



Newsletter September 2017

**September 13
5:30 – 6:30 PM**

**Talk with District 7, Metro Councilwoman Angela
Leet In front of the City of Plantation Office**

Each owner of real property in the City of Plantation pays taxes to the City of Plantation and to Metro Government. CW Leet is interested in how you want your tax contributions to Metro Government to be spent. Is Metro Council allocating enough funds to repair aging infrastructure like roads, bridges, and sidewalks? How should the City of Plantation collaborate with Metro Government to support our residents trying to become free of opioid addiction? What leadership actions will unite our community? CW Leet will listen to your stories and suggestions; lemonade will be served.

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KENTUCKY HISTORICAL MARKER PROGRAM

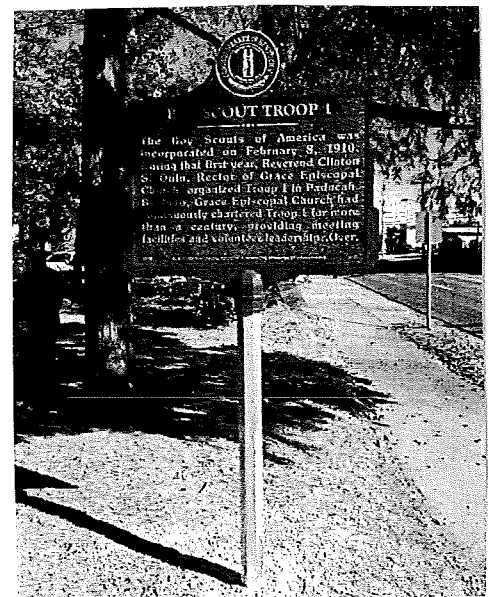
Since 1949, the Kentucky Historical Marker program has allowed communities across Kentucky to recognize and share the sites, events and personalities they consider to be important to local, regional, state or national history. To date, more than 2,400 markers help to illuminate Kentucky's complex story.

Councilmember Susan Schneider researched this program and will lead the council and residents in exploring the legacy and heritage of our city. We will start the process by identifying a marker topic. Then we must conduct research, interpret findings and submit an application. It is the council's goal to submit our first application by March 1, 2018.

Our proposed topic will come from our long-time residents, those that lived here in the city's early years of 1950 – 1980, and those willing to do some research on people, places, and events that create our city's legacy. Topics for the historical marker MUST have verifiable documentation supporting our application. More information on our process will be forthcoming soon. You can start spreading the word now and proposing topics by submitting them via our website under the [We Are Listening](#) tab.

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STORY- WESTPORT MIDDLE SCHOOL ORCHESTRA

The Westport Orchestra is the most the technologically advanced orchestra programs in the world today. The Westport Orchestra is also one of the most rapidly growing orchestra programs in the state of Kentucky. The program has grown from 45 to 180 students in just two years. Many families choose Westport Middle School so that their aspiring orchestra student can be a part of this innovative orchestra program.

Orchestra Director, Corey Zilisch, reached out to municipalities in our area for support. The orchestra needed to safely and economically transport their electronic instruments to events and wanted to purchase a trailer. The City of Plantation council is proud to support the hard work of these talented students by collaborating with the City of Graymoor-Devondale to purchase the trailer.

To find out more about the Westport Middle School orchestra, visit them on Facebook and YouTube. Hopefully, we will have them perform in our City in the near future.

Rock n' Warhawks – we are proud of you!

!!! Save the Date!!!
October 14 Community Fall
Festival hosted by Portland
Christian School
GREAT food, friends, and fun!

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City Council Meetings

Incorporated cities, like Plantation, are required to conduct meetings on a regular schedule to encourage planned participation of its residents. Our elected officials meet on the fourth Wednesday of each month at 6:00 PM at 2502 Hermitage Way.

Our next meetings will be September 27 and October 25. We will not meet on our regular meeting night in November or December. We will conduct a special-called meeting in early December to hear the findings of our audit for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2017.

To see our meeting agenda and to preview the minutes of the last meeting and the financial statements, you may go to our website (listed at the foot of this page) and click on the folder in the lower left corner of the homepage. We try to post the agenda at least 7 days prior to the meeting date. The other documents are posted as available, but not later than the Monday before the planned meeting.

