

September 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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CLOSURE **Columbus Day – City Hall and Polk City Library CLOSED Monday, October 8, 2012**
Polk City Council Meeting will be held on Monday, October 8, 2012

City Council Meetings are the second Monday Night each Month at 7:00 PM
September City Council Meeting Monday, September 10, 2012 7:00 PM
October City Council Meeting Monday, October 08, 2012 7:00 PM

Summary of August 13, 2012 City Council Meeting

- **Proclamation- Florida State Champions - Polk City Senior Girls Softball Team** (Hick Chicks with Sticks) in honor of their outstanding work as a team that won the 2012 Florida State Championship.
- Presentation – Marilyn Crotty (Florida League of Cities) presentation on Charter Reviews
- Request for Contraction – 258 Waterview Drive – The feasibility study was reviewed by Council. Council voted to deny the request.
- Ordinance 2012-1292, An ordinance of the City of Polk City, Florida; amending the city’s unified land development code to repeal and replace Article 5 – Resource Protection Standards, Section 5.01.00; To adopt Flood Hazard Maps... Approved on First Reading.
- Ordinance 2012-1293, An ordinance of the City of Polk City, Florida, amending the unified land development code of the City of Polk City, Florida, by adding the definition for “Farmers Markets” to Article 9... Approved by City Council on First Reading.
- Approval for the Financial Reporting Officer/Comptroller Services Agreement not to exceed \$5000. Approved by City Council.
- Request for Polk City citizen volunteers for the Polk City Charter Review Committee.

Mayor Joe LaCascia & Councilor Trudy Block Attend Florida League of Cities Conference

- The 3 day conference was held in Hollywood Florida. Most of the 410 cities in Florida were represented.
- Mayor LaCascia also attended the Florida League of Mayors meetings held at the same time.
- Both members of the Council attended many sessions with topics and discussions that affect municipal governments.

Charter Review Committee

- Polk City City Council is seeking citizen volunteers to serve on the Polk City Charter Review Committee. If you are interested, please fill out a volunteer application and submit to the City Manager's Office. For additional information call 863-984-1375.

Ordinance approved by Polk City Council for Utility Deposit Amounts

- Polk City City Council approved a utility deposit credit to be applied to residential, non-high risk, utility accounts for which a deposit above \$150.00 was collected; and for the residential, high risk, utility accounts for which a deposit above \$300.00 was collected.
- The residential utility deposits were recently changed to \$150.00 or \$300.00 for high risk customers.
- For those customers who are eligible for the credit, only the amount collected above the current, required deposit amount will be credited to the account balance (For example, a customer had paid a \$175.00 deposit and isn’t a high risk customer. That customer will have \$25.00 removed from their deposit balance and applied to their utility account balance).
- The credits were issued on August 30th, 2012, and may appear on the utility bills as a previous credit balance on your September 2012 utility bill, and your current charges will show separately.
- The ‘total due now’ amount on your September bill and/or the ‘current due’ amount on the bill payment stub is the amount that will be due by September 25th, 2012.
- No refunds will be processed for the deposit credit amounts. The credit will apply to the utility charges on your account until the credit has been used up.

Curbside Cleanup (Brown Trash Bins ONLY)

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 20, 2012

Citizens of Polk City (only those with Brown Trash Receptacles)

It’s clean up time! Round up the junk from your basement, garage, back yard, or attic and get it to the curb for the Fall Curbside Clean Up. Here is your chance to place general junk, mattresses/box springs, unusable furniture such as desk, couch, chairs, tables, lamps, tires (without rims) and appliances (“White Goods”) at your curbside and Republic Services will pick up the items.

How to Participate:

- Place materials at the curb before 6 a.m. on October 20th, 2012.
- Do not place materials at the curb two days before the scheduled cleanup day.
- Remove nails from wood.

