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BUILDING MOMENTUM

Dear Atlantic City Residents and Guests,

For years, there was a narrative that private investment in Atlantic City would slow down once CRDA exited the real estate business. But we have seen quite the opposite.

Today, there is real momentum behind development in Atlantic City, and perhaps nowhere is that more visible than in the Inlet section. National homebuilder K. Hovnanian Homes finally broke ground on Terraces at Absecon Inlet, a community representing a significant new investment in a neighborhood with tremendous potential. This project is as clear of a signal as any that developers see Atlantic City has a strong residential future.

But development is only one part of building a stronger city.

I tell my staff every day that relationships matter, and that belief was on full display during

our recent visit to The Governor's Reentry and Employment Center in Kearny, New Jersey, where members of my administration and our Reentry Services team toured the facility and learned more about its approach to training, employment, and successful reentry. We also visited the center in Newark.

We were honored to be hosted by Governor Jim McGreevey, who had some very positive things to say about Atlantic City, particularly the work being done by our Reentry Services team.

I hope you enjoyed another GREAT summer in Atlantic City, including that epic Beach Concert to end the season. Now let's bring on the fall (Go Birds!).

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

-Mayor Marty Small, Sr

CONSTRUCTION & DEVELOPMENT

K. Hovnanian Homes Breaks Ground in the Inlet



Mayor Small, and representatives from nationally recognized developer K. Hovnanian Homes officially broke ground on Terraces at Absecon Inlet, a 38-townhome waterfront development in Atlantic City's Inlet section. Located at Pacific and New Hampshire Avenues, just steps from the beach and Boardwalk, the four-story townhomes will feature approximately 1,848 square feet of living space, three bedrooms, 3.5 bathrooms, tandem two-car garages, open-concept living areas and top-level balconies. The first phase will include five buildings and

a furnished model home, with deliveries expected to begin as early as summer 2027. The project marks K. Hovnanian Homes' return to the Atlantic City market and reflects the developer's confidence in the city's potential and future.

COURSEY
CARES

ERNEST D. COURSEY, SR.



CITY OF ATLANTIC CITY
CITY HALL

The city officially dedicated City Hall in honor of Ernest D. Coursey, Sr., recognizing his lifetime of public service to the region exactly one year after his passing. The dedication coincides with enhancements to the City Hall façade this summer on the South Carolina and Tennessee Avenue sides.

ROAD WORK PICKS UP



IN THE LOOP



U.S. Senator Cory Booker toured the Orange Loop, meeting with Mayor Small and local developers and community leaders to see firsthand the investment taking place in the neighborhood. Senator Booker had high praise for the city's leadership, entrepreneurs and future, calling Atlantic City an "urban gem."



The transformation of Tennessee and Pacific Avenues is well underway, with the shipping containers now in place at the future Atlantic City Container Park in The Orange Loop. The project is creating new opportunities for entrepreneurs and small businesses by providing affordable rental space.

You've likely noticed work along Atlantic Avenue has been ramping up during the second half of summer! After these critical underground utility upgrades, milling and paving are next and remain on schedule to begin early this fall.

The City of Atlantic City thanks you for your continued patience as we deliver one of the most significant infrastructure improvements in Atlantic City's history. Continue leaving yourself a little extra time when traveling along Atlantic Avenue.

GREAT DAY GAZETTE

BLACK BUSINESS EXPO RETURNS



Residents, entrepreneurs, business owners, and community leaders filled All Wars Memorial Building for the return of the Black Business Expo. The free event celebrated Black entrepreneurship and provided a space for networking, education, and community connection. Attendees explored more than 30 local vendor exhibits, heard from industry leaders during panel discussions, enjoyed live radio interviews, experienced a pop-up museum exhibit highlighting the history of Atlantic City's Northside, and connected with businesses and organizations making an impact in our community. The Expo is organized by Bruce Weekes and Pamela Fields of the city's Division of Economic Development.

Dining Passport



During the Black Business Expo, the city also debuted Atlantic City's first Black-Owned Dining Passport, highlighting Black-owned food establishments throughout the city and encouraging residents and visitors to patronize these local businesses. The city is seeking partnerships in hopes of eventually expanding the initiative into a citywide dining passport featuring all eateries throughout Atlantic City.

Makers & Marketing



Atlantic City's commitment to strengthening its small business community continued with the city's Makers & Marketing workshop, bringing local business owners and entrepreneurs together for an evening of networking, education and practical marketing guidance. Led by Joe Molineaux, the free workshop focused on strategies entrepreneurs can use to better market their businesses and move their ventures forward.

