

Welcome to

August 2024

Plantation Gateway

Revitalization. Growth. Value.



Mayor's Message MAYOR NICK SORTAL

I hope you're enjoying the Plantation Gateway newsletter, a publication focused on the State Road 7 area, its businesses, and its residents.

I'd like to remind you that the Gateway Advisory Board meets every other month

on Wednesdays at 10:00 AM. You don't have to be a member of the Board to attend. In fact, I'm asking everyone to attend so you're aware of the measures we are taking to improve the District and to gather your ideas to make it even better. Meeting dates and times are found on Plantation.org/meetings.

Being involved in Gateway is another way I'd like to make local government as accessible as possible to its citizens. After all, you are the ones who live here. To that end, I've come up with a number of ways to communicate with residents and share valuable and timely information.

My twice-monthly newsletter can be sent directly to

your inbox. I also recently added a "Mayor's Minute" video that you can access every Monday. The goal of this quick, one-minute video is to provide information to get you through the week. Sign up for both via Plantation.org. For direct info, email me at Mayor@Plantation.org.

Finally, the Arbor Day Foundation recently declared Plantation a **Tree City**, marking the 40th time in the City's 71-year history it has attained that status.

The City celebrated the occasion at the February 7, 2024 Council meeting by raising the Tree City flag outside City Hall to accompany the United States, Florida, and City flags.



Development Update

As you travel around the City of Plantation, you can appreciate the abundance of growth we are experiencing, which means added revenue to the City's tax rolls, varied and exciting places to live, outstanding employment opportunities, a thriving economy, and more opportunities to enjoy Plantation's enviable quality of life.

Thanks to significant investment by the City, the **Plantation Gateway District**, and the Plantation Community Redevelopment Agency (CRA), Plantation Gateway along State Road 7/441 has become one of South Florida's most desirable development locations. As you drive along the corridor, you truly know when you are in Plantation by the signature banners, thoughtful landscaping, and an unparalleled dedication to quality development.

- ◆ PIXL condominium is currently under construction with the first two phases to be complete by the end of 2024.

- ◆ A 4,300 sf multi-tenant retail center is under construction at 201 South State Road 7.

- ◆ HCA Plantation General Hospital received approval to erect a new free-standing emergency room facing State Road 7 at Hospital Drive/NW 4 Street.

- ◆ Plans for Arkham Apartments have been approved and are currently in permitting. Arkham will be a beautiful new development consisting of eight one-bedroom apartments located on Peters Road.

- ◆ The City is working with a local developer to finalize plans for a 14-unit townhome complex in the same neighborhood as Arkham Apartments. It will be the first fee-simple, workforce housing development in Plantation.

- ◆ Plans are underway for Publix to become one of the anchor stores at the West Broward Shopping Center, located on the northeast corner of Broward and 441. Redevelopment of the center is

planned as part of the construction.

- ◆ Plans for Zee Car Wash along North State Road 7 have been approved, and include a self-serve drive through carwash and vacuum stations, and upstairs office space.

ELSEWHERE IN PLANTATION

The City's central business district, **Plantation Midtown**, bordered on the north and south by Cleary Boulevard and I-595, and on the east and west by Pine Island and University, is becoming a true town center, with unprecedented office, residential, restaurant, and retail options available.

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The Palms Grand Opening!



The Palms at Plantation, located at 1019 S. State Road 7, held its Grand Opening on Wednesday, June 26, 2024. Joining the crowd were (L to R)

Police Chief Howard Harrison, Councilmember Erik Anderson, Redevelopment Administrator Glendon Hall, Councilmembers Denise Horland and Louis Reinstein, Mayor Nick Sortal, and Capt. Rudy Brown III.

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♦ The Chevron station at Peters and University, and Plantation Square, located at the southwest corner of University and Sunrise are scheduled to get beautiful, updated façades this year.

♦ The University of Miami Sylvester Cancer Center is expanding, and has begun construction on a second 15,000 sf building in Plantation Crossroads office park, near SW 10 Street.

♦ Plantation Midtown Square (the former American Express property) is also under construction at the corner of Cleary and Pine Island, with 480 apartments, 86 townhomes, and a retail and restaurant component. 240 apartment units and 58 townhomes have been completed.

♦ Construction is underway on the Wawa gas and convenience store at Pine Island and Broward Boulevard. It joins Starbucks, Chim Authentic Thai and Sushi, and Smoosh Cookies Plantation.

♦ Plans for a Home2Suites by Hilton have been approved, and will be constructed between Peters Road and SW 13 Place, just south of First Watch and the Enson Asian market. Home2Suites is a nationally recognized all-suite extended stay hotel featuring a contemporary guest room design.