We can't do this without you!

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LEAF MULCH AND GRASS CLIPPINGS OFFER A NUMBER OF BENEFITS FOR YOUR LAWN! Love the beauty of leaves and grass, then leave the clippings where they fall.

- Provides a natural fertilizer for a greener, healthier lawn
- Improves soil structure providing better drainage, better water retention, and fewer weeds

***RECOMMENDATIONS FOR A HEALTHIER, GREENER LAWN:**

SET YOUR MOWER ON MAXIMUM HEIGHT! The higher you mow your grass, the healthier it will be. The roots will be deeper, allowing your lawn to stay green with less water. Deep roots also prevent soil erosion and promote thicker grass growth. Taller grass helps stop weeds from growing by creating more shade to prevent weed germination. Follow the one-third rule: never cut more than one-third of the total height of the grass when you mow. Your lawn will thank you for it!

OR EVEN BETTER...GROW MORE, MOW LESS! If you feel like mowing your lawn is a constant battle, try replacing your turf-grass with plants you don't have to mow. Low-mow landscaping can save you time, money, and hassle. There are lots of options to choose from, such as trees, shrubs, flowers, groundcover, edible plants, and even low-mow grasses. For more low-mow tips, visit: www.louisvilleky.gov/APCD/growmore.

DON'T BAG THOSE CLIPPINGS! A common misconception is that clippings left on the lawn will promote thatch buildup. This is not true. Clippings do not make significant contributions to thatch and should be returned to the lawn whenever possible. Leaves and grass contain mostly water and break down rapidly, releasing nutrients back into the soil.

MULCH LEAVES INTO YOUR LAWN! Mowing tree leaves in the autumn and returning them to the turf system is an outstanding alternative to raking and bagging. Studies have shown the positive effects of mow lawns. To do this, take the grass catcher off your mower and mow over the leaves: want to reduce your leaves to dime-size pieces. You'll know you're done when a grass can be seen through the mulched leaf layer.

AND ONE LAST TIP! Before mowing your lawn, trim your shrubs and clean your landscaping. Place the trimmings on your lawn and cut your grass like normal. You'll need multiple passes over the extra materials, but when complete, you will never know that you saved time and money by not bagging. To avoid hazards while mowing, make them no larger than a pencil.

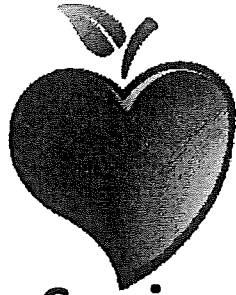


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Dare to Care Food Bank

Senior Commodity Program

What is it?

The Commodity Supplemental Food Program (CSFP) works to improve the health of low-income elderly people at least 60 years of age by supplementing their diets with nutritious USDA Foods.

What are the requirements?

You must be 60+ years of age and your gross income for 1 individual can not exceed \$1307 a month.

What foods are provided to participants?

Food packages include a variety of foods, such as nonfat dry and ultra high temperature fluid milk, juice, oats, ready-to-eat cereal, rice, pasta, peanut butter, dry beans, canned beef, poultry or fish, and canned fruits and vegetables.

How do I apply?

Call Dare to Care Senior Commodities at 502.736.9916



United States Department of Agriculture
What's Cooking? USDA Mixing Bowl

It's that time of year again, time for the kids to go back to school, summer break is over. Here are some safe driving tips to keep yourself and the kids all safe.

