

ABSECON NEWS



CITY OF ABSECON 2024 NEWS & UPDATES

ACUA'S 32ND ANNUAL EARTH DAY FESTIVAL

SUNDAY, APRIL 28, 2024
10 AM to 4 PM

Join the ACUA for their 32nd Annual Earth Day Festival! There will be a variety of free, fun and educational activities for all ages to enjoy!

The celebration has many exciting events and entertainment options throughout the day, and more than 150 vendors, crafters, food vendors and exhibitors will be part of the celebration.

Event is rain or shine.



ACUA Environmental Park
6700 Delilah Road, EHT

Absecon's Spring Curbside Leaf Collection
April 15th - May 10th



**Place loose leaves only
No branches or other debris please!**



Mayor Kimberly Horton with members of Absecon's Public Works Department.

City Blooms: Embracing Spring in Absecon

MAYOR KIMBERLY HORTON

As we say goodbye to winter, I am happy that spring is here. With the changing of seasons comes the promise of warmer days, spring flowers, and the resurgence of outdoor activities that we all hold dear. Spring is a time of renewal, a time to embrace the sunshine with open arms

One of the most exciting aspects of spring in our city is the commencement of spring sports. Young athletes eagerly await the opportunity to dust off their cleats, grab their bats, soccer balls, lacrosse sticks, uniforms, and hit the fields once again. It is a time of friendly competition, teamwork, and community spirit that brings us all together to support our budding talent. Our Public Works Department is sprucing up the fields and making sure they are in tip-top shape for the new season. The Parks and Recreational Committee has also been working hard preparing the new line-up for the 2024 Concert Series starting in June.

The City of Absecon welcomes the "Tour of Honor Riders" who are season-long, self-directed motorcycle riders whose goal is to visit the more than 300 memorial and monument sites around the continental U.S., Alaska and Hawaii, that have been selected in a given year. This year our 9/11 Memorial has been selected to the list of the 2024 Memorial Sites to visit. The rider's goal is to visit all 300 sites honoring American heroes, raising money for veterans and first responder charities. We support

and welcome them to our community.

Absecon will be celebrating a few upcoming special events. Earth Day will be commemorated on April 20th by cleaning up our community, bring your old documents to city hall to be shredded and also bring old electronics where volunteers will take them to the 4H Center in Mays Landing.

Our Annual Memorial Day Parade will take place on Monday, May 27th. June 1st we will be holding a Senior Citizen Appreciation Brunch at the Methodist Church in Absecon. Check the City Website and the Community Affairs Facebook page for details.

Upcoming projects for the Spring and Summer are:

- ✓ Installation of Utility Services at Heritage Park
- ✓ Central Business District Streetscape – Phase 4
- ✓ Reconstruction of Calderon Avenue
- ✓ Mill Road Accessible Path Improvements
- ✓ Crestview Avenue Pedestrian Safety Improvements

As we embrace the spirit of springtime, I encourage you to take an active role in our community by participating in local events. Take a walk downtown with your family and enjoy the restaurants and businesses. Your involvement not only strengthens the bonds that unite us but also ensures that Absecon remains a vibrant and inclusive place to live, work, and play.

Thank you for your continued support, dedication, and commitment to our community.

Sincerely,

Mayor Kim Horton



Join the Mayor's Walking Group



Join Mayor Kim Horton's newly established walking club for an organized walk around Heritage Park! Open to all community members who want to take part in this FREE event. Come explore new experiences, make new friends, and get healthier together!

1ST SATURDAY OF EVERY MONTH, 11 AM, HERITAGE PARK, 500 MILL ROAD ABSECON, NJ 08201 (BEHIND THE ABSECON MUNICIPAL COMPLEX)



**ABSECON SHRED DAY
AND COMMUNITY CLEAN-UP
APRIL 20, 2024
9AM – 12PM**

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Community Events & Tips



POLICE CHIEF JAMES LAUGHLIN

Springtime is a wonderful season filled with warmth and renewed energy. As the weather gets warmer, we find ourselves drawn outdoors, engaging in various activities. However, it's important to remember to allow more time for travel in our busy world, especially as pedestrian traffic increases during this time.