FINALLY ...

There is a great deal of interest in **Plantation Technology Park** and the adjacent corridor, which runs along Sunrise to University Drive.

♦ Companies joining Magic Leap, Motorola Solutions, Chewy, Kenig Aerospace, Goodwin Technology, and eBuilder include an array of retail and restaurant options.

♦ Construction on Sunrise Logistics and Plantation Self Storage is complete.

♦ Chick-Fil-A has recently been approved, and will be joining other popular restaurant choices located in Plantation Pointe (Sunrise and University) as well.

Presented by Royal Casino Restaurant, Plantation Police Department, Plantation Fire Department, and Plantation Community Development Agency (CRA)

Kingsley Park Dedication!

2nd Annual BBQ With a Hero

Saturday, August 24, 2024 ♦ 12:00 - 3:00 PM
Plantation Park East Trailhead/Kingsley Park
4680 NW 9 Court, Plantation, FL 33317

Join your neighbors for this fun community event and picnic honoring former Park East HOA President Kingsley Smith!

- ♦ DJ & Music
- ♦ Police SWAT Bearcat
- ♦ Fire Department vehicles
- ♦ Meet City officials
- ♦ Meet local first responders
- ♦ Learn about plans for local upgrades
- ♦ Children games
- ♦ Giveaways & prizes

Food provided by **Royal Casino Restaurant**
4790 NW 9 Court, Plantation



For more information, please call Glendon Hall, Redevelopment Administrator, 954-797-2768.

For more information on pending and completed development, please call Glendon Hall at 954-797-2768 or Susan DiLaura at 954-513-3509.

Palms at Plantation

Experience senior living unlike any other

The Palms at Plantation ♦ 1019 South State Road 7 ♦ Plantation, FL 33317
Assisted Living ♦ Memory Care



THE
PALMS
AT PLANTATION

The Palms at Plantation brings a new standard of luxurious design, sophisticated sensibility, and warm hospitality to southeastern Florida. Created to feel like a beautiful boutique hotel, the Palms recently celebrated its official grand opening and is setting a new standard in senior living – one where everything we do is centered around the health and happiness of those we serve.

Living at The Palms encourages residents to unlock each day's full potential – with exquisite outdoor spaces, a senior-centric fitness center, restaurant-style dining venues, and spacious residences. Between a vibrant activities

calendar and a variety of social events, education, entertainment, and outings, residents are empowered to connect and grow in new ways each day.

The Palms was designed solely with seniors in mind. The community's intentional architecture, ergonomic design, and boutique-style furnishings are all meant to enhance the health and wellness of our residents. And its modern aesthetics, natural elements, and bright, effervescent spaces create a dynamic, welcoming environment.

Expertly prepared, five-star cuisine combines with high-end hospitality for a dining experience that is as inviting and elegant as it is fresh and delicious. Plus, all-day menu options give residents something to savor 24 hours a day, 7 days a week.

Assisted living at The Palms offers personalized support and thoughtful services for individuals to live as independently as possible. Residents with memory or other cognitive impairments receive personal care, innovative programming, and engaging opportunities designed specifically for them. This highly specialized approach ensures that each person — residents and their loved ones — feels confident, secure, and fulfilled.

For those looking for luxurious assisted living and memory care apartments with an effortless blend of contemporary elegance and experienced care, The Palms is bringing Premier Gold Coast Senior Living to Broward County and beyond.

Thepalmsatplantation.com
954-932-2224



Introducing EyeOnWater EyeOnWater®

Free service helps customers monitor water usage

Plantation Utilities is excited to introduce EyeOnWater, a free service that puts your water usage data at your fingertips! This user-friendly tool offers clear insights into your consumption patterns through easy-to-read graphs. By understanding your water use, you can conserve resources and potentially lower your bills.

Getting started is simple:

- ◆ Visit <https://www.eyeonwater.com/signup>
- ◆ Enter your email and account number
- ◆ Start exploring your water usage!

Access EyeOnWater anytime via the smartphone app or online portal. As a bonus, sign up now and you will

be entered to win a \$25 credit on your utility bill (offer valid through 2024)!

Need help? Our friendly Utilities Customer Service team is here for you at (954) 797-2290 or utilitybilling@plantation.org.

Please note: EyeOnWater requires an AMI meter. Don't worry if you don't have one yet – we're upgrading all homes by the end of 2024 to ensure everyone can benefit from this great service.

Join us in conserving water and saving money. Sign up for EyeOnWater today!

