

# ABSECON NEWS



## CITY OF ABSECON 2021 NEWS & UPDATES

### 6th Annual Halloween House Decorating Contest

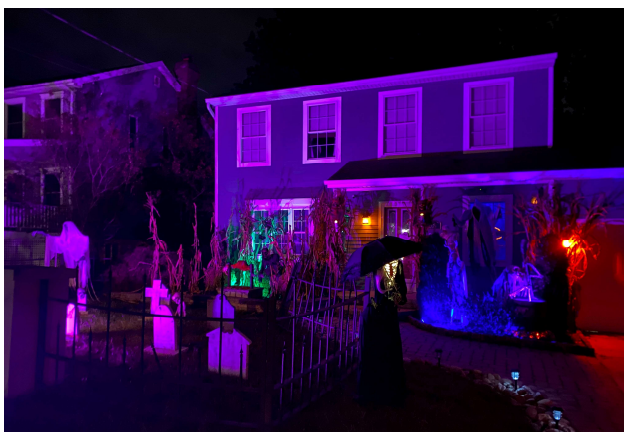
#### ABSECON COMMUNITY AFFAIRS

The Absecon Community Affairs Committee once again hosted the Halloween House Decorating Contest. Our residents continue to keep Absecon looking very festive and add to their displays each year.

The Boo Crew visited all 26 nominated and wonderfully decorated homes on the evening of October 28<sup>th</sup>. First, Second and Third place prizes were awarded in each category: Haunted, Horror and Fall Décor. The winners received their awards at the council meeting.

Several nominees were selected to enter a new and exciting category created for the People's Choice winner. Utilizing the City's new website, the public was invited to vote for their favorite decorated house. The People's Choice winner also received a prize with a grand total of 309 votes.

Thank you to everyone who participated this year and Congratulations to the Winners! We look forward to the 7<sup>th</sup> annual contest next year, so start planning now!



**Congratulations to 209 Hobart Avenue, the 2021 People's Choice for best Halloween decorated house**



**The Boo Crew visited all 26 nominated homes on October 28, 2021**



**Mayor Kim Horton and Detective Neal Galletta at the Monsters University & Touch-A-Truck Event**

## Don't forget to be **THANKFUL!**

#### MAYOR KIMBERLY A. HORTON

As we approach this holiday season, we are reminded of the important things to be thankful for in our community.

**T** - Thank you to our first responders, Police Department, EMT's, Emergency Management, and our Fire Department. You serve our community well and we appreciate all that you do each and every day to keep us safe.

**H** - Having our hard-working Public Works staff maintaining our parks, public buildings, streets and roads throughout the year is an asset to our city. Whether the task is snow removal in the winter, maintenance on our public buildings all year round, mowing and pruning in the spring and summer, and leaf pickup in the fall to keep our community looking good. And, of course those storms that keep popping up causing additional debris, we count on them to "Get It Done."

**A** - All our volunteers we say **Thank You**. Without you stepping up to serve in our various organizations, sports teams, and church groups we would not be a community that people seek to settle down and raise a family in.

**N** - Nice, knowledgeable, and professional are words residents use to describe our Tax Office, Police Department and Court staff. These folks come in prepared every day ready to serve our residents.

**K** - Keeping our documents secure and our information from the state updated and organized, making sure our residents have the documents they need, providing licenses and permits, that's what the helpful and capable staff do in our City Clerk's office.

**F** - Facilitating the ordinances passed by city government and our codes is a difficult job indeed, but our code enforcement officers dutifully carry out their jobs. This office includes Construction, Planning and Zoning, and Recycling. A big job done by bona fide professionals.

**U** - Understanding the budget and financial responsibilities along with the daily operations of city hall is what our CFO/ Business Administrator does with support from our efficient part-time Finance Specialist.

**L** - Love our veterans and what they have done to keep our country safe. Thank you to each and every one of you.

Here's wishing all our community workers and our residents a very safe, happy, and healthy holiday season.

Sincerely Yours,

*Mayor Kim Horton*



**HAPPY THANKSGIVING FROM EVERYONE AT CITY HALL!**



**FALL CURBSIDE LEAF PICKUP – Leaves Only No Brush  
November 8<sup>th</sup> – December 31<sup>st</sup>, 2021**







**ABSECON SHRED DAY**  
**APRIL 23, 2022**  
**9 AM – 12 PM**



**ABSECON**  
**NEWS**

**ABSECON POLICE DEPARTMENT**

**Community Events & Updates**



**POLICE CHIEF JAMES R. LAUGHLIN**

The holidays are fast approaching and the hustle and bustle of this time of year is upon us. Please remember to be aware of your surroundings and be mindful of those who seek opportunities to take advantage of others. While shopping be sure to park in well-lit locations and in the company of others when possible. Remember to lock your vehicle and keep items of value hidden and out of sight.

