

# ABSECON NEWS



## CITY OF ABSECON 2023 NEWS & UPDATES

A poster for the City of Absecon Creekfest, featuring a scenic view of a creek and the text "CITY OF ABSECON CREEKFEST MUSIC & FOOD TRUCK FESTIVAL". It also mentions "FEATURING DON'T CALL ME FRANCIS" and "Food, Beer, Music & Fun. Along Absecon Creek.".

**SAVE THE DATE!**

**For Sunday Sept. 17<sup>th</sup> 2PM – 9PM**

**ABSECON'S 2<sup>nd</sup> ANNUAL CREEKFEST!**



Mayor Kim Horton with Donna M. Payne at the Absecon Senior Center

### Tax Rate Update - 2023

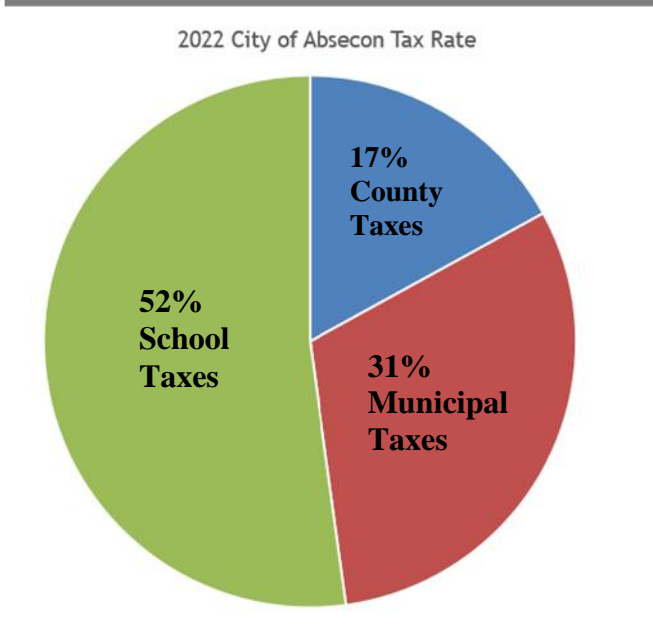
We are pleased to announce that Absecon has kept the municipal tax rate flat for 2023, despite the substantial inflationary increases in pension, health insurance, and utility costs that are affecting all New Jersey municipalities. In fact, this continued effort to keep taxes affordable for Absecon residents has been going on for the past ten years, our municipal tax rate is .8 cents lower than it was in 2013. Absecon maintains one of the lowest average tax bills in the County.

Due to conservative strategic financial planning and the collective effort of the Governing Body and City Employees, Absecon continues to grow in many ways: improving the City's infrastructure and recreational areas as well as increasing our Public Safety staffing and resources to help make Absecon a great place to live!

Absecon's commitment to providing outstanding service and community pride for residents is our highest priority!

Sincerely,

*Jessica Thompson,*  
Administrator/CFO



### Spring Has Sprung in ABSECON!

#### MAYOR KIMBERLY HORTON

Hello Spring! If you are anything like me, you are excited to get back outside and enjoy the fresh air and warmer temperatures of spring.

Many of our sports organizations have had sign ups. Practices have started and the season is in full swing. Baseball, softball, boys' and girls' soccer and lacrosse programs are all available for our kids. We also are honored to have "Field of Dreams" baseball for disabled children and adults in our community. For information, check out the Website, (<https://www.abseconsports.org>) for additional information. Tai Chi and Chair Yoga classes are offered at the Senior Center on Tuesday and Thursday mornings. Sadly, we need to say goodbye to Donna M. Payne, Program Director for the Senior Center, as she leaves to embark on a new career path after serving Absecon's seniors for twenty years. Thanks to Donna for working tirelessly to enhance the lives of our very active seniors, she is going to be hard to replace. Staying active is so important for all ages and protecting our health, both physical and mental is the key to a happy life.

Since the 2023 budget has been adopted, the annual Road Program will begin and the county is working on final approvals for the South Shore Road project.

We are also looking forward to the completion of the streetscaping on New Jersey Avenue.

I would like to take this opportunity to welcome the City's new employees. Kayla Haberstroh is our new Deputy Finance Officer and Kylee Fornarotto has joined the Tax Office as Tax Clerk. Additionally, Patrick Baker has joined our team as Electrical Sub-Code Inspector and Ray Conover as Fire Inspector. Keeping City Hall running efficiently to take care of the needs of our residents is a priority. I would be remiss if I did not take a moment to express my appreciation for the incredible team of City employees who work diligently behind the scenes to keep Absecon running smoothly. Their dedication and professionalism are truly unmatched and I am grateful for their unwavering commitment to serving our community. Let's not forget our first responders whose dedication to our City is second to none. I have also reinstated Mayor's hours on Wednesdays from 2:00 till 4:00. Please drop by with your concerns or just to say hello.

I continue to be in awe of everyone who volunteers their time and energy with our civic organizations, church groups, and sports organizations and municipal boards, our community reaps the benefits of your dedication and appreciates all you do.

