

City of Plantation

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Citizen Reference Guide

Rae Carole Armstrong, Mayor

CITY COUNCIL

Diane Veltri Bendekovic

Jerry Fadgen

Dr. Robert A. Levy

Rico Petrocelli

Sharon Uria



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City Departments

City Hall

400 NW 73rd Avenue

Monday – Friday, 8:00 AM – 4:30 PM954-797-2200

City E-mail Addressaskcityhall@Plantation.org

Administration

Mayor’s Office954-797-2221

Assistant to the Mayor954-797-2212

Public Relations954-797-2227

Grants Administration954-797-2723

Building Department

Customer Service Manager954-797-2251

Administrative Secretary954-797-2268

Structural Plan Review954-797-2231

Electrical Plan Review954-797-2264

Mechanical Plan review954-797-2787

Plumbing Plan Review954-797-2784

Plan Review Comments954-797-2718

Plan Review Fax954-797-2273

City Clerk

City Clerk954-797-2237

Assistant City Clerk954-797-2237

Passports954-797-2236

Occupational Licenses954-797-2239

Council Members

Administration954-797-2222

City Council Meetings

Wednesday Night – 7:30 p.m.

City Hall Council Chambers

400 NW 73rd Avenue954-797-2237

Engineering Department

City Engineer954-797-2282

Executive Secretary954-585-2343

Financial Services

Accounts Payable954-797-2206

Accounts Receivable954-797-2757

False Fire/Burglar Alarm Invoices954-797-2757

Municipal Special Assessment for Plantation Acres954-797-2204

Old Plantation Water Control District954-472-5596

Plantation Acres Improvement District (P.A.I.D.)954-474-3092

P.A.I.D. Drainage Engineers – Winningham & Fradley, Inc.954-771-7440

Plantation Lien Searches954-585-2341

Special Duty Police Details954-585-2341

Fire Department

EMERGENCY ONLY911

All Other Calls – Administration Building954-797-2150

Helen B. Hoffman Plantation Library

501 N Fig Tree Lane954-797-2140
 Monday – Friday 12:00 to 9:00 PM, Saturday 10:00 AM to 5:00 PM

Historical Museum

511 N Fig Tree Lane954-797-2722

Landscape Department

Landscape Architect954-797-2246
 Urban Forester954-797-2704

Parks & Recreation

General Information954-452-2500
 Aquatics954-452-2525
 Athletics954-452-2508
 Edwin F. Deicke Auditorium954-797-2199
 Fig Tree Park954-797-2737
 Plantation Athletic League (P.A.L.) Message Center954-571-3618
 Plantation Central Park Recreation Building954-452-2510
 Plantation Community Center954-797-2180
 Veltri Tennis Center954-452-2530
 Volunteer Park Community Center954-452-2558

Human Resources

General Information954-797-2240
 Job Line954-587-4456 x1600

Planning Zoning & Economic Development

Community Redevelopment954-585-2330
 Planning & Economic Development954-797-2622
 Zoning954-797-2225

Police Department

EMERGENCY ONLY911
 All other calls954-797-2100

Public Works

Administrative Offices
 Monday – Friday, 7:00 AM to 4:30 PM954-452-2535

Utilities Department

Customer Relations954-797-2290
 Emergency Repairs954-452-2545
 Water Disconnected954-797-2290

If your water has been turned off, please call and follow the recorded instructions to have your water turned back on.

County & State Agencies / Service Providers

Animal Care & Regulation

Fort Lauderdale Animal Shelter, 1870 SW 39th Street	.954-359-1313
Pompano Beach Animal Shelter, 3100 NW 19th Terrace	.954-970-0130
Wildlife Management	.800-432-2046

Auto Tags

General Information	.954-765-4697
South Regional Courthouse, 3550 Hollywood Boulevard	.954-765-4697
West Regional Courthouse, 100 N Pine Island Road	.954-765-4697
TTY (Hearing Impaired)	.954-765-4698
Telephone Renewal	.866-GO-RENEW
Online Renewal	http://express.hsmv.state.fl.us/

BellSouth

Ordering, Billing & Other Services	.888-757-6500
Repair	.877-REPAIR-8
Internet Service	.888-321-2375
Cingular Wireless	.888-757-6500

Birth/Death Certificates

2421A SW 6th Avenue, Fort Lauderdale	.954-467-4800
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Broward County Governmental Center

115 S. Andrews Avenue, Ft. Lauderdale	.954-831-4000
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Broward County Property Appraiser

West Broward Office, 1 N. University Drive, Suite 111-A, Plantation	.954-370-3700
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Broward County Bus Transportation

Mass Transit Division, 3201 W Copans Road	.954-357-8400
Maps and schedules	www.broward.org/bct
Plantation Community Bus System (Plantation Tram)	.954-452-2535

Broward County Courthouses

Broward County Courthouse, 201 SE 6th Street	.954-831-6565
West Regional Courthouse, 100 N Pine Island Road	.954-831-6565

Broward County School Board

600 SE 3rd Avenue	.754-321-0000
Pupil Placement	.754-321-3035

Children's Services

Florida Department of Children & Family Services (Central Service Center)	.954-327-5220
Broward County Children's Services Administration	.954-357-7880
Broward County Child Victims Services	.954-765-4159

Comcast Cable

Establish service, request repairs or ask questions	.800-568-1212
Local Office: 1909 N Pine Island Road (Jacaranda Square)	.954-252-1937
Online Customer Service	www.comcast.com

County & State Agencies / Service Providers

Driver's Licenses

Lauderhill, 7217 W Oakland Park Blvd954-497-1570
Ft. Lauderdale, 1931 NW 9th Avenue954-497-1570
Lauderdale Lakes, 3708 W Oakland Park Blvd954-497-1570
Online Renewalwww.hsmv.state.fl.us

Florida Power & Light

To Report an Outage800-4-OUTAGE
Customer Service954-797-5000
Online Customer Servicehttp://www.fpl.com/residential/customer_service.shtml

Florida Department of Revenue (Tax Issues, Child Support)

Coral Springs Office, 3111 N University Drive, Suite 501954-346-3000
Child Support Enforcement800-622-KIDS
Taxpayer Services800-352-3671
Online Informationhttp://www.myflorida.com/dor/

Garbage

Information Only954-452-2535
All complaints should be directed to Waste Management954-974-7500

Gas

Teco People's Gas, Residential Customer Service/Sales (toll-free)877-832-6747

Hospitals

Westside Regional Medical Center, 8201 W Broward Boulevard954-473-6600
Plantation General Hospital, 401 NW 42nd Avenue954-587-5010

Libraries

Helen B. Hoffman Library, 501 N Fig Tree Lane, Plantation954-797-2140
West Regional Library 8601 W Broward Blvd.954-831-3300

Marriage Licenses

Broward County Clerk of Courts, 515 SW 2nd Avenue, Fort Lauderdale954-712-7899, x7841

Mosquito Control

1201 West Airport Road, Pembroke Pines954-765-4062

Occupational Licenses

Plantation City Clerk's Office
City Hall, 400 NW 73rd Avenue954-797-2239

Parks & Recreation Division (Broward County)

Southwest District Office, 3900 SW 100th Avenue, Davie954-370-3755
Heritage Park, 1100 S Fig Tree Lane954-791-1025

Passports

Broward Governmental Center, 115 S Andrews Avenue, Fort Lauderdale954-831-4000
Plantation City Hall, Office of the City Clerk, by appointment only954-797-2236

Plantation Acres Improvement District (PAID)

1701 NW 112th Avenue, Plantation954-474-3092

County & State Agencies / Service Providers

Pollution Control

115 S. Andrews Avenue, Room A-240, Fort Lauderdale954-519-1260

Post Office

7580 NW 5th Street., Plantation 954-527-2071

Zip Code Information800-ASK-USPS

Online Zip Code Look-up<http://zip4.usps.com/zip4/>

Old Plantation Water Control District

8800 N New River Canal Road954-472-5596

Social Security

3511 N Pine Island Road1-800-772-1213

State of Florida

Information Operator954-467-4200

Voter Registration

West Regional Courthouse, Pine Island & Broward Blvd., Plantation954-831-2370

Helen B. Hoffman Library, 501 N Fig Tree Lane, Plantation954-797-2140

Plantation City Clerk's Office, Plantation City Hall954-797-2237

Public Safety:

