

# January 2012 – Polk City Newsletter



- Polk City Utilities **emergency number** is **1 866 815 0074**. Please use this number **only for emergencies**.
- If you have any questions regarding utilities **Monday through Thursday during Business Hours**, please feel free to call Polk City Utilities - **863 874 4808**.

**City Council Meetings are the second Monday Night each Month at 7:00 PM**

## **February City Council Meeting – Monday, February 13, 2012 7:00 PM**

### ***Martin Luther King Jr. Day CLOSURES***

*JANUARY 16, 2012 – City Hall and Library Closed*

### **Polk City's 4<sup>th</sup> Annual Citywide Residential Yard Sale**

We are already receiving request for the date and time of the Yard Sale.

What a great time to start cleaning out the garage or house and make some money on items you no longer need or use.

Or put on your walking shoes for a day of fun shopping, bargains, and meeting the wonderful people of Polk City.

- **WHEN** **April 28, 2012 from 8:00 a.m. to 3:00 PM.**
- **INSIDE** City Limits Residents and Polk City Utility Service Customers wishing to participate must have a yard sale permit issued by the City.
- **You must be registered** in order to have your address posted on the **City Wide Yard Sale Map**.
- There will be no permit fee for individuals who have the yard sale at their residence.
- Once again this year, a few homes will be sponsoring a Polk City Library Yard Sale at their homes with all proceeds from the sale going to the Polk City Library.
  - If you do not want to have a Yard Sale at your home you may want to donate your items for the Polk City Library Sale. The time, date and address for the drop-off of items will be published in the April Newsletter.
- **INSIDE** City Limits Residents or Polk City Utility Service Customers may choose to set up a vendor booth at **Freedom Park** instead of their residence. There is a fee of \$15.00 for a 10' x 10' space for the setup in Freedom Park.
  - Spaces are open to all types of vendors and go quickly.
  - Last year Freedom Park was packed with shoppers and vendors as this is where the **Yard Sale Maps are distributed**.
- Applications for the residential yard sale and Freedom Park vendors are available at City Hall and online on the Polk City website ([www.mypolkcity.org](http://www.mypolkcity.org))

### **Polk City Library**

- **January Book Club** is reading Kristin Hannah's **Winter Garden**. The Book Club meets on January 17, 2012 at 6:00 PM to discuss the book.
- **February Book Club** will be reading, **Shell Seekers** by Rosamunde Pilcher.
- **March Book Club** will be reading, **The Immortal Life of Henrietta Lacks** by Rebecca Skloot. If you would like a copy of this book, please call the library at 984 4340.
- **Story Time** continues every **Thursday at 11:00 AM** at the library.

### **Watering Restrictions for Polk City** (SWFMD-Southwest Florida Water Management District)

Polk City website [www.mypolkcity.org](http://www.mypolkcity.org) has the links to the SWFMD websites or you can go direct (see url below).

Polk City follows the watering restrictions set by SWFMD.

<http://www.swfwmd.state.fl.us/conservation/restrictions/swfwmd.php>

## Effective Date and Areas

- The District's Phase I Water Shortage Restrictions went into effect on Dec. 1, 2010, except where stricter measures have been imposed by local governments. **The Phase I water shortage has been extended through February 29, 2012.**

## Lawn Watering Schedule and Times

- Lawn watering is limited to twice per week.
- Lawn watering days and times are as follows unless your city or county has a different schedule or stricter hours in effect:
  - Even addresses may water on Thursday and/or Sunday before 10 a.m. or after 4 p.m.
  - Odd addresses **may water on Wednesday and/or Saturday before 10 a.m. or after 4 p.m.**
- Locations without a discernible address, such as rights-of-way and other common areas inside a subdivision, may water on Tuesday and/or Friday before 10 a.m. or after 4 p.m.

## Irrigation Systems

- Under Phase I, residents are asked to check their irrigation systems to ensure they are working properly. This means testing and repairing broken pipes and leaks, and damaged or tilted sprinkler heads.
- Residents should also check their irrigation timer to ensure the settings are correct and the rain sensor is working properly in accordance with state law.

## Landscape Watering Schedule and Times

- Hand watering and micro-irrigation of plants (other than lawns) can be done on any day and at any time.

## New Lawns and Plants

- New lawns and plants have a 30-30 establishment period, which allows any-day watering during the first 30 days.
- During the second 30 days, watering is allowed three days per week: even-numbered addresses may water on Tuesday, Thursday and Sunday; odd-numbered addresses may water Monday, Wednesday and Saturday.

## Fountains, Car Washing and Pressure Washing

- There are no restrictions on fountains, car washing and pressure washing. However, the District asks that residents be as efficient as possible, such as using a shutoff nozzle on their hose so water isn't wasted.

## *“Model Subway Status” Award given to Polk City Subway*



Our own Polk City Subway shop, located in the Circle K on Commonwealth, won a national award for being the “one of the company’s best” Subways.

Congratulations to owner, Circle K and managers Linda and Melanie for a job well done.

Stop by and have Genny or Kristen (pictured to the left) make you a sub.

We love our subs!

Polk City Library would also like to thank Subway for their continued support of the library activities.

***More Beautiful Plants*** – Thanks again, goes out to Carol and John Levengood for donating the beautiful arbutus, Liriope grasses, irises and rose bushes planted at the front of the City Government Center. We are looking forward to a colorful spring!

***Thank you to all our citizens*** who faithfully attend the Polk City Council Meetings. This is a great way to be updated on the latest Polk City news and talk with the Council Members.

***Have you registered to vote yet?*** Don't miss the 2012 elections! Registering to vote is an easy process.

- Stop by City Hall or the Polk City Library for a registration form today. The last possible date of registration is March 2, 2012 for the April election.
- You can also register online at the Polk County Supervisor of Elections website (<http://www.polkelections.com/content.asp?c=1>) and download an application.