

# May 2013 – 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 **3rd Monday Night** each Month at 7:00 PM

**CLOSURE May 27, 2013 Memorial Day**

**Polk City Hall and Library**

## **Summary of April 15, 2012 City Council Meeting**

- Ordinance 2013-1298 – Adding a definition to the Unified Land Development code for “Family Cemeteries”. Adopted on first reading.
- Ordinance 2013-1299 – Creating and Authorizing a municipal lien applicable to those properties for which monthly rates, fees, and charges are not paid; amending Sections 74-97 and 74-264 clarifying previous deletion of certain charges from the tax bill, adopted on first reading.
- **Councilor Joe LaCascia was elected as Mayor and Councilor Blethen was elected as Vice Mayor**
- Discussion and acceptance of Fiscal Year 2012 Audit
- Resolution 2013-04 – Utility agreement with FDOT – Project ID: 431122-1-52-01 – was passed
- Utility Work Agreement with FDOT – SR33 Project ID” 43122-1-41-01 was passed
- Resolution 2013-05 Utility Master Agreement with FDOT was tabled
- Commonwealth Water Treatment Plant Tank Resurfacing \$7247 – was approved
- Polk City Government Center Sign – proposed \$7500 - was not approved

For additional information and minutes on City Meetings go to - [www.mypolkcity.org](http://www.mypolkcity.org) and choose the Agenda and Minutes tab.

## **Councilwoman Kelly Downing Resigns from Polk City Council**

Councilwoman Kelly Downing has resigned, effective immediately, from Polk City Council. We wish her well. The Polk City Council will make a decision on replacing the position at the May City Council Meeting on May 20 at 7:00 PM.

## **RESIDENTIAL GARBAGE SCHEDULE FOR MEMORIAL DAY HOLIDAY**

Residential Garbage Collection for residents inside city limits will be collected Tuesday, May 28<sup>th</sup>

Residential Garbage Collection, recycle and yard waste for County residents:

- Monday's pick up will be collected Tuesday, May 28<sup>th</sup>
- Tuesday's pick up will be collected Wednesday, May 29<sup>th</sup>
- Wednesday's pick up will be collected Thursday, May 30<sup>th</sup>
- Thursday's pick up will be collected Friday, May 31<sup>st</sup>
- Friday's pick up will be collected Saturday, June 1<sup>st</sup>.

### **FREE TIRE RECYCLING and HAZARDOUS WASTE COLLECTION**

**Where - Polk City Hall 123 Broadway Blvd.**  
**When - Saturday, May 18, 2013**  
**Time 8:00 AM-- 12:00 PM**



#### **What are the rules?**

- Please abide by the Waste Hauler Permit Laws, and **do NOT haul more than 25 tires at any time.**
- Hazardous Waste will be there collecting household hazardous waste and electronics.
- KPCB will be at this event to answer any trash/recycling questions and provide residents with a recycling bin if they currently do not have one.

**Join Keep Polk County Beautiful and Polk County Board of County Commissioner**

For more information, call: **Keep Polk County Beautiful at (863)676-7019**

## **Polk City Library - May Events**

- The Polk City Library has been refreshed with a new coat of paint, additional PCs and new shelving. The new shelving was provided by our friends at Haines City Library. Stop by to see the wonderful changes.
- Story Time – 11:00 Thursday May 11. . We will be having a party to celebrate the beginning of summer. This is the last day for Story Time before the summer program begins
- Book Club – May 21<sup>st</sup> with the book **Killing Lincoln** by Bill O'Reilly

- Summer Reading starts June 19th at 11:00AM with Jana Broder and Drum Magic. Jana is bringing enough drums so each child will play along.