Annual free chlorination event

The City of Plantation will be temporarily switching to free chlorination in its drinking water system beginning at 8:00 AM Sunday, August 25 and ending at 8:00 AM Sunday, September 8.

Free chlorination is a regularly scheduled preventive maintenance procedure for water systems using combined chlorination (chloramines) for disinfection. The City expects the free chlorination period to be a seamless transition to

our customers, however some may notice a slight change in the taste or smell of their tap water. In addition, some may see fire hydrants with flowing water in their neighborhood as a normal part of this process. Residents who are on kidney dialysis or those who have other medical conditions should contact their health care providers for more information about increasing chlorine levels in their drinking water during this time.

At all times during this process the water produced by the City of Plantation will continue to meet local, State, and Federal standards for clean water and will remain safe for drinking, bathing, cooking, and all other purposes. The City of Plantation maintains the highest standards and is committed to delivering clean, high quality drinking water to our customers.

Park East water main replacement project update

Phases C and D of our Water Main Replacement Projects in Breezeswept Park have both kicked off in June. MarcDan (Phase C) and ENCO (Phase D) employees, as well as our own Utilities Inspectors, will be working within the right of ways up through our contractual completion date in the 2nd quarter of 2025. Please use caution when traveling through the neighborhood and call 954-797-2209 should you have any questions or concerns relating to the projects.





Employment Opportunities!

Click on the QR code below or visit Plantation.org for information and application procedures for these and other job opportunities. Submit your application today!

- ♦ GIS Analyst
- ♦ Electrical Control Technician
- ♦ Structural Inspector
- ♦ Utilities Field Tech
- ♦ Volunteer Fire Fighter
- ♦ Police Officer
- ♦ Lifeguard
- ♦ Mechanic



954-797-2241 ♦ Plantation.org

Like what you see?

Should you need additional information, have questions about topics posted in this newsletter, or would like to be on our meeting distribution list, please contact Glendon Hall, Redevelopment Administrator, 954-797-2768 or via email at Ghall@Plantation.org.

Go straight to the source!

Want to know what's going on in the City of Plantation? We have plenty of ways to stay connected.

PLANTATION.ORG

Visit the City's website to pay your water bill, sign up for classes, make a tee time, and much more.

FACEBOOK

Like us on Facebook. Look for official City pages.

INSTAGRAM

Look for the City at cityofplantation, Parks & Recreation at plantationparks; Police and Fire departments at plantationpolice and plantationfiredepartment, and more.

X (FORMERLY TWITTER)

Follow the City, the Parks &

Recreation and Fire departments, and the Helen B. Hoffman Library on X @[plantationFLA](https://twitter.com/plantationFLA), @[plantationparks](https://twitter.com/plantationparks), @[plantationfire](https://twitter.com/plantationfire), & @[helenbhoffman](https://twitter.com/helenbhoffman).

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City of Plantation Upcoming Events

Fall Recreation Class Registration

August 12 ♦ Call 954-452-2510 or visit Plantation.org/parksandrecreation for schedules and registration information.

First Day of School

August 12 ♦ Call Broward County Public Schools at 954-321-0000 or visit Browardschools.com for information.

Primary Elections

August 20 ♦ Jim Ward, Central Park, Volunteer Park. Visit browardvotes.gov for information.

Fall Recreation Classes Begin

August 26

Grandparents Day

September 7 ♦ Plantation Community Center, 10:00 AM – 12:00 PM. Call 954-797-2180 for information.

Plantation Farmers Market

Every Saturday ♦ 9:00 AM – 2:00 PM Volunteer Park. Call 954-452-2558 for information.

Hump Day Food Trucks

Every Wednesday ♦ 5:00 – 9:00 PM Volunteer Park. Call 954-452-2558 for information.

Senior Game Time

Every Monday and Thursday ♦ 1:30 – 4:30 PM, Jim Ward Community Center. Call 954-585-2344 for information.

Summer Yoga in the Park

Every Saturday ♦ 9:00 – 10:00 AM, Jim Ward Community Center. Call 954-585-2344 for information.

If you are interested in sponsorship and vendor opportunities at City events, please email sryan@plantation.org to be added to the Parks & Recreation notification list.

Becoming a City vendor

The Procurement and Financial Services departments maintain a vendor list for goods and services procured by the City of Plantation. If you wish to participate, please complete the Vendor Application, which can be found in the Procurement Department's webpages at Plantation.org. You will be asked to provide a current W-9 form. The information entered is stored directly within the City's registered vendor database. In order to maintain registered vendor status, the Vendor Application must be completed every calendar year.