I am truly proud and honored to serve as Mayor for this incredible community.

Sincerely,

*Mayor Kim Horton*

Absecon's Spring Curbside Leaf Collection  
April 17th through May 12th  
Place loose leaves only  
No branches or other debris please!







THANK YOU TO EVERYONE WHO  
PARTICIPATED IN  
ABSECON SHRED DAY  
AND COMMUNITY CLEAN-UP

KEEP AND EYE OUT FOR ABSECON'S  
NEXT SHRED DAY IN OCTOBER

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Community Events & Tips



POLICE CHIEF JAMES LAUGHLIN

I hope everyone is doing well in our community. The men and women of the Absecon Police Department are grateful to our residents and we appreciate your support. We encourage everyone to stop and talk to us as we value your time and appreciate your conversations. These interactions help develop trust in the community and these friendships make our performance better for you.

As we enter spring and summer, I want to suggest some friendly reminders and tips as we welcome the warmer weather. See Something Say Something. Remember, we are a phone call away and we cannot help you solve a problem we do not know about. Be mindful of bicyclist and pedestrian safety as well as children at play. I am reminding You, the Parents, that it is your job to have your kids wear a bicycle helmet. Our children also need your support and guidance on how to safely ride their bikes and skateboards, particularly while crossing intersections. Everyone needs to abide by the traffic laws especially when you are riding electric bikes and scooters. Motorists need to slow down as they navigate through town.

I would like to remind everyone that there have been a number of scams reported currently. Perpetrators will attempt to defraud you in many ways. If contacted by anyone who claims to be an agent working for the Internal Revenue Service or the Social Security Administration do not provide any personal information.

Generally, Social Security will only contact you if you have requested a call or have ongoing business with the Administration. Both of these agencies will contact you by mail if there are any discrepancies. NEVER give personal information if you receive phone calls from these agencies. Fraudsters pretend to be government employees and claim there is identity theft or another problem with one's social security number, account, or benefits. If you receive any emails or phone calls from individuals posing as agents for Amazon, PayPal or any other company do not provide any personal information and do not open any suspicious emails. Please contact us if you if you are unsure. Remember, NO Legitimate legal service would ever operate a business this way. Phone Scams can be scary and intimidating, we are here to help please hang up the phone and notify us immediately. We want to prevent you from becoming a victim.

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 in our community events. These events develop friendships, which makes our community a pleasant experience. Please visit our City's website for dates and times of all events.

Sincerely,

Chief J.R. Laughlin

Atlantic City Electric's  
Smart Energy Network



A smart meter, sometimes referred to as an automated meter or AMI, is an electronic meter with technology that records daily energy use to help customers take better control of their energy use. Smart meters can also securely communicate with our central operations facility, providing real-time information about energy service. They also will enable new services, tools and programs that will help customers save money and energy, enhance reliability, provide for improved bill management tools, and allow for better integration of new clean energy technologies such as clean electric transportation, solar and battery storage.

Smart meters will be installed through mid-2024. Upgrades will occur Monday through Friday, between 8:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m., and will take no more than 30 minutes.

New Jersey American Water Annual Spring Cleaning

Water main flushing begins this month and continues through the fall

"Flushing our system helps to clean out any mineral deposits or sediment that may have built up over time inside the pipes," stated Thomas Shroba, Vice President of Operations. "While we're flushing, we also check our hydrants to confirm they are operational and check fire flows in the system."

Flushing involves simultaneously opening fire hydrants in a specific area to create increased water flows. This routine flushing program also includes flushing blowoff valves on dead-end water mains throughout the system. The service areas and dates when flushing begins are posted at [www.newjerseyamwater.com](http://www.newjerseyamwater.com), under Alerts.

While water mains are being cleaned, customers may notice short periods of low water pressure or discolored water. If customers experience temporary water discoloration, New Jersey American Water recommends running the cold water until it is clear. The following steps are also encouraged:

- Draw water for cooking prior to the flushing period.
- Store a large bottle of water in the refrigerator for drinking.
- Check for discolored water before using the washing machine or dishwasher.
- If water pressure or water volume seems low after flushing has been completed, check faucet screens for trapped particles.

CONCERTS IN  
THE PARK

2023 SUMMER SCHEDULE

SUNDAY'S @ 7PM

JUNE 25<sup>TH</sup>

POOR MOUTH HENRY

JULY 2<sup>RD</sup>

MATRIX BAND

JULY 9<sup>TH</sup>

LIGHTHOUSE BAND

JULY 16<sup>TH</sup>

T.K. AND THE HOWLERS

JULY 23<sup>TH</sup>

TONI TESCHNER BAND

JULY 30<sup>ST</sup>

JOEY D'S ROCKIN OLDIES

AUGUST 6<sup>TH</sup>

FABULOUS SILVER WINGS

AUGUST 13<sup>TH</sup>

BRANDON IRELAND BAND

AUGUST 20<sup>ST</sup>

DANNY EYER

AUGUST 27<sup>TH</sup>

SOUTH JERSEY WIND  
ENSEMBLE @4PM

