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A New Chapter Begins:

Mayor Tommy Marrone, A New Path Forward.

Dear Friends and Neighbors,

It is with great excitement that I have stepped into the role of mayor for our beloved Absecon. I'm honored, and humbled, by the trust you have placed in me. I look forward to working together as a community to build on the strong foundation that makes Absecon such a great place to call home. To me, **ABSECON IS HOME**, is not just a saying it but rather something I live by- a sense of togetherness.

As someone who was raised in Absecon, works in Absecon, and is raising a family in Absecon, I understand the values that tie us together. We truly care for each other and our sense of community! Whether you've lived here for generations or just recently joined us, you are an important part of what makes Absecon special.

In the months ahead, my focus will be on listening, learning, and leading with transparency. My door will always be open to you, your concerns, and most of all, hope for our future.

Together, I want to work hard to support local businesses, improve our public spaces, invest in our infrastructure, and ensure that our children live in a safe community that thrives. While working on new opportunities for growth, I want to ensure we preserve the community that defines us. Embracing meaningful change will propel Absecon to new heights for years to come.

Most importantly, this isn't just my journey- it's ours. I'm proud to stand beside you as a neighbor and accomplish so much together. All because Absecon is home!

Thank you all,

Tommy Marrone

ABSECON IS HOME!

Fire Pits >>>

Absecon Fire Department

As warmer temperatures return and everyone begins to clean their yards, the Fire Department would like to remind you of a few rules about burning.



First, New Jersey prohibits open burning of any type without a permit. This means leaves, brush, vegetation and other yard waste cannot be burned. All must be placed at the curb for pick up.

If you have an approved fire pit, you are limited to burning firewood, no trash or rubbish. These are answers to the most common questions we receive about fire pits: An approved fire pit cannot be

larger than 3 feet in diameter and no more than 2 feet in height, this does not apply to chimeneas. A fire pit must be 15 feet from any structure, this includes your neighbor's fence or shed. A spark arrestor screen must be used while burning.

A fire extinguishing method such as a hose or fire extinguisher must be located within 10 feet of the fire. The fire must be attended until it is extinguished. Weather conditions such as Red Flag warnings must be observed. Fire pits or barbecue grills cannot be used on balconies or where an overhang exists. Any other questions can be directed to the Absecon Fire Official. Finally, please be considerate of your neighbors while using your fire pit to prevent complaints about the smoke it is emitting.

Thank you and have a safe summer,
Chief Roy Talley
Absecon Fire Department



Recycling >>>

Meet our new Recycling Coordinator

We would like to introduce Stanley E. Kolbe Sr. who began as the new Recycling Coordinator here after our long time employee Bob Battista's retirement. You may recognize Stan from around town, he was born and raised in Absecon. A 50-year member of the Absecon Volunteer Fire Co No. 1 where he also served as chief for 8 years. He has 2 children, 6 grandchildren and lives with fiancé Trish.

Stan shared, "I am happy to serve in my new position as the City's Recycling Coordinator and Zoning Assistant."

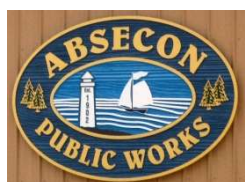
Feel free to contact the Recycling office for assistance or if you have any questions about proper recycling within the City. Everyone's efforts to properly recycle discarded items will help to save tax dollars by minimizing tipping fees at the County Landfill. Feel free to call him at (609) 641-0663 ext. 105 and Stan can assist with any questions you have or offer assistance with your recycling. He can also be reached by e-mail at Recycling@abseconnj.gov.

Stan is excited to serve the community he cares for so much.

Our annual community clean-up and shred day event was a success. Keep an eye out for details on more community clean-up events. Every can counts - recycle for a better tomorrow.

Absecon's Spring Curbside Leaf Collection

April 14 - May 9



Place loose leaves only
NO branches or other
debris please!

Community Events & Tips

POLICE CHIEF JAMES LAUGHLIN



Dear Residents,

As the days grow longer and the weather warms, I'd like to take this opportunity to reach out on behalf of the Absecon Police Department. Spring is a time of renewal and activity, and we're thrilled to see more of our residents out walking, biking, and enjoying everything our community has to offer. With this increase in outdoor activity, it's important that we all remain committed to safety — for ourselves, our families, and our neighbors.

Electric Bicycles and Scooters – Know the Laws, Ride Responsibly

We're seeing a growing number of electric bicycles and scooters on our roadways and sidewalks. While they're a fun and efficient way to get around, riders must understand and follow New Jersey laws to ensure everyone's safety. Riders under 17 years of age are required by law to wear a helmet. Electric bikes (classified as Class 1, 2, or 3) and scooters must follow the same rules of the road as traditional bicycles. This means obeying traffic signals, yielding to pedestrians, and riding in the correct direction. Remember: these are not toys — they are motorized vehicles, and operating them recklessly puts others at risk.

