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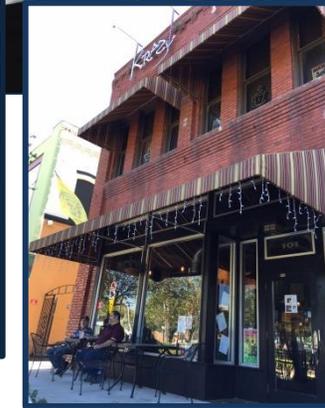
THE CITY OF
PLANT CITY

Florida



W E L C O M E

Welcome to Plant City! We are happy you have decided to make our home your home. We are a vibrant community with a rich history and many cultural, institutional, and entertainment amenities.



Whether you have relocated to Plant City for a new home or business, this **Welcome Kit** will help you locate essential contact information to get you started in the right direction. Our commitment is to provide prompt customer service and our staff is always available to assist you with your individual and business needs. The City of Plant City strives to make our community a great place for families and businesses alike to live, work, play, and learn.

Should you have any questions about the information in this guide, please feel free to contact the Office of the City Manager at (813) 659-4200, Ext. 4157.

Again, welcome to Plant City!

Michael Herr, City Manager

Plant City 
WE'RE READY FOR YOU

LIVE

PLANT CITY

CONTACT YOUR COMMISSIONERS

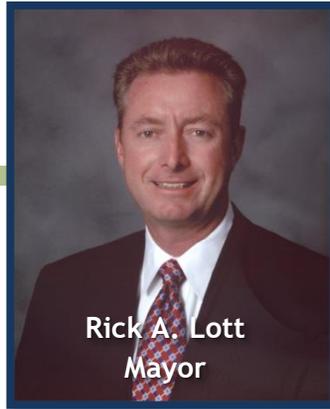
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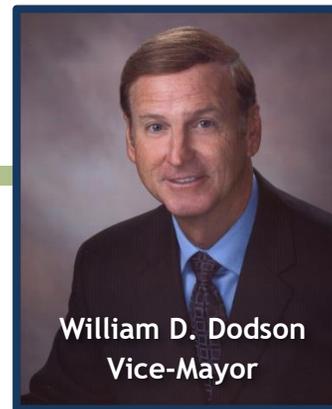
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Rick A. Lott
Mayor



William D. Dodson
Vice-Mayor



Nathan A. Kilton
Commissioner



Mary Thomas Mathis
Commissioner



Michael S. Sparkman
Commissioner



CITY

The City Commission meets on the second and fourth Monday of each month at 7:30 p.m. in the Sadye Gibbs Martin Auditorium at City Hall.

For details and meeting dates and times of other city board meetings, visit www.plantcitygov.com.

COMMISSION

On behalf of the City Commission, welcome to Plant City! We are a city comprised of strong neighborhoods, thriving businesses and a diverse variety of retailers. Located centrally along Florida's I-4 corridor, we are proud to offer safe and walkable neighborhoods, charming historic districts, high quality schools, and unique retail, dining and entertainment options. Plant City represents the perfect blend of community and prosperity.

ADMINISTRATION

OFFICE OF THE CITY MANAGER

Mike Herr – City Manager
302 West Reynolds Street
(813) 659-4200, Ext. 4157
mherr@plantcitygov.com

- Chief administrative officer
- Chief liaison to the City Commission on policy, programs and financial matters.

OFFICE OF THE CITY ATTORNEY

Kenneth W. Buchman – City Attorney
302 West Reynolds Street
(813) 659-4242
kbuchman@plantcitygov.com

- Existing City Contracts
- City Related Legal Documents
- Pending City Legal Matters/Cases

OFFICE OF THE CITY CLERK

Kerri J. Miller – City Clerk
302 West Reynolds Street
(813) 659-4237
kmiller@plantcitygov.com

- Public Records Requests
- City Commission Agendas
- City Commission Minutes
- City Elections

ADD OR DISCONNECT SERVICES

We provide services that make Plant City a great place to live! Contact us for new service requests, changes, or other inquiries.

