

# ABSECON NEWS



## CITY OF ABSECON 2022 NEWS & UPDATES



You don't  
want to  
miss this...

SAVE THE  
DATE!

Sept. 18<sup>th</sup>  
2PM – 9PM



### BAG UP NJ!

BAG BAN BEGINS SOON

The "Bag Up NJ" campaign is the New Jersey Clean Communities Council's new single use plastic and paper bag ban outreach campaign, which has a simple message: **Bring your own reusable bag(s) when you shop.**

This campaign educates and reminds consumers about their options for sustainability at the checkout counter. Consumers can bring their own reusable bags when they shop and recycle their plastic bags.

On Nov. 4, 2020, Governor Phil Murphy and the New Jersey Legislature enacted the most progressive bag ban law in the country. The law prevents litter and encourages the use of reusable bags by phasing out single-use plastic and paper bags.

The law bans plastic bags, regardless of thickness, at grocery stores and retail outlets, as well as paper bags at grocery stores measuring more than 2,500 square feet. It also bans polystyrene foam food service products; and makes plastic straws at restaurants available only upon request.



**BAG BAN BEGINS MAY 4TH**



Absecon's Clean-Up Crew hard at work on Saturday, March 26, 2022.

## ABSECON'S Upcoming Events!

### MAYOR KIMBERLY HORTON

With Spring upon us and COVID-19 in the rearview mirror, we continue to encourage residents to get vaccinated while looking forward to upcoming events in our community.

Mark your calendars! The Committee is restarting the annual Senior Citizen Dinner, scheduled for May 1<sup>st</sup> at the United Methodist Church. Absecon's Senior Center has reopened, providing opportunities for our seniors to get together and enjoy planned activities. A special thanks to Donna Payne and her staff for making this happen safely. We continue to partner with our Veterans in arranging for the annual Memorial Day Parade on May 30<sup>th</sup>. The Annual Concert Series will begin in June, and "Creekfest" is scheduled for Sunday, September 18<sup>th</sup> at Faunce Landing.

The Absecon Community Affairs Committee continues to promote our city in a positive way. Multiple cleanups are planned for the spring, kept-up neighborhoods benefit all members of our community! Two of Absecon's most consistently admired assets are Heritage Park and the City's recreational areas. The Field of Dreams, tennis and

pickle ball courts, and all spring sports are in full bloom. I'm asking that all of us be custodians of these treasured assets, keep our parks clean and in good condition.

As elected officials, we are unwavering in our commitment to be accountable to our residents. I would like to thank council, our first responders, department heads, and our Administrator/CFO for their hard work preparing this year's budget that keeps the tax rate flat while increasing the size of our police department, continuing road improvements, and providing each of our residents with a large trash container to complement the recycling containers distributed last year, in a continued effort to keep our city clean.

Remember to visit the City's website where all current information and forms are available in one convenient location. This is an easy way to stay informed about city activities, programs, notices and resources. If we remain true to our values, we will ensure this great city remains a place of opportunity and community. I'm truly proud to serve as Mayor of this wonderful community.

Sincerely,

*Mayor Kim Horton*

Absecon's Spring Curbside Leaf Collection  
April 11th through May 6th  
Place loose leaves only  
No branches or other debris please.







**ABSECON SHRED DAY &  
EARTH DAY COMMUNITY CLEAN-UP  
APRIL 23, 2022  
9AM – 12PM**

**ABSECON  
NEWS**

**ACUA's 30<sup>th</sup> Annual Earth Day Festival is April 24, 2022 from 10AM – 4PM**

**ABSECON POLICE DEPT.**

**Community Events & Tips**



**POLICE CHIEF JAMES LAUGHLIN**

Thanks to all for your continued support. The men and women of the Absecon Police Department are humbled daily by your gestures and conversations as we continue to serve you. As we enter spring and summer, I wanted to make some friendly reminders and tips as we welcome the warmer weather. Be mindful of bicyclist and pedestrian safety as well as children at play. We have a great community but we must be mindful of their presence as we navigate our neighborhoods and conduct our daily routines. Please give everyone respect and yield to our neighbors. Speeding on our streets is unacceptable. Since the pandemic, we receive complaints about the speeders everywhere in town. We continue to patrol and conduct enforcement in the neighborhoods. Please be patient as we take all complaints seriously. As we continue to enjoy the outdoors and host and attend barbeques and parties please be mindful of the noise ordinance and respect your neighbors.