- Don't block the crosswalk when stopped at a red light or waiting to make a turn, forcing pedestrians to go around you; this could put them in the path of moving traffic
- In a school zone when flashers are blinking, stop and yield to pedestrians crossing the crosswalk or intersection
- Always stop for a school patrol officer or crossing guard holding up a stop sign
- Take extra care to look out for children in school zones, near playgrounds and parks, and in all residential areas
- Don't honk or rev your engine to scare a pedestrian, even if you have the right of way
- Never pass a vehicle stopped for pedestrians
- Always use extreme caution to avoid striking pedestrians wherever they may be, no matter who has the right of way
- Never pass a bus from behind – or from either direction if you're on an undivided road – if it is stopped to load or unload children
- If the yellow or red lights are flashing and the stop arm is extended, traffic must stop
- The area 10 feet around a school bus is the most dangerous for children; stop far enough back to allow them space to enter and exit the bus safely
- Be alert; children often are unpredictable, and they tend to ignore hazards and take risks
- When passing a bicyclist, proceed in the same direction slowly, and leave 3 feet between your car and the cyclist
- When turning left and a bicyclist is approaching in the opposite direction, wait for the rider to pass
- If you're turning right and a bicyclist is approaching from behind on the right, let the rider go through the intersection first, and always use your turn signals
- Watch for bike riders turning in front of you without looking or signaling; children especially tend to do this
- Be extra vigilant in school zones and residential neighborhoods
- Watch for bikes coming from driveways or behind parked cars
- Check side mirrors before opening your door
- Don't double park; it blocks visibility for other children and vehicles
- Don't load or unload children across the street from the school
- Carpool to reduce the number of vehicles at the school



**Shields
Service**

2502 Hermitage Way #A
Louisville, KY 40242

Back to school automotive check list

The school year is about ready to start, and for some, that means college and going away from home. Here are some basic car tips to make sure your vehicle is ready to go.

Fluids - Have the oil changed and all fluids checked for condition.

Battery – Test the battery and if bad or over four years old replace.

Tires – Check for wear and proper inflation. If tires are at or under 4/32 wear, replace. Might also want to consider replacing even if tires are in better shape depending on the distance to school and where the school is located at.

Brakes – make sure brakes are in proper working condition and will last for the time that the car will be gone.

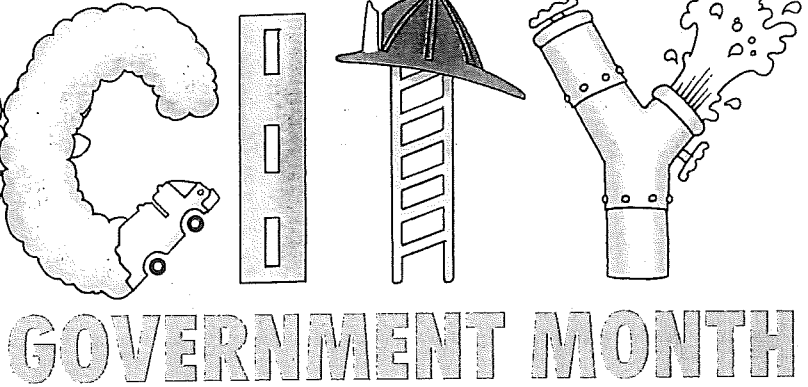
Lights/wipers – Make sure all lights and wipers are working and in good shape.

Proof of Insurance and resignation - Make sure insurance and resignation are up to date.

Spare tire and jack – Make sure the spare tire is in good condition, and the jack and all tools are in working condition.



September is



The Kentucky League of Cities (KLC) is proud to announce CITY GOVERNMENT MONTH, a civics awareness campaign for elementary students.

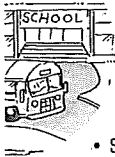
www.citymonth.org



City Government Month

FOR SCHOOLS AND TEACHERS:

- www.citymonth.org – interactive "Tuckytown" map featuring functions of city government
- 15 lesson plans, reviewed by the Division of Program Standards at the Kentucky Department of Education for content
- Activity book for students
- Promotional items
- Essay contest ideas
- Student recognition tools



FOR CITIES AND ELECTED OFFICIALS:

- Sample proclamations and resolutions
- Suggestions for visits, fields trips and essay contests
- www.citymonth.org – interactive "Tuckytown" map featuring functions of city government
- Media and social media ideas . . . and more!



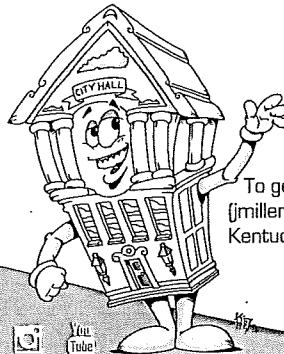
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Resources, tools, ideas and curriculum - all about city government!
An easy, free and fun way to teach kids the importance of civics and citizenship!

Educators: Please contact the city office if you would like us to visit your classroom or school.

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