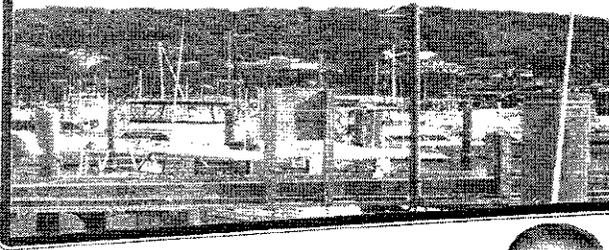


Atlantic Highlands BEACON

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Mayor's Message

MAYOR PETER E. DONOGHUE

CELEBRATE OUR FIREFIGHTERS

The upcoming summer season is a particularly significant one because we will be celebrating the selflessness of the members of our 125-year-old fire department.

As you no doubt have noticed, banners honoring our firefighters have been placed on all the Victorian-style lamps on First Avenue and at the harbor, all sponsored by local residents and business people. Then in July, the department will stage its annual Firemen's Fair at the harbor, culminating a spectacular fireworks display. And then, on Saturday, July 7th beginning at 3:00 pm, Atlantic Highlands will host a parade featuring fire companies from far and near.

The firefighters -- some 100 strong -- and I are hoping that all of you will plan on attending and participating.

Not only do these activities serve to honor those who serve and protect our community, but they give us an opportunity to pause and remember those who served us who have passed away.

With our servicemen and women involved in an overseas war and memories of 9/11 remarkably fresh in our minds, it is well worth reflecting on all our heroes, including

those volunteers who provide us with emergency services, namely our firefighters and first aiders, and their essential support personnel.

Our fire department began in 1882 and acquired its first fire truck a year later. In 1889, the first firehouse was built on Center Avenue which was succeeded in 1917 by a building constructed on Mount Avenue, the site of our current Emergency Services Building, a modern structure built in 1997.

It was not until 1915 that the department acquired its first motor-driven pumper, despite having been organized for 33 years. That pumper was purchased with the proceeds from a Shakespearian performance by the Robert B. Mantell Players.

With this interesting past in mind, we all need to take a moment to remember the sacrifices made by volunteers past and present and by their families. They have given freely of their time to serve us, often by putting their lives in jeopardy.

It is with great pride and humility that I express my considerable appreciation for the service of our emergency volunteers and urge you to do the same.

REMEMBER THE SURVIVORS

ADDRESS BY MAYOR PETER E. DONOGHUE AT VETERAN'S MEMORIAL SERVICE FOLLOWING THE ANNUAL MEMORIAL DAY PARADE.

As we head in the direction of winding down our involvement in Iraq, it is well we remember those who have died in this and other wars. We should never forget their ultimate sacrifice.

Yet it is also a time to reflect on the men and women who have survived the performance of their duty and have returned home with serious injuries and acute psychological damage. It is a sad fact that in vastly improving our medical care, more of our children have survived war with disabilities that will plague them for years to come.

Although Memorial Day is primarily aimed at honoring those who didn't survive our various wars, it should also make us cognizant of our duties to those who live. It is our life-long obligation to make sure they have the very best care that a civilized country can give ... no matter what it costs.

Whether we, as individuals, approve our country's involvement in this war or others -- Korea and Vietnam come to mind -- or not, there is no way we can forget those who served once the conflict ends, although some Americans would like to do so.

Sadly, we don't have a great track record of properly taking care of our wounded, maimed or otherwise scarred.

Too many of us have heard horror stories of inadequate

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From the Editor...

For scheduling and events - Please **DO NOT THROW THIS AWAY**. Keep it in an easily accessible place, as you may want to reference it from time to time.

Happy 4th of July,

Dwayne M. Harris, RMC
Municipal Clerk



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Remember

veteran's care in substandard facilities too far from their homes.

Not only is it deplorable to treat our veterans this way but it is patently unfair on their families. The continuing results of war for the living have produced untold stress, broken homes, homelessness and crime.

Although those who died at war are highly worthy of our honors, it is equally true for the survivors. We should be as outraged for those treated shabbily as we are about those whose lives were ended prematurely.

All losses in war infuriate us. And, yes, they instill in us a sense of pride in the willingness of our troops to put their lives on the line.

Even those who want the Iraq war to end assert that they "Support Our Troops." But saying so and doing so are not the same. Support for our troops means many things but it doesn't mean forgetting them when they come home.

It has been said, by me and others, that questioning the war and our anti-terrorism policies is not unpatriotic. But it would be unpatriotic to abandon our war survivors.

