

# October 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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## Closed on Veterans Day, Monday – November 12, 2012 (Library and City Hall)

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

- **November City Council Meeting** TUESDAY, November 13, 2012

## Summary of September 10, 2012 City Council Meeting

- **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 second and final 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 second and final reading
- **Ordinance 2012-1294**, An Ordinance of the City of Polk City, Florida adopting the final levying of Ad Valorem Taxes for the City of Polk City for Fiscal Year 2012-2013 ..... Ad Valorem approved for 8.6547 mil. Approved by City Council on First Reading.
- **Ordinance 2012-1295**, An Ordinance of the City of Polk City, Florida, adopting the Final Budget for Fiscal Year 2012-2013.... Approved by City Council on First Reading. Total Polk City Budget approved for a total of \$4,883,006
- **Resolution 2012-04**, A Resolution of the City Council of the City of Polk City, Florida, adopting the Polk County Local Government "Complete Street Policy" See [www.mypolkcity.org](http://www.mypolkcity.org) – left side column under Ordinances, Resolutions and Proclamations for additional detail.
- Participation with Polk County in the **Landscape and Irrigation Evaluation Cooperative Funding Project**. The initial fiscal impact is not to exceed \$3000. This program provides landscape and irrigation evaluations for Polk City Residents. Stay tuned for more information.

## Summary of September 24, 2012 City Council Special Meeting

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- City Council approved repair of Lift Station No. 1 (9/24)
- Change Order No. 1 for the CDBG Water Line Project – Paving
- Fountain Park Homeowners/Polk City Easement – Water Interconnect with City of Lakeland was approved (9/24)
- Update on the Water, Wastewater and Water Reuse Project – GAI Consultants. The project is on schedule.

## 2012 POLK CITY SAFE HAVEN HALLOWEEN



SATURDAY, OCTOBER 27, 2012      2:00 P.M. – 6:00 P.M.

**7750 Berkley Road (Freedom Park-Polk City)**

- Get the kids dressed up in their Halloween costume and come on out for an afternoon of old-fashioned fun.
- Free moonwalk, candy, popcorn, Children's costume contest, and childrens games. Great food and other fun items for sale.
- Entertainment – **The Polk City Swamp Stompers** will be performing this year!

Application deadline for vendors is Mon. Oct. 15, 2012 (**Polk City Hall**)

For more information, call Smirma at (863) 984-1374 ext. 221.

## Curbside Cleanup (Brown Trash Bins ONLY)

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 20, 2012

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. (No need to place in trash bin.)

How to Participate:

- Place materials at the curb before 6 a.m. on October 20<sup>th</sup>, 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.

## **AMENDMENT 4 - and 10 OTHER CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENTS** **On the Ballot November 6, 2012**

- **VOTE “NO” ON AMENDMENT 4 !!** (See the list below)
- **Amendment 4 will**
  - Negatively affect you and your taxes
  - Hurt new job growth and growing businesses
  - Make our already complicated tax system even worse
  - Be unfair to Homesteaded Florida Residents - it shifts more of the tax burden to them.
  - Be unbalanced; for identical properties, property taxes will be different.
  - Provide unfair special benefits to out-of-state and non-homesteaded property owners.
  - Hurt our community’s ability to fund vital local services such as roads, police and fire services.

Florida League of Cities and Florida League of Mayors have passed resolution(s) against this Amendment and have called upon local leaders to pass similar resolutions. Polk City Council will take action on this issue at its’ October 8<sup>th</sup> regularly scheduled 7PM meeting. The **Polk City Library** has voter guides available to read about the **candidates and amendments on the ballot**. Stop by and pick one up.

### **Van Fleet State Trail – Closed for Construction at Bay Lake**

Beginning October 15, 2012, the Bay Lake trailhead will be closed for construction of parking, restrooms and a new road entry. The trail will be completely blocked to pedestrian and biking traffic. This closure is approximately 20 miles north of Polk City, 10 miles north of the Green Pond trailhead and 10 miles south of the Mabel trailhead. This closure will continue until after the first of the year. Please contact park/trail staff at [\(352\) 394-3969](tel:3523943969) if you require additional information.

### **Mayor Joe LaCascia Participates in the Polk County Mayors Roundtable**

All Polk County Mayors were invited to share ideas and comments at the Polk County Mayors Roundtable. Polk Vision sponsors this event every year. Polk County Government TV (PGTV) taped the event and it is available online at <http://www.polk-county.net/pgtvondemand.aspx?src=all>

### **Councilor Trudy Block Appointed Vice Chair of Finance/Taxation/Personnel Committee by the Florida League of Cities(FLC)**

- Trudy Block was appointed by the President of Florida League of Cities as Vice Chair of the committee.
- The Committee focuses on issues affecting all municipalities in the State of Florida (410 Cities). The committee discusses and prioritizes the issues the FLC will focus on during next years state legislative session. There are more than 60 members on the committee.

### **Free Cup of “Joe” with Joe...Mayor Joe LaCascia that is!!**

**Every Sunday morning** I’m at **Country Angels Restaurant** with a group of neighbors sharing coffee and good talks. Come on in **between 8am to 9am** to share Polk City comments and concerns and I’ll buy the coffee. Please understand that no decisions can be made at the coffee but I assure you that your issues and concerns will be in front of City Manager Patricia Jackson first thing Monday morning for attention and subsequent resolution. I understand that too many of you have busy schedules and cannot make the evening regularly scheduled Council meetings to share your concerns or ideas. This might be a good idea to hear from you in a less formal surrounding. Hope to see you there! (submitted by Mayor LaCascia)

### **Polk City Library**

- Polk City Book Club read **Sandcastle Girls** by Chris Bohjalia in October.
- Storytime at the Polk City Library is every Thursday at 11:00 AM  
 Thursday - October 11 – Owls      Thursday – October 18 – Pumpkins      Thursday – October 25 – Monsters

### **Saturday, December 1, 2012 - Polk City Christmas Parade**

This event gets bigger and better every year!

- **VENDORS CAN SIGN UP NOW** at City Hall.
- **Parade applications are also available.**
- **DONATIONS** are being taken for these events at City Hall.
- Call (863) 984-1375 ext. 221 for details.