- Please do not attempt to help the cleanup crew load your material.
- No Hazardous waste items (paint, batteries, chemicals or solvents, no asbestos items, motor oil, or antifreeze).
- No food waste
- Remember to always take items that can be recycled to your local charity organization.

Polk City Library

- Polk City Book Club – September 18 – 6:00 PM **Midnight in the Garden of Good and Evil** by John Berendt
- Storytime starting up again (every Thursday at 11:00 AM starting on September 20)
 - Thursday - September 20 11:00 AM – **The Bus for Us** by Suzanne Bloom
 - Thursday - September 27 11:00 AM - **Knuffle Bunny** by Mo Willems

Polk City/VanFleet Trail Bike Ride Committee

The first meeting of the Polk City/VanFleet Trail Bike Ride Committee took place last month. Initial plans for a Bike Ride are being developed. As the organization continues to take shape, additional volunteers will be needed to assist with the planned event. We will keep you posted on the progress of the committee activities. Thank you to **Dwight Kitchens and Will Byers** for volunteering their time as **Co-Chairs of this committee**. Other members of the committee include:

Trudy Block - Secretary of the Committee/ City Council
 Susan Ketterman – Citizen Volunteer
 Smirna Martinez – Polk City Staff Liaison
 Scott Spaulding – Florida Parks and Recreation

Gail Funk - Citizen Volunteer
 Joe LaCascia – Mayor Polk City
 Rachel Payne - Florida Parks and Recreation

Polk City Jaguars (Football, Cheerleaders, Flag Team)

- The Polk City Jaguars are entering their 18th year of competition. Neva Green and Bob Howe are two of the founders of the teams (ages 4-15) and have volunteered their time since the beginning of the organization. Practices are Monday, Tuesday, and Thursday evenings at the Polk City Park on Route 33.

American Legions Post - Van Fleet Am. Legion Post 396 ,Polk City, NEEDS new members. Join Florida's newest Post and grow with it. Meetings are every third Tuesday of the month. & PM sharp at the Polk City Activity Center. Need Info? Call 863-984-4696 or Email; BJ132@netzero.com Post Cmdr John Forsburg ..

In the News

Polk City was in the news again this month.

- **Polk City Changes Rules to Allow Farmers Market Near City Hall** August 14, 2012 **The Ledger and Bay News 9**
 Buy-local-food advocates, also known as "locavores," will get a new location next month when Polk City gets a farmers market. "I'm guessing there'll be home-grown tomatoes. That's for me," Councilman Don Kimsey said...
<http://www.theledger.com/article/20120814/NEWS/120819635>
http://www.baynews9.com/content/news/baynews9/news/article.html/content/news/articles/bn9/2012/8/16/farmers_market_comin.html
- **Sink Hole Develops Under Polk City Mobile Home** August 30, 2012 **The Ledger**
 Iris Vega of Polk City was running errands when she got a frantic phone call from her family Thursday morning. When she drove to her house on Burr Road she found a sinkhole had opened under her mobile home. The dry hole is 14 feet long, 15 feet wide...
<http://www.theledger.com/article/20120830/NEWS/120839968>

Corrections from September Newsletter

- The water pipes are also being placed in the Oakridge area within Polk City
- The Safe Haven Halloween has not changed names to the Fall Festival.

Upcoming Polk City Events

Mark your calendars!

VENDORS CAN SIGN UP NOW for these events at City Hall.

DONATIONS are being taken for these events at City Hall.

October 27, 2012

Safe Haven Halloween

Vendors applications are available at City Hall.

\$20.00 for a 10' X 10' vendor space.

Call – 863-984-1375 ext 221 if you have any questions.

New Time for event: 2:00 p.m. – 6:00 p.m.

December 1, 2012

City of Polk City Christmas Parade

Saturday, December 1, 2012 Parade starts at 2:00 p.m.

This event gets bigger and better every year!

Vendor applications are available at City Hall.

Parade applications are also available.

Call (863) 984-1375 ext. 221 for details.