

ABSECON NEWS



CITY OF ABSECON 2024 NEWS & UPDATES

ACUA WILL OFFER OPEN HOUSE TOURS EVERY WEDNESDAY IN JULY AND AUGUST

Or as they call it **WINDSDAY!**

Have you ever wondered how the wind turbines in Atlantic City work? Stop by the Atlantic County Utilities Authority (ACUA) open house tours every Wednesday (Windsday) in July and August to find out! Visitors will learn about the wastewater treatment process and how wind and solar keep this important operation running.

Beginning July 3, ACUA will offer free tours of its wind farm and Wastewater Treatment Facility located at 1801 Absecon Blvd. in Atlantic City on Wednesdays at 12 noon throughout July and August. Tours last approximately 1 hour, and no reservations are required, but visitors should plan to arrive promptly at 12 noon. Open House Tours are ideal for individuals or groups of five or less. Larger groups are encouraged to schedule a private tour.

Tours are open to all ages but may be most appropriate for kids ages 8 and up.



For more information, please visit www.acua.com/summertours.

Flags on Your Lawn?

Color flags are most likely markout flags identifying underground lines. Now you can scan the QR code on any flag to look up the type of work being done in the area. After you scan, you'll be directed to the One Call Search & Status form. Choose your county and enter your street name to find local information.



Mayor Kimberly Horton with Senior Center Director Michele Reitzel.

Celebrating Our Community This Summer

MAYOR KIMBERLY HORTON

With summer in full bloom and the arrival of warm weather, I extend my warmest wishes to you and your loved ones for a memorable summer season filled with celebrations and exciting events. Absecon's community values of friendship, tradition, and family remain at the forefront as we embark on this summer season.

Our concert series has begun, so join us on Sunday evenings at 7:00 PM at Heritage Park. This year, food will be provided by the Absecon PTO. Come hang with your neighbors and friends and enjoy the music and food selection. We're also looking forward to National Night Out on August 6th from 6-9 PM, an annual event sponsored by Absecon's Police Department and free to all attendees.

The Senior Center has a new manager, Michele Reitzel. She is the past site manager of the Galloway Township Senior Center, and officially started July 1st. We couldn't be more excited about having her join the team. Her vision and experience will be an amazing asset. Spencer Lyons will continue as the administration manager.

A big welcome to new businesses that have opened in our community. "Blooms" Florist Shop has a wide variety of flowers and gift ideas. Sarah and Kathy are ready to assist in making any

occasion special. Lola's Coffee Shop, is simply charming and worth visiting, the staff are friendly and ready to serve. Chipotle, is our latest addition with delicious Mexican cuisine. Support these and all our extraordinary businesses in Absecon. How fortunate we are that we have quality establishments just minutes away!

Together, we are propelling Absecon forward towards a promising future. I am grateful for your continued support and involvement in our community, and I look forward to our shared journey ahead. Absecon is committed to continuing ongoing infrastructure projects, some of those currently in progress include the NJ Ave Streetscape, Calderon Ave drainage and reconstruction, 2024 Road Program, and Crestview Ave Pedestrian Sidewalk project to name a few.

As we reflect on the progress made in 2024 thus far, I remain focused on addressing the needs of our community, fostering economic growth, cultivating relationships with local businesses, and supporting the essential services that contribute to our safety and quality of life. It is my ongoing commitment to be accessible to you, our residents and businesses, as your feedback and ideas are invaluable in shaping the future of Absecon.

Sincerely,

Mayor Kim Horton

Join us August 6th, 2024 for National Night Out

An annual police and community-building campaign. From 6pm-9pm enjoy free food, music and fun with 30+ local vendors, obstacle course, cars on display, public safety demos, helicopter fly over and more. This event provides a great opportunity to bring police and neighbors together.





**ABSECON SHRED DAY
AND COMMUNITY CLEAN-UP
OCTOBER 26TH, 2024
9AM – 12PM**

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Community Events & Tips

POLICE CHIEF JAMES LAUGHLIN

Summer is upon us, and it's wonderful to see everyone out enjoying the pleasant weather and engaging in various activities. As we embrace this vibrant season, I'd like to share some important reminders to ensure everyone's safety and well-being.