Just as we have the right to object without sacrificing our basic rights, we have an obligation to protest if our war survivors are treated in any way less than the heroes they are.

To be blunt, we must get political. In other words, we must harness our political system by making it clear to our families, friends and elected representatives that we demand proper care for our war survivors ... not matter what it takes.

Yes, my friends, this is a day to honor our war dead. And, too, it is certainly a day to remember the survivors. This is the best way we can honor their service.

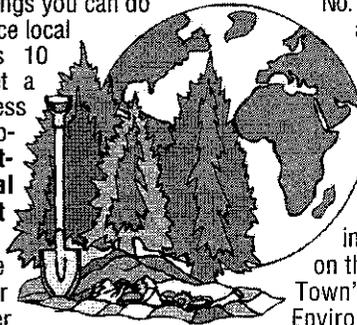
To do less would be to betray all those who struggled and died for the America we love.

On the web:

Moving Our Shoreline, Greening our yards, and other local environmental topics

On Earth Day - April 21, the Environmental Commission published a leaflet titled "Climate Change in Atlantic Highlands." It shows where our bay shoreline would be in A.D. 2100 if scientists' prediction of sea level rise are correct; lists 10 things you can do and 10 things towns can do to reduce local carbon emissions; and debunks 10 myths about global warming. Get a copy in the Borough Hall business office, or read it on the Borough website www.ahnj.com (under "departments," click on **Environmental Commission, and open Greensheet no. 5**).

Another timely topic in the warmer weather is how to green our yards in ways that save work, water and fertilizer and are environmentally friendly. Advice about that is available in **Greensheet no. 4** titled



"Rethink Lawns - Plant Native Species" that the Commission just issued on the same web site.

While you're surfing there, have a look at three earlier Greensheets, which have just been posted:

- No.1. From Source to Spigot: Everything you always wanted to know about your water supply but had no time to ask.
2. The Bayfront Environment of Atlantic Highlands.
3. Inventory of Animals and Plants in Lenape Woods.

If you need official local environmental data, a 120-page complete inventory and reference work is given on the Commission's web site, titled "Our Town's Environment: Report on Environmental Resources and Issues in Atlantic Highlands."

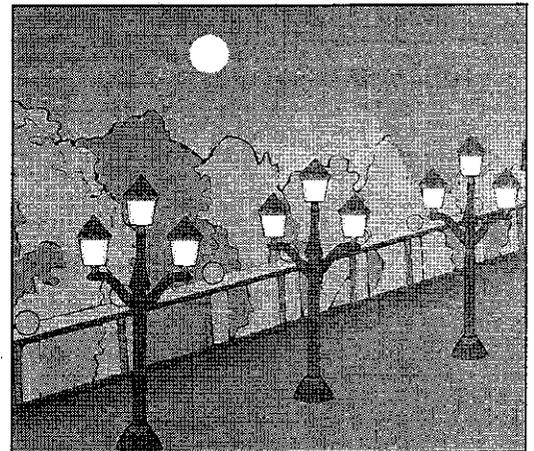
A.H.Shade Tree Commission News

For the twenty-sixth year Atlantic Highlands has been made a "Tree City" thanks to the diligence of the town's shade tree commission. This means we have planted trees, educated our children about trees and have regular meetings of our shade tree group to preserve our arboreal beauty.

In honor of Arbor Day a pin oak was planted at the elementary school with the help of Mayor Peter Donoghue, the fourth

grade and borough employees. Earth Day brought more seedlings planted and distributed to our youth.

As a reminder: if you live in a steep slope area (above Seventh Ave. on the hill) you need permission to remove any shrubs, bushes or trees. Please contact boro hall for details. Have a great summer and thank a tree when you are sitting in the shade!



Looking for an exciting way to give back to your community?

If so, consider volunteering for the Atlantic Highlands First Aid & Safety Squad. The all-volunteer organization provides free, around-the-clock emergency medical services for Atlantic Highlands residents and occasionally to the towns in the surrounding areas.

The squad is always looking for new members, young and old. No experience is necessary to join and training is provided.

Being a member isn't all dealing with hurt people, either. A big part of the organization's commitment to the community is in helping residents prevent accidents, CPR education, and community outreach. For instance, each year, the AHFAS conducts Santa runs, where Santa visits each neighborhood.

