

February 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

March City Council Meeting – Monday, March 12, 2012 7:00 PM

Mayor Joe LaCascia joe.lacascia@mypolkcity.org Vice Mayor Trudy Block trudy.block@mypolkcity.org
Councilor Nancy Adorno nancy.adorno@mypolkcity.org Councilor Mike Blethen mike.blethen@mypolkcity.org
Councilor Don Kimsey don.kimsey@mypolkcity.org Phone for an appointment with any council member call 863 984 1375 ext 221

MARCH CLOSURES

February 20, 2012 – Presidents Day City Hall and Library Closed

Summary of January 9, 2012 City Council Meeting

- ORDINANCE 2012-01, Imposing a moratorium on the collection of Impact Fees, other than Impact Fees for water and sewer services for twelve months. Polk County also has a moratorium on impact fees. Yes – 5 No- 0
- Proposal to Provide Applicant Risk Assessment, Positive ID Verification and Third Party Debt Collection – This motion was approved for Polk City Manager to move forward with the engagement of a collection services for unpaid debts to Polk City. Yes – 5, No – 0
- Motion by Councilor Don Kimsey and seconded by Mayor Joe LaCascia for a lighted sign for Polk City Hall in the amount not to exceed \$7500. Vote: Yes 2, No 3. The motion did not pass.
- **CDBG Grant** (\$650,000 non-matching) for replacement of water lines in Railroad Heights is ahead of schedule. Bids are going out for contractors 2-3 weeks earlier than planned.
- The **First Annual Polk City Manager Christmas Parade Award** went to the Mount Olive Shores North. Mr. Baker accepted the award for the group.
- Polk City Council approved \$5000 to Envisors Consulting to prepare grant request document for Safe Walk to School. Yes – 5 No - 0

Summary of January 23, 2012 City Council Workshop

The purpose of this workshop was for the City Council to work with the City Manager to identify City Manager goals for FY 2011.

- The Council discussed many ideas with the City Manager
- The final outcome of the meeting was for the City Manager to combine the ideas of the City Council for a list of goals.

From the Mayor's Desk..... (Contributed by Mayor Joe LaCascia)

For the second time in two years Mayor Joe LaCascia was chosen to address the Polk Vision Leadership Polk Class V a group of 23 community, business and civic leaders in Polk County. On January 26th the Mayor was asked to speak about Polk City – its' gems and challenges, past, present and future. Clearly...there was a lot to talk about! He will also be speaking to local church and civic groups or associations about the same topic over the next few months. *This will be an ongoing series to return Polk City to the position of integrity and self respect it so deserves amongst our neighboring cities and Polk County.*

Mayor Joe LaCascia and fellow City Councilors Vice-Mayor Trudy Block, Nancy Adorno, Mike Blethen and Don Kimsey have efforted this cause over the past two years with much success being acknowledged in the Polk County community.

If you wish to have the Mayor speak to your community, church, civic or HOA group give him a call at 863 272-4505 to schedule time and place. It won't be boring!

Polk County Fire Station in Polk City Receives 2011 IGUANA AWARD

Polk County's Fire Station Branch in Polk City received the **2011 Iguana Award for Customer Service**. This award is given to the Station that goes above and beyond to serve their community. We are proud to have these fine public servants in Polk City. Thank you for all you do for Polk City and Polk County and keep up the good work. Thank you also to Dorothy Hayes for bringing this award to our attention.



Polk City's American Legion Post 396



- We are thrilled to announce that **Polk City has been assigned American Legion Post # 396**.
- **Thanks** to all of the veterans who made this possible!
- There is always room for more veterans to join. Contact: John Forsburg at 863 984 4696 or BJ132@netzero.com for more information

Polk City Elementary School's Cake Auction and BBQ

March 2, 2012 at 6:00 PM

- Polk City Elementary is celebrating **85 years in Polk City** with the Annual Cake Auction and BBQ dinner.
 - **The BBQ Dinner starts at 6:00PM**. The cost of the dinner is \$6.00 for adults/children \$4.00. Hot dogs are available for \$3.00
 - **Cake Auction follows at 7:00 PM**. Bidder registration for the Cake Auction starts at 6:30 PM.
 - **All Proceeds directly benefit the students!**
- Polk City Elementary **Chuck E. Cheese Spirit Night** – February 23, 7-9 at the Chuck E. Cheese – Lakeland Mall on Rte 98. If you mention Polk City Elementary School, 15% of the bill will be donated to the school.

Camp Gilead OPEN HOUSE -- FREE Family Fun Day on March 3rd from 10 AM to whenever it ends

- Activities include
 - **Silent and Live Auctions**
 - **BBQ** (only \$6 for adults and \$4 for kids, ages 6 and up)
 - **Carnival** for kids and tours of the Camp
 - **Southern Gospel Concert**

The community is invited to the OPEN HOUSE on March 3rd from 10:00 AM to whenever it ends. (Located on SR 559 in Polk City)

Polk City Ace Hardware – What’s Going On?

Ace Hardware – Polk City is doing a complete remodel of the store! The store is open for business during the remodel. Walls have been removed and additional shelving is being installed. Ace Hardware will also expand their auto supplies section. Notice the new Auto Plus sign in the front of the building. The remodel is expected to be completed by mid-March.

New Service Offered to Polk City Utility Customers

Customers can now review their utility (water and sewer) account anytime online, including after a bill is calculated but prior to receiving the bill in the mail.

- To view the utility accounts online:
 - Go to www.mypolkcity.org
 - On the home web page, select ‘Polk City Utility Account Information’ (under Quick Links on the left bottom of the page.
 - Enter the customer’s account ID, pin #, then select ‘enter’. **The customer’s account ID and pin # will be printed on their utility bill. Customers can also call the utility billing office and request this information as well.

Polk City Library

- **What an honor for Polk City’s Book Club.** Last month the members of the Book Club discussed the month’s book, Winter Garden with the author, Kristin Hannah. It was great to hear what the author was thinking as she wrote the book!
- Polk City Book Club will be meeting on February 21st at 6 PM. The book this month is Rosemunde Pilcher’s, *The Shell Seekers*.
- Story time is every Thursday at 11am Come hear a story and do a craft with Miss Linda.

February 2	Transportation
February 9	Valentine’s Day
February 16	Kittens
February 23	Dragons

Polk City’s 4th Annual Citywide Residential Yard Sale

WHEN April 28, 2012 from 8:00 a.m. to 3:00 PM. We think this will be the biggest sale ever! Start saving for the sale. If you do not want to have a sale, you can always donate to the Friends of the Library yard sale. All proceeds go to the Polk City Library. Details on where to donate will be published in the April Newsletter.

Fair Housing Notice

“Polk City is a Fair Housing Advocate (City Ordinance #1263). If you feel you have been discriminated against, you may file a housing discrimination complaint at: 1-800-669-9777 (Toll Free) or 1-800-927-9275 (TTY) or locally, Patricia Jackson, City Manager at (863) 984-1375.”

LAST CHANCE for April 2012 Election - 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.



If you have activities or news that would be of interest to the Polk City service area, please contact Trudy Block at 630 853 3673 or trudy.block@mypolkcity.org.