

# ABSECON NEWS



## CITY OF ABSECON 2022 NEWS & UPDATES



### Handy Tips to Conserve

#### NEW JERSEY AMERICAN WATER

##### WHEN WATERING:

Only water when needed. Depending on the weather or type of plants/turf, you may find you only need to water once or twice per week.

Water early in the morning or later in the day. Water when the sun is low to minimize evaporation.

Watch what you're watering. Check sprinkler heads to be sure they're not wasting water on paved or unwanted areas. Reduce run times for shaded areas.

Keep an eye on weather. If rain is in the forecast, turn your sprinkler system off ahead of time.

Make use of rainwater. Water collected in rain barrels can be later used to water outdoor plants. Make sure rain barrels have proper coverings.

##### AROUND THE YARD:

Set your mower higher. Anything cut less than two inches high is much more vulnerable to burnout, weeds, insects and disease.

Check for leaks and breaks. Do a periodic walkthrough of your landscaped area to make sure system pipes are in good condition.

Sweep, don't spray. Use a broom instead of a hose to clean patios, decks, and sidewalks.

Car wash wisely. Washing your car with a bucket of soapy water uses far less water than leaving a hose running.

##### EVERY SUMMER EVERY DROP COUNTS.

It's estimated that up to 50% of the water we use outdoors in the summer is not needed to maintain a healthy landscape. But how do you know where to begin? It's easier than you might think and this handy guide can help get you started. As you enjoy your summer, we hope you'll keep conservation in mind. For even more tips, visit:

[newjerseyamwater.com](http://newjerseyamwater.com)



Mayor Kim Horton with residents at the Absecon Senior Center

## ABSECON'S Summer Happenings!

### MAYOR KIMBERLY HORTON

Happy Summer! Extending my best wishes to you and your families for a fun and safe summer. Our traditions are returning to normal, spending time with friends, planning vacations, visiting family and enjoying the best of what the season has to offer.

I've had the opportunity to visit the Senior Center and Donna and her staff are doing an excellent job preparing fun and educational programs for the "Young at Heart." Lunch is provided occasionally when a speaker is presenting important information, and there are always snacks to munch on while catching up with your friends and neighbors. The seniors I spoke to are fans of "Chair Yoga" on Thursdays and bingo games on Tuesdays, where folks continue to win really neat prizes. I have been told that each and every week a few more residents venture out and participate in the activities.

I've also attended a presentation at the Historical Society where I learned all about the American flag and how it evolved to what it looks like today. The members of the Historical Society are enthusiastic to talk about the history of our beloved Absecon and surrounding areas and share their expertise. If you are looking for something educational, free, and just plain fun to do with your family

on a late Saturday morning into the afternoon, visit the Historical Society. There are so many interesting artifacts and documents that are ready for your viewing pleasure. View their website for more interesting presentations in the future.

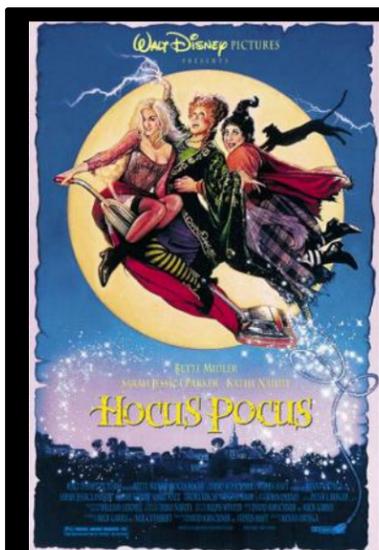
All the events, sports, and activities going on in our community are a result of city staff and our incredible volunteers working tirelessly to plan, implement, and refine each and every experience. I want to thank them all and our Public Works Department, Police Department, Firefighters, and EMT's for making sure the safety of our residents is always a priority.

As we move ahead in 2022, we continue to focus on the needs of our residents, keeping our community at the forefront of economic and business development, building strong partnerships with our local businesses, and supporting our first responders that keep our neighborhoods safe, while always looking for ways to enhance our quality of life.

Be sure to check our city website to stay up to date on all the things happening in Absecon throughout the year.

Sincerely,

*Mayor Kim Horton*



FALL MOVIE  
IN THE PARK:

**HOCUS  
POCUS**

FRI., OCT. 7<sup>TH</sup>

@ 6:30 PM

HERITAGE  
PARK

### 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.



**ABSECON SHRED DAY AND  
COMMUNITY CLEAN-UP  
OCTOBER 1, 2022  
9AM – 12PM**

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**ABSECON POLICE DEPT.**

**Community Events & Tips**



**POLICE CHIEF JAMES LAUGHLIN**

Summer is here and I hope everyone stops and takes a moment to enjoy the weather with family and friends. Please remember to lock up your belongings including your vehicles, sheds, and most importantly your home when spending time away. It is a good idea to communicate with your neighbors when planning vacations so that we can look out for each other and help keep our neighborhoods safe. I am asking everyone to contact us if you see or witness any suspicious activity. We always have time for you and we are here for you 24-7 no matter what the call. We enjoy getting to know everyone, so a simple conversation allows us to make connections with each person. I would also like to ask everyone to stop and welcome our three newest officers, Edward Adams, Hannah Fischel, and Charles Ferrara. We are proud to welcome these new officers as they start their career in our community.