The AHFAS also has a cadet program for students starting at age 14 who are interested in being a part of

a dynamic organization. "If anything, the realm of volunteerism is one of the few areas that really bring us together, regardless of profession, educational background, income level, etc," wrote author Christopher Cathcart in his book, "The Lost Art of Giving Back: A Helpful Guide to Making a Difference." "It's truly a level playing field."

So, here's your chance to help your fellow neighbors. For more information about joining and the AHFAS log onto the squad's website at www.ahfirstaid.org or call our non-emergency number, 732 291-8118. As always, dial 911 for emergency calls.

The squad will also hold an open house for prospective members and interested residents July 14th.

ATLANTIC HIGHLANDS FIREMEN'S FAIR 125TH ANNIVERSARY



JULY 3RD-7TH 2007 • Includes Fire Department 125th Anniversary Festivities

The Twelfth Annual Atlantic Highlands Firemen's Fair will run from Tuesday, July 3 through Saturday, July 7, 2007 in the Municipal Harbor. Amusements supplier McCafferty will provide rides on a newly-expanded midway for all ages to enjoy and Palatin Amusements will host games of luck and skill. The Country Store will return with more prizes! Fairgoers will enjoy a blend of new attractions and popular previous entertainments. Saturday features a very special celebration of the 125th anniversary of Atlantic Highlands' fire department, including an afternoon parade, and extended fair hours.

Headlining this year's exciting celebration is the Atlantic Highlands Fire Department's 125th Anniversary Celebration, Saturday, July 7. Kicking off the celebration will be a parade featuring regional fire departments through Atlantic Highlands at 3 PM. Following that, the fair and midway open early at 4 PM. Live bands will provide continuous musical entertainment all evening. The fair will stay open an extra hour, closing at 12 midnight.

The tradition of brilliant fireworks that "light up the sky" continues Friday, July 6th, with a spectacular pyrotechnics show over

Atlantic Highlands harbor at approximately 9:30 PM.

The generous contributions of individuals and businesses through the "Buy A Rocket" program (www.buyarocket.com) has enabled an upgrade to the entire program. A new service offered Fireworks Night for Atlantic Highlands fairgoers is "Park And Dine." Patrons can skip the parking hassle: park in the St. Agnes Church lot on Center Avenue and catch a bus ride to First Avenue.

Expanding on the success of last year's "Deck the Docks" boat-decorating competition, Atlantic Highlands Harbor Commission offers this year a Group class as well as individual classes. "Deck the Docks" is for boats registered in Atlantic Highlands Marina. Judging is July 3rd through July 7th, with winners announced Saturday at 11 PM. To participate, register in the Harbor office. Trophies will be awarded in the following categories: Best Daytime (unlighted), Best Nighttime (lighted), and Best Group.

The Super 50-50 will award 35% of total proceeds to the first-place winner, 15% to the second-place winner, and 5% to the third-place winner. Super 50-50 winners will be drawn on

Saturday night at 11:00 p.m. Each night features 50/50 raffles. Tickets can be purchased in either \$5.00 books or separately for \$1.00 each. They can be purchased from any fireman or at the Fair.

The ever-popular Food Court area also returns this year, featuring home cooked burgers, hot dogs, barbecued chicken, Philly cheese steaks, freedom fries, chicken nuggets, mozzarella sticks and various beverages. And, the Lion's Club again will provide mouth-watering Funnel Cakes.

If you would like to volunteer to assist the Fire Department or if you have any questions, please call Atlantic Highlands Fire Department at 732-291-2002.

"Visit the Atlantic Highlands Fire Department on the web at - <http://www.ahnj.com/ahnj/Departments/Fire>

125th Anniversary Firemens' Fair Schedule of Events

- July 3** Fair Opening Night – Pay One Price at the fair and ride all amusement rides all night. Live musical entertainment on-stage. Deck the Docks competition begins. Fair hours 6-11 PM
- July 4** Pay One Price for amusements. Fair hours 6-11 PM - Live musical entertainment on-stage.
- July 5** Pay One Price for amusements. Fair hours 6-11 PM - Live musical entertainment on-stage.
- July 6** FIREWORKS NIGHT – Fireworks display at the harbor, begins approximately 9:30 PM. Park and Dine, Fair hours 6-11 PM - Live musical entertainment on-stage
- July 7** ATLANTIC HIGHLANDS FIREMEN'S 125th ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION
 - Parade through Atlantic Highlands featuring Atlantic Highlands' all-volunteer firemen and women, and area fire departments 3 PM
 - Celebration in the harbor after the parade, early fair opening, continuous live music, 4 PM to fair close
 - Extended fair hours, 4 PM to midnight
 - Deck the Docks final judging 4-9 PM - results and trophy presentation 11 PM
 - Super 50-50 Winners Drawing, 11 PM
 - 50/50s, Country Store, Food Court, Beer Garden