Plantation Police Department

EMERGENCY ONLY911

All other calls954-797-2100

Plantation Fire Department

EMERGENCY ONLY911

All Other Calls – Administration Building954-797-2150

Broward County Sheriff's Office

2601 W. Broward Blvd., Ft. Lauderdale954-831-8900

Education in Plantation

Public Schools

Central Park Elementary	777 N Nob Hill Rd.	754-322-5700
Mirror Lake Elementary	1200 NW 72nd Ave.	754-322-7100
Peters Elementary	851 NW 68th Ave.	754-322-7900
Plantation Elementary	651 NW 42nd Ave.	754-322-8000
Plantation Park Elementary	875 SW 54th Ave.	754-323-7150
Tropical Elementary	1500 SW 66th Ave.	754-323-7750
Plantation Middle	6600 W. Sunrise Blvd.	754-322-4100
Seminole Middle	6200 SW 16th St.	754-323-4200
Plantation High	6901 NW 16th St.	754-322-1850
South Plantation High	1300 SW 54th Ave.	754-323-1950

Private Schools

American Heritage	12220 W Broward Blvd.	954-472-0022
The Blake School	7011 W Sunrise Blvd.	954-584-6816
David Posnak Hebrew Day School	6511 W Sunrise Blvd.	954-583-6100
Our Savior Lutheran	8001 NW 5th St.	954-370-2161
Pine Ridge Center	1251 SW 42nd Ave.	954-797-4525
St. Gregory the Great Catholic Church	200 N University Dr.	954-473-8169

Pre-Schools/Day Care

Alpha Academy	11300 W Broward Blvd.	954-472-1357
Andover Academy	8501 Cleary Blvd.	954-577-9701
The Blake School	7011 W Sunrise Blvd.	954-584-6816
Broward Christian School	1490 NW Flamingo Rd.	954-476-1577
Candil Jacaranda School	8250 Peters Rd.	954-473-4400
Chesterbrook Academy	7025 NW 4th Street	954-792-0101
David Posnak Hebrew Day School	6511 W Sunrise Blvd.	954-583-6100
Developmental Pre-School & Kindergarten	11401 W Broward Blvd.	954-472-4673
Neighborhood Kids	4610 NW 9th Court	954-587-8893
Our Savior Lutheran	8001 NW 5th St.	954-473-6947
Plantation Christian School	6501 W Broward Blvd.	954-581-5333
Plantation United Methodist Kids At Play	1001 NW 70th Ave.	954-792-1710
Ramat Shalom Nursery School	11301 W Broward Blvd.	954-472-3600
Seventh Day Adventists Christian School	11701 NW 4th St.	954-473-4622
Temple Kol Ami	8200 Peters Road	954-472-8700

Places of Worship

Apostolic Christian Church	.750 NW 46th Ave.	.954-587-7634
Central Baptist Church	.11700 NW 28th Court	.954-473-2424
Community Christian Church	.155 NW 112th Avenue	.954-476-7100
First Church of Christ Scientist	.1260 SW 55th Terrace	.954-587-4896
First Church West	.12700 W Broward Blvd.	.954-452-4404
First Spanish Baptist Church of Plantation	.1261 SW 55th Terrace	.954-584-5113
Ft. Lauderdale Baptist Temple	.1490 NW Flamingo Rd.	.954-472-5750
Jehovah's Witness Kingdom Hall	.11351 W Broward Blvd.	.954-475-2425
Our Savior Lutheran Church	.8001 NW 5th St.	.954-473-6888
Parkway Baptist Church	.4671 NW 2nd St.	.954-573-6888
Parkway Christian Church	.201 NW 2nd St.	.954-583-2416
Plantation Baptist Church	.11700 NW 28th Court	.954-473-2424
Plantation Community Church	.6501 W Broward Blvd.	.954-581-5276
Plantation Presbyterian Church USA	.901 NW 70th Ave.	.954-587-0830
Plantation Seventh Day Adventist	.11701 NW 4th St.	.954-473-4991
Plantation United Methodist	.1001 NW 70th Ave.	.954-584-7500
Ramat Shalom Reconstructional Synagogue	.11301 W Broward Blvd.	.954-473-3600
St. Benedict's Episcopal	.7801 NW 5th St.	.954-473-6578
St. Gregory Catholic Church	.200 N University Dr.	.954-473-6261
Temple Kol Ami	.8200 Peters Rd.	.954-472-1988
Way of Life Assembly of God	.11810 NW 19th Street	.954-474-4703
Westgate Baptist Church	.901 N Hiatus Rd.	.954-472-6852
Worship Center Baptist Church	.11801 W Broward Blvd.	.954-472-7917

Office of the Mayor/Administration

400 NW 73rd Avenue, Plantation, Florida 33317 ♦ Phone: 954-797-2222 ♦ Fax 954-797-2223
Official City Web Address: www.Plantation.org ♦ City E-mail Address: AskCityHall@Plantation.org

The Office of the Mayor/Administration Department provides overall coordination and guidance to all other City of Plantation departments. It consists of Mayor Rae Carole Armstrong, Dan Keefe, Administrative Assistant to the Mayor, Don Lunny, City Attorney and employees that support the Public Relations and Graphic Design functions for the City. In an effort to enhance the City's budget, the Department also includes a Grant Administrator whose focus is to assist in subsidized local projects and programs.

Major responsibilities include:

- Develop and manage the City's \$100 million budget and capital improvement projects (in conjunction with the Financial Services Department).
- Assist other departments with annual goal setting.
- Design and implement programs and policies to improve customer service.
- Administer programs and policies of City Council.
- Provide support to citizens by serving as liaison to the cable television and waste management franchisees, and other businesses, community organizations and governmental agencies.
- Monitor state and federal legislation.
- Conduct and coordinate policy research.

Plantation City Council

The Plantation City Council consists of five members elected at-large. Our current Council members are Diane Veltri Bendekovic, Jerry Fadgen, Dr. Robert A. Levy, Rico Petrocelli and Sharon Uria. The City Council meets each Wednesday at 7:30 p.m. in City Hall Council Chambers, 400 NW 73 Avenue. (Please check the City's website for meeting cancellations.) The general public is welcome to attend. If you are a Comcast Cable subscriber, you can watch City Council meetings live on Channel 78.

Special Permissions

All special outdoor events (i.e., block parties, holiday parties, banners, canopies, tents, promotional events/grand openings, miscellaneous fundraisers, special residential parking, film/photo shoot requests, etc.) require approval of the City Administration and, depending upon the type of request, may require approval of City Council. All Special Permission requests must be submitted to the Administration Department either by mail or by fax unless otherwise noted in the written requirement. Special Permission requests are reviewed and considered on a case-by-case basis. Please contact the Administration office for an application, or download an application from www.Plantation.org, and mail or fax it back to the attention of: Daniel Keefe, 400 NW 73 Avenue, Plantation, FL 33317 (Phone 954-797-2212; fax 954-797-2223). **All special permission requests require a minimum of two (2) weeks advance notice to process the request.**

City Holidays

Labor Day	Monday, September 4, 2006
Yom Kippur	Monday, October 2, 2006
Veteran's Day	Saturday, November 11, 2006 Observed Friday, November 10, 2006
Thanksgiving	Thursday, November 23, 2006 and Friday November 24, 2006
Christmas Day	Monday, December 25, 2006
New Year's Day	Monday, January 1, 2007
Martin Luther King Jr. Day	Monday, January 15, 2007
President's Day	Monday, February 19, 2007
Memorial Day	Monday, May 28, 2007
Independence Day	Wednesday, July 4, 2007
Labor Day	Monday, September 3, 2007

Building Department

The Building Department ensures the safety and stability of all structures within the City of Plantation by enforcing the Florida Building Code and the City's Code of Ordinances. In addition, the department continually strives to maintain a customer friendly atmosphere along with prompt, efficient delivery of services for all residents.

