

# ABSECON NEWS



## CITY OF ABSECON 2023 NEWS & UPDATES



### ITEMS NOT TO RECYCLE

As we continue to embrace the importance of environmental sustainability, recycling plays a crucial role in reducing waste and conserving valuable resources. However, to make recycling efforts more effective and environmentally friendly, it's essential to know what items to avoid recycling.

**DO NOT** attempt to recycle the following items:

- ) Aluminum foil
- ) Batteries
- ) Broken glass
- ) Bubble wrap
- ) Cellophane
- ) Dishes/Ceramics
- ) Electronics
- ) Frozen food boxes
- ) Food residue
- ) Glassware
- ) Hardback books
- ) Hazardous waste
- ) Ice cream containers
- ) Large rigid
- ) Light bulbs
- ) Liquids
- ) Medicine
- ) Mirrors
- ) Needles
- ) Paint cans
- ) Paper towels and napkins
- ) Pizza boxes
- ) Plastic bags (return to stores for recycling)
- ) Plastic utensils/plates
- ) Plastics #3, 4, 6, and 7
- ) Pots and pans
- ) Shredded paper
- ) Sharps
- ) Styrofoam
- ) Tangly items like hoses and cords
- ) Tissues
- ) Toys
- ) Utensils
- ) Waxed paper
- ) Wet paper/cardboard
- ) Wrapping paper

By following these do's and don'ts, you can help ensure that your recycling efforts have a positive impact on our environment. Remember that responsible recycling is a small action with significant benefits for our planet. Thank you for doing your part in preserving our environment through sustainable recycling practices.



Halloween Movie in the Park Volunteers manning the Concession Stand

## Absecon Happenings & Celebrations

### MAYOR KIMBERLY HORTON

The holidays are a time of year where we share special moments with our family, friends, and loved ones while looking ahead to a new year filled with promise and opportunity. This is also a time of year to reflect on our many blessings.

Creekfest was a great success again this year due to the hard work of numerous volunteers who stepped up to see it through. A special thanks to the members of our Community Affairs Committee who planned the event, Councilwoman Betty Howell, Caleb Cavileer and Deb Reily worked tirelessly to bring this quality event to Absecon again. Other exciting events this fall included a community clean-up and shredding where our residents came out to show their commitment to cleaning up the earth, the Movie in the Park event with a Halloween themed movie, "Art in The Park" is another community favorite event showcasing the incredible talents of our local artists, and the downtown Flea Market held downtown on the second Sunday of the month.

The Christmas Tree lighting is coming up, an Absecon tradition featuring Carolers from the School's Choir and handmade decorations by our students. Santa himself will be lighting our tree up this year. Local businesses and restaurants have made the evening even more special by offering discounts on food, gift certificates, and

merchandise. The Fire Department is holding their annual holiday event with Mr. and Mrs. Santa Claus, beautiful light displays, a bonfire, and hot chocolate at Heritage Park. There is so much to love about the holidays! Hopefully, you will be able to enjoy the season with family and friends at one of Absecon's community events.

Since many businesses in our city do so many things to improve our community, things that you never hear about - thank them by shopping or eating locally this holiday season and continue to do so in the coming year.

During this holiday time I want to express my sincere thanks to our city employees for their dedication and service to our community. We are blessed to have the best police officers, firefighters, and public safety employees who put their lives on the line every day, committed to the safety and protection of our residents and visitors. They are the reason for Absecon's success as a place where families can live and grow in safety.

I look forward to all of the new and exciting opportunities that lie ahead in 2024, and I remain passionate about working together with all of you to build an even better Absecon. My warmest wishes to you and your loved ones for a Merry Christmas, a joyous holiday season, and a happy, healthy and successful new year.

Sincerely,

*Mayor Kim Horton*

FALL CURBSIDE LEAF PICKUP -  
Leaves Only No Brush  
November 6<sup>th</sup> - December 31<sup>st</sup>, 2023



# ABSECON'S NEXT SHRED DAY

## APRIL 20, 2024

### 9AM - 12PM



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## ABSECON POLICE DEPT.

# Community Events & Tips



### POLICE CHIEF JAMES LAUGHLIN

As we approach the holiday season, the most wonderful time of the year is upon us, and I wanted to take a moment to share some important information and warm holiday wishes with you.

