

# ABSECON NEWS



## CITY OF ABSECON 2021 NEWS & UPDATES



### Yard Waste Reminders

TIPS FROM BOB BATTISTA

Please help to keep ABSECON clean:

- Leaves and grass clippings must be placed in paper kraft bags or in containers labeled yard waste.
- Brush and branches must be bundled and tied, not to exceed 4 foot in length and 8 inches in diameter.
- Per city ordinance, place items on the curb no sooner than 24 hours prior to collection day, and remove from the curb no later than 24 hours after collection day.
- No plastic bags for yard waste.
- Please follow the ACUA schedule for yard waste, see website [acua.com](http://acua.com) for collection day.
- Trash, Recycling & Yard Waste containers must be stored on side or rear of the premises line opposite the principal front yard, except for corner properties, which shall be stored behind the rear building.
- Yard waste not properly disposed of can topple over, blow onto the street or neighbor's yards, clog storm drains, impede street cleaning and is unsightly in our neighborhoods.



Absecon Community Affairs is excited to present ABSECONOPOLY - a hometown painted rocks adventure series. Absecon Rocks will be hidden randomly throughout Absecon's public spaces for families to find and collect between Monday, March 1<sup>st</sup> - Friday, April 2<sup>nd</sup>. Locations for families to bike, walk, explore, and enjoy include... Heritage Park, Pitney Park (Bike Path and Sports Fields), Faunce Landing, Turner Cove, and Playgrounds (Crestview Ave. & Franklin Blvd. Share pictures of the rocks that you find on the Absecon Community Affairs' Facebook Page. New rocks are hidden daily. Use the ABSECONOPOLY board to track your progress, which can be found on our Facebook page. If you find duplicates rehide them or share with friends. Collect entire sets to win gift certificates to great Absecon hometown businesses.

Prizes are as follows: Brown - \$5 Gift Certificate to Rita's Water Ice. Light Blue - \$20 Gift Certificate to Black Cat. Purple - \$20 Gift Certificate to Bagel Gourmet. Orange - \$20 Gift Certificate to Vic's Subs. Red - \$25 Gift Certificate to Mariachi's. Yellow \$25 Gift Certificate to Joe & John's. Green - \$30 Gift Certificate to Calabria. Blue - \$50 Gift Certificate to Villa Rifici. Prizes can be collected in the lobby of City Hall on Fridays between 4-5PM on 3/5, 3/12, 3/19, 3/26, 4/2 - GOOD LUCK!



Mayor Kimberly Horton with the Love Locks in Heritage Park.



## Living in ABSECON is Terrific!

### MAYOR KIMBERLY HORTON

I hope my letter finds all your families well. Please take a moment to remember those that have lost their lives from this terrible virus, and let's hope that those who currently have it will recover fully.

It has been a year since the first COVID press briefings. Atlantic County has administered over 86 thousand COVID vaccines, with more being administered each day. The vaccine distribution and reports of decreased positive cases are indications that better days are ahead. Please continue to wear masks, socially distance and wash your hands. I want to express my gratitude to all the people who have gone above and beyond to help our residents, especially our seniors, to secure vaccinations. These committed folks will not stop until all our residents have gotten an appointment. I for one am most grateful for their efforts. Through your thoughtful gestures and acts of kindness you have shown just how terrific it is living in Absecon.

This Mayor and Council remain committed to continue to lead, support, and uplift our community during this challenging

time. That being said, we will be turning our clocks ahead giving additional sunlight and more opportunity to take a walk around Heritage Park or participate in Absecon's version of Monopoly. "Tour De Lights" will be back on April 16<sup>th</sup>, decorate your bikes with brightly illuminated lights and join us on the bike path. Clean out those drawers and bring old documents to be shredded on April 24<sup>th</sup>. Mark your calendars and make Earth Day special by cleaning up our community with your family, friends, and neighbors. We will be having our Memorial Day Parade on May 31<sup>st</sup> safely, and holding our annual Yard Sale on June 5<sup>th</sup>. Dust off your lawn chairs and join us for our "Concerts in the Park" series on Sunday evenings during the summer.

All good signs that things are coming back as long as we stay the course. A newly designed website will be available soon highlighting all of the City's activities and important public information. Stay tuned, stay positive but always test negative.

Sincerely,

*Mayor Kim Horton*



**ABSECON SHRED DAY  
AND COMMUNITY CLEAN-UP  
APRIL 24, 2021  
9AM – 1PM**



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**POLICE CHIEF JAMES LAUGHLIN**

As we move forward into 2021, I would like to thank all of our residents for working together as we continue to navigate through the COVID-19 pandemic. In time I hope that everyone has the opportunity to get vaccinated. Even if you receive the vaccination, it is important to remember to continue wearing face masks and practice safe social distancing. These practices are a sure way to help cure the virus and ensure everyone stays safe and healthy. While this past year has been challenging it is important to remember these safe practices to help get back to normalcy.

