



Newsletter September 2020

Announcing Interim City Clerk ~ Temporary City Office Hours ~ City Council Meetings

It is my pleasure to announce that Ron Bolton is serving as our interim city clerk through November 14, 2020. Ron is an employee of University of Louisville Physicians and is active in the Schnitzelburg Neighborhood Association. Ron is being tasked with several special projects in addition to providing excellent customer service to you and providing administrative support to the mayor.

The city's office hours through October 31, 2020 are now Tuesday and Wednesday from 5:00 – 8:00 PM and Saturday from 11:00 AM – 2:00 PM. Masks are required in the City Office.

Current year property taxes may be paid during regular office hours. Ron will also refill your refillable bottles with hand sanitizer (80% antiseptic alcohol) and provide disposable face masks.

Ron is available to assist you with registering to receive REACH Alerts, a communication system that allows the mayor to make time-critical announcements.

Our city council meetings for the remainder of 2020 will be September 23 and October 28 at 6:00 PM at the city office. Due to the holidays, the council will not meet on their regular meeting nights in November and December. We expect to call a special-called meeting in early December to hear results of the audit for the fiscal year that ended June 30, 2020.

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VOTING! VOTING! VOTING! VOTING! VOTING!

Election Day Plan Highlights

Absentee ballot by mail

- Kentuckians concerned with contracting or spreading COVID-19 can request a ballot by mail.
- An online portal will launch within the week to allow Kentuckians to request a ballot by mail. Ballots can be requested through the portal through Oct. 9, and through traditional means after.
- Mail ballots must be postmarked by Election Day, Nov. 3, and received by Nov. 6.
- Drop boxes will be available for Kentuckians to return their mail ballots if they are concerned about postal delays. County clerks will determine these locations.

<https://vrsws.sos.ky.gov/ovrweb/govoteky>

Early voting

- Beginning Oct. 13, three weeks before the election, every work day between Oct. 13 and Election Day, and every Saturday for at least four hours, every county clerk will provide a location for safe in-person voting.
- Early voting is not absentee voting – anyone can vote early for any reason.

Election Day voting

- County election officials will decide election sites on Election Day. The State Board of Elections, Secretary of State and Governor will approve each plan.
- Every county will have at least one voting super-center, where everyone from the county can go to vote, regardless of his or her precinct.

Voter identification

- Kentuckians who were unable to get a driver's licenses or photo ID due to the pandemic because their clerk's office was closed, or because they were afraid of exposing themselves to COVID-19, can sign a document explaining this concern and cast their ballot.

Absentee ballot request deadline:	October 9, 2020
Early voting begins:	October 13, 2020
General Election Date:	November 3, 2020

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Emergency Wastewater Rate Assistance Program

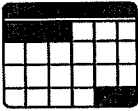


The impacts of COVID-19 have been far reaching. To help those who are finding it more difficult to pay bills during this time, the MSD board has approved an Emergency Wastewater Rate Assistance Program. With this, qualifying customers may receive a **10% discount** on MSD's wastewater charges. To learn more and to apply see below.


Contact the City Office to receive a mail-in application.

10%

10% discount applies to MSD wastewater service charges, wastewater volume charges and consent decree surcharges



Discounts available August 1, 2020 through July 31, 2021



Discount will become effective on next billing cycle following approval

Eligibility requirements:

- Residents of Jefferson County who are named customers with MSD and Louisville Water
- Must be receiving metered water service for a property used solely for residential purposes, and owned or leased by customer as principal residence
- Not currently receiving MSD's Senior Citizen discount as of date of application
- Total household income* at or below 150% of the poverty line (see table to right) and with supporting documentation

Person(s) in Household	Annual Income	Monthly Income
1	\$19,140	\$1,595
2	\$25,860	\$2,155
3	\$32,580	\$2,715
4	\$39,300	\$3,275
5	\$46,020	\$3,835
6	\$52,740	\$4,395
7	\$59,460	\$4,955
8	\$66,180	\$5,515
9	\$72,900	\$6,075
10	\$79,620	\$6,635

*Total household income defined as the combined taxable and non-taxable income of ALL persons living at the address, including: Wages or salaries, Pensions, Gross income from self-employment (IRS Form 1040 Schedule C), Child or spousal support, Worker's compensation, Unemployment benefits, Disability payments of SSDI, Social Security, SSI/SSP, Rent or royalty income, Insurance or legal settlements, Interest or dividends from savings accounts, stocks, bonds, or retirement accounts.

