

# May 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 call Polk City Utilities - **863 874 4808**.

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

<b>May City Council Meeting</b>	<b>Monday, May 14, 2012</b>	<b>7:00 PM</b>
<b>June City Council Meeting</b>	<b>Monday, June 11, 2012</b>	<b>7:00 PM</b>

## **CLOSURES – Memorial Day Closures**

- **Polk City Government Center** **Monday, May 28<sup>th</sup>**
  - **Polk City Library** **Saturday May 26 thru Monday May 28**
- Trash pickup** for Polk City Citizens (brown trash containers) will be on Tuesday morning, May 29<sup>th</sup>, that week

## **Summary of April 9, 2012 City Council Meeting**

- Joe LaCascia was elected Mayor of Polk City for the third time.
- Michael Blethen was elected Vice Mayor.
- Ordinance 2012-02 amending Chapter 74 Utilities; amending Section 74-251, deposits required providing for severability; providing for conflicts; providing an effective date – Second and Final Reading. In summary, the water deposit would be \$150 inside or outside the city. Motion Carried: 5 – ayes, 0 - nay
- CDBG Grant – Approval to award bid for water line replacement to Empower Construction, Inc.
- Resolution 2012-01, A Resolution of the City Council declaring certain personal property as surplus; providing for authorization for the public sale, subsequent donation or disposal of said personal property; providing for the prior advertisement of said sale; providing for all revenue to be placed in the General Fund; and providing an effective date approved
- Request Approval to use Restricted Funds – New Local Option Gas Tax from prior year for street (cash carry-over) – approved
- Request to Approve Street Paving – additional information was requested by the council prior to approving the street paving.
- Street Resurfacing was tabled until the May 14 City Council Meeting



## **Polk City Utilities - Adds Additional Hours to Walk-up Window!**

**Beginning May 7** the Polk City Utilities Walk-up window in Polk City Government Center will be open the following hours  
**Monday - Thursday from 8:30 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.**

## **The Office of Congressman Dennis Ross Visiting Polk City**

**May 16, 2012 1:00 PM – 2:30 PM Polk City Government Center**

A Constituent Services Representative from Congressman Ross' Office will be present to answer your questions if you are having trouble contacting or hearing back from a federal agency (Veterans Administration, Social Security, Medicare, IRS, etc.) No appointment needed.

## **Illicit Discharge Identification and Reporting Session - June 19<sup>th</sup> FREE**

The City of Polk City Public Works Department, in conjunction with Polk County's Natural Resource Division has scheduled a public session in Polk City on **Illicit Discharge Identification and Reporting** on **Tuesday, June 19<sup>th</sup> at 10:30 AM at Polk City Government Center.**

An illicit discharge is any harmful chemical or pollutant that could seep into our lakes and streams.  
Plan to attend this informative session on protecting our water resources.

## **Keeping Our Waterways and Land Clean**

Help to keep Polk City's drains and land free of pollutants and debris.

- Please do not throw anything into our street easements (ditches) or onto soil (oil, chemicals, paint, etc.) that could filter into Polk City's water supply. Dispose of all pollutants properly. If you are unsure what is considered hazardous waste or where to drop off the hazardous waste, go to the following website -  
[http://www.polk-county.net/subpage.aspx?menu\\_id=46&nav=res&id=312](http://www.polk-county.net/subpage.aspx?menu_id=46&nav=res&id=312)

## **Polk City's 4<sup>th</sup> Citywide Yard Sale – Sets a Record for number of participants!**

- A record number of participants registered for the City-wide Yard Sale. Polk City distributed over 300 maps at Freedom Park. The reserved areas in Freedom Park filled up early. Delicious food at Freedom Park, great bargains everywhere and the chance to chat with your neighbors made for another perfect day in Polk City.
- We will keep you posted on the date for next year's Polk Citywide Yard Sale.

- A special thanks to Smirna and Otto Martinez for getting up very early the morning of the Yard Sale. Their hard work in the planning, set up and cleanup of the 2012 Polk City Citywide Yard Sale is greatly appreciated.
- The Library collected \$308 and the surplus supplies for sale at the Polk City Government Center brought in \$210.