#### Holiday Safety Tips –

1. Be Aware and Stay Safe: During this festive season, it's crucial to remain vigilant and mindful of your surroundings. Sadly, some may attempt to take advantage of the holiday spirit, so always be cautious.
2. Safe Shopping: When shopping, park in well-lit areas and, if possible, go with a companion. Don't forget to lock your vehicle and keep valuable items out of sight.
3. Reporting Incidents: Your safety is our top priority, but we can only help when you reach out. Please remember to call 911 immediately when you suspect an incident. No call is too minor, and you are never a bother – we are here to serve and protect you.
4. Pedestrian Safety: With shorter days, both drivers and pedestrians need to exercise caution on the roads. Not all pedestrians are clearly visible, especially when walking on the shoulders or crossing the roadway. Please be extra cautious and share the road responsibly.
5. Celebrate Responsibly: Enjoy your holiday festivities, but remember never to drink and drive. Rideshare options are readily available to keep everyone safe on the roads.

#### Community Events:

We have several exciting community events lined up for the holiday season, and the Absecon Police Department is dedicated to ensuring your safety. We will be collaborating with neighboring police departments for "Holidays with Heroes" and "Toys for Kids" programs. If you wish to contribute, there is a donation drop box in the lobby of City Hall. Your generosity will bring joy to those in need, emphasizing the gift of giving during this holiday season.

#### Closing Remarks:

Daylight Saving Time begins on Sunday, November 5, 2023. Take this opportunity to change your smoke detector batteries and ensure they are functioning properly. Smoke detectors have an expiration date, so consider replacing them every ten years. For any questions or doubts, reach out to the Absecon Fire Department.

I want to express my heartfelt gratitude for your unwavering support. The Absecon Police Department appreciates the memorable moments shared with all of you throughout the year. We genuinely love our town, and that's why Absecon is Home. As we embark on this holiday season, I hope that you and your loved ones remain safe and healthy.

Wishing you a joyful and secure holiday season. Happy Holidays to everyone from the Absecon Police Department.

Sincerely,

*Chief J.R. Laughlin*



## COMMUNITY EVENTS



**New Jersey Avenue  
Tree Lighting  
December 4<sup>th</sup> at 6:00 PM**



**SANTA IN THE PARK  
Friday, December 1<sup>st</sup> at 6:30 PM  
(Rain date- December 2<sup>nd</sup>)**



### Toys for Tots Drop-off Locations:

**City Hall M-F 8:30 AM – 4:30 PM**

**American Legion Wednesday  
Nights after 6 PM**



## Updated 2024 Sewer Rates

After much deliberation, Ordinance 13-2023 amended the City Code of the City of Absecon, with regards to new sewer rates for billing year 2024. Commencing January 1, 2024, sanitary sewer rental charges shall be \$500 per year for each equivalent dwelling unit (EDU). This will be billed in 4 quarters of \$125.00, due on January 1<sup>st</sup>, April 1<sup>st</sup>, July 1<sup>st</sup>, and October 1<sup>st</sup>. The sewer charge shall be payable within the ten (10) day grace period, following the due date. After the expiration of the grace period the charges will be considered delinquent and subject to a late charge of \$10 dollars per EDU, **per quarter.**

The increases were due to the rising cost of waste water disposal, and necessary upgrades and maintenance for our aging sewer infrastructure. To avoid future sewer problems, the City had to make the decision to begin funding this process. The last sewer rate increase in Absecon was implemented in 2010.

If you are struggling to pay your sewer bills, the State of New Jersey the Low-Income Household Water Assistance Program (LIHWAP) can help. It provides financial assistance to low-income households to reduce balances on residential water and wastewater bills. Sewer benefits are paid directly to the City, on behalf of residential customers. Call 211 or visit [waterassistance.nj.gov](http://waterassistance.nj.gov) for more information.

## From the desk of Jim Eberwine - Emergency Management Coordinator and Weather Forecaster

With less than a month to go in the "Official Hurricane Season", we have been fortunate to have escaped all the harsh weather a tropical cyclone can bring. However, as you know living by the shore, we not only keep an eye on the tropics, but also on the potential of early season Nor'easter's that develop in November and December, and they can have an impact like a tropical storm.

The winter of 2023-2024 will be dictated by a global phenomenon known as El Nino. Keep in mind, that these long-term outlooks do not mean the temperature every day will be above normal nor the precipitation above normal. It just means when the three months of the winter season, December, January and February will average above in both categories.

Also keep in mind that the farther out in time forecast-wise, the confidence in the forecast diminishes.

We average about 15.7 inches of snow in this area, but since we are expecting more precipitation than normal, and we have an occasional cold outbreak (Polar Vortex), the 15.7 inches can be delivered in one moderate to strong Nor'easter. Sounds like forecasters are always hedging when it comes to predictions, remember Mother Nature bats last! **For more information and resources please check the City of Absecon's website.**

**Renew your Pet Licensing for 2024** - 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 through March 31st: Neutered or spayed: \$10.00 non-neutered or non-spayed: \$15.00**

**April 1st through December 31st: Neutered or spayed: \$15.00 non-neutered or non-spayed: \$20.00**

Animal Licensing available January 2, 2024