NEW FEATURE: We will share your *Reflections* of living in our City during these unprecedented times. Please share your thoughts and opinions with your neighbors.

Since March our lives have drastically changed. My Grandma used to talk about that silver lining which somehow seems trivial in today's world. Really? How? Where? But then it slowly began to reveal itself to me.

While in quarantine most of us began to see neighbors we haven't recognized walking in our neighborhood. We've seen kids playing outside, and more people sitting on their porch. Dozens of new puppies and now expecting moms. In my own process of "slowing down" I met Stephanie and her adorable pup Izzy walking in the evenings. I met baby Memphis, Robbie (who has lived three doors down for years and we just met), the twins of Taylor and Andrew, and the new seminary students moved in across the street. A Bluegrass music group have played in their front yard for the enjoyment of neighbors. My own next door neighbor moved a small bistro table and chairs to her front yard. I made a sign that reads "The Bistro" for it and we often meet out there in the evenings sharing a glass of wine and talking about life - and our lives - and have become sisters in heart.

I have found one of the most progressive city mayors right here in our own Mayor Becky Peak. Becky has repeatedly gone above and beyond to help us through these times. She hit the ground running in March offering spaghetti dinners to go for us. Other things she has initiated for us have included meals from Mastersons, laptop computers for students in need, making supportive signs for the entrance of Plantation, having a Kona Ice truck at the city office (with a great turnout!), doing another spaghetti supper given away (high kudos to Goose Creek Diner for those terrific meatballs!) and regularly supplying us with masks and hand sanitizers.

I think we are truly blessed to live in Plantation. I hope that all of us are outside a little more, meeting new neighbors to become new friends. Let's make it our goal to know those folks beside us, across and behind us. This can only serve to make our city stronger, safer and more unified. And, I wonder, how can WE give back as able?

I hope to see you out and about! I'll be the one with the border collie dogs.

Kat Ray, Council Member

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Census Takers in Your Neighborhood

Census takers will visit homes that haven't yet responded to the 2020 Census.

What To Expect

Census takers will wear masks and follow local public health guidelines when they visit your home. All census takers complete a virtual COVID-19 training on social distancing and other health and safety protocols before beginning their work in neighborhoods.

Census takers are hired from your area, and their goal is to help you and everyone in your home be counted in the 2020 Census. If the census taker who visits your home does not speak your language, you may request a return visit from a census taker who does speak your language.

Census takers work between 9am and 9pm, including weekends. If no one is home when the census taker visits, the census taker will leave a notice of their visit with information about how to respond online, by phone or by mail.

If you respond online or by phone today, a census taker is less likely to have to visit your home to collect your response.

Please complete your form online, by phone, or by mail when your invitation to respond arrives. Visit my2020census.gov to begin.

Census results shape the future of communities, as census data informs how billions of dollars in federal funds are distributed for health clinics, school lunch programs, disaster recovery initiatives, and other critical programs and services for the next 10 years.

City of Plantation response rate is only 81.5%. PLEASE RESPOND TO CENSUS TAKERS!!!

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Trash talkin': Everything You Wanted to Know, But DIDN'T KNOW WHO to ASK ABOUT OUR WASTE MANAGEMENT SERVICES

- Household trash is collected from the curb EVERY Monday EXCEPT when an observed holiday falls on a Monday. REACH Alerts will help you remember.
- Yard debris is collected from the curb EVERY Wednesday EXCEPT when an observed holiday falls on a Wednesday. Tree limbs must be cut in lengths not to exceed 3.5 feet, may not exceed 4" in diameter and must be bound in bundles or placed in a container that can be emptied. Yard waste must be bagged or placed in a designated container.
- Recycling is collected from the curb EVERY OTHER Wednesday EXCEPT when an observed holiday falls on a Wednesday. Recycling collections will be:

September 10, 23 and October 7 and 21.

- Each household is allowed to place one Waste Management-provided household trash container at the curb. One large item may also be placed at the curb for pick-up. Items containing freon or gasoline will not be picked up. Bedding and upholstered furniture must be completely wrapped in plastic to protect the Waste Management employees from pests.
 - The Waste Management-provided container marked for RECYCLING may not be used as an extra household trash container or for yard debris. Waste Management may refuse to empty any container that is used inappropriately.

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