Office Location and Hours of Operation

The Building Department is located at 401 NW 70th Terrace, near City Hall in the Development Services Building. Phone: 954-797-2250; Fax: 954-797-2270; Inspection Line: 954-587-4456, extension 5000. We are open from 8:00 AM to 4:00 PM Monday through Friday (last sign-in is at 3:45 PM). The plans review and permit counter is open to the public 8:00 AM to 4:00 PM daily. The plans reviewers are available to the public from 8:00 to 10:00 AM and 3:00 to 3:45 PM daily. The inspectors are available to the public from 8:00 to 9:00 AM and 3:30 to 4:00 PM daily.

Services

The Building Department receives and processes permits on a daily basis at the permit counter. Inspections are scheduled from 8:00 to 12:00 noon daily for next day availability. Any inspections taken after 12:00 noon will be scheduled for the following day.

Walk-thru permits are processed daily at the plans review counter from 8:30 to 9:30 AM. Examples of these types of permits are garage doors, water heaters, burglar alarms, hurricane shutters, mechanical change outs and electric low voltage/service change.

Another service available is our microfilm department, which is open daily from 8:00 AM to 12:00 noon and 1:00 to 4:00 PM (last sign-in is at 3:45 PM). There is viewing station at the counter for the public to use to look up documents or a customer service clerk is available for assistance. Copies of documents are provided at \$3.00 per sheet.

NEW! We now have ON-LINE PERMITTING to handle all of your permit needs, including obtaining a permit, scheduling an inspection, obtaining inspection results, checking plan review status and checking on the status of your permit. Anyone can use this site to research permit records. ONLY REGISTERED USERS can use this site to apply for permits and schedule inspections. Log on to www.Plantation.org/Building Department for details and instructions.

City Clerk's Office

The City Clerk serves as the record custodian for the City and is responsible for the maintenance and storage of all important City documents and records. In conjunction with Administration and other City departments, the City Clerk's office prepares the Council agenda and coordinates all backup material; records, transcribes, distributes and maintains all minutes for City Council meetings and all other City boards and committees; and is responsible for publishing notice of all proposed ordinances. In conjunction with the Broward County Supervisor of Elections, the City Clerk's office conducts all City elections. It also issues occupational licenses to all Plantation businesses, conducts information research for City staff and the public, and serves as a passport-processing agency.

Office Location: 400 NW 73rd Avenue, First floor of City Hall; phone 954-797-2237
Public Notices are posted outside City Hall.

Hours of Operation: Monday through Friday
8:00 AM to 4:30 PM (Passport office 9:00 AM to 3:00 PM by appointment only)

Mission Statement

Our goal is to provide high quality, timely service to the City Council, City staff, the public and other agencies. We strive to give our citizens open access to government and to provide quick and accurate documentation and information in a friendly and helpful manner.

Passports

The City Clerk's Office also serves as a passport agency for the US Department of State, Passport Services; applications for passports will be processed Monday through Friday between the hours of 9:00 AM and 3:00 PM on an appointment basis only. Please contact 954-797-2236 for information or to schedule an appointment.

Engineering Department

The City of Plantation Engineering Department is a customer-oriented department providing a wide variety of professional services to the Plantation Community. The Department's primary responsibility involves administration and enforcement of all activities within City Public Rights-of-Way that include roadways, storm drainage, traffic engineering and street lighting.

Another important function of the Engineering Department is administration of City Capital Improvement Projects. Projects that are designed and constructed through the Engineering Department include all improvements within City Public Rights-of-Way, as well as City parks and redevelopment projects.

The Engineering Department serves as CRS Coordinator for the City's participation in the Community Rating System sponsored by the National Flood Insurance Program that secures discount flood insurance rates for all property owners within Plantation. Participation in the Community Rating System is only one of several important Department functions related to flood prevention for the City.

Traffic is a fact of life in the City of Plantation. The Engineering Department performs various traffic engineering functions for the effective management of traffic within our community. This includes coordination with County and State agencies for traffic signalization and access management, as well as applications for traffic calming measures on local roadways.

As growth continues throughout the City, the Engineering Department is actively involved with applications for private development. Review and approval of private development plans for engineering improvements is performed by the Department as an element of the City's development review process. Once a private development has successfully completed the development review process, permit and inspection services are provided by the Department for engineering improvements associated with roads, parking lots, driveways, sidewalks and storm drainage systems.

For additional information you may contact us by e-mailing engineering@Plantation.org. Your e-mail will be forwarded to the appropriate Engineering Department Staff Member. An e-mailed response to your inquiry will be sent to you as soon as possible.

Just a few of the many services performed by the Engineering Department:

- Answer questions from residents and the general public relating to engineering matters.
- Answer requests for Flood Insurance information.
- Investigate drainage problems and assist in developing their solution.
- Maintain records of subdivision plats, public road paving and drainage plans.
- Inspect paving, drainage and bridges for public & private roads.
- Assign street numbers and house addresses.

Financial Services Department

Financial Services – General Information

The City of Plantation serves the citizens and businesses within the City's boundaries by collecting, investing, disbursing and accounting for all revenue received by the City and Broward County Tax Collector on the City's behalf. Property tax rates are set annually by the City of Plantation City Council; based on the recommendations and desires of residents, businesses and officials of the City. For more information, or to inquire about local tax forms and rates, contact the Department of Financial Services located at 400 NW 73rd Avenue, between 8:00 AM and 4:30 PM Monday through Friday, or call them at 954-585-2354.

Real Estate Taxes

City of Plantation tax rates are set in September of every year for the upcoming fiscal year, which runs from October 1st to September 30th. The City of Plantation City Council sets rates.

Under Florida law, the assessments of all properties and the collection of all county, municipal and school board property taxes are consolidated in the Offices of the County Property Appraiser and County Tax Collector. The laws of the State regulating tax assessment are also designed to assure a consistent property valuation method statewide. All property is reassessed according to its fair market value on January 1 of each year. The assessed value of property within the corporate limits of the City at January 1, 2005, upon which the 2005-06 levy was based, was approximately \$ 6.90 billion. Each assessment roll is submitted to the Executive Director of the State Department of Revenue for review to determine if the assessment rolls meet all of the appropriate requirements of State law.

State statutes permit municipalities to levy property taxes at a rate of up to 10 mills. The tax levy of the City is established by the City Council prior to October 1 of each year after consultation and discussion with residents, business owners, and Plantation officials in hearings and meetings that are open to the public.

Broward County Property Appraiser incorporates the City's millage into the total tax levy, which includes the County and the County School Board tax requirements. The millage rate assessed by the City for the year ended September 30, 2006 was 4.5889 mills (\$ 4.5889 per \$ 1,000 of taxable assessed valuation).

All taxes are due and payable on November 1 of each year or as soon thereafter as the assessment roll is certified and delivered to the Tax Collector. All unpaid taxes become delinquent on April 1 following the year in which they are assessed. Discounts are allowed for early payment at the rate of 4% in the month of November, 3% in the month of December, 2% in the month of January, and 1% in the month of February. The taxes paid in March are without discount.

Homestead and Other Exemptions

To obtain information on the State of Florida Homestead Exemption and Other Exemptions, visit the Broward County Property Appraiser's Website or their West Broward Branch Office located in Plantation at 1 N. University Drive, Suite 111-A (NW corner of Broward Boulevard and University Drive). The Appraiser's Office is open Monday through Friday from 8:30 a.m. until 5:00 p.m. The Office provides the public with a review of information relative to the assessed value and ownership of each parcel of real estate. A record is maintained on each parcel of real estate. If you are seeking a review of your real estate assessments, call or visit the office. The telephone number is (954) 370-3700.