Firstly, if you're planning to travel, please plan ahead, slow down, and be mindful of children playing outside. The popularity of scooters and other electric modes of transportation is on the rise. Both operators of electric bicycles and scooters, as well as drivers, must remain alert at all times to prevent accidents.

With the increase in outdoor activities at home, be cautious of leaving doors and windows ajar, as these can become opportunities for

criminals to enter your homes. I also want to stress the importance of installing surveillance cameras around your property. Many of these cameras are affordable and can provide a significant sense of security. They have also proven invaluable in solving numerous crimes our officers investigate.

Additionally, please remember to lock your vehicle doors to prevent theft.

Lastly, be aware that fraud-related scams are on the rise. Be sure to thoroughly vet any services before providing monetary funds. If you are unsure or uncomfortable, reach out to a family member, friend, or the Absecon Police Department for assistance.

We hope everyone has a wonderful and safe summer!

Sincerely,

Chief J.R. Laughlin



**CONCERTS IN THE
PARK**

2024 SUMMER SCHEDULE

Heritage Park at 7:00pm

**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

Absecon is open for business! We are thrilled to see so many fantastic new establishments opening in our city, with even more exciting news on the horizon. Congratulations to Absecon Blooms, Lola's Cafe, and Chipotle on their grand openings. We are so happy they chose Absecon! Let's welcome these new businesses by renewing our commitment to shopping locally.

In a move to honor our military community, the city council has made a significant change to the Faunce Landing boat ramp permit ordinance. Now, all active duty military personnel can enjoy the veteran's discount when using the boat ramp. It's a long-overdue recognition for the brave men and women who serve our nation, and we are proud to extend this privilege to them.

Our council remains dedicated to recognizing members of our community, particularly those who have overcome significant challenges and worked to enhance our community. In April, we recognized Autism Awareness Month and appointed Absecon Resident Patrick Dooley as the honorary Council President. In July, we celebrated Disability Pride Month and named Absecon Resident Jacob Hackett as the Honorary Council President. Moments like these are why we should all be proud to call Absecon home!

In fulfilling our commitment to transparency, we have improved how our council meetings are recorded. These recordings are now shared on YouTube for public access via our website. Furthermore, the meetings are archived and can be viewed at any time, showcasing a significant step forward in keeping our residents well-informed.

Our city is also making great strides when it comes to improving our infrastructure. The New Jersey Ave streetscaping is already underway, the Mill Road accessibility path at Heritage Park has been successfully completed, and the addition of sidewalks on Crestview Ave is set to begin construction in the coming months. Additionally, we have applied for grant funding for pedestrian crosswalk safety improvements, which include elevated crosswalks that will enhance safety and help reduce speed on our roads. Stay tuned for more updates on these exciting developments!

**The City of Absecon presents
Creekfest
September 21th, 2024.**

Faunce Landing will be host to On Tap Band, Tony Pontari, Taylor Pontari and Brandon Ireland Band.



The food, beer, music, and fun will continue from 2-8pm. A great afternoon and evening to gather with family, neighbors, and friends along Absecon's Creek.

Is your property located in the Special Flood Hazard Area?

Are you planning an improvement project for the home or yard? Check with the City Construction Office for the requirements of a Floodplain Development Permit. A Floodplain Development permit may be required even if a construction or zoning permit is not. They are mandated to maintain the City's participation in the National Flood Insurance Program and penalties may be accessed for non-compliance.

Need answers to floodplain questions?

If you want to know if an Absecon property is located in the Special Flood Hazard Area contact the Floodplain Administrator at 609-641-00663, ext. 113 or visit the Construction office, located in the Municipal Complex, 500 Mill Rd., Absecon. You can view the City's Flood Insurance Rate Map, obtain information on flood depths, natural conservation areas, special regulations for building in the flood hazard area and information on protecting your property from flood damage. We also provide information on flood insurance and maintain copies of FEMA elevation Certificates on all buildings constructed or substantially improved in the special flood hazard area since October 2014.