UTILITY BILLING

302 West Reynolds Street
(813) 659-4222
customerservice@plantcitygov.com

- Start service for water, irrigation, sanitary sewer, and solid waste
- Transfer or disconnect service
- Billing questions
- Report water leaks
- Payment for utility bills and permits

WATER RESOURCES

705 North Alexander Street
(813) 757-9191

- Water conservation and environmental education
- Industrial pretreatment
- Cross-connection

UTILITIES MAINTENANCE

1802 Spooner Drive
(813) 757-9288

- Water, sanitary sewer, reclaimed water, and line maintenance
- New water or sanitary sewer connections
- Water pressure issues

UTILITIES OPERATIONS AND ADMINISTRATION

1500 West Victoria Street
(813) 757-9191

- ispivey@plantcitygov.com
- Drinking water quality concerns
 - Administrative Questions or Concerns

SOLID WASTE

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1802 Spooner Drive
(813) 757-9208
jsessions@plantcitygov.com

- Residential, commercial, and yard debris collection
- Recycling bin requests
- Dumpster or compactor

BUSINESS TAX

FINANCE DEPARTMENT

302 West Reynolds Street
(813) 659-4200, Ext. 4155
businessstax@plantcitygov.com

- Business Tax Receipts (Formerly Business Licensing)

G O V E R N M E N T

DOING BUSINESS WITH THE CITY?

PROCUREMENT OFFICE

302 West Reynolds Street
(813) 659-4200, Ext. 4270
wstorey@plantcitygov.com

LOOKING FOR EMPLOYMENT?

HUMAN RESOURCES

302 West Reynolds Street
(813) 659-4235

<http://www.plantcitygov.com/jobs.aspx>



DEVELOPMENT SERVICES

Permits are required for many building and land alteration activities within the City. Development Services consists of the Planning and Zoning Division, the City Engineer, and the Building Department.

BUILDING DEPARTMENT

302 West Reynolds Street
(813) 659-4254, Ext. 4150
bldgemail@plantcitygov.com

- Building permits
- Plans Review
- Building inspections

ENGINEERING DEPARTMENT

302 West Reynolds Street
(813) 659-4200, Ext. 4123
engineering@plantcitygov.com

- Stormwater
- Streets
- Traffic

PLANNING AND ZONING DEPARTMENT

302 West Reynolds Street
(813) 659-4200, Ext. 4125
planning@plantcitygov.com

- Zoning
- Land use
- Tree removal permits
- Historic Resources

DEVELOPMENT REVIEW COMMITTEE

302 West Reynolds Street
(813) 659-4200, Ext. 4127
pscearce@plantcitygov.com

The Development Review Committee (DRC) provides streamlined and seamless review of development site plans. Whether your development proposal is commercial, industrial, or residential; a DRC Pre-Application meeting will provide valuable information from all reviewing agencies to facilitate an expedited site plan review.



PUBLIC SAFETY

Public Safety is comprised of Police, Fire Rescue, and Code Enforcement. The role of public safety is to maintain order, public health and to protect our citizens through enforcement of Florida State Statutes and City Code.

CODE ENFORCEMENT

302 West Reynolds Street
(813) 659-4200, Ext. 4150
codeenforcement@plantcitygov.com

- Enforcement of City Code
- Enforcement of Property Maintenance Code
- Abatement of Public Nuisances

FIRE RESCUE

604 East Alexander Street
Non-Emergency: (813) 757-9131
Emergency: Dial 911
fire@plantcitygov.com

- 24-hour fire rescue services
- Fire Prevention
- Fire Safety

POLICE DEPARTMENT

1 Police Place, Police Center Drive
Non-Emergency: (813) 757-9200
Emergency: Dial 911
police@plantcitygov.com

- 24-hour law enforcement services

ALWAYS CALL

911

IN AN EMERGENCY



WHY PLANT CITY ?

Strategically located on the I-4 tech corridor between three metropolitan areas -- Tampa, Lakeland, and Orlando -- Plant City offers solid infrastructure, room for growth, an atmosphere welcoming commerce, and the hometown feel of a warm, thriving community.

In addition to I-4, there is a network of U.S. highways, state roads, and rail lines running through the area, making it the perfect location for manufacturing and distribution ventures. With cargo facilities at three nearby international airports, three regional airports, and Port Tampa Bay, Plant City is strategically located to be an integral part of the global marketplace.

Whatever your business needs are, local and regional agencies and service providers are prepared to partner with you. Plant City is poised for growth in all industries to include Manufacturing, Distribution/Logistics, and Agriculture. We look forward to serving you as we grow together.