The Plantation Fire Department is a rather unique organization that, much like the City we serve, is both diverse and unique in its make-up. We are what is known as a Combination department, which means part career and part volunteer. In fact, with more than 250 members, we are the largest single-municipality volunteer fire department in the State of Florida. Being a large department, we operate much like larger, urban fire departments. However, being Volunteer, we are able to maintain a hometown, Neighbor Helping Neighbor spirit.

The Department is comprised of five major divisions. They are Suppression, Rescue, Prevention, Mechanics and Administration.

The Suppression Division is the oldest of the five with its roots dating back to 1957. And to date, the entire Division, from the Assistant Chief to the newest “blue tip” (probationary firefighter), is all volunteer members. After 42 years, what has changed most about suppression operations is the size and call volume. In 1957, the department operated a single fire truck out of small station located on Broward Boulevard near the Turnpike. Today we operate six stations, with multiple engines in each station. Last year the Suppression Division responded to more than 2,500 fire calls. While the majority were false alarms, many were still-structure fires, car fires, auto accidents, medical first responder and general service calls.

The Rescue Division is the youngest and fastest growing of all the divisions. We began providing rescue services in March of 1996, with two rescue units operating during the day and one at night. Each rescue unit was staffed with two paramedics and an EMT/Driver. Today we operate four rescue units, 24 hours each day. They carry some of the most advanced life support equipment available and some of the best trained EMS personnel in the area.

Our Fire Prevention staff continues to take on the daunting task of keeping this City’s fire incidents to a minimum. With installations like the Broward Mall, the Fashion Mall and literally hundreds of restaurants and retail stores, the potential for large fires is tremendous. However, our prevention staff, which is comprised of full-time, part-time and volunteer inspectors, completes more than 7,500 commercial fire inspections each year, reviews more than 1,600 permits and ensures all fire codes are adhered to, resulting in one of the lowest property loss rates in South Florida.

The Department also employs three full-time mechanics and two maintenance specialists who specialize and work on only emergency vehicles. They are known as Emergency Vehicle Technicians (EVTs). Whether it rolls, pumps, extends, spins or flashes, our mechanics can fix it. It is through their untiring efforts that our vehicles remain on the road, responding to calls, rather than sitting in a yard somewhere waiting for parts.

Finally, and by no means least of all is our Administrative Staff. In the fire service, rank is symbolized by the number of “bugles” worn on the uniform. As the Chief, I wear five bugles and it is often said my support staff wears six. These dedicated, hard working administrators and clerical people keep the Fire Department running. Our support staff is always there with a smile, ready, willing and able to serve the public in the same spirit as our other Divisions.

Volunteer Firefighters Association

Our roster boasts a membership of men and women with diverse cultural and professional backgrounds. Our members are accountants, pharmacists, nurses, auto mechanics, teachers, housewives, househusbands and so many more. For information on becoming a member, contact the Fire Department during business hours at 954-797-2150.

Helen B. Hoffman Plantation Library

History of the Plantation Library

The Helen B. Hoffman Plantation Library was established in the late 1950s by Mrs. Helen B. (Abram) Hoffman. It was initially a volunteer library, staffed by Plantation Woman's Club members to help local children with their homework. Originally called the Plantation City Library, it occupied the sixth grade classroom of Peters Elementary School four nights a week. In 1963, the Library became a City Department, and was relocated to the Plantation Community Center on Palm Tree Road.

The current Library building located at 501 North Fig Tree Lane was officially dedicated October 6, 1968, and through the years, expanded to meet the needs of the growing community in which it resides. In 1974, a non-fiction wing was added, followed by the Children's Room in 1980. In 1981, the Plantation City Council renamed the library the Helen B. Hoffman Plantation Library. In 2006, with the aid of a grant from the State of Florida and help from the Friends of the Library, a multi-purpose wing will be being added, which will house children's activities and adult programs.

The library houses over 70,000 books and an extensive video, CD, DVD and audio book collection. Thanks to the Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation and other local grants, the library also provides access to computers with printers, high-speed cable modems, Microsoft Office, reference software, educational titles and Internet access.

Location & Directions

501 North Fig Tree Lane, Plantation, FL 33317
954-797-2140

- From University Drive take Broward Boulevard east to Fig Tree Lane. Turn left (North) on Fig Tree Lane. Continue on Fig Tree Lane through the traffic circle. The Library is on the left, across the street from the tennis courts at the Community Center.
- From State Road 441 take Broward Boulevard west to Fig Tree Lane. Turn right (North) on Fig Tree Lane. Continue on Fig Tree Lane through the traffic circle. The Library is on the left, across the street from the tennis courts at the Community Center.

Hours of Operation

Monday through Thursday, 12:00 PM to 9:00 PM

Friday, 12:00 PM to 7:00 PM

Saturday, 10:00 AM to 5:00 PM

Closed Sundays

The Library observes all official City of Plantation Holidays.

Monthly Events

- **Internet Class** – An introductory class is held on the third Wednesday of every month at 9:30 AM.
- **Non-fiction Book Discussion Group** – The Book Group meets the first Wednesday of each month to discuss a non-fiction book previously chosen by the group.
- **Used Book Sales** – hosted by the *Friends of the Library*; held the first Saturday of each month and the third Friday and Saturday of each month from 9 AM to 4 PM.
- **Story Hours** – call the Children's Room for ages and times, 954-797-2145.

Visit our website, www.Plantation.org/library/index.html for more information.

Plantation has not always been the large City it is today. Not too long ago, only a few people were enjoying the sunshine in Plantation and fulfilling their dreams.

Frederick Peters, the City's founder, envisioned turning his farmland into a well-planned city that would feature modest homes on large-sized lots. The original development consisted of just 12 homes and less than 40 people. The local general store, Branches, had the only telephone, and the streets were mainly dirt with no traffic lights. The annual Fourth of July parade traveled only three blocks.

Today, Plantation is the 4th largest municipality in Broward County, with geographical boundaries of nearly 23 square miles. It is home to over 80,000 full-time residents. Located just west of Fort Lauderdale in Broward County, Florida, Plantation is conveniently located near all the major interstates, Fort Lauderdale/Hollywood International Airport and Port Everglades.

The Historical Museum started as a small museum in a back room of City Hall. The official Plantation Historical Museum building was constructed in 1985 behind the Helen B. Hoffman Plantation Library. Shortly thereafter, the Fire Museum Annex was opened. Permanent exhibits include artifacts from the Seminole and Tequesta tribes, and memorabilia from the Fire and Police departments and historically significant families, including the Peters.

Each December, the Historical Society presents a **Winter Wonderland** featuring trees decorated in many designs and cultures. Throughout the year, there are traveling exhibits from the State, other museums and private collections. The Butterfly Garden, located on the Historical Museum grounds, is a serene site that can be used for education, reading and meditation. Visitors can take a relaxing walk along a brick path through naturally indigenous plants and flowers that attract colorful butterflies.

Since 1974, the Plantation Historical Society has dedicated its time and resources to preserving the City's history. The group has educated and enlightened residents and visitors from around the world about our history and those who have worked to make Plantation, "Your Place in the Sun." We are always searching for dedicated individuals to be part of this exciting journey of studying the past and documenting the present for future generations. Please stop by the Museum Tuesday through Saturday from 9:30 AM to 12:00 PM and 1:00 to 4:00 PM to learn more about our beautiful and rich City and our monthly programs. For more information, please call 954-797-2722 or visit www.Plantation.org.

Admission to the museum is free.

Museum Location

511 North Fig Tree Lane
Plantation, Florida 33317

Museum Hours of Operation

Tuesday through Saturday
9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.
Closed between noon and 1:00 p.m.

Tours available upon request.

Historical Society Membership Fees

Individual Member	\$10
Family	\$20
Life Member	\$100
Business Sponsor	\$50
Business Sponsor Life	\$500

Human Resources Department

Hours: 8:00 AM to 4:30 PM

Monday – Friday

Phone: 954-797-2240

EQUAL OPPORTUNITY EMPLOYER

JOB LINE: 587-4456, ext. 1600

The Human Resources Department is committed to hiring, compensating and developing the City's workforce to ensure its ability to serve the City's customers and make Plantation a better place to live. With a staff of ten, the department serves more than 950 full and part-time employees.

