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**Citizens Update #149****Monday September 21, 2020****4:00 PM****CITY COUNCIL**

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This is a Citizen's update on Monday, September 21, 2020 at 4:00 p.m.

FPL to resume disconnections

According to an article published in the Sun Sentinel, FPL announced they will begin discontinuing service for those who are past due on their electric bills. According to the article, FPL suspended disconnections in March due to Covid related issues, however will begin the process again starting in October. Per an FPL spokesperson, customers who are behind in their bills are being asked to reach out for assistance. He stated the utility will try to work out arrangements with those customers.

Parks Department makes Phase 2 schedule changes.

As part of the Governor's Phase 2 reopening plans, Plantation's Parks & Recreation Department has made the following schedule changes. Sunset Park and Central Park are open until 11 PM. The Parks Department will also be opening registration for PAL Soccer and Winter Baseball beginning September 26. For details, visit the Parks & Recreation webpage at www.plantation.org.

Get involved in your Community

The City of Plantation is organizing a Community Emergency Response Team (CERT). Learn what to do in an emergency. Play a key role in assisting your community during times of crisis. Be part of the solution. Join the Plantation CERT team. Classes begin soon. Visit www.plantation.org/CERT for details.

Did we mention Flu Season?

The cooler winter weather commonly brings about a seasonal flu outbreak. In the presence of Covid, health officials believe the flu season will be much worse than it has been in the past. This week's Podcast once again features Epidemiologist Rachel Guran, RN, from the Memorial Healthcare System, speaking about how Covid-19 will affect this year's common flu outbreak. Tune in at to <https://www.buzzsprout.com/945655> or find the link on our website.

So many tests, so little Info

If you need to take a Covid test, do you know which one to take and why? Visit our website for a detailed explanation from the FDA on which tests are for what purposes and what to expect when taking one.

Be A Covid Hero

The City, in cooperation with OneBlood, is holding a blood drive at the Helen B. Hoffman Library on Wednesday, September 23, from 10:00 am to 3:30 pm. If you have recovered from Covid, your plasma may help others infected with the virus. Visit oneblood.org for details on how to donate plasma. Even if you haven't had Covid, your blood donation is still critical for helping saving lives.

Eviction Moratorium extended

Governor Ron DeSantis extended Executive Order 20-180 until 12:01 AM on October 1, 2020. The Executive order suspends eviction activities for individuals who cannot make rent or mortgage payments due to Covid-19 impacts.

Census Response Time is Short

The 2020 census deadline is September 30th! Visit my2020Census.gov or call 844-330-2020 to complete the Census now. ***Your responses DO make a difference.***

Dump the water!

You can reduce your risk of getting West Nile virus by dumping any standing water around your home, covering your skin and using insect repellent when going outside, and minimize outside activities at dusk when mosquitos are most active.

Stay informed

The City of Plantation continues to provide you with the most accurate Covid-19 related information from **Verified sources**. Stay informed by following us on all information platforms including Twitter, Facebook, Instagram, and the City podcast. The next Covid-19 update will be on Friday, September 25th at 4:00 p.m.