Unfortunately, when we face hard times criminals find new ways to victimize the public. If contacted by anyone who claims to be an agent working for the Internal Revenue Service or the Social Security Administration do not provide any personal information. Generally, Social Security will only contact you if you have requested a call or have ongoing business with the Administration. Both of these agencies will contact you by mail if there are any discrepancies. NEVER give personal information if you receive phone calls from these agencies. Fraudsters pretend to be government employees and claim there is identity theft or another problem with one's Social Security number, account, or benefits. If you receive any emails or phone calls from individuals posing as agents for Amazon, PayPal or any other companies do not provide any personal information and do not open any suspicious emails.

Please contact us if you receive any suspicious phone calls or emails if you are unsure. The Absecon Police Department can direct you and help prevent identity thefts and fraud. Contact our non-emergency phone number (609)641-0667 ext. 0. Another issue I would like to educate you about is the increase in motor vehicle thefts occurring in the Tri-State area. Perpetrators are looking for victims who leave their car running while they go into a store or conduct usual business. Please be vigilant and remember to lock your vehicles and belongings as you go about your day. With that said it is 2021 and those of you who leave your cars unlocked or your homes unsecured are leaving yourself vulnerable to preventable crimes. Try and be more cautious in locking your homes and property and remember to report any suspicious activity in our neighborhoods. Always call us even if you think it is a minor complaint. Help us help you as we continue to serve you and keep our neighborhoods safe.

In closing I'm sure everyone will be able to get back to normal. As our City forefathers have said in the past, "Absecon is Home". Together Everyone Achieves More if we look out for each other and work together through hard and troubled times.

Sincerely,

*Chief J.R. Laughlin*



**CONCERTS IN  
THE PARK**



**2021 SUMMER SCHEDULE**

**SUNDAY'S @ 7PM**

**JUNE 27<sup>TH</sup>**

**TOM ALLEN BAND**

**JULY 4<sup>TH</sup>**

**EITHER WAY BAND**

**JULY 11<sup>TH</sup>**

**SUITE INSPIRATION**

**JULY 18<sup>TH</sup>**

**HAWKINS ROAD**

**JULY 25<sup>TH</sup>**

**T.K. AND THE HOWLERS**

**AUGUST 1<sup>ST</sup>**

**LISA ON TOUR &  
THE JERSEY SWEET BAND**

**AUGUST 8<sup>TH</sup>**

**DANNY EYER**

**AUGUST 15<sup>TH</sup>**

**BRANDON IRELAND**

**AUGUST 22<sup>ND</sup>**

**PAN GRAVY**



**Atlantic County Fair Association  
Electronic Recycling Fundraiser**



3<sup>rd</sup> Saturday of every month from 9am – 12pm at the Atlantic County Fair Grounds located at: 3210 Route 50, So. Egg Harbor

Check out our website for more information at: [Ac4Hfair.com](http://Ac4Hfair.com)

Spring Curbside Leaf Collection April 12 – May 7, 2021  
Leaves Only – NO BRUSH

[bikewalkabsecon.com](http://bikewalkabsecon.com)

**Bike.Walk.Absecon**



The City of Absecon is excited to announce that the Bicycle and Pedestrian Safety Action Plan has been finalized and is available for public viewing! The Action Plan provides information on the existing conditions of bicycle and pedestrian safety within the City, identifies programs, resources, and activities effective in improving bicycle and pedestrian safety and proposes infrastructure recommendations.

The Action Plan and its contents will assist the City in applying for funding through various sources and move towards increased safety and mobility for biking and walking in the community. Please visit the City's Official website or the Project Website ([bikewalkabsecon.com](http://bikewalkabsecon.com)) to view the full report. Visit the City's Official website or the Project Website ([bikewalkabsecon.com](http://bikewalkabsecon.com)) to view the full report.

**EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT:** Jim Eberwine - Emergency Management Coordinator

It is hard to believe that it has been a year since the first entries were made concerning the COVID-19 virus. The residents of Absecon should be very proud of the way our Emergency Medical Services; Police Department; Fire Department and Public Works have been working non-stop to keep everyone informed and safe, working around the clock to stay ahead of the virus. As you know, our Mayor Kim Horton and Police Chief James Laughlin were new to their positions just as COVID-19 was spreading across the country and have done a stellar job guiding us through these trying times. There have been some obstacles along the way, but rest assured we will continue to work hard for the citizens of Absecon. Despite the restrictions placed on all of us since March last year, our Municipal complex has been providing critical services throughout the pandemic.

As a former weather forecaster – spring will be here before you know it, but there may be a little snow to deal with next weekend just as we get ready for spring. Also, Absecon is the home of a state-of-the art weather and tide platform located at the intersection of South Shore rd. and Route 30 – the White Horse Pike.

If you have any questions for me, or Deputy Coordinator Anthony Giardina please do not hesitate to ask. We can be reached at [JEberwine@AbseconPD.org](mailto:JEberwine@AbseconPD.org) or [TGiardina@AbseconPD.org](mailto:TGiardina@AbseconPD.org). We look forward to keeping you informed.