Proceeds benefit the all-volunteer Atlantic Highlands Fire Department - 732-291-2002

Arts & Crafts Festival



The Atlantic Highlands Historical Society will hold their 35th annual Arts & Crafts Festival on Saturday, August 18, 2007 from 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m., in Veteran's Park (across from Borough Hall) and along First Avenue. This year's event, sponsored by the Atlantic Highlands Chamber of Commerce, is sure to please many. The rain date for the event is Sunday, August 19, 2007.

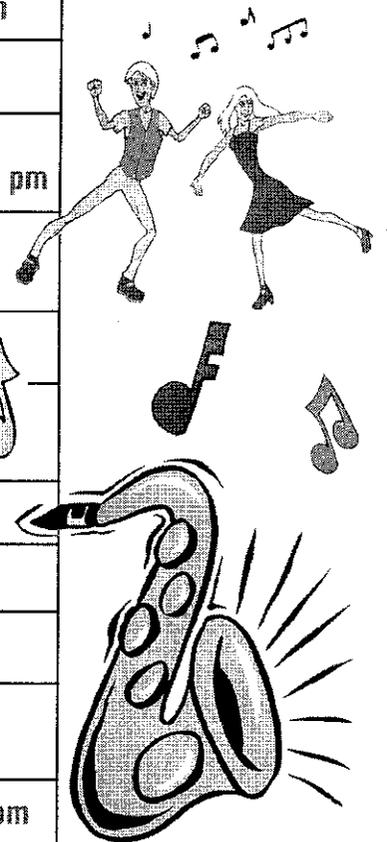
Unique jewelry, watercolors, prints, ceramics, woodwork, fabric and floral displays, photography, and other items will be exhibited from local crafters. In addition, many businesses along First Avenue and

other members of the Chamber will have their "doors open" for your browsing enjoyment. Live entertainment, children's activities, home-baked goods, and other great food will make your day most enjoyable. Other events include a 1920's white open-top touring bus on display, courtesy of the Mulheren family of Rumson and an exciting gift auction. Crafters still needed.

For more information, please contact Alyson Denzler at 732-708-9811 or adenzler@comcast.net.

Summer concert schedule for 2007

Sunday June 24th	 "The Highlands Community Singers" 7:00pm – 8:30pm
Sunday July 15th	"Happy Days String Band" 7:00pm – 8:30pm
Sunday July 22nd	"Mike Kuhl & J.D.Edge" 7:00pm – 8:30pm (Opening act: Joe Neiderberger & Brent Findon) 6:00pm – 6:45 pm
Sunday July 29th	 "The Willy Lynch Band" 7:00pm – 8:30pm (Opening act Keara Murray 6:00pm-6:45pm)
Sunday August 5th	"The Firehouse Polka Band" 7:00pm- 8:30pm
Sunday August 12th	"The Ragtimers" 7:00pm-8:30pm (Opening act Chris Morrisey 6:00pm-6:45pm) 
Sunday August 19th	"Jim Murphy & The Pine Barons" 7:00pm-8:30pm
Sunday August 26th	"The Happy Days String Band" 7:00pm- 8:30pm
Sunday September 2nd	 "The Band of Two Rivers" 7:00pm-8:30pm
Sunday September 9th	"The Patriotic Pops" 7:00pm-8:30pm (Opening act Eamon Murray 6:00pm-6:45pm)
Sunday September 16th	"Joe Accurso & The Brookdale Big Band" 7:00pm-8:30pm
Sunday September 23	"Chorus of the Atlantic" 7:00pm-8:30pm



Calling All Atlantic Highlands Artists/Musicians . . . The Atlantic Highlands Arts Council Wants You!

The Atlantic Highlands Arts Council is in the process of compiling a database of artists/musicians/crafters/actors in our area --"Artists for Art"-- for the purpose of:



- finding out what kinds of talent we have in our town
- focusing future events on our local artists in order to showcase their talents
- developing a database that can be shared with town residents as a way to advertise their talents and increase their opportunities locally



We know our town is rich with people of creative mind and spirit. As much as we want to bring in headliners such as A. Whitney Brown and The Simon String Quartet into town, we also want to promote from within. The AHAC would like to be in contact with you, our local artists, so that we can start dialoging about future events that would best serve you! We want to assist you in getting your name out there so that other artists and town folk will know you are here.