SUCCESS IN PLANT CITY

In recent years numerous companies have chosen to expand operations in Plant City. Those expansions created:

718 New Jobs

\$152 Million in capital investment

1,474,000 new square feet of business development

W O R K

PLANT CITY

WITHIN CITY LIMITS

Population: 37,480

Median Age: 34

Median Household Income: \$46,580

Labor Force: 17,957

One-Year Job Growth Rate: 25%

GREATER PLANT CITY REGION

People Living Within 20 Miles: 1M

Labor Pool: 520,000

18,000 employees in production

21,000 employees in transportation

E C O N O M I C D E V E L O P M E N T



B U S I N E S S F R I E N D L Y

President

Christine Miller

Email: christine@plantcity.org

106 North Evers Street
Plant City, Florida 33564
(813) 754-3707
www.plantcity.org

The Chamber generates and maintains an active membership and is responsive to its members' economic and business interests. The Chamber's responsibilities include:

- Serving as the main economic resource for its members
- Actively seeking and developing opportunities for economic growth through business recruitment, business retention, and downtown enhancement

The Plant City Economic Development Corporation is a private organization focused on growing our community, offering opportunities for new and existing businesses, and creating success in families. The Goals of the PCEDC are to:

- Aggressively market Plant City
- Ensure current and ongoing success for business at large.
- Pursue redevelopment opportunities in Plant City's Central Business District.
- Encourage and support an entrepreneurial spirit.
- Promote and enhance skills of the current workforce in Plant City.
- Attract additional workforce talent needed in support of existing and new businesses.
- Continue working proactively with City government leadership.
- Continue being the easiest community to do business with in Central Florida!



PLANT CITY
ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT CORP

President and CEO

Jake Austin

Email: jaustin@plantcityedc.com

118 West Reynolds Street
Plant City, Florida 33563-3354
(813) 756-7140
www.plantcityedc.com



President and Chairperson

Patricia Rogers

Email: info@plantcitymainstreet.org

(813)567-5735

Plant City Main Street is a non-profit organization whose mission is to improve the image of Plant City's downtown by facilitating positive incremental changes and economic growth while capitalizing on Plant City's reputation as a visitor destination. Plant City Main Street, Inc. was formed to:

- Play an active role in preserving Plant City's past
- Build the City's future through continuous improvement, economic growth, and carefully planned development of downtown Plant City

PLAY

PLANT CITY

BRUTON MEMORIAL LIBRARY

302 West McLendon Street
(813) 757-9215
libraryinfo@plantcitygov.com

We are your hometown library catering to all ages. We will help you find the information and resources you need and we offer many services that can enhance the quality of your life.

To get a Library Card bring your

- Photo ID
- Proof of Hillsborough County residence

Events

<http://tinyurl.com/hp7yr77>

Services:

- Free Internet and Wi-Fi
- 75,000 books, DVDs, audio books, magazines & newspapers
- Scanning, printing, and copying
- Meeting Spaces
- E-government access
- E-books



RECREATION

RECREATION AND PARKS

1904 South Park Road
(813) 659-4255
recinfo@plantcitygov.com

"It Starts in Parks!"



There's something going on for everyone at Plant City's three recreation centers, nine athletic facilities and 11 neighborhood parks. Join us for numerous and diverse recreation opportunities designed to challenge and encourage your physical and mental well-being.

Programs and Events

<http://tinyurl.com/h6rtcxx>

Services:

- League sports for all ages
- Locations for tournaments
- Facility rentals
- Activity Rain Line: 813-659-4292
- Interments for City cemeteries



S H O P P I N G & N I G H T L I F E



HISTORIC DOWNTOWN

Stroll the streets of Historic Downtown Plant City and explore all the things our quaint, all-American city has to offer. Whether you're shopping, dining, or taking part in one of the City's weekend events or enjoying an evening out in our lively nightlife scene, Plant City has something for everyone.

Events: Girls Night Out Presented by Plant City Main Street
Plant City Food Truck Rally
Bike Show
Classic Car Show

For more information and a calendar of events visit:

<http://www.plantcity.org/events/calendar>



ROBERT W. WILLAFORD RAILROAD MUSEUM & TRAIN VIEWING PLATFORM & TOWER

The mission of the museum is to promote and educate visitors about railroad history and its impact on Eastern Hillsborough County and the City of Plant City. The museum displays and maintains a very sizable collection of railroad memorabilia, including a completely restored Seaboard Air line Caboose.

The Train Viewing Platform & Tower, located adjacent to the museum, is open seven days a week. It is well lit for great train viewing in the evenings.

Location: Historic Downtown Plant City

Hours: Monday- Wednesday 12:00 to 4:00 pm
Thursday- Saturday 10:00 to 4:00 pm
Open late Third Saturday of each Month till 8:00 pm

For more information, visit: <http://www.willafordrailroadmuseum.com/>



H I S T O R Y & C U L T U R E



Since 1930, the Florida Strawberry Festival has rolled out the red carpet to welcome visitors from the Sunshine State and around the world to celebrate our area's primary agricultural crop, strawberries!

