

Polk City Newsletter

July 2013



- 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 - 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

City Council Meeting Summary for June 17, 2013

- **Ordinance 2013-1300** - Amending the final budget, re-allocating and re-appropriating monies within the budget for Fiscal Year 2012-2013. All other items in the Budget of Expenses to remain unchanged. Approved on second and final reading.
- **Ordinance 2013-1301** - Continuing and imposing a moratorium on collection of impact fees, other than impact fees for water and sewer services for 12 months providing for severability. Approved on first reading.
- **Vacancy of Polk City Council Seat 3** - Letters of interest discussed. The Council asked questions of both candidates. Motion was made to appoint Keith Prestage. **Motion passed.** The Oath of Office was administered to Keith Prestage.
- **City Manager Evaluation** – Will be discussed further at a workshop on July 20 starting at 8:00 am.
- **Discussion of workshop and topics** - The agenda will be posted at a later date.
- Councilor Trudy Block was appointed the Florida League of Cities **Voting Delegate** for Polk City.
- **New server** - is needed for Polk City. The Council approved the purchase of a Dell t420 server. Cost of the server and installation is not to exceed \$7,900.
- **Resolution 2013-05 – Public Participation at Meetings** - The City Attorney has prepared and further discussion has been moved to the July 20 City Council workshop.
- City offices will be closed July 4.

Keith Prestage – Appointed Polk City Council Seat #3

Congratulations to Councilor Keith Prestage on his appointment to Polk City Council. Keith was sworn in at the June Council Meeting.

Polk City Library - June/July

Summer Reading Events

<u>Location</u>	Activities Center	203 Lake Shore Dr. Polk City
<u>Time</u>	Wednesday	11:00 am

Thank you to Indira Sukhaj from the Phosphate Museum for a great presentation on fossils. Polk City Library hosted almost 60 children for an afternoon of fun and adventure as they explored fossils and made one of their own as a project.

- **July 10** **World of Reptiles**
Lizards, turtles and snakes will invade the library! John Storms will fascinate you with a giant python, turtles and other exotic reptiles. Bring your camera!
- **July 17** **Water Ventures Learning Lab**
The Crystal Springs Foundation recently unveiled Water Ventures, Florida's Learning Lab. This traveling lab is a Science Center housed in a customized 53-foot semi-trailer that will provide children with hands-on experience.
- **July 24** **Horses**
Laura Branch is bringing her horses. She will be teaching us about horses. Each child can go for a horseback ride. Parents must sign a release of responsibility in order for their child (ren) to ride.
- **July 31** **Round Up and Wind Up Party with Mr. Harley**
Mr. Harley brings a lively guitar, a pile of songs, and a fender-wide grin to the stage, where his sheer exuberance has energized and delighted crowds
- **This will also be our Wind Up Party. The kids will receive their awards along with refreshments**

Polk City Utilities

- **2012 Consumer Confidence Reports on Water Quality** for Polk City and Mount Olive have been completed. A copy of the reports were mailed to every utility billing address. The report can also be found on the Polk City website (<http://www.mypolkcity.org/>) under the Government/Departments/Water Section.
- The City of Polk City, and Woodard and Curran are proud to report... **Polk City Utilities Drinking Water meets ALL federal and state quality standards.**

Polk City Hall – Exterior Painting Completed

The exterior painting at Polk City Government Center has been completed. Take a look the next time you pass by. The building looks great!

Hurricane Season – Helpful Websites

Polk County Emergency Shelters

http://www.polk-county.net/subpage.aspx?menu_id=20&nav=res&id=852



Other News Around Polk County

Polk County Athletic Leagues

Polk County Parks & Recreation oversees 26 youth and three adult leagues at various parks around the County. For a complete list of athletic leagues, visit www.polk-county.net/leagues. Contact John Williams at 863-534-2520 or johnwilliams@polk-county.net with any questions.

July is Lake Appreciation Month

Polk County has over 500 lakes within its boundaries. Anyone wishing to participate in the cleanup effort can contact the Lakes Education/Action Drive (LEAD) at lakeseducation@hotmail.com. Other participating organizations include Lakeland Clean & Beautiful, the cities of Lakeland and Winter Haven, and Southwest Florida Water Management District (SWFWMD). Garbage bags and other equipment will be supplied, and early registrations will qualify for coupons from local restaurants; or, just pick up debris in any lake that you are enjoying this summer.

Food Truck Rally – Lakeland's Munn Park - July 11 and August 8 - 6-9 pm

A Food Truck Rally is a great way to try something new and delicious. Everyone can have something different and others do the cooking for you. The Food Truck Rally is in downtown Lakeland at Munn Park. See you there!

Polk City Farmers Market

Summer Hours: Saturdays from 8:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.

Located off of S.R. 33 (Commonwealth Avenue) on Palmetto directly behind BB&T Bank; for additional information please call 863-984-2204. On August 10th come learn how to make reproductions of Indian Artifacts.

THANK YOU!!!!!!!!!!!!!!

The City of Polk City would like to thank **Councilor Trudy Block** for her hard work and dedication in publishing the Polk City Newsletter over the past three years. New employee, Sheandolen Dunn, Assistant to the City Manager, will assume responsibility for this publication, along with her other municipal duties.

***If you have community activities or news that would be of interest to the Polk City service area, please contact Sheandolen Dunn – sheandolen.dunn@mypolkcity.org – 863-984-1375, extension 238