We plan to make the database public by including it in our event programs, and by posting it on our website. To make this possible, and to support the work of the Atlantic Highlands Arts Council, we are asking for a small annual donation of \$10, (if you would like to contribute more to aid us in our efforts, we would very much appreciate that as well.) What better way to keep the ball rolling than through the support of fellow artists? Please contact us via email at atlantichighlandsartscouncil@yahoo.com or fill out the form below with your name, address and phone number, email address, your area of expertise, if you teach your talent to others, and please include any thoughts you may have regarding future arts events and if you are interested in volunteering. We would love for you to be a part of the artistic evolution in Atlantic Highlands!

"Artists for Art"

Name _____

Area(s) of expertise _____ Do you teach? _____

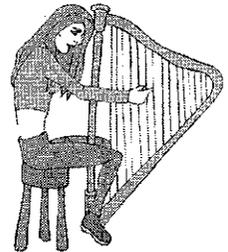
Address _____

email address _____

Phone _____ Interested in volunteering? Y / N

Please feel free to include any thoughts or suggestions.

Please make the check out to "Atlantic Highlands Arts Council" and mail to:
Atlantic Highlands Arts Council
P.O. Box 236
Atlantic Highlands, N.J. 07716



Mark Your Calendar for our Next GREAT Event . . . Sound of the Highlands II – Saturday, June 16th, 2PM

Please join us at the Central Baptist Church, on the corner of East Highland and 3rd Avenue, for an afternoon of classical and jazz music performed by our very own local professional musicians! Back by popular demand, it is not to be missed. Tickets are \$15 for adults and \$5 for children 12 and under, available at the door, or through our ticket hotline at 732-708-1584. Childcare will be available.

Music on First!!! Saturday nights during the summer--
Come down and stroll the avenue and be entertained by some great musical talent!

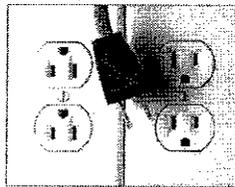
Support the Arts in Atlantic Highlands!

BOROUGH OF ATLANTIC HIGHLANDS

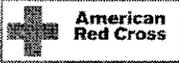
Message from the Office of Emergency Management:

• Call 1-888-544-4877 to report an outage. You must call in order for your address to be listed as being without power.

- Unplug major appliances until after the power has been restored. Keep one light on so you know when the power has been restored.
- Avoid opening the refrigerator or freezer doors. A full freezer can keep food for up to three days if it's kept closed.
- Never use a gas stove or oven to heat your home.
- Never leave burning candles unattended.
- Gasoline powered generators should never be run inside a home or attached garage.
- Keep a charged flashlight or fresh batteries ready and available.



Jersey Central Power & Light Company (JCP&L) has provided the following information which is most important:

Additionally, the Atlantic Highlands Office of Emergency Management recommends making plans to relocate yourself and your family if the power will be out for an extended period of time. Henry Hudson Regional School is a  certified Red Cross shelter and will open "as needed." It must be noted that **no pets** will be allowed in the school and other arrangements must be made for your pets.

Furthermore, all medications should be taken with you if you have to leave your home for any reason. The local pharmacies can be called in case of an emergency. 

If you ever need immediate assistance, please call 911 or the Atlantic Highlands Police Department at 732-291-1212.

Library News



'Get a Clue @ Your Library' Begins June 14

Kids, join us for the summer reading program! This year's theme is 'Get a Clue @ Your Library.' Kickoff begins on Thursday, June 14 at 3:15 in Veterans' Park with "The Magic Mystery Show." All children are invited to meet Steven Woyce with his mystery-solving Hound Dog in a magic and comedy program in which the audience members play a magical whodunit game. At that time log sheets for the Summer Reading Program will be handed out. Rewards will be given throughout the summer to children who reach designated numbers of minutes. Children who have read a total of 1500 minutes will be eligible to attend a pizza party with a special mystery guest.

In addition, an extra prize will be awarded to all who reach a total of 2007 minutes. Plus, there will be a Grand Prize Winner. It could be you! All summer long there will be contests, hunts, puzzles, activities, events and celebrations related to the reading program's mystery theme. Be a Super Sleuth! Stop by the library to find out about all the exciting events.

