Citizen Update #162
Friday November 6, 2020
4:00 PM

This is a Citizen’s update on Friday November 6, 2020 at 4:00 p.m.

“There’s a storm front coming”
Yes, this late in the season, Tropical Storm Eta is heading in our direction. Eta is expected to bring heavy rains and gusty winds to South Florida beginning early Sunday morning. Localized flooding can be anticipated.

Avoid standing water. Remember, “Turn around, don’t drown.” Also, do not approach downed power lines. Report them to FPL immediately.

City officials are continuing to monitor the progress of TS Eta. Follow us on Twitter, Facebook, Nextdoor, and our newly updated website. Emergency messages will be sent out over Everbridge, if necessary.

Please note:
Heavy rainfall, over a short period of time can put undue pressure on the City’s water and sewer systems. Our residents can assist us by minimizing water usage during periods of heavy rainfall.

While there is no risk to the water system right now, excessive use during heavy rainfall could cause backups or other issues. Minimizing water usage to only essential needs will help alleviate this potential problem.

Broward County begins gradual reopenings
Broward County began gradual reopenings of in-person services on Monday, November 2. Social distancing requirements have resulted in some building capacity limitations. Customers and employees are required to wear facial coverings. A complete listing of service updates by agency can be found in the "Back to Business In-Person: Broward County’s Plan to Provide Services Safely" report.

Don’t delay medical care
Our latest podcast episode features Barbara Simmons and Madeline Nava discussing the steps both Westside Regional Medical Center and Plantation General Hospital have taken to ensure your safety.
Data shows people are waiting too long to seek medical help for serious illnesses. The Podcast can be found at https://www.buzzsprout.com/945655.

**Governor Extends State of Emergency**
Executive Order 20-276 extends the State of Emergency throughout Florida, related to Covid for an additional 60 days. The details of the Governor’s order can be found on our Covid page at www.plantation.org. Broward County issued a similar order which can also be viewed on the webpage.

**CARES Technical Assistance available**
Broward County will begin offering technical assistance for small businesses and non-profit organizations seeking to apply for the County’s CARES Act Grant Program beginning November 4th at 8AM.

Technical Assistance will be offered between 8AM and 6PM, Monday through Friday. Appointments can be scheduled through the website, Broward.org/Cares, under technical assistance.

Business and non-profits interested in applying can visit Broward.org/Cares for eligibility and application requirements or call 954-357-6400 for more information.

**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 or call 954-797-2150 for details.

**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 Monday, November 9th at 4:00 p.m.