The department manages the City's programs for employment, recruitment and testing, compensation, benefits, payroll, retirement, dental and health insurance, drug free workplace program, worker's compensation, training and development, collective bargaining and labor management relations, classification, placement and records. Human Resources also serves our community by securing our employees' participation in special community programs such as the United Way Campaign.

For any further information concerning the City's Human Resources Department, please call 954-797-2240. Our staff will be glad to answer any questions or concerns you might have.

Equal Employment Opportunity Policy

The City of Plantation is firmly committed to equal employment opportunity and does not discriminate in any employment related decisions on the basis of race, color, religion, national origin, sex, age, disability or other similar factors that are not job-related. The City's policy of equality or opportunity applies to all organizational levels of the City and to all job classifications. When requested, the City of Plantation is pleased to make reasonable accommodations for applicants with disabilities. If special assistance is needed, please notify the Human Resources Department by calling 954-797-2240.

Drug Free Work Place

The City of Plantation supports a Drug Free Work Place. After an employment offer is made, applicants are required to take and pass a drug test. Employment will be contingent upon successful completion of this drug test. Also, it is a condition of employment for each employee to refrain from reporting to work or working with the presence of drugs or alcohol in his or her body.

**Equal Opportunity Employer
Drug Free Workplace**

The Department of Landscape Architecture provides the highest quality of professional services to all citizens of Plantation in the areas of design and implementation of capital projects, code enforcement and the edification of issues relating to our natural resources. We are dedicated to encouraging, managing and maintaining the high aesthetic standards established by the City of Plantation. We encourage continued growth and preservation of the City's natural and man-made resources. We are committed to enhanced public relations and education.

We are very proud to let you know that the National Arbor Day Foundation has named the City of Plantation a Tree City USA for each of the past 26 years. Tree City USA designation was developed to "recognize those who plant and care for the community forest." In order to receive this designation, a community must meet high standards.

The City of Plantation's urban forestry program began in the early 1970's with the help and effort of concerned citizens who had a desire to enhance the City's environment and quality of life. As the City developed into the 21st century, this desire became a strong, guiding factor in understanding the importance of one of its key resources: the urban forest.

PROGRAMS & ACTIVITIES

For information on any of these or other programs and activities, please call the City's Department of Landscape Architecture, 954-797-2246, or e-mail askmargeandfred@Plantation.org.

Street Tree Program – The City will pick out the perfect tree for your swale; share the cost and plant it for you! If you are ready to apply to receive a street tree, please fill out the Street Tree Request Form (available online or by calling the Department of Landscape Architecture) and return it via fax to (954) 797- 2793, or mail to City of Plantation, Department of Landscape Architecture, 400 Northwest 73rd Avenue, Plantation, FL 33317.

Trees for Tomorrow – This is a special opportunity for residents to celebrate achievements and special events, or honor and recognize someone special. Citizens can donate trees with plaques or benches with nameplates; the trees and/or benches are installed in a City park.

Arbor Day – This once-a-year event, which coincides with P.L.A.N.T. Awards, celebrates the importance of trees in our City, from both the environmental and aesthetic aspect. At this time, Plantation receives its Tree City USA certification, as well as its Silver Award from the National Arbor Day Foundation.

P.L.A.N.T. Awards – (Plantation Landscape Awards for Nurturing our Town) This is the City's annual awards program to recognize commercial and residential properties that have exceptional landscape designs and maintenance programs.

TreeDay! – Usually held in the fall, this is an educational opportunity to provide residents with information on plants, trees, landscaping and related topics.

Arbor Week – During this event, members of the Department of Landscape Architecture visit schools, explaining the wonders of trees, urban forestry, landscape architecture and other related professions. We explore the school's campus with the kids, looking at the wonders Mother Nature has provided us. The students get an opportunity to help plant a tree and are therefore afforded the opportunity to see the tree mature as they continue their education.

Shade Brigade – This is a great group of people interested in all aspects of horticulture, arboriculture, and landscaping. Come join us for our meetings on the 4th Thursday of each month. In addition to education, we take day trips and do planting projects.

Parks & Recreation Department

Plantation Parks & Recreation Department is a public agency of volunteers and staff, working to meet the recreational needs of the Plantation community. We uphold a philosophy of safe, healthy and unbiased programming. We strive to enhance the interaction of people and the environment in a manner that is accessible to all.

The Plantation Parks & Recreation Department offers a wide variety of programs for all age groups including adult athletic leagues. Classes are held in eight-week sessions, four times a year at facilities throughout the City. Classes available include aerobics for all ages, dance, swimming, tennis, cooking, arts & crafts, health & fitness, yoga, and much more. Classes for special populations are also available. Class schedules are printed quarterly in Plantation Quarterly/Recreation Quarterly, and are mailed directly to Plantation residents. They are also available at City Hall, the Helen B. Hoffman Plantation Library, the Community Center, Plantation Central Park, Jim Ward Community Center and Volunteer Park Community Center.

Public facilities include the Jim Ward Community Center, the Plantation Community Center, Plantation Central Park Multi-Purpose Recreation Center and Volunteer Park Community Center. These are complimented by 36 parks with amenities such as a lighted football stadium, 28 baseball diamonds (23 lighted), 44 tennis courts (24 lighted), 2 lighted 50-meter pools, two hydro-playgrounds, picnic areas, 21 tot lots, six shuffleboard courts, 11 soccer fields, two outdoor volleyball courts, and four lighted basketball courts (two indoor and two outdoor). For more information call the Plantation Parks and Recreation Administrative Office at 954-452-2520 Monday through Friday 8:00 AM to 4:30 PM.

In addition, the Plantation Athletic League (P.A.L.) sponsors a variety of competitive youth programs. For more specifics on P.A.L., contact the P.A.L. message center at 954-571-3618 or by visiting www.PALSports.org.

City Facilities

Plantation Central Park

9151 NW 2nd Street
954-452-2510

Hours of Operation

Monday – Friday, 8:00 AM to 10:00 PM
Saturdays 8:00 AM to 6:00 PM
Sunday 9:00 AM to 5:00 PM
Holiday Hours 10:00 AM to 6:00 PM (except Thanksgiving, Christmas Day and New Year's Day)
Aquatics Center (954-452-2525)
Frank Veltri Tennis Center (954-452-2530)

Jim Ward Community Center

301 NW 46th Avenue
954-585-2344

Hours of Operation

Monday – Friday from 8:00 AM to 9:00 PM
Saturday 9:00 AM to 5:00 PM
Closed on Sunday

Deicke Auditorium at Hoffman Park

5701 Cypress Road
954-797-2199

Community Center At Kennedy Park

5555 Palm Tree Drive
954-797-2180

Hours of Operation

Monday through Friday, 9:00 AM to dusk
Saturday, 9:00 AM to 5:00 PM
Office hours are Monday - Friday 8:00 AM to 9:00 PM
Saturday 8:30 AM to 5:00 PM; closed on Sunday

Volunteer Park Community Center

12050 W Sunrise Blvd.
954-452-2558

Hours of Operation

Monday 8:00 AM to 6:00 PM
Tuesday – Friday 8:00 AM to 10:00 PM
Saturday 9:00 AM to 5:00 PM; Closed on Sunday
Plantation Equestrian Center (954-476-4316)

Plantation Preserve Golf Course & Club

7050 W. Broward Boulevard
Public Golf Course
Tee Times: 954-585-5020
Membership available; for information call: 954-585-5025
Practice facilities include: driving range, large putting green and private short game area
Dining room open daily for lunch and snacks

Planning, Zoning & Economic Development

The primary responsibility of the Planning, Zoning and Economic Development Department is to assist in the implementation of the long- and short-range development plans of the City. Within this focus falls the responsibility for maintaining the Plantation Comprehensive Plan; The Comprehensive Plan serves as the City's "blueprint" for the future. It is an official public document intended to guide and shape Plantation's physical development. Citizens can use the Plan in two ways: first, as an information source which includes demographic data and forecast information; and second, as a guide to understanding how the City will influence development, meet the needs of residents and businesses, and conserve/protect natural resources. The Future Land Use Plan Map is an integral part of the Plantation Comprehensive Plan. The Map is the graphic representation of the City's land use goals, objectives and policies.