## **In The News**

- **Auditor Gives (Polk City) Council Positive News**      The Ledger      April 21, 2013  
Lakeland accountant Mike Brynjulfson might have pronounced the official end of Polk City's fiscal crisis..... "I've got nothing but good news to talk about tonight," Brynjulfson told the Polk City Council on April 15. "You're definitely making great progress." Brynjulfson reviewed his audit of Polk City's financial records for its 2011-12 fiscal year ending Sept. 30, which reported **not a single accounting deficiency.**      <http://www.theledger.com/article/20130421/NEWSCHIEF/130429834>
- **TECO Wants to Raise Rates 10 Percent**      The Ledger      May 2, 2013  
Tampa Electric made its first pitch for a proposed 10 percent rate hike to the state's Public Service Commission staff Wednesday, detailing how increased costs from improvements to plants. <http://www.theledger.com/article/20130502/NEWS/305025003>

## **Meet The Polk City Utilities Staff – AMERICAN EXPRESS NOW ACCEPTED**

Woodard and Curran maintains the 7x24 operations of Polk City Utilities. Polk City Utilities has three wells for drinking water and one wastewater treatment plant. This is maintained by the following staff.

Charles Nichols - Manager	Xochitl Rodarte – Utilities Office	Kathy McKinney - Utilities Office
Joe Vince	Howard Coggins	George Harper

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- We are grateful to have such a talented and hard-working staff keeping Polk City Utilities safe and efficient.

## **Polk City Elementary School – Spirit Day and Bulldog Blitz 5k Run/Walk**

- **SPRIT DAY @ Polk City DOMINOS PIZZA.** Buy a pizza on May 16 and Polk City Elementary gets a donation.



### **Polk City Elementary – Bulldog Blitz 5k Run/Walk** **May 25, 2013 8:00 AM (Van Fleet Trail – Polk City)**

Join in the fun and support Polk City Elementary School. To register - Google search – Polk City Bulldog Blitz 5k or at URL [www.active.com/running/polk-city-fl/polk-city-bulldog-blitz-5k-2013](http://www.active.com/running/polk-city-fl/polk-city-bulldog-blitz-5k-2013)

**Register early to get a Bulldog Blitz 5k T-shirt.**

## **Memorial Day Event in Polk County**

Lakeland Funeral Home and Memorial Gardens in conjunction with the Polk County Veterans Council will host its annual Memorial Day Event on Monday, May 27, 2012 at 11 AM at Lakeland Memorial Gardens. Sheriff Grady Judd will be a welcomed speaker as well as a host of other tributes. Lunch is provided to all attendees free of charge. For more information please call: (863) 686-2125.

## **Polk City Little League      CAR WASH and Krispy Kremes      May 11**

- Support **Polk City Little League** Team and get your car washed. The Polk City Little League will be washing cars on Saturday, May 11 at the Chevron Station on Route 33 in Polk City between 9 AM and 3PM. Donations are accepted.
- Krispy Kreme Donuts are being sold as a fundraiser by the Polk City Little League Team. Order now through May 17 to get yours. Orders can be placed on Tuesdays and Thursdays from 5-9 PM at the concession stand at the Polk City Ball Park or call Chrissy Bogart at 863-307-8391 to place your order.

## **2013 City-Wide Yard Sale a Big Success!**

Thanks to all who participated in the 2013 City-Wide Yard Sale. This city event continues to attract lots of bargain hunters. The food at the Freedom Park was great again this year. Thanks to the Polk City Staff who helped with the setup and cleanup of this event. We hope all who participated and shopped sold or purchased a treasured item.

## **Van Fleet Trail Bike Challenge      October 19, 2013**

Not a race, but a personal distance challenge, from 5 to 100 miles. Get out and enjoy the premier cycling trails of Central Florida. These include the General James A. Van Fleet State Trail, the Polk City extension of the Van Fleet Trail, the TECO/Auburndale trail, and the newest trail, the Florida Polytechnic University Extension.

- **Event Registration:**      <http://www.active.com/cycling/polk-city-fl/vanfleet-trail-cycling-challenge-2013>
  - **Event Web-site:**      <http://www.vanfleettrailcyclingchallenge.com>
- "It's always a good day to cycle"**