We have several upcoming events including Hooked on Fishing, National Night Out, Movies in the Park and Creekfest. I encourage everyone to participate and volunteer to make all the events a pleasant experience. Invite your neighbors and come out and make new friends in the community. As always, we welcome any and all members of the community to our police department for a constructive and healthy dialogue, no matter what the issue or concern may be.

Make sure your house is appropriately numbered and visible from the street for emergency services.

If you did not replace your batteries in the fall, spring daylight savings time is a great reminder to check smoke detectors for both operation and expiration. Smoke detectors should be replaced a maximum of every ten years. Keep your property locked and look out for your neighbor's belongings. Please call us if you witness any type of suspicious activity. Motor vehicle thefts are on the rise and are up 75% over last year. Remember to lock your car doors and remove the keys. Never leave your car running while shopping or conducting business and avoid leaving your car unattended if left on.

Please welcome our new police officers to our community. Our newest SLEO II Officer Edward Adams has been serving our community since the fall. A second SLEO II will be in training soon and full time Officers will be hired as we continue to fill retired positions. I would like to thank Captain Christian Stoll for serving our community for the past 25 years. Captain Stoll loved our community and will be missed by all. I would like to congratulate him on retirement and wish him the best of luck. He was both a great police officer to this community, but more importantly a great friend.

I hope everyone enjoys the upcoming seasons with both family and friends. Remember ABSECON IS HOME! Our community is unique and we will continue to work together and keep our town safe.

Sincerely,

*Chief J.R. Laughlin*



**New Trash Cans Coming  
to Absecon Residents in June**



The City of Absecon will be providing new Trash Containers to all City residents in June. The trash containers will complement the recycling containers distributed in 2021 and will improve efforts to keep our community clean. Like the recycling carts, the new containers will have ample space to store trash between pick-ups, have two wheels for easy maneuvering and a lid to keep trash from blowing around. The new cart will be the primary container for your home's trash and will have the same RFID tag feature as the recycling carts. Let's all do our part to keep Absecon beautiful!

**CONCERTS IN  
THE PARK**

**2022 SUMMER SCHEDULE**

**SUNDAY'S @ 7PM**

**JUNE 26<sup>TH</sup>**

**TOM ALLEN BAND**

**JULY 3<sup>rd</sup>**

**LIGHT HOUSE BAND**

**JULY 10<sup>TH</sup>**

**MOTTS CREEK PICKERS**

**JULY 17<sup>TH</sup>**

**HAWKINS ROAD**

**JULY 24<sup>TH</sup>**

**T.K. AND THE HOWLERS**

**JULY 31<sup>ST</sup>**

**JOEY D'S ROCKIN OLDIES**

**AUGUST 8<sup>TH</sup>**

**LISA ON TOUR &**

**THE JERSEY SWEET BAND**

**AUGUST 14<sup>TH</sup>**

**BRANDON IRELAND**

**AUGUST 21<sup>ST</sup>**

**DANNY EYER**

**AUGUST 28<sup>TH</sup> @ 4PM**

**SOUTH JERSEY WIND  
ENSEMBLE**



**ATLANTIC CITY ELECTRIC - STREET LIGHT REPORTING SYSTEM**

Atlantic City Electric streetlight reporting system, is a self-service, online map tool that enables customers to report a streetlight outage or problem to Atlantic City Electric through its website.

"The streetlight reporting system offers a convenient way for our customers to report when a streetlight is out on their street or in their neighborhood," said Vince Maione, Atlantic City Electric region president. "Safety is our top priority. We ask customers to report streetlight outages to ensure our neighborhoods are well lit to provide a safer environment."

To report a streetlight outage, customers can visit [www.atlanticcityelectric.com](http://www.atlanticcityelectric.com). Click "my home" then "report an outage or safety hazard" then "report streetlight outage." Customers will need to provide their name and contact information, as well as either an address or the utility pole number for the affected light. Customers can also provide a message if additional detail is needed to relay important information to the company. Atlantic City Electric will then provide an update on the status of the reported streetlight.

Customers can also report a streetlight issue by calling the Atlantic City Electric Customer Care Center at 1-800-642-3780.

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