The Department is also responsible for processing all site development plans, rezoning property and ensuring that property development is in conformance with the Plantation Code of Ordinances. In addition, the Department recommends and drafts code revisions for City Council consideration.

An important component within the Department is the focus on Economic Development through redevelopment and business expansion and retention. The Department implements a business attraction program and markets the City of Plantation as a destination for new businesses through its marketing campaign.

Economic Development Strategies are created and implemented to meet the specific goals, objectives and needs of each of Plantation's different commercial districts. Department staff coordinates directly with the local business community as well as regional State and federal entities, with a principal goal of maintaining a healthy and vibrant economic climate.

The Department staff implements two grant assistance programs: Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) and State Housing Initiatives Program (SHIP). Both Programs provide assistance in housing and neighborhood redevelopment.

Additional information on the Department is available on the City's website or by contacting the Planning, Zoning and Economic Development Department. To reach the Planning Division, call 954-797-2622; for Economic Development, call 954-585-2373; for the Zoning Division, call 954-797-2225; and for Community Redevelopment, call 954-585-2330.

Police Department

There are 188 sworn police officers, 112 civilians and 44 part-time employees working for the Plantation Police Department, all dedicated to serving the citizens and businesses of the City of Plantation. Your Police Department is staffed by highly trained professionals operating in various areas: Operations Bureau, Administration Bureau, Support Services Division, General Services Division, Patrol Division, Investigations Division, Vice, Intelligence and Narcotics Unit, Traffic Unit, Street Crimes Unit, K-9 Unit, Crime Scene Processing Unit, Communications, Gang Unit, Bicycle Unit, Crime Prevention Unit, Training Section, Records Unit and Property and Evidence.

The services rendered by the Records Division are: to provide copies of police reports, supply alarm user permit applications, fingerprinting services (cards required), assist with bicycle registration and the distribution of CAT decals (Combat Auto Theft Program).

The Police Department operates a Crime Prevention Unit to advise and instruct business people, citizen's groups and school children on proper methods for business, home and personal protection. This includes instruction on shoplifting prevention, business and residential security and alarm information. Also, home security surveys are available free of charge! For detailed information, call the Crime Prevention Unit at 954-916-5602.

The Community Outreach Center

The Plantation Police Department operates a Community Outreach Center located at the Broward Mall. The hours of operation are Monday through Saturday, 10:00 AM to 6:00 PM. The center accommodates the public by providing services and information for alarm user permit applications, bicycle registration, Combat Auto Theft (CAT) decals, kids care ID's, crime prevention, new resident packages, voter registration, driver's license & social security information and Broward County bus routes. The center also offers information about Parks & Recreation activities, job availability within the City and Fire Department brochures. Other services offered include blood pressure testing and community classes.

The Citizen's Police Academy

The Plantation Police Department offers a Citizen Police Academy course to the general public free of charge. This class meets once a week for eleven weeks. The program is offered by the Community Relations Unit of the Police Department and gives a hands on opportunity to see how the Department is operated and what police personnel deal with on a daily basis. Participants will experience an evening in the range with our Range Master learning the proper way to fire a weapon, and the chance to fire different weapons. Participants will also process a mock crime scene and learn about domestic violence, gangs, street crimes and many other areas of the Police Department. When participants complete the course, they are presented with a certificate of completion and walk away with a renewed outlook about their Police Department and the professional men and women who serve their community. For eligibility requirements or an application, please call 954-916-5604.

911 – EMERGENCY – 911

The City of Plantation owns and maintains its own 911 emergency system. The 911 emergency telephone number is for your use when you are in need of help. It is not an information number! If you have an EMERGENCY and need Police, Fire, or Medical Assistance call 911 and an officer will be immediately dispatched to the troubled area. To better serve you, we request your name, address, telephone number, and apartment number to verify the accuracy of the information automatically displayed on the 911 screen at the time of the call. In the event you are unable to speak or are prohibited from providing information, we are still in a position to dispatch a police car. We encourage you to use our EMERGENCY 911 number for ALL EMERGENCIES. For non-emergencies call 954-797-2100.

The City of Plantation is known for its beautifully landscaped neighborhoods and business districts. Code Compliance plays an important role in preserving those standards we all enjoy, and, as a result, keeping property values high. To ensure that our community remains beautiful and attractive, the City has created the *Good Neighbor* voluntary code compliance initiative. This initiative helps prevent code violations by educating property owners on ways to avoid the more common violations. This approach is preferred to enforcement and litigation, which can take time, produce delayed results and possibly impose fines.

Resolving Code Complaints

The Code Enforcement Unit is under the direction of the Police Department. Code complaints may be made by calling 954-797-2267 during normal business hours (Monday-Friday, 8:00 AM to 4:30 PM) or 954-797-2100 after hours and on weekends. Code complaints may also be made to individual City departments with specialized code compliance personnel, during normal business hours: Monday-Friday 8:00 AM to 4:30 PM. Life-threatening emergencies should be immediately reported by dialing 911. All highly imminent hazardous code violations should be immediately reported by calling 954-797-2100. The Police, Fire/Rescue or other emergency specialists will respond to emergencies. Non-hazardous complaints will result in the initial call being handled by personnel from the Police Department. The appropriate specialized inspector will complete follow-up action.

Code Enforcement Tips

- **Garage Sales** – Garage sale signs may not be attached to trees, light and other utility poles, traffic signs or anywhere on a public right-of-way. Signs may be placed on private property.
- **Business Signs** – Require a permit from the Building Department, after Zoning Division clearance.
- **Pennants, Banners, Streamers, etc.** – Pennants, banners, streamers, balloons, blinking and flashing lights, streamer lights and any other fluttering, spinning, rotating or similar attention attracting and advertising devices are not permitted in the City.
- **Posting Notices Prohibited** – No person will post or affix any notice, poster or other device, calculated to attract the attention of the public to any lamppost, public utility pole or tree or upon any public structure or building.
- **Address Numbers** – Every business and home in the City of Plantation must have visible building numbers at least four inches in height (compliance reduces emergency response time). No script lettering is permitted.
- **Alarms** – All residential and business alarms in the City must have a permit which may be acquired at the Plantation Police Department, Records Section. There is a one-time non-refundable administrative permit fee of \$25. In addition, there is an annual renewal fee of \$10, which is waived for residents provided there have been no false alarms during the permit year. Businesses have a \$10 annual renewal fee. The holder of the alarm permit shall be subject to warnings and fines depending on the number of false alarms accumulated.
- **Animals at Large** – All animals must be in the care, custody and control of the owner or other responsible person. This person must restrain these animals by leash, collar chain or other physical barrier (i.e., fence, cage or full/partial enclosure)
- **Barking Dogs** – Please report any disturbance by a barking dog to the Plantation Police Department 954-797-2100. If you own a dog that continues to disturb the peace of the neighborhood, the Police Department may have to issue you a notice to appear.

If you would like to e-mail the Plantation Police Code Enforcement Unit with questions or problems, please direct your e-mail to codeenforcement@psd.Plantation.org.

Public Works Department

We would like to introduce ourselves to you: we are YOUR Public Works Department!

If you took a survey asking the question “What is Public Works?” the majority of the people asked wouldn’t know. With that thought in mind, your Public Works Department wants you to know who they are and what services they provide this great community you have chosen to live in.

Public Works is a service provider to the many residents who live in Plantation and to other departments within our City. Our goal is to provide these services in a professional, courteous and expedient manner.

The daily efforts of the Public Works department is so much a part of life and living that it is sometimes taken for granted. Only in its absence is it suddenly missed and understood.