I want to bring your attention to the prevalence of electric bicycles and scooters being operated throughout our city. We urge parents to ensure that their children wear helmets and practice safe operation of these modes of transportation.

Furthermore, with the longer days, it's essential to adjust your exterior lighting timers to maintain visibility and safety around your property.

Homeowners with surveillance camera systems play a crucial role in solving and deterring crime. I encourage you to visit our police department's website to sign up for our camera registration program. This program does not grant officers access to your cameras; rather, it helps us know where cameras are located, aiding in crime-solving efforts.

Additionally, stolen vehicles remain a concern in our city. Please remember to remove valuables from sight and always secure your vehicle to prevent theft.

I wish each and every one of you a safe and joyous spring season!



Sincerely,

Chief J.R. Laughlin

**CONCERTS IN THE
PARK**

2024 SUMMER SCHEDULE

Heritage Park at 7:00pm

**June 23rd
Fabulous Silver Wings**

**June 30th
Matrix Band**

**July 7th
Election**

**July 14th
Tony Pontari**

**July 21st
TK and the Howlers**

**July 28th
Joey D's Rockin Oldies**

**August 4th
Motts Creek Pickers**

**August 11th
Brandon Ireland Band**

**August 18th
Danny Eyer**

**August 24th - 4:00pm
South Jersey Wind Ensemble
(Rain Date: August 25th - 4:00pm)**

News From City Council

Council has been diligently preparing the 2024 budget for the past two months, which was presented during our council meeting on March 21st. This budget focuses on ensuring long-term stability in public safety by implementing a new four-year contract with the brave members of the Absecon Police Department PBA Local #77 and hiring additional police officers, resulting in the highest staffing levels in our department's history.

Additionally, the budget includes a new long-term agreement with an EMS provider to guarantee the highest quality of care for our residents. We are also committed to ongoing improvements in our infrastructure, such as roads, parks, and recreational areas.

In collaboration with the Absecon Green Team, we have initiated the creation of a community garden, managed by dedicated Absecon Green Team volunteers. More information about this project will be shared in the upcoming weeks.

We are actively addressing the recent increase in landfill odor by working closely with the Atlantic County Utilities Authority (ACUA). Following a successful town hall meeting, we have established open lines of communication and are fully committed to addressing the concerns of our residents.

Lastly, on March 21st, we celebrated World Down Syndrome Day and passed a resolution to honor this special day in Absecon. Local residents joined us as honorary council members, making it a truly memorable evening for everyone involved.

'Tree-mendous' Program offered by Atlantic City Electric

Atlantic City Electric is giving away 1,200 free trees to residential customers through the Arbor Day Foundation's Energy-Saving Trees program. Eligible customers can reserve one free tree per household by visiting arborday.org/ace or by calling 855-670-2773. Trees will be provided on a first-come, first-served basis. While money may not actually grow on trees, the trees provided through this Earth-friendly initiative can help you reduce your energy use and save money as they grow, by providing shade to your home in the summer and slowing winter winds. Through the Arbor Day Foundation's website, you can also explore interactive tools that can help you determine the best location on your property to plant your tree for energy-saving benefits.

In addition to saving energy, trees provide benefits to the community including:

-)] Improving air quality
-)] Improving water quality
-)] Reducing stormwater runoff
-)] Adding to the visual appeal of your neighborhood



SAVE THE DATE!

**Senior Appreciation
Brunch**

**Saturday, June 1st
10:30 am-1:30pm**

**Great Hall at the Absecon United
Methodist Church**

**Join us for Brunch, entertainment,
door prizes, and bingo!**



**RSVP
by May 15th**



Shirley at (609) 576-8412

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