## **Polk City Library – May Activities**

- Drop in and make a **special Mother's Day card** for your special Mom on **Thursday May 10th 3:30 -5**
- The May book club selection is **The Time Traveler's Wife** by Audrey Niffenegger. The meeting is **May 15th at 6pm**. **June's selection** is going to be Barbara Delinsky's **Family Tree**. Stop in to the library and request a copy and join us.
- **Polk City Library Story Time every Thursday at 11:00.**  
Preschool story time at the library. Please bring your children ages 2 to 4 to the library to join Miss Linda for stories and a craft.  
5/10 Mother's Day                      5/17 Humpty Dumpty Day                      5/24 Flowers                      5/31 End of year party
- **Fancy Nancy Party for Saturday May 19th 11-12:30** Nancy loves being fancy; so come dressed up in your fanciest Nancy outfit. Games, craft and snacks. Please call the library to register 863-984-4340.
- **Polk City Library** is looking forward to another fantastic **Summer Library Program** this year.
  - **Wednesday's at 11:00 AM beginning June 13th.**
  - **Gatorland** will be kicking off the Polk City Library summer program on June 13th. Last year every child had the opportunity to hold a live alligator.
  - Please join us again this year as we learn more about animals living in Florida.
  - Programs on **bicycle safety, fossil imprints, and balloons** are some of the other topics we will be exploring.
- The exact dates will be announced in the June Newsletter.
- Participation in the Polk City Elementary School and Polk City Library Collaboration.
- Thanks to 2<sup>nd</sup> grade Polk City Elementary School teacher Ms. Anne Blethen for sponsoring the kindergarten, 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> grade classes on a visit the Polk City Library.

## **Around Polk City**

- The playground at Freedom Part and the park on 2<sup>nd</sup> Street got fresh new coverings of mulch this month. The crew also painted the Freedom Park restroom building, the metal around the entrance, stage and the Freedom Park sign. The refresh looks great and very colorful. New swings were also installed at the Freedom Park playground. Keep up the good work!
- All of the decorative street light bulbs on Commonwealth are now working. Commonwealth Street looks pretty in the evening.
- The wooden bridge near the Polk City entrance on the Van Fleet trail has been repaired. Several boards were replaced so the ride across the bridge is not as bumpy.
- You may have seen the Lakeland Electric trucks around Polk City. The crews are installing heavier wires/cables and stronger poles that support our electric lines. This should help provide continuous electric service during high winds and other inclement weather.

## **Taking It to the Streets – Polk County Transportation Program**

Staying healthy is one of the best ways to keep healthcare costs down.

Polk County Transportation resources (Citrus Connection, Winter Haven Area Transit (WHAT), and Polk Transit) are sponsoring a walking/biking program. Starting in April, Polk County residents can commit to getting to work any way other than driving solo. Track your efforts online and possibly win some great prizes. Share your story with others or post pictures of your unusual trip to work.

Logon to [facebook.com/takingittothestreetsswfl](https://facebook.com/takingittothestreetsswfl)

Or contact [Commuter Services](mailto:Commuter Services) 1-866-585-RIDE [commuterservicesFL.com](http://commuterservicesFL.com)

## **Polk County Hurricane Expo - FREE Saturday, June 2**

Lake Eva Banquet Hall, Haines City 9:00 AM through 3:00 PM

The Hurricane Expo was traditionally held in the Winter Haven Orange Dome. However, as most of you know, the Orange Dome was demolished earlier this year to make room for “The Landings”, a new retail development in Winter Haven.

The expo features local companies showing their latest hurricane proof products for your home, lectures from the experts, free giveaways, and the Polk County resources that assist citizens of Polk County during the hurricane emergencies.

## **Community Employment Fair Sponsored by Congressman Dennis Ross**

May 16, 2012 11 AM – 3 PM Polk State College - 3425 Winter Lake Road, Lakeland

Veterans will receive early admission at 10 AM. More information can be found at [www.polkworks.org](http://www.polkworks.org) or 863-508-1600.

There are construction type jobs available for skilled and non-skilled labor.

## **So Long to Polk City's Snowbirds**

We had a wonderful snowbird season this year. The weather cooperated and there was so much to do in Polk County and surrounding areas again this past season. Have a safe trip home! We look forward to your return next year.

XX Issue If you have community activities or news that would be of interest to the Polk City service area, please contact **Councilor Trudy Block at 630 853 3673 or [trudy.block@mypolkcity.org](mailto:trudy.block@mypolkcity.org)**