The Florida Strawberry Festival represents a slice of Americana, a time in history when fairs and festivals brought communities together. Guests come from near and far to enjoy exhibits of agriculture, commerce, industry, livestock, fine arts, horticulture, and crafts. Central to its focus, the Festival continues to preserve and enhance the agricultural and historical legacy of the Florida Strawberry.

Along with the City of Plant City, the Florida Strawberry Festival board of directors and staff welcome you to Plant City and invite you to join our annual celebration as a guest or volunteer.



F L O R I D A S T R A W B E R R Y F E S T I V A L



When: Late February, Early March

Location: 303 North Lemon Street

Hours: 10 a.m. to 10 p.m.
Midway hours vary by day

Ticket Prices: Adults (ages 13+): \$10
Children (ages 6-12): \$5
Children (ages 5 and under): FREE

For more information, visit www.flstrawberryfestival.com

HILLSBOROUGH COMMUNITY COLLEGE

1206 North Park Road
Plant City, Florida 33563
Phone: (813) 757-2180



LEARN

PLANT CITY



FLORIDA POLYTECHNIC UNIVERSITY

4700 Research Way
Lakeland, Florida 33805
Phone: (863) 583-9050

UNIVERSITY OF SOUTH FLORIDA

4202 East Fowler Avenue
Tampa, Florida 33620
Phone: (813) 974-2011



FLORIDA SOUTHERN COLLEGE

111 Lake Hollingsworth Drive
Lakeland, Florida 33801
Phone: (863) 680-4111

UNIVERSITY OF TAMPA

401 East Kennedy Boulevard
Tampa, Florida 33606
Phone: (813) 253-3333



The Plant City area is home to nearly 80 colleges, universities, and technical schools, as well as a top-notch public education system. No matter what your interest is, Plant City keeps you within range of your learning goals.

SOUTHEASTERN UNIVERSITY

1000 Longfellow Boulevard
Lakeland, Florida 33801
Phone: (863) 667-5000



HILLSBOROUGH COUNTY PUBLIC SCHOOLS

901 East Kennedy Boulevard
Tampa, Florida 33602
Phone: (813) 272-4000



PRIMARY EDUCATION

PLANT CITY HIGH SCHOOL

1 Raider Place
Plant City, Florida 33563
Phone: (813) 757-9370

STRAWBERRY CREST HIGH SCHOOL

4691 Gallagher Road
Dover, Florida 33527
Phone: (813) 707-7522

DURANT HIGH SCHOOL

4748 Cougar Path
Plant City, Florida 33567
Phone: (813) 757-9075

TOMLIN MIDDLE SCHOOL

501 North Woodrow Wilson Street
Plant City, Florida 33563
Phone: (813) 757-9400

TURKEY CREEK MIDDLE SCHOOL

5005 South Turkey Creek Road
Plant City, Florida 33567
Phone: (813) 757-9442

MARSHALL MIDDLE SCHOOL

18 South Maryland Avenue
Plant City, Florida 33563
Phone: (813) 757-9360

LINCOLN ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

1207 East Renfro Street
Plant City, Florida 33563
Phone: (813) 757-9329



BURNEY ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

901 South Evers Street
Plant City, Florida 33563
Phone: (813) 707-7334

JACKSON ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

502 East Gilchrist Street
Plant City, Florida 33563
Phone: (813) 757-9341

BRYAN ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

2006 West Oak Avenue
Plant City, Florida 33563
Phone: (813) 757-9300



WALDEN LAKE ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

2800 Turkey Creek Road
Plant City, Florida 33566
Phone: (813) 757-9433

SIMMONS CAREER CENTER

1202 West Grant Street
Plant City, Florida 33563
Phone: (813) 707-7430

D I S C O V E R

"Embracing the Future While Preserving the Past"

M I D T O W N E A S T G A T E W A Y

The Plant City of tomorrow is creative, intelligent, and sustainable. It integrates technology and is interactive. It is a place that offers services for all, an efficient public transportation system, open spaces, walkable communities, culture, and opportunities for sports and other communal activities. The Plant City of tomorrow is an environment where citizens thrive as they live, work, play, and learn.



P L A N T C I T Y O F T O M O R R O W

For more information about Plant City or to comment on this Welcome Kit, contact Mike Herr, City Manager at mherr@plantcitygov.com