Helmet Use Saves Lives

We want to strongly remind parents and guardians of the importance of helmet use. Children and teenagers are particularly vulnerable when riding bikes, scooters, and skateboards. Wearing a properly fitted safe helmet significantly reduces the risk of head injury in the event of a fall or collision.

Please take a few moments this season to inspect your child's helmet and reinforce riding habits.

Speeding and Stop Sign Violations

With more foot traffic around neighborhoods and parks, we urge all drivers to be extra cautious. Speeding and failing to stop at stop signs continue to be among the top complaints in our community. These violations are not only illegal — they're dangerous. Just a few extra seconds of patience can prevent a tragedy. Our officers will be monitoring high-traffic areas closely this season to ensure compliance and protect our residents.

Home Safety – Light Up and Lock Up

Spring is also a great time to review your home security. Well-lit homes are less likely to be targeted by criminals. Consider installing or checking the functionality of motion-sensor lights around your property, especially near doors, garages, and driveways. Good lighting is a simple but highly effective crime deterrent. Additionally, we continue to see thefts from unlocked vehicles. Please remember to lock your car doors every time and remove valuables such as wallets, electronics, or spare keys. A few quick steps can make all the difference in preventing crime.

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

Sincerely,



Chief J.R. Laughlin



New Jersey Property Tax Relief

For Senior Homeowners
and Renters Age
65 and Over

Three Programs, One
Combined Application

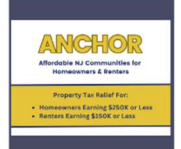
Based on 2024 Residency,
Income, and Age

File by October 31, 2025

Eligibility requirements, including income limits, and
benefits available for all property tax relief programs
are subject to change by the State Budget.



For program details, scan
the QR code or visit:
bit.ly/NJPropTaxRelief



**May 19th, 2025
10:00am - Noon**
**Municipal Complex
500 Mill Road
Absecon, NJ 08201**
609-641-0663 ext. 103



Division of Taxation

**Come out to City
Hall to get more
information on:**

**Property Tax
Deductions**

**State Programs to
help off set your
property Taxes.**

**Meet with
Mayor Marrone**

and

**Council President
Rich DeRose**

*to discuss budget implications to
our current year's property taxes*

**Stay up to date with the latest news & upcoming
events by visiting the City of Absecon's website:**

WWW.ABSECONNJ.GOV

Save the date...

Keep an eye out on the Absecon Police Department Facebook page for
Coffee with a Cop dates in May & September

June 14th – Hooked on Fishing Not on Drugs

July 18th – Christmas in July Movie (Muppets Christmas Carol)

August 5th – National Night Out



Concerts in the Park Summer 2025

SUNDAY'S @ 7PM

JUNE 22ND
FABULOUS SILVER WINGS

JUNE 29TH
MATRIX BAND

JULY 6TH
SUITE INSPIRATION

JULY 13TH
TONY PONTARI

JULY 20TH
JUMP THE LINE

JULY 27TH
T.K. AND THE HOWLERS

AUGUST 3RD
MOTTS CREEK PICKERS

AUGUST 10TH
DANNY EYER

AUGUST 17TH
BRANDON IRELAND

SATURDAY @ 7PM

AUGUST 23RD
SO. JERSEY WIND ENSEMBLE

>> Greetings from City Council!

We are happy to be springing ahead to our second quarter of the year. The first quarter was a lot of housekeeping, committee forming and budget work and we are happy to have it all behind us as we move into spring.

We are delighted to see our residents enjoying the beautiful weather that has come with this season. Absecon is a great place to enjoy the outside whether it be walking our parks, watching sports at our beautifully kept fields, enjoying our new pickleball/tennis courts or biking to school, Absecon is happy to be outside!

Reminder from our Police Chief and public safety committee to use caution when driving as our youth are out and about on bikes and scooters. Bikers and scooters, please wear your helmets! It is the law after all (for those under 16)! While bike, skateboard and scooter riders share the bike path with walkers and runners, the Heritage Park walking path is strictly for walkers and runners. Please refrain from using bikes, scooters and skateboards on Heritage Park walking path.

We have a lot to look forward to in the next couple months. By the time you are reading this, we have had a successful shedding and cleanup day to celebrate Earth Day and treated our senior citizens to a lovely senior brunch in May. We kicked off baseball season with opening night at field of dreams on 4/25 and ASAC opening night on 4/29. Our Memorial Day parade will be on Monday May 26th and our Concerts in the Park kick off on June 22nd!

Our fields and parks look beautiful thanks to our hard working Public Works team.

We hope you all have a great end of your school year!

We hope to connect with you all this summer. Our phone numbers and emails are on the website for any questions or concerns you may have.

coming soon >>>

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Shred Day in October

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Fall Leaf Pickup Dates

