# ABSECON NEWS



## **CITY OF ABSECON 2023 NEWS & UPDATES**

#### **Embrace the Absecon Sunshine!**

As the scorching sun makes its presence felt, Absecon is eagerly gearing up for a thrilling summer season. With a flurry of outdoor activities, community events, and recreational opportunities on the horizon, it's crucial for residents to be aware of the importance of staying hydrated and practicing summer safety.

With the temperatures on the rise, it's vital to prioritize hydration to keep your body cool and functioning optimally. While enjoying outdoor activities, make sure to seek shade during the hottest parts of the day, typically between 10 a.m. and 4 p.m. Direct exposure to the sun's harmful UV rays can lead to sunburn, heatstroke, and long-term skin damage. Summer in Absecon can be intense, but there are several ways to stay cool and comfortable:

- Visit air-conditioned spaces, such as the local library, community centers, or shopping centers.
- Take advantage of Absecon's parks and shaded areas for picnics or leisurely walks.
- Use fans or air conditioning at home to maintain a comfortable indoor temperature.
- Avoid strenuous outdoor activities during the hottest parts of the day.

Absecon prides itself on being a close-knit community. Stay connected with local news and updates through the municipality's official website, social media channels, or community bulletin boards. Stay hydrated, stay safe, and make the most of this exciting summer season here, in Absecon!

Join us August 1<sup>st</sup>, 2023 for National Night Out, an annual police and community-building campaign. From 6pm-9pm enjoy free food, music and fun with live demonstrations from Atlantic County Regional SWAT, Absecon's Fire Department and more. This event provides a great opportunity to bring police and neighbors together!



Mayor Kim Horton and City Council at Absecon's Annual Memorial Day Parade

### **ABSECON'S** Summer Events!

#### MAYOR KIMBERLY HORTON

The Summer of 2023 is here in Absecon! We encourage you to get outside and explore everything our community has to offer. It's time to discover the many dining options our restaurants have to suggest. We are happy to see the new family-owned High Point is now open and ready to serve residents in our community. The Royal Bine Brewery is under construction and planning an opening in early fall. White Horse Wine and Liquor construction is underway and should be completed sometime this winter. Chipotle is another dining option that will begin construction any day now. Another new business that just opened on New Jersey Avenue is called "Odd Ball Vintage," and "Hangover Pretzels" is taking its position in the Ben Franklin Store. People believing in our community and opening businesses, it doesn't get any better than that! Take a leisurely stroll downtown, revisit old favorites, and check out the new establishments.

Spend Sunday evening each week during the summer at Heritage Park to enjoy the concert series planned and implemented by our Parks and Recreational Committee. Our police department has been busy organizing the annual "National Night Out" event which will be held on August 1st from 6:00 till 9:00, and the great thing about this event is everything is free! "Creekfest" is returning, showcasing local bands and featuring "Don't Call Me Francis" on September 17th. To keep up on upcoming events, residents and visitors can always go to our city website to access community information.

Summertime also signals growth in Absecon with road programs, building projects, and new construction going on in our community. More importantly, though, it brings the opportunity to expand our understanding of "community" and make a new friend or two by attending or participating in the sporting and community events held in Absecon.

Every day comes with renewed hope and new opportunities, make sure to seize them! Have a wonderful, happy, and safe summer!

Sincerely,

Mayor Kim Horton

Recycling and Trash Collection - The City of Absecon has provided residents with one trash and one recycling container. The containers must be used for trash and recycling as required by city code and ACUA guidelines. If additional trash or recycling containers are needed, they can be purchased by calling the recycling coordinator at (609) 641-0663 ext. 105. Trash, recycling and yard waste containers shall be stored on the side or rear of the premises, except for corner properties, which shall be stored behind the rear building line opposite the principle front yard.



# ABSECON SHRED DAY AND COMMUNITY CLEAN-UP OCTOBER 7, 2023 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 season with family and friends. Please take a moment to get to know your neighbors and people who live on your street and neighborhoods. Unfortunately, when we respond to your residences it is all too often that no one knows the neighbor next door or across the street. Everyone should get to know their neighbors and watch out for each other. This way when something is going wrong we can better help everyone when our services are needed. It is also a great idea to befriend the people around you so that you can communicate when you are going on vacation or out of town. Most importantly when you see something that is suspicious or you are not comfortable about call immediately. It is too often we receive a complaint several hours or even days later that we could have better served everyone if we were notified at the time of the incident. People who don't call often say they did not want to bother the police. We need your assistance and seek your phone calls – it is never a bother. Another reason for not calling is they were unsure of what they were witnessing. If you are seeing or hearing something that made you to stop and take notice, then call. Call us if there is an unusual vehicle in your neighborhood, a person walking through yards, someone knocking on your door, or anything else that you think we need to look into. We are committed to serving the residents of Absecon. Remember to keep your doors locked including your homes, sheds, and turn on external lighting around your property.

A big problem across our region has been motor vehicle thefts. You cannot leave your keys in the ignition of your car whether it is in your driveway or at the store. If you leave the car running, you are inviting thieves to take your car. On newer vehicles, do not leave the key fob in the car even if you lock the vehicle in the garage. There have been car thefts across New Jersey because people thought by locking the garage no one can steal their car. When you return home, do not place your pocketbook, wallets and keys near or around the front door. Thieves can walk up to the door see these items and take advantage of you.

Speeding through our neighborhoods continues to be a problem. If everyone plans and makes more time, they can avoid speeding in the first place. Please be aware of our pedestrians and bicyclists as you navigate through town. Electric bicycles and scooters are becoming more popular and everyone riding them needs to wear a helmet. Everyone needs to abide by traffic laws when operating electric transportation.

We appreciate the help and support from our residents and friends of the community. Please come out when you are available as we truly enjoy spending time with you. Absecon remains unique because we work together to keep our community safe. Enjoy the summer season and please be safe.

Sincerely,

Chief J.R. Laughlin



**Property Alert Service -** The Property Alert Service is a way for property owners or other interested parties to receive alert messages by email when a document with specific party name(s) is recorded by the Atlantic County Clerk's Office in Atlantic County, New Jersey. This service is voluntary for individuals who want to know if fraudulent activity has occurred under their name or on a property located in Atlantic County.

To enroll or view more information please visit:

https://atlantic.newvisionsystems.com/PropertyAlert/

# CONCERTS IN THE PARK

#### 2023 SUMMER SCHEDULE

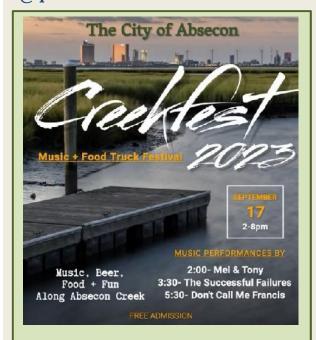
JULY 30<sup>ST</sup>
JOEY D'S ROCKIN OLDIES

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



The City of Absecon presents Creekfest on September 17th, 2023. Faunce Landing will be host to Mel & Tony, The Successful Failures and Don't Call Me Francis. The food, beer, music, and fun will continue from 2-8pm. A great afternoon and evening to gather with family, neighbors, and friends along Absecon Creek.



#### 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.

**ALERT** 

#### 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.