

March 2013 – Polk City Newsletter



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- 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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CHANGE IN CITY COUNCIL MONTHLY MEETING

City Council Meetings are now the **3rd Monday Night** each Month at 7:00 PM

CLOSED – Polk City Hall – Thursday, March 28

CLOSED – Polk City Library – Friday and Saturday March 29 and 30.

Summary of February 18, 2012 City Council Meeting

- Republic Services rescheduled introduction of new manager to our area
- Safe Route to Schools Grant – Envisors (engineering firm) is applying for the grant again in 2013. This grant provides funding for sidewalks making a child's walk to school safer. The cost of applying for the grant is \$2500
- Florida Department of Transportation (FDOT) will be making improvements on SR 33. Polk City and Woodard and Curran are in the process of locating the cities utilities and GAI will be marking the plans to designate where the utilities are located for FDOT review. Motion passed.
- Mount Olive Wastewater Treatment Plant shutdown has been completed. Work continues to demolish the site.
- Community Development Block Grant Project for water line project should be completed by mid-March.

Councilor Trudy Block Goes to Washington DC

- Polk City Councilor Trudy Block traveled to Washington in February to meet with Senator Bill Nelson, Congressman Daniel Webster, Congressman Dennis Ross and other from Central Florida. This was a great week to visit as the Florida League of Cities team of elected officials discussed 3 topics with the Legislators that would affect cities negatively.
 - Municipal Bonds – Congress is discussing taxation on Muni Bonds
 - Marketplace Fairness (Sales Tax for online sales) Congressman Dennis Ross is sponsoring House Bill # 684 and there is an accompanying Senate Bill # 336
 - The Sequester – the negative impact the Sequester will have on cities

(Note: Councilor Block pays for all her own classes, meetings, travel and meals.)

Bike Florida Visits Polk City - March 27

Bike Florida is a nonprofit organization dedicated to making Florida more bicycle friendly and promoting cycle tourism in the Sunshine State. We are expecting 800 to 1000 bicyclers on Van Fleet Trail and will be serving lunch in Freedom Park. After lunch, the bicyclists are headed to Lakeland Sun n Fun Museum. Polk City is honored to have so many stop and enjoy our great city!

Hazardous Intersection Gets Additional Signage



The intersection at CR 557 and SR 559 (near Camp Gilead and Fantasy of Flight) has always been a hazardous intersection. There have been numerous accidents and many near misses over the years.

Councilor Trudy Block serves on the Polk County Transportation Planning Board representing Polk City. She requested additional signage from Florida Department of Transportation (FDOT) below the STOP sign reminding drivers that the cross-traffic does not stop.

Thank you to FDOT for their quick response to the request. The additional signage can now be seen below both stop signs.

Polk County Burn Ban – Until further notice

Due to the extended drought, Polk County Fire Rescue officials have issued a burn ban. "We have held off as long as we possibly can on issuing this burn ban," said Polk County Fire Rescue Chief David Cash. "Conditions are favorable for the rapid development and spread of brush fires and we need to take every step necessary to ensure the safety of Polk's residents and their property."

The burn ban includes, but is not limited to, the burning of trash, yard debris, campfires, bonfires, construction debris and fireworks. Any person who refuses to comply with this burn ban shall be in violation of County Ordinance 08-105, which is punishable by a fine not to exceed \$500 or by imprisonment by a term not to exceed 60 days in the county jail or both.



Easter Egg Hunt

Polk City

Saturday, March 30

9:00 AM SHARP!



Polk County Parks & Recreation presents an Easter Egg Hunt in Polk City Park (the baseball/football park on SR 33), 5130 Duey Road. The Easter Egg Hunt is designed for children ages 2 through 9. The event begins at 9:00 a.m. SHARP!



Cake Auction and Dinner (Polk City Elementary)

March 15 6:00 PM

ATTENTION CAKE LOVERS!

Polk City Elementary School's Annual Cake Auction is March 15 (6:00 PM Dinner, 7:00 PM Cake Auction). This is a "DO NOT MISS!" event. Polk City has extremely talented cake artists who donate their cakes to be auctioned. There are cakes for all budgets. ALL money raised from this event benefits Polk City Elementary School. So come for an evening of great food, beautiful cakes and the fun of participating (or just watching) a professional auctioneer auction beautiful and delicious cakes.

Last year many of the winners sent their cakes directly to the cutting table to be enjoyed by everyone who was there.

Congratulations Polk City Elementary 5th Grade E-Team

The Polk City 5th Grade Academic Team won their first semifinal competition last week in a tie-breaking final round against Berkley and Lake Alfred Elementary Schools. Their next competition is in March. What an accomplishment! Keep up the good work.

Polk City Library

March Events

- **Tax Time Again!** The Library has a variety of Federal Income Tax Forms.
- **Children's Story Hour** Thursdays at 11:00 AM. **No Story Hour on March 28 – Spring Break Week.**
- **Chalk Drawings in the Library Parking Lot** **Tuesday, March 26th 2pm-3pm**
Children are invited to the library to participate in a parking lot chalk drawing contest. The library supplies the chalk, the children bring their ideas.
- **Duct Tape Day** **March 28**
All day children can create things with Duct Tape at the library. Bring your imagination and we supply the Duct Tape!
- **Book Club** **Tuesday, March 19th at 6:00PM**
This month the book is **Q for Quarry** by Sue Grafton.
Stop in at the library and get a copy of the book and join us.
- The Library had a very successful celebration of Dr. Seuss's Birthday in February. Thirty children came to the library to enjoy 3 dozen Green Eggs and Ham. A great time was had by all!

Polk City Annual City-wide Yard Sale

April 27, 2013

Start cleaning the garage! Polk City's Annual City-Wide Yard Sale is April 27, 2013 from 8:00 AM to 1:00 PM. This is one of our most popular events welcoming spring.

If you are a vendor and would like to have a booth at Freedom Park, applications are available at City Hall and online at **www.mypolkcity.org**

Yard Sale participants can get an application form online or at City Hall. Only those who complete an application will be listed on the Yard Sale Map.