

ABSECON NEWS



CITY OF ABSECON 2021 NEWS & UPDATES

Absecon Creek Dredging

NEW JERSEY DEPT. OF TRANSPORTATION

Dredging operations have begun and will continue 12-hours-a-day, six-days-a-week, Monday to Saturday, through the end of November 2021. An estimated 70,000 cubic yards of sediment will be removed from the channel. The channel will be dredged to a depth of six feet at low tide with an allowable overdredge of one foot.

NJDOT's contractor, Severson Environment Services, Inc., has been working since May 11, 2021, to place pipeline in and near the channel, which will be both submerged and floating, in preparation for the dredging operation. The pipeline will be used to pump sediment to the Gateway Dredged Material Management Facility.

Channel use may be limited where the dredge is in operation and where the pipeline is carrying dredged material to its placement locations. Full channel closures are not expected, although this is subject to change.

More information is available on the City of Absecon website at www.abseconnj.gov under latest news or by contacting the NJDOT - Jim Barry or Judith Rucker at (609) 963-1975.



Ptl. Williams, Ptl. Epstein, Buddy the Elf, Chief Laughlin, Mayor Kim Horton and Santa!

Optimism is in the Air!

MAYOR KIMBERLY A. HORTON

This summer is off to a great start. Optimism is in the air and residents are so happy to be out and about after a very difficult year. Our fields are filled with talented young athletes. Residents are enjoying walking, riding on the bike path and Heritage Park. Young and young at heart are fishing and relaxing at the parks.

There are a lot of terrific events occurring over the summer including our Concerts in the Park series. We are excited to include an additional concert, the South Jersey String Ensemble which will play at 4:00 pm on August 29th. This will end the season beautifully. We're so fortunate to live in an area that provides for so many opportunities to get outside and enjoy our community. Our proximity to Brigantine and Atlantic City offers all kinds of fun for everyone for both on the water and out of the water activities.

Speaking of water, I'm happy to announce that our Absecon Creek Channel in Absecon Bay is being dredged. This channel has not been dredged in almost 20 years and because of the sediment shift from storm events have made the channel unnavigable. Dredging in this area will create a safe passage for boaters and operators who rely on the channel. I am grateful to everyone's tolerance and flexibility as we make our waterways safe to pass. This project is forecasted to be completed by the end of

this year and I for one am happy that our fishermen and boating recreationalists will be able to navigate safely for many years to come.

In other news, the City has been able to procure a new firetruck for our volunteer Fire Department that will replace the aging ladder truck. This vehicle is known as a "Quint" and is a fire apparatus that serves the dual purpose of an engine and a ladder truck. The name quint is derived from the Latin prefix meaning five, and refers to the five functions that a quint provides: pump, water tank, fire hose, aerial device, and ground ladders. This apparatus will join the other vehicles that are ready to serve our residents.

Finally, our Absecon residents love their pets especially their dogs and cats. This is just a friendly reminder to please be a responsible pet owner. Keep your dog on a leash when going for a walk and make sure you pick up the dog dirt your pet leaves behind. This is what being a responsible member of a community is about.

I am truly proud to serve as Mayor for this great community and hope you and your family have a wonderful, safe summer.

Sincerely Yours,

Mayor Kim Horton



Thank You Blue signs are available for purchase at the City Clerk's Office or from any member of the Community Affairs Committee for only \$10.00! All proceeds go towards the Absecon Police Department's Toy Drive.





ABSECON SHRED DAY OCTOBER 9, 2021 9 AM – 12 PM



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ABSECON POLICE DEPT.



Community Events & Updates

POLICE CHIEF JAMES R. LAUGHLIN

I hope everyone is enjoying your summer as we continue to make adjustments to our lives after such a stressful pandemic. I urge everyone to take a step back and enjoy these great times with family and loved ones. As we continue to come together as a community, please remember to slow life down and be aware of our actions and surroundings. It is important to be aware of your speed and not be on your cell phone as you navigate through town. We continue to enforce traffic safety as we get complaints about violators on a daily basis. Please look out for your neighbors and as always contact us if you witness any suspicious activity.