THE PARK THAT BELONGS TO US ALL



Atlantic City celebrated the ribbon cutting of MBCA Park, a new public space at Pacific and North Carolina Avenues, bringing together city and community leaders, the MBCA, partnering organizations and supporters to mark the opening. The City congratulates Scott Cronick, the MBCA and everyone whose vision and collaboration helped bring the project to life.

AROUND THE COMMUNITY

STUDENTS GET A HEAD START ON THE SCHOOL YEAR



Mayor Small and Superintendent of Atlantic City Public Schools Dr. La'Quetta Small hosted a special book bag giveaway during the city's End of Summer Back to School Celebration at Pennsylvania Avenue School. The event - organized by the city's Youth Services and Multicultural divisions - gave families an opportunity to also pick up free school essentials while enjoying an afternoon of activities before students return to the classroom. Around 500 book bags were distributed thanks to a generous donation by the organization Charity Kings.

Swinging for Bionic

Atlantic City Recreation organized a special Home Run Derby at Pop Lloyd Stadium honoring longtime Rec Adult Softball League member Bionic Gwala. Bionic is currently battling lymphoma, and players from all 14 teams in the league came together for an evening of friendly competition with a much bigger purpose of supporting their friend, raising awareness for lymphoma and reminding Bionic that he has an entire community behind him.



NATIONAL NIGHT OUT 2026

Atlantic City residents came together at McClinton Park for National Night Out 2026. The annual event brought neighbors, families, and local organizations together with Atlantic City First Responders for an evening of food, music, activities, and giveaways.

TENNIS, ANYONE?

The city's plan to refurbish the tennis courts outside All Wars Memorial Building is receiving additional support thanks to a \$19,500 Tennis Venue Services Grant from the United States Tennis Association (USTA). Samantha Kiley of the Midtown CDC and AtlantiCare, along with Commander Patricia Tatum of American Legion Post 61, spearheaded the effort to bring the grant funding opportunity to Atlantic City. The city's CDBG Office will provide the remaining funds needed to complete the tennis court improvements. This Summer, Atlantic City Recreation offered a tennis clinic at Altman Park, giving local youth an opportunity to learn and enjoy the sport.



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LIVE, LIT AND OUTSIDE TO WRAP UP SUMMER

SENIOR BEACH BASH



WEDDING OF THE SEA



Our senior residents enjoyed a day at the beach together thanks to the Atlantic City Senior Services division. While sharing lots of laughs, they danced, ate, and sat out in the sun during the city's first Senior Beach Day. Crowds also gathered in full force for the annual Wedding of the Sea Festival, celebrating Atlantic City's connection to the ocean. Mayor Small and Councilwoman Maria Lacca set sail to drop a wreath into the water to commemorate the occasion.

Congrats ACBP!



The Atlantic City Beach Patrol finished Lifeguard Race Season strong with their SIXTH STRAIGHT victory at the John T. Goudy Memorial Races in Ventnor! Also, for the first time in nearly 30 years, the ACBP took home the title at the South Jersey Lifeguard Championships in Avalon!

Thank you for keeping us safe this summer and remember, fully guarded beaches end on Labor Day. Use caution in the water during the shoulder season.

STEEL PIER DAYS

Throughout the summer, City Council partnered with Steel Pier to give residents the opportunity to enjoy the amusement park free of charge, rides included, on select days!



NEIGHBORHOOD WORKOUTS

Atlantic City Reentry Services wrapped up its summer community fitness series at Altman Park, giving residents of all ages and fitness levels the chance to get fit together.



RAINBOW BASH REBOOT

Our Rainbow Beach Bash brought the community together at Cardinal Restaurant for fun, music and good vibes, the perfect way to enjoy the final days of summer.



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WHATS COMING UP?

48 BLOCKS FESTIVAL

Saturday, September 19th

Celebrate Atlantic City's neighborhoods through public art, local artists, community activities and more at the annual 48 Blocks Festival from 12-8 PM at Fisherman's Park.

RABIES VACCINATION

Saturday, September 26th

The Atlantic City Health Department is hosting this free clinic from 9 AM to 1 PM at the Dog Park at Altman Park (101 Pacific Ave). A previous immunization slip is required.

BE A PART OF OUR UPCOMING EVENTS

The seasonal magic is right around the corner!

We're looking for Harvest Town vendors (October 24) and Holiday Parade participants (December 12) to help make these celebrations unforgettable. Visit www.acnj.gov for more information or call the Mayor's Office of Special Events at 609-347-5823.

Register today and join us in bringing the community together!

