Citizen Update #157
Friday, October 23, 2020
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This is a Citizen’s update on Friday, October 23, 2020 at 4:00 p.m.

Plantation Cares Rental Assistance Program – Limited Funding Available
City Administration has implemented a Rental/Utility Assistance Program for renters residing within the City of Plantation. Up to $15,000.00 is available to cover rent/utility payments as of March 1. The program is available on a first come first serve basis with limited funds. For more information, please contact Minority Builder’s Coalition at MBCAdmin1@minoritybuilders.org or 954-792-1121 ext. 23 or ext. 26.

Early voting begins
A recent Sun-Sentinel Article identified that Broward Supervisor of Elections, Peter Antonacci signed paperwork allowing police officers to remove unruly or disruptive individuals from polling locations.

Help with Homestead Exemptions
Broward County’s Property Assessor, Marty Kiar has established a website which helps homeowners file for their Homestead exemption and learn about other potential exemptions. In addition, he explains Amendment 6 in detail. For more on this please visit https://web.bcpa.net/bcpaclient/#/PortabilityExemption.

Restaurant hours extended
Effective immediately, on-premise consumption of food and alcohol is extended by one hour, until midnight, for all establishments in Broward County. Emergency Order 20-28 prohibits dine-in service between 12AM and 5AM, and alcohol consumption in open containers or to-go cups remains prohibited in public spaces such as beaches, beach boardwalks, parks, streets, parking lots, and other areas identified in the order. Take-out and food delivery is still permitted. View the complete order on the Covid page of our website.

County testing sites publish hours
Broward County’s drive thru testing sites will now be open until 4:00. These sites are Markham Park, Central Regional, Vista View, Quiet Waters Brian Piccolo and Trade Winds.
All sites have priority lanes for school students and staff. Central Regional Park, at this time, remains dedicated for schools only.

**Dealing with Covid stress?**
The City’s most recent podcast episode features Dr. Maria Teahan, a psychologist and mental health counselor who addresses the psychological issues related to the Covid crisis and ways to manage it.

**Get a Flu shot!**
The Centers for Disease Control (CDC), Dr. Anthony Fauci, as well as healthcare providers nationwide, are urging everyone more than ever, to get a flu shot, wash your hands, and continue to wear masks as these easy steps are identified as the three best defenses against flu spread.

**Get involved in your Community**

**Stay informed**
The City of Plantation continues to provide you with the most accurate Covid-19 related information from [Verified sources](http://www.plantation.org/CERT). 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 Monday, October 26th at 4:00 p.m.