

ABSECON NEWS



CITY OF ABSECON 2024 NEWS & UPDATES

10 ENERGY-SAVING TIPS: CUT COSTS, NOT COMFORT

As temperatures rise and fall, here are some tips that can help you save energy in your home and money on your bill. Simple adjustments add up and can make difference each month.

1. Adjust Your Thermostat
 - In the summer, every degree above 72 degrees F can save 2 to 4 percent on cooling costs.
 - In the winter, every degree below 68 degrees F can save up to 5 percent on heating costs
2. Weatherproof Windows and Doors
 - Add weather stripping and caulk around leaky areas for airtightness
3. Use Your Washer and Dryer Wisely
 - Wash full loads in cold water and clean lint screen regularly.
4. Conscious Lighting
 - Switch to LED bulbs for 70 percent lighting cost reduction and ensure lights are off when not needed.
5. Don't Overload Your Devices
 - Unplug unused devices like chargers and electronics.
6. Adjust Your Blinds
 - In the winter, open your blinds during the day to let warm sunlight into your home and close them at night. In the summer, close your blinds to keep cool air inside and the sun out.
7. Water Heating
 - Save energy by investing in a high-efficiency water heater with an Energy Factor (EF) rating of 91 or above. Keep the temperature setting at 120 degrees F for maximum savings.
8. Get Smart with Power Strips
 - Use smart power strips and surge protectors to save energy and shut down multiple items efficiently.
9. Set Refrigerator Temperature
 - The average home's refrigerator consumes the most energy of all kitchen appliances.
 - Set to 38°F to minimize energy usage.
10. Utilize Your Dishwasher
 - Use a dishwasher instead of handwashing, it uses half the amount of water.



Mayor Kim Horton with the Mayor's Walking Group

Grateful in Absecon: A Season of Reflection

MAYOR KIMBERLY HORTON

The fall is often referred to as a time of gratitude and reflection. Veterans Day, Thanksgiving Day and the many holidays our residents celebrate cause me to think of the duty we owe each other. Whether you're attending holiday events, cheering on your hometown team at sporting events or just taking a stroll, enjoy the fall colors and take a moment to reflect on the things we are grateful for.

Soldiers are husbands, wives, brothers, and sisters before they take up arms. They willingly lay aside their life ambitions and dreams to confront the forces that threaten our country. "Greater love hath no man than this, that a man lay down his life for his friends," scripture reads. As they emulate the greatest love known to mankind by fulfilling their obligation to our country, we owe them our greatest respect and gratitude.

Reflecting on our community, I know I am not alone in being grateful for the dedicated and capable public safety presence in Absecon. Our police department, fire department, and EMT's work hard every day keeping residents safe, which is paramount to our quality of life.

All our professionals here at city hall do an outstanding job making sure our residents get the information and assistance they need, whether for home improvements or paying a sewerage or tax bill. Under the leadership of our Business Administrator/CFO, Jessica Thompson, each department is here ready to serve our residents.

Another hardworking and invaluable group of city employees is our Public Works Department. From now until the end of the year, they will be diligent in collecting the leaves that have fallen and gathered on our streets and roads to keep Absecon looking beautiful. This is in addition to all the other responsibilities at this time of year.

I am happy to share news with residents and our business community that the long-awaited Super Wawa at the old firehouse location at Route 9 and Route 30 will be starting construction shortly, with an anticipated opening this coming spring. Aldi will be another nice addition to our business community and will be located at the Marketplace on Rt.30. Recently, I attended the grand opening of a new Taylor Swift-inspired Airbnb in Absecon. This uniquely themed four-bedroom, three-bathroom home celebrates Taylor's musical talent creative spirit, and storytelling, offering guests the ultimate Taylor experience at the Jersey Shore. Our businesses are ready to serve our community and we in turn need to support their efforts.

I'd like to conclude this message by wishing you and your loved ones a happy and safe holiday season. During this time of gratitude, let us take a moment to reflect on all that we have to be thankful for. It is a true honor to serve as the mayor of our community. May you have a blessed holiday season.

Sincerely,
Mayor Kim Horton



FALL CURBSIDE LEAF PICKUP – Leaves Only No Brush
November 4th – December 31st, 2024



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ABSECON'S NEXT SHRED DAY
APRIL 19, 2025
9AM – 12PM



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ABSECON POLICE DEPT.

