Citizen Update #163  
Friday November 13, 2020  
4:00 PM

This is a Citizen’s update on Friday November 6, 2020 at 4:00 p.m.  
*Happy Friday the 13th, 2020. What could go wrong?*

**Rental assistance available for Plantation residents**  
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 visit [MBCAdmin1@minoritybuilders.org](mailto:MBCAdmin1@minoritybuilders.org) or 954-792-1121 ext. 23 or ext. 26. Applications must be received by 12/1/20.

**Please conserve water**  
In an effort to relieve the strain placed on the City’s sewer system by this weekend’s rains, everyone is being asked to reduce water usage where possible. Minimizing showers, limiting flushes, and reducing laundry times can help prevent a secondary crisis.

**Be a Covid Hero**  
One Blood will be at the Helen B. Hoffman Library on Tuesday, November 24th, from 10:00 AM to 2:30 PM. Donors will receive a $10.00 gift card as well as a variety of wellness checks including a Covid-19 antibody test.

Appointments are encouraged and can be made at [https://www.oneblood.org/donate-now/](https://www.oneblood.org/donate-now/). Use code 60311.

If you were previously diagnosed with Covid and have been symptom free for at least 14 days, your blood plasma may help others infected with Covid. Visit the OneBlood site for details.

**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](https://www.buzzsprout.com/945655).
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 16th at 4:00 p.m.