Additionally, when you visit the Procurement Department's webpages, you can search for registered vendors and search and respond to bid/proposal solicitations. There is also a podcast hosted by Director Charles Spencer outlining the procurement process and how to do business with the City.

Finally, the City of Plantation has completely transitioned to electronic bidding for formal and informal solicitation(s) that exceed \$35,000. The City is no longer accepting paper responses of any kind to procurement solicitation. However, the City still requires original (with raised stamp) bid and public construction bonds. This move reflects a paradigm shift in the City's approach to the procurement process and a significant reduction in the need for paper. All responses will be received electronically via the Demand Star website.

Gateway policing update

Gateway Officers actively patrol the District and regularly engage with individuals to address issues. We have observed a decrease in both call volume and arrests since the first quarter. Since May 1, 2024, there have been a total of 3,483 calls logged. These include 43 arrests, 21 field contacts (officers proactively working with citizens on issues), 176 moving violations, 25 parking violations, and 50 criminal activity calls.

We remain actively engaged with the community, particularly in interactions with suspicious individuals, which are comprehensively documented through field contacts. To tackle the ongoing homelessness issue, the Police Department has added two full-time homeless outreach officers to our existing homeless outreach program. Gateway officers are also now trained in bike patrol, drone operation, and homeless outreach.

If you're aware of any issues affecting businesses or residents in the Gateway area, please reach out to Lieutenant Shayne Highfield. You can contact him at 954-797-2182 or via email at shighfield@psd.plantation.org to help set up targeted patrols.



Plantation Gateway Advisory Board

Plantation Gateway was established in 1988 as a Safe Neighborhood Improvement District for the State Road 7 corridor. It is generally located in eastern Plantation, along State Road 7/441 and Peters Road. The City completed a Master Plan that supported and enabled the City to establish as a special taxing district and utilize a maximum of two mills ad valorem tax on real property within the District. The City pursued

this strategy in order to obtain additional State and local financial resources to address public safety, and set the stage for the future redevelopment of State Road 7.

The Gateway Advisory Board is composed of seven members appointed by the Mayor and Plantation City Council. It was established to represent property owners and the business community within the District, and to provide input to City Council and staff

on how to allocate public funds generated within District. The Board also provides input on development projects within the District.

The Board meets every other month on Wednesdays at 10:00 AM in the Development Services Building, 401 NW 70 Terrace.

If you are a property or business owner within the Plantation Gateway District, and would like more information, please contact Glendon Hall at 954-797-2768 or via e-mail at ghall@plantation.org.

City of Plantation business contacts

Local Business Tax Receipts954-797-2239
Ensures zoning requirements, licenses and permits are in order and compliant with City regulations.

Building Services954-797-2250
Ensures the safety and stability of structures within the City by enforcing all building and City codes. Services include plan review, permitting, inspections and Certificate of Occupancy.

Planning and Zoning,
Economic Development.....954-797-2225
Responsible for land use development and implementation through future land use planning and zoning regulations.

Development Review Team.....954-797-2225
Technical review staff members provide a one-stop shop for answers to development related questions.

Expedited Review954-797-2251
Plans reviewed by this process will be given priority. Expedited review must be approved by Building Department Director, and a cost recovery account must be set up.

OTHER CONTACTS

Greater Plantation
Chamber of Commerce954-587-1410
Greater Fort Lauderdale Alliance954-524-3113
Broward County
Economic Development..... Boward.org/econdev
Florida Department of State, Division of
Corporations.....Sunbiz.org
US Small Business Admin,
South FL District.....Sba.gov/district/south-florida
Internal Revenue Service Irs.gov
Florida Dept of Revenue Myflorida.com/dor
SCORE..... Score.org; 800-634-0245

Using local vendors

LOCAL BUSINESS PREFERENCE ORDINANCE

A balanced and stable economy is more readily achievable when the community, government, and local businesses work together. This has been the ongoing mission of the City of Plantation. As a means to assist the businesses in Plantation, the City adopted a Local Preference Procurement Ordinance in February 2010.

The Local Business Preference Procurement Ordinance enables local vendors to more readily offer goods and services to the City of Plantation. In short, if a local business is within five percent of the low bid, the City will give the local qualified business the opportunity to meet the price of the low bid. This will open the door for more local businesses to become vendors, while still retaining the lowest possible costs to our residents for City-related purchases. It is a winning situation for the business, the City, and our community.

To become a potential City vendor a business must have a local street address, a City business tax receipt

license for at least six months, and be registered with the City of Plantation Procurement department. To register, they can go to the City of Plantation’s website at Plantation.org and click on “Become a City vendor” on the home page. For more information, they may call Plantation’s Procurement department at 954-797-2648.