A well run Public Works program may not be particularly conspicuous to the general public. Public Works employees work behind the scenes, around the clock to do what needs to be done: when the flowers bloom and the trees are trimmed, when the road is smooth and the bridges stand strong, when the stop sign is bright and the street markings help you along your travels and when the drainage systems work properly preventing damage to your most prize possessions, that is YOUR Public Works Department at work!

Recycle your Christmas tree each year by bringing it to the Public Works facility at 750 NW 91st Avenue. The Public Works Department also offers residents free wood chips, available for pick-up seven days a week. Please contact our office at 954-452-2535 Monday – Friday between the hours of 7:00 AM and 4:30 PM if we can assist you with any of the above items.

Bulk Pick Up

The City provides curbside bulk pickup monthly. Watch your water bill or visit our website for dates. For more information, call the Public Works department at 954-797-2535.

Drop-Off Sites: (used oil, paint, batteries as listed)

Oil Connection (Used oil)
385 N State Road 7
583-1450

Broward County (Used oil and paint)
Reese Road
Saturday and Sunday

Jacaranda Chevron (Used oil, charge is \$0.30/gallon)
1301 S University Dr.
475-9510

Remember we all must do our part. We believe once we begin to recycle using the cheaper recycling bags, your use of the blue bag will decrease with a net savings to you over the year; therefore, recycling should cost nothing other than some time to do your part.

We know that Plantation residents will do their part in helping to save our environment. If you have any questions, you can call 954-452-2535.

Public Works Department – Curbside Manners

Garbage Disposal Requirements For Plantation Residents

1. Only use special Plantation garbage bags (except Plantation Acres residents). These bags can be purchased at any Publix, Albertsons or Winn Dixie stores in Plantation. Plantation Acres residents need to call Waste Management at 954-974-7500 to begin their trash pick-up.
2. Flatten and tie all large pieces of cardboard with heavy cord. Cardboard should not exceed four (4) feet in length. Place next to your Plantation bag at the curb.
3. Palm fronds and tree trimmings should be tied in bundles not exceeding four (4) feet in length, not weighing over forty (40) pounds, and placed at the curb for pick up.
4. You must place a blue bag out to have tree trimmings picked up. Rule of thumb is one blue bag for every two bundles of trimmings. Blue bags must be used for household trash and grass clippings.
5. Do not place broken glass in Plantation bags without first wrapping it in newspaper. This is for your protection as well as the collectors. There is no pickup on Christmas Day. All debris will be picked up the next scheduled collection day.

Garbage Disposal Suggestions to Save Space & Eliminate Odors

1. Crush all boxes flat before placing in trash bag. (Examples: tissue boxes, cereal boxes and all packaged food boxes.)
2. All cans (including soda cans) should be recycled to save space (see Recycling Information). Deposit all food cans, aluminum cans and colored glass, except blue, into a recycling (clear) bag. To recycle plastics, please refer to Recycling Information
3. Stuff both corners of the trash bag; don't waste space. Press on top of trash bag after filling to compress items. Do not press too hard or you will tear the bag. Tightly secure the top of the trash bag with a twist-tie.
4. Try to eliminate excessive disposal of food in trash bag. If food must be put in trash bag, place it in a jar or can and secure with a lid – or put it in a plastic bag that can be tied securely with a twist-tie. (Discarded plastic bread wrappers are good for this.)
5. Dispose of your trash when you have a filled Plantation bag. Do not put out a bag when it is only half full.
6. For large household items, please refer to Bulk Pickup section of the Recycling Program.

Public Works Department – Recycling Program

The State of Florida passed a Solid Waste Management Act that calls for cities to adopt recycling programs that will reduce the items going to our landfill by 30 percent. As residents, we must do our part to help this program by starting to recycle some of our waste products. Recycling will benefit all of us by providing a cleaner environment and reducing the amount of land needed for landfill areas. The City recycling program includes all single family homes and condominium units.

Single Family Homes

A new commingle program enables you to mix into one or more recycling bags the following items (except newspapers):

1. All glass jars, all colors (except blue). Please, no tops.
2. All aluminum, tin and steel cans (except motor oil cans and aerosol containers).
3. Plastics, #1, 2 and 3. Number is listed on the bottom. No oil containers.
4. Please place newspapers in a separate paper bag.

Condominium Recycling

You are able to commingle the following items into one or more containers:

1. All glass jars, all colors (except blue). No tops.
2. All aluminum, tin, steel cans. No motor oil cans or aerosol containers.
3. Keep newspapers separate from other items by placing them in the container used for newspapers only.

Horticultural Recycling Station – 954-452-2535

The City operates a Horticultural Recycling Station at NW 91 Avenue (Cleary Boulevard west of Pine Island, next to the Central Park ball fields). For a nominal fee, the City will accept grass clippings, trees, branches, palms and other horticulture materials. No other material will be accepted. This service is available to Plantation residents ONLY. The City will chip and recycle this material to be used in City landscaping and horticultural operations and to provide FREE organic mulch to City residents. The hours the Recycling Station will accept materials are: Saturday, 8:30 AM – 4:30 PM; Sunday, 9:30 AM – 4:00 PM

Coupons to pay for this service can be purchased at City Hall, 400 NW 73rd Avenue; the Police Department, 451 NW 70th Terrace; and Plantation Central Park, 9151 NW 2nd Street, as well as Publix and Albertsons. Coupons must be used. The current cost is \$5.00 per coupon. **NO CASH WILL BE ACCEPTED AT THE STATION.**

Autos, 2-door or 4-door	1 coupon
Pickup truck or vans	2 coupons
Pick-up truck with sideboards	3 coupons
Trailer, no sideboards	2 coupons
Trailer with sideboards	3 coupons

Landfill/Recycling

3000 NW 48th Street, Pompano Beach, (M-F, 7AM to 6PM, Sat, 7AM to 4PM)954-977-9551
Central Residential Transfer Station, US 27 & Sheridan St. (M-Sat, 8AM to 4:30 PM)954-680-0085

Household Hazardous Waste Collection Event

The City of Plantation Public Works Department has established the first Sunday in December to host the Household Hazardous Waste Collection Event. Free to Broward County residents, proof of residency required. Hazardous wastes include: aerosols, antifreeze, auto batteries/fluids, computers, drain cleaners, fertilizers, fluorescent tubes, fuels, furniture polish, gasoline solvents, insecticides, mercury batteries, metal polish, motor oil, nicad batteries, oven cleaners, oxidizers, paints (oil/latex), paint strippers, paint thinners, pesticides, poisons, pool chemicals, propane tanks, radios, reactives, rechargeable batteries, spot removers, televisions, tires and used oil. For more information or for specific dates, call 954-452-2535.

400 NW 73rd Avenue in City Hall
(954) 797-2290

Opening A New Account

Accounts are opened in person at City Hall 8:00 AM to 4:30 PM Monday to Friday. A deposit and short paperwork are required. We will need a lease agreement or settlement statement. The deposit amount depends on the meter size. For more information, call 954-797-2290, Monday – Friday, 8:00 AM to 4:30 PM. Arrangements for automatic bill payment through debiting your checking or savings account can be made through the Utilities Department. Please visit the City's website at www.Plantation.org>City Departments>Utilities to take advantage of this service. You may also call 954-585-2290 to obtain the authorization form.

Utilities Billing Procedures

You will receive a City of Plantation Utilities bill for your water and sewer service each month. Your meter is read on a 30-day cycle. If you believe an error has been made in your bill, or if you dispute your obligation to pay the bill, you may contact the Utilities Department at 954-797-2290.

No Service

Should you find you have no water, please first locate and check your house valve to see if it has been turned off. If that is not the case, and your water and sewer service has been disconnected, please call the customer service department. If the utility service has been discontinued for non-payment, the entire amount of the bill, plus any other charges and reconnection fees, must be paid in full before service can be restored. If additional information is needed, please call the customer service department at 954-797-2290.

Security Deposit Refund

Security deposits for City of Plantation utilities customers are refunded once the account is closed, or 20 years from the date the deposit is received, provided that during the 20-year period no customer defaults have occurred. When an account is closed, the deposit is applied to the final balance and the difference is refunded. If money is owed to the City after the deposit has been applied, a bill will be sent to the customer.