Bridge of Books Donations

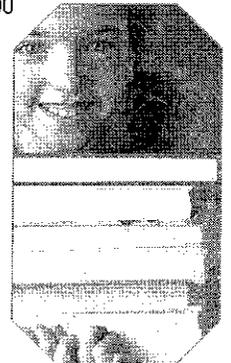
Nearly 500 children's new and gently used books were donated by generous patrons of our library to Bridge of Books Foundation, an organization which, according to their website "gets books into the hands of children who need them most, and yet have least access to books. BoB gives books to foster family agencies, Head Start programs, underfunded schools and after-school programs, neighborhood centers, boys and girls clubs, and directly to children at food pantries." Generous patrons of our library brought many wonderful selections to the library and Lisa Sanders, Friend of the Library, delivered the many bags collected to the local BoB representative.

July is Scrabble® Month

Do you yearn to play Scrabble, but don't have anyone to play with? Come; bring your board, letters, and your thinking cap to join like-minded people on Thursday evenings, 6:30-8:30, at the Library in July.

Check Out and Enjoy Digital Books

Now you can download best selling, classic, and informational audio book titles 24/7 to your PC and PDA at home! Free software is available from www.listennj.com. You only need to activate it once and no personal information is required. Add a title to your digital cart and check it out with your library card. After you've downloaded the parts you want, you can close your Internet connection and enjoy your digital book offline. At the end of the loan, you can delete the expired file from your computer.



LET'S LIGHT UP THE SKY THIS FOURTH OF JULY!



IMPORTANT NOTICE ON PARKING DURING INDEPENDENCE WEEK CELEBRATION

The Borough reminds all businesses along First Avenue that during the week of July 2nd parking in the Borough will be very limited. The Police Department will have traffic control officers on duty but there are only so many places to park. It is especially important for restaurants to recognize the fact that patrons may not be able to drive to your location and walking may be necessary. We suggest that you notify anyone who has reservations that they may have to park and walk to your establishment. We are sorry for the inconvenience.

Support the Atlantic Highlands Independence Day Fireworks 7/6/07

We are starting off with a great show like last year. To make the show even more exciting, colorful, and intense, YOU can now buy your own rockets to add to the spectacular display!

Make your contribution securely via the AHFC website, www.buyarocket.com (using Paypal). Or, complete and mail the form below with your check. Email your questions to ahfc@buyarocket.com or call the Atlantic Highlands Borough Hall, 732.291.1444. All donations directly support the Atlantic Highlands Fireworks, part of the Fireman's Fair Independence Week Celebration.

Donor:

- 1-9 Rockets
- 1 line entry in full-color program

Sponsor:

- 10-24 Rockets
- 3 line entry in full color program

Benefactor:

- 25+ Rockets
- 2"x3.5" ad in program plus framed commemorative picture of fireworks

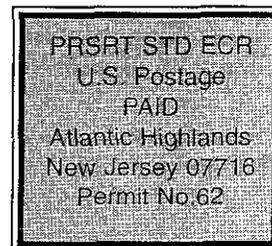
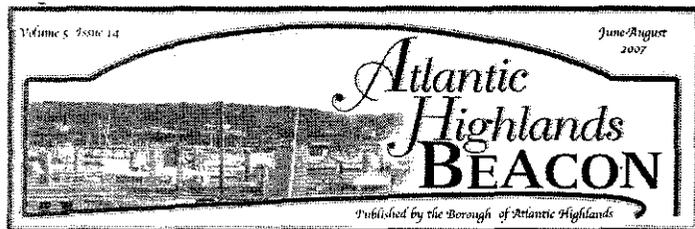
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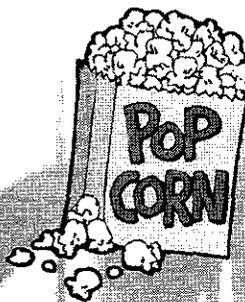
Number of Rockets Purchased: _____ x \$20 Per Rocket = \$ _____ donation

Please: Make all checks payable to AHFC, LLC.
Mail to: AHFC, LLC P.O. Box 512, Atlantic Highlands, NJ 07716



Postal Patron
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New Jersey 07716

ATLANTIC HIGHLANDS



OUTDOOR MOVIE NIGHT

Atlantic Highland's Recreation will be hosting the first ever on Wednesday, July 18th at around 8:30 pm.

The feature will be show on a huge 10-foot screen in the gazebo area at the Harbor. The movie will be a family rated movie. We cannot advertise the name of the movie per the movie contract, but we can say that it will be worth the "trek" for you and the family to come on down.

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