sup>, September 27<sup>th</sup>*

*4<sup>th</sup> Ward – June 12<sup>th</sup>, June 26<sup>th</sup>, July 10<sup>th</sup>, July 24<sup>th</sup>, August 7<sup>th</sup>, August 21<sup>st</sup>, September 5<sup>th</sup>, September 18<sup>th</sup>, October 2<sup>nd</sup>*

*5<sup>th</sup> Ward – June 13<sup>th</sup>, June 27<sup>th</sup>, July 11<sup>th</sup>, July 25<sup>th</sup>, August 8<sup>th</sup>, August 22<sup>nd</sup>, September 6<sup>th</sup>, September 19<sup>th</sup>, October 3<sup>rd</sup>*

*6<sup>th</sup> Ward – June 14<sup>th</sup>, June 28<sup>th</sup>, July 12<sup>th</sup>, July 26<sup>th</sup>, August 9<sup>th</sup>, August 23<sup>rd</sup>, September 7<sup>th</sup>, September 20<sup>th</sup>, October 4<sup>th</sup>*

“This is all part of our clean and safe agenda in the great City of Atlantic City,” said Mayor Small. “We have the hardest working Public Works Department out there today, and this effort is a perfect example why. I want to give credit to our previous Public Works Director, Paul Jerkins, who spearheaded this project just before his retirement, and praise the leadership of our current director, Crystal Lewis, for picking up right where he left off. I challenge the community to get involved in this program, and do your part, because this effort really takes everyone’s involvement to be a success.”

“Our men and woman of the Department of Public Works are the ones out here every day cleaning up Atlantic City, and they deserve all the credit in the world for that,” said City of Atlantic City Public Works Director Crystal Lewis. “This is a total team effort, not just within our department, but from the entire Atlantic City community. We will collect trash, but it’s up to the residents to make sure that trash doesn’t resurface, and we look forward to keeping Atlantic City clean together.”

“We’re going to be in your community once again this summer, and we hope to see you out there with us,” said Department of Public Works Clean Communities Coordinator Angela Brooks-Pitman. “If we all work together we can create a healthier and safer environment in Atlantic City. Keep a lookout for our workers when we’re in your community. We want you to be proud of and maintain your property, and we’re here to help you out any way we can.”

Dumpsters will be placed in each Ward on the scheduled “Project Clean Community” days to dispose of trash and bulk items. These are for RESIDENTS ONLY, contractors are not permitted to use these dumpsters. Locations are as follows:

*1st Ward: New Hampshire & Parkside Avenues*

*2nd Ward: Adriatic and North Carolina Avenues*

*3rd Ward: Indiana Ave (across from MLK school)*

*4th Ward (Venice Park): Ohio & Kuehnle Avenues*

*4th Ward (2nd location): Georgia & Island Avenues*

*5th Ward: Sovereign & Sunset Avenues*

*6th Ward: Windsor & Winchester Avenues*

Residential groups of five or more can also adopt at least four blocks during the program and receive \$200 a month for the entire group to clean those blocks at least twice a month. More details and applications can be found here: <https://www.acnj.gov/Content/pdf/2023-Project-Clean.pdf>

Applications can be returned via email at [abrooks-pittman@acnj.gov](mailto:abrooks-pittman@acnj.gov) or dropped off at the Public Works Office in room 604 at City Hall, 1301 Bacharach Blvd. Further questions on “Project Clean Community” can be directed to the Department of Public Works at 609-347-5700.

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