Payments

For customer convenience, payment drop boxes are located at Volunteer Park, Central Park, Jim Ward Community Center and City Hall. NO CASH PLEASE! Please note that there is a delay in posting a payment, as noted on the sign on each drop box.

Delinquent Accounts

The City of Plantation water and sewer bills are due upon receipt of the bill, and are considered delinquent 21 days from the billing date. The delinquent date is printed on the bill. If payment is not received in the office by the time your next bill is printed, a disconnect service date will appear on the bottom of your bill. Accounts not paid by the date on the bottom of your bill are subject for termination of service.

Call Before You Dig

If you are planning to dig on your property where utilities such as electric, water, telephone, and natural gas lines are buried, Florida state law requires that you notify the affected utilities at least two days prior to digging. The utilities are required to locate their utility lines within two working days. This law is to protect you from serious injuries and liability, should your digging damage any underground utilities. The City of Plantation Utilities Department is a member of the Sunshine State One-Call of Florida. This means that you can dial one toll-free number to notify all City utilities of your excavation project and request that the utilities locate their underground facilities for you. The toll-free number to call prior to your excavation work is 800-432-4770. This toll-free number is operational Monday through Friday from 7:00 AM to 7:30 PM.

City of Plantation Advisory Boards

Boards and Committees play an important role in the City. Residents and professionals are appointed to serve on these Boards by the Mayor and City Council members. The Boards advise and make recommendations to the Council and staff as to options that are in the best interests of the City and that are logical and fair. The board and committee system allows residents to take part in governmental processes affecting our every day lives. All meetings are open to the public unless otherwise stated.

Boards and Committees (for information and requirements of each Board, please contact the City Clerk's Office or visit www.Plantation.org and select City Clerk then Boards and Committees).

Advisory Board for the Disabled
Board of Adjustment
Code Enforcement Board
Educational Advisory Board
Landscape Planning and Review Board
Library Board
Parks and Recreation Advisory Board
Plan Adjustment Committee
Planning and Zoning Board
Plantation Gateway Advisory Board
Plantation Midtown Advisory Board
Review Committee
Unsafe Structures Board

If you are interested in serving on a board or committee, please complete an application form (available in the City Clerk's Office or on the City's website) and forward it to the City Clerk.

One of the greatest responsibilities a City has to its citizens is timely, accurate communication. Whether it be for an emergency situation, such as a hurricane or water main break, or for day-to-day proceedings, such as City Council meetings, recreation class schedules or project updates, the City of Plantation is committed to providing its residents and businesses with the most up-to-date, accurate information available, through a variety of sources.

Plantation.org

With representation from each of our departments, the City of Plantation website is one of the most comprehensive in Broward County. Through the website, visitors have 24-hour access to Parks & Recreation class schedules and online registration. The Building Department recently launched online permitting, allowing users to request inspections or check the status of their permit. A complete list of Plantation schools, places of worship, volunteer organizations and service providers can be found in the “About Plantation” section. For faster navigation, visit one of the main portals set up for Residents, Businesses or Visitors, or click on e-Government for a complete list of online resources. Prior to hurricane season, visit the Fire Department’s Emergency Preparedness web pages for a guide to preparing your personal emergency plan, supplies checklists, tips to speed up the recovery process, a comprehensive list of federal, state and local resources, and more.

AskCityHall@Plantation.org

The City of Plantation has an e-mail address that City residents and business owners and operators can use to obtain answers to questions regarding City programs, policies and procedures. It’s AskCityHall@Plantation.org. Using Ask City Hall, you direct your question to a centralized e-mail address where it is routed to the appropriate person for a response and tracked to its conclusion. In this way, you are assured of an expedient, complete answer.

Plantation Quarterly

This single-source publication is mailed to every Plantation residents quarterly, in February, May, August and November. It provides residents with community information on one side; and the Parks and Recreation department class schedule on the other side. The Spring edition each year includes a complete hurricane planning guide to help educate residents on what preparations need to be made for the coming hurricane season, basic storm terminology, and more.

WQFD 1620 on your AM Dial!

The most recent edition to Plantation’s communications methods is our own radio station – WQFD 1620 AM. The primary purpose of the station is to broadcast news and related information about emergencies such as hurricanes, flooding or other serious situations. Listeners will be advised about evacuation orders, distribution sites, shelters and other information. However, throughout the year, tune to 1620 on your AM dial and hear the latest news and information that specifically affects residents, businesses and City employees. Plantation’s Informational Radio Station will operate around the clock, notifying listeners of events occurring within Plantation, City-related news and project updates, recreation class schedules and registration dates, local traffic emergencies or hazard information.

Comcast Cable Channel 78

Turn your television to Channel 78 community television for information on upcoming events, project updates and to watch live City Council meetings each Wednesday evenings at 7:30 PM. Check the City’s website (City Government pages) for Council agendas and cancelled meeting dates. The City also post important announcements on Comcast Cable’s Community Board, found on Channel 78 throughout the day.

City of Plantation Annual Events

Spring (March – May)

- **Celebrate Plantation! and Law Enforcement Exposition** – Presented by the Chamber of Commerce and the Plantation Police Department, and hosted by the City of Plantation. A family event featuring exhibits on Police equipment, uniforms, and tactics.
- **Spring Break** – For children 5-10 years old; held during Spring recess.
- **Spring Break Tennis Camp** – For children 6-16 years old; designed for all levels of skill and is held during Spring recess.
- **Royal Egg Hunt** – An egg hunt for children 3-10 years old.
- **PLANT Awards** (Plantation Landscaping Awards for Nurturing our Town) – developed to show special appreciation and recognition to residents, businesses and institutions for their outstanding landscape designs.
- **National Drinking Water Week** – Recognition of the importance of drinking water; in May.
- **Arbor Week** – An educational event held at 13 area schools during the month of April.

Summer (June – August)

- **Summer Recreation Programs** – For children 5-16 years old.
- **Independence Day Celebration** – Parade, concert and fireworks.
- **Children's Summer Reading Program** – June and July at Helen B. Hoffman Library.
- **USTA Girls 14 National Clay Court Championships** – invitational tennis tournament for girls 14 and under; held at the Veltri Tennis Center in July.

Fall (September – November)

- **Tree Day** – A half-day seminar on proper tree trimming techniques, residential gardening and much more. Guest speakers and Plantation's own Marge & Fred, Wanna-be Tree Gurus! Presented in November by the Department of Landscape Architecture.
- **Plantation Volunteer Fire Association Barbecue** – Annual event open to the public.
- **Free Influenza Vaccine** – For Plantation residents over 55 years of age or those chronically ill.
- **Art in the Park** – Presented by Plantation Junior Woman's Club and hosted by the City of Plantation; an outdoor juried Art Show offering food and beverages for purchase and entertainment for all ages.
- **Halloween & Safety Festival** – presented by the Plantation Police and Parks & Recreation departments; call 954-797-2602 or 954-916-5601 for more information
- **Holiday Parade** – Presented by the Chamber of Commerce and hosted by the City of Plantation.

Winter (December – February)

- **Forrest Gump Table Tennis Tournament** – Held annually in December. Double elimination tournament. Trophies awarded for 1st and 2nd place winners in all divisions. Call 954-452-2510 or 954-585-2344.
- **Winter Wonderland Camp** – For children 5-10 years old and held during winter recess.
- **Holiday Tennis Camp** – For children 6-16 years old; designed for all levels of skill and held during winter recess.
- **Santa's Visit** – Santa and his elves will visit every street in Plantation on Christmas Eve.
- **Winter Wonderland (Historical Museum)** – Throughout December and January various Christmas and Hanukkah items will be on display.
- **Tinsel Town Talent Showcase** – A variety show of local talent of all ages competing for awards.
- **Household Hazardous Waste Collection Event** – Held the first Sunday in December. Free to Broward County residents, proof of residency required.

Curb-side bulk pick-up available monthly. Free mulch available year round. Call Public Works for dates, times and locations (954) 452-2535.