Please remember when you “see something say something”. It is vitally important that when a suspected incident is occurring that it be reported immediately by dialing 911. We cannot act unless we are aware of these various incidents as they are happening. No call is too minor and no one is ever bothering us as we are here to serve you so remember to help us help you.

Daylight savings time is Sunday, November 7, 2021. With shorter days everyone will be operating vehicles and navigating in darkness. Pedestrian safety is crucial for both the driver and pedestrian. Not all pedestrians are clearly visible both walking on the shoulders and crossing the roadway. Please be extra cautious while sharing the roadway. Daylight savings time is also a great reminder to change your smoke detector batteries and ensure they are in working order.

We have many community events during the holiday season. The police department will be assisting everyone to ensure your safety. We will be participating with the neighboring police departments with Shop with a Cop as well as Toys for Kids. If anyone wants to donate a toy for any of these program’s there is a drop box in the lobby located at city hall. Please remember the gift of giving through this holiday season.

**Cyber Crime & Consumer Fraud** – November 17, 2021 at 5:00 PM at City Hall presented by Patrolman Keith Epstein and Detective Neal Galletta. This is aimed to educate and assist residents in preventing those from

becoming victims of numerous cyber-crimes that exist in our technology driven society. Ic3.gov is a great reference site for information and current trends in cyber-crime along with ways to report information to authorities. Please look to our website and Facebook page as we will schedule additional dates for this presentation in the future.

**Community Camera Registration Program** – Help the Absecon Police Department by making your private security camera a crime fighting tool. The Community Camera Registration Program is designed for residents and businesses to register their address as a location operating a security camera system. As security camera systems continue to become more affordable and desirable crime prevention tools, our Community Camera Registration Program offers an opportunity for citizens to partner with us to allow for the quick identification of possible locations where video evidence may be present following a crime.

The Community Camera Registration Program is strictly voluntary. If a criminal incident occurs in the vicinity of your camera the Absecon Police Department may contact you at the phone number or address included on your registration form. The Absecon Police Department will not be able to access video footage directly. Information provided to the Absecon Police Department will be for official use only. Our goal is to empower residents by taking a community wide approach to policing. We hope that you will join us in this initiative and help protect the community we all care about. Please visit our website for more information.

Please enjoy your holiday festivities; remember don’t drink and drive! There are many rideshare options available.

I would like to thank everyone for your support. It is truly humbling when we patrol and drive through town seeing the “Thank You Blue” signs. We truly love our town and that is why Absecon is Home. Please enjoy the holiday season and I hope everyone is safe and healthy. Happy Holidays to everyone from the Absecon Police Department.

Sincerely,

*Chief J.R. Laughlin*



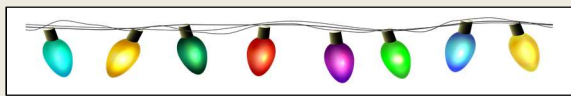
**Shoreline Model R.R. Club**

**CITY HALL LOBBY**  
**FREE ADMISSION**

**DECEMBER 19<sup>th</sup> – 23<sup>rd</sup>**

**DECEMBER 26<sup>th</sup> – 30<sup>th</sup>**

**2:00 PM – 6:00 PM**



**Tree Lighting**

**NEW JERSEY AVENUE**

**Tuesday, December 7<sup>TH</sup> at 5:00 PM**

**Special THANK YOU to our local ABSECON HOME DEPOT for the donation of the Christmas Tree!**



**Santa in the Park**



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**2021**

**Friday, December 3rd, 2021 @ 6:30 PM**  
**Rain Date: Saturday, December 4th, 2021**

**Councilwoman Donna Poley with a friendly reminder to please pick up pet waste at Heritage Park!**



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**CARIE A. CRONE, CITY CLERK**



**BOAT RAMP PERMITS & PET LICENSING FOR 2022**

Faunce Landing Boat Ramp Pass will be available beginning January 3rd, 2022. Regular Price - \$50.00 until April 1st & \$100.00 after April 1st. With Discount Any Time - \$25.00.

Required Documents: Copy of TRAILER registration - NJ Hunting or Fishing License - Veteran’s Status DD214 or Driver’s License with Vet Insignia.

Animal Licensing available January 3rd, 2022 Owners of all dogs/cats 7 months of age or older are required to annually apply to the Municipal Clerk for a dog/cat license. In order for the license to be issued, the owner must present proof that the animal has been vaccinated against rabies. Fees: For January 1st through March 31st: Neutered or spayed: \$7.00 Non-neutered or non-spayed: \$10.00 For April 1st through December 31st: Neutered or spayed: \$12.00 Non-neutered or non-spayed: \$15.00