Community Events & Tips

POLICE CHIEF JAMES LAUGHLIN

As the holiday season approaches, it’s an exciting time in our community, and the Absecon Police Department is thrilled to be part of it. We’re preparing for several events, including our participation in the county's "Holiday for Heroes" and our own "Toys for Kids" event, which brings joy to children across the city.

As we dive into the season, I’d like to remind everyone of a few important safety tips to keep our community safe and well-prepared:

- **Smoke Alarms:** Please take a moment to check your smoke alarm batteries and replace them if needed.
- **Exterior Lighting:** Ensure your outdoor lighting is functional and consider leaving it on during appropriate hours to keep your property well-lit.
- **Winter Vehicle Prep:** Clear snow and ice from your vehicles before hitting the road to ensure your visibility and the safety of others.

- **Suspicious Activity:** If you see something unusual, don’t hesitate to report it. Your vigilance helps keep our community safe.

The holidays are also a season of giving, and I encourage everyone who can to support our local food banks and charitable organizations. Together, we can make a difference in the lives of those in need.

On behalf of the men and women of the Absecon Police Department, thank you for your ongoing support. We wish you a joyful, safe, and healthy holiday season. Merry Christmas and Happy New Year!

Sincerely,
Chief J.R. Laughlin



COMMUNITY EVENTS

**New Jersey Avenue
Tree Lighting
December 2nd at 6:00 PM**



**Santa in the Park
December 6th at 6:30 PM**
(Rain date- December 7th)



**Santa’s Fire Truck Tour
December 14th and 15th**



**Toys for Tots Drop-off Locations:
City Hall M-F 8:30 AM – 4:30 PM
American Legion Wednesday Nights
after 6 PM**

ACUA Curbside Pickup

ACUA provides weekly trash and biweekly recycling collection. ACUA will collect up to 2 bulky items each trash day. This includes a mattress or piece of furniture, for example. This does not include construction or demolition debris. Residents can schedule metals/appliance pickup with the Clerks Office by calling 609-641-0663 x100. Yard waste collection is on Tuesday or Wednesday the same weeks as recycling throughout the year. Brush/branches should not exceed 4 ft. in length or 8 in. in diameter and should be tied with twine. Check out ACUA.com for more information

Container Guidelines

Recycling and trash carts provided by the City of Absecon are the primary container for recycling or trash materials. Recycling should be placed loose in the container. Residents may use any clearly marked container meant for outdoor collection of yard waste or kraft bags. NO plastic bags. Loose branches should be tied with twine. Please note: Containers, when full, may not weigh more than 50 lbs. If using a cart, this weight limit does not apply. No barrels or drums will be emptied. All items must be placed out before 7 a.m. on your scheduled collection day.

Be Ready for Heavy Rainstorms; Vital Flood Safety Tips-

Make an emergency plan. This plan will help you know what to do, where to go, and what you will need to help protect yourself, your family and your pets from flooding. Learn and practice evacuation routes, shelter plans, and flash flood response. Gather supplies, including non-perishable foods, cleaning supplies, and water for several days, in case you must leave immediately or if services are cut off in your area.

Know Your Risk for Floods. Visit FEMA's Flood Map Service Center to know types of flood risk in your area. Sign up for your community’s warning system. The Emergency Alert System (EAS) and National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA) Weather Radio also provide emergency alerts.

Turn around, don’t drown. Do not walk, swim or drive through flood waters. Just six inches of moving water can knock you down, and one foot of moving water can sweep your vehicle away.

If under a flood warning, find a safe shelter. Stay where you are, move to higher ground or a higher floor, and evacuate if told to do so.

Be aware of the risk of electrocution. Do not touch electrical equipment if it is wet or if you are standing in water. Turn off the electricity to prevent electric shock if it is safe to do so.

Avoid wading in floodwater, which can be contaminated and contain dangerous debris. Underground or downed power lines can also electrically charge the water.

Renew your Pet Licensing for 2025- 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.



January 1st - March 31st: Neutered or spayed: \$10.00 non-neutered or non-spayed: \$15.00
April 1st - December 31st: Neutered or spayed: \$15.00 non-neutered or non-spayed: \$20.00
Animal Licensing available January 2nd, 2025