I would like to thank everyone who purchased and displayed the "Thank You Blue" signs. This was for an important cause as the donations will go towards Toys for Kids, our annual Holiday toy donation program. I cannot express the feelings our police department has felt over so many residents displaying the signs as we patrol the neighborhoods. This is an example of how such a simple sign can truly bring people together.

I personally would like to thank Community Affairs for creating the signs and getting them out to our residents. Again, thanks to all that have displayed the signs as it is truly moving when we see them. The Absecon Police Department will continue to serve you to the best of our ability helping our children and families stay safe.

We had another successful Hooked on Fishing Not on Drugs event on June 26, 2021. We had so many young anglers who enjoyed fishing with their families. This event is very special to our police officers as they get to watch and see the reactions of the kids as they catch fish. Additionally, the participants learned about the dangers of smoking and vaping while enjoying a healthy alternative to those behaviors. I would like to thank all who donated or helped out with this great event. We look forward to hosting more events for the youth in our city. Please come out for our Elf in the Park movie event in July as well as our Haunted Hallways event in October.

Sincerely,

Chief J.R. Laughlin



FIRE CHIEF ROY TALLEY

ABSECON VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPT. No. 1



The City of Absecon Fire Department welcomed their newest member an Enforcer 110' Ascendant Ladder Truck!

A very SPECIAL Thank you to all the Volunteers of A.F.D. No. 1!
We appreciate everything that you do!

EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT

JIM EBERWINE - EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT COORDINATOR



We are a month and a half into the official National Hurricane Season, and we have seen higher than normal tropical cyclone activity. This, following a year where Tropical Storms Fay (July 10, 2020) and Isaias (August 04, 2020) brought wind and rain to the community. And now in 2021, Claudette passed to our south in June and Elsa brought wind and rain to the city.

Be ready for hurricane season. Today you can determine your personal hurricane risk, find out if you live in a hurricane evacuation zone, and review/update insurance policies. You can also make a list of items to replenish hurricane emergency supplies and start thinking about how you will prepare your home for the coming hurricane season. If you live in hurricane-prone areas, you are encouraged to complete these simple preparations for hurricane season now. Keep in mind, you may need to adjust any preparedness actions based on the latest health and safety guidelines from the CDC and our local officials.

For more information visit: <https://www.weather.gov/wrn/hurricane-preparedness>

SUNDAYS @ 7PM
HERITAGE PARK



Concerts in the Park

FUN – FRIENDS – FOOD
FREE ADMISSION

7/11 SUITE INSPIRATION
Singing Doo Wop & Oldies

7/18 HAWKINS ROAD
Classic Rock to Country Music

7/25 TK AND THE HOWLERS
Working the Blues and Rock N Roll

8/1 LISA ON TOUR
& JERSEY SWEET BAND
Rock and Soul Music of the Decades

8/8 DANNY EYER
Rock and Roll, Classic Blues

8/15 BRANDON IRELAND BAND
Pop, Rock and Roll from All Decades

8/22 PAN GRAVY
Americana Three Part Harmony



Aug. 29, 2021
4:00 PM
Heritage Park
www.sjawe.com

ACUA - UPDATES

RECYCLING CARTS COMING SOON!

The City is excited to announce it will be providing one 96-gallon recycling cart to every household that receives curbside collection. The wheeled carts make taking out recycling much easier. They also come with attached lids that keep items contained, which will reduce wind-blown litter throughout the community. They also provide additional storage space so residents can recycle even more! As a result of a successful application to the Recycling Partnership, the City will be receiving a grant to offset part of the cost of the purchase. Cart distribution is expected to begin in September. Additional details, such as the guidelines and exact delivery dates will be announced soon!



The Atlantic County Utilities Authority (ACUA) is excited to announce that Atlantic County residents can place polypropylene, or #5 plastics, in their curbside recycling bins again. Polypropylene is commonly used in food packaging like single-use yogurt cups, iced coffee cups, and juice bottles. The change is a result of an up-turn in recycling markets and a new partnership with a state-of-the-art recycling facility operated by Mazza Recycling. ACUA continues to remind residents to please empty out any liquids or food from your containers prior to placing in your curbside bin.

Check out our new and improved website at: WWW.ABSECONNJ.GOV