We have already had a few events to kick off summer including another successful Hooked on Fishing Not Drugs, Christmas in July Movie in the Park, and our Annual National Night Out event. I would like to give praise to all the Officers who dedicate their time to assemble and host these events. They truly Love this community and enjoy spending time with you.

The Absecon Police Department has seen an increase in motor vehicle crashes on the roadways. We have placed signs around town from the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration (NHTSA) reminding drivers and pedestrians alike to follow the rules of the road. The Department has also been deploying

speed signs around problematic areas. These signs gather usable data so we can best deploy our officers for enforcement. Please continue to make our roads safe for vehicles, bicyclists, and pedestrians!

I would like to remind everyone that there are a number of scams reported currently, and that perpetrators will attempt to defraud you in many ways. One of the newest scams targets our Seniors, and like most scams, the caller will use a blocked phone number. The person calling you will identify themselves as attorneys. They continue the conversation by identifying one of your loved ones as being arrested and in jail and they represent them. The caller then tells you they need bail money and must be paid in cash. The scammers will explain that a "Courier" will come to your home and take your money. Remember, NO Legitimate legal service would ever operate a business this way. Phone Scams can be Scary and Intimidating but please hang up the phone and notify us immediately. We will help prevent you from becoming a victim.

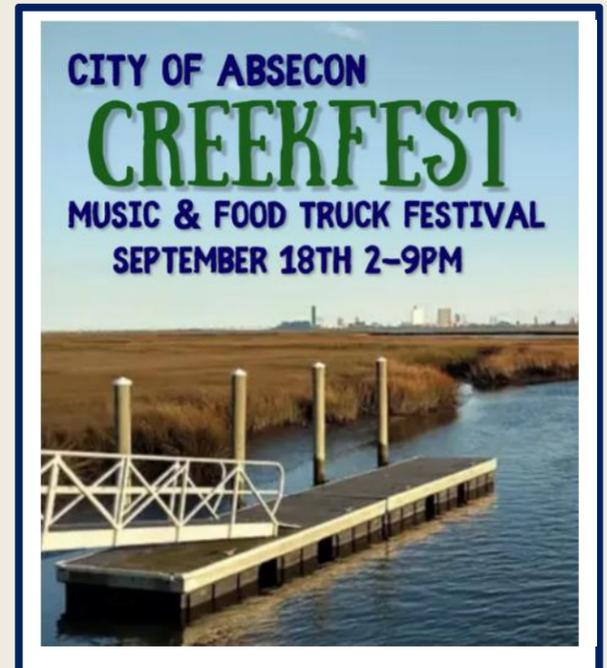
On behalf of the entire police department, I want to truly thank everyone for your continued support of the Absecon Police Department. Absecon is Home. Our community is unique because of all the great residents that live here and support us. Please enjoy a safe and happy summer season.

Sincerely,

*Chief J.R. Laughlin*



**COMMUNITY  
AFFAIRS**



**2:00 PM  
BILLY WALTON BAND**

**3:15 PM  
MEL & TONY**

**4:30 PM  
MOTTS CREEK PICKERS**

**6:30 PM  
DON'T CALL ME FRANCIS**

**ALONG WITH 15 DELICIOUS  
FOOD TRUCKS LINING  
FAUNCE LANDING ROAD**



**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.

**ABSECON FIRE DEPARTMENT - Chief Roy Talley**

The Absecon Fire Department was established in 1913. Since its inception, it has been, and remains today, 100% volunteer. Our dedicated members respond to many types of call at all hours of the day and night. Whether it is a cat in a tree or a devastating house fire, we will always respond.

August is the beginning of our Annual Fund Drive. Each year the donation we receive allow us to purchase equipment and supplies that help to keep our city and firefighters safe. Protective clothing, hoses, nozzles, radio equipment and thermal imaging cameras, which allow us to see through the smoke in a burning structure, are several examples. Some of the funds are used to secure grants which require us to match the monies received. The equipment we purchase with grant money does not raise our local taxes.

We would like to thank the residents of Absecon for the support you give us through your donations. As always, you are invited to stop by for a tour of the new firehouse or for the kids to see the firetrucks.

Check out the City's website at [www.abseconnj.gov](http://www.abseconnj.gov) for more in-depth weather information provided to you by our very own Weatherman Jim Eberwine!



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