

POLK CITY

In The News



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For an appointment with any City Council member, please call 863-984-1375 x 238
City Council Meetings are the **3rd Monday** each Month at 7:00 pm

OFFICE TO BE CLOSED - IN HONOR OF LABOR DAY, CITY OFFICES WILL BE CLOSED MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 2 AND WILL RESUME NORMAL BUSINESS HOURS TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 3.

Recap of July 15, 2013 City Council Meeting

- **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 second and final reading.
- **Ordinance 2013-1302** – Changing the future land use designation for a portion (approximately 2.21 acres) of the property located at the northwest intersection of Commonwealth Avenue North (SR 33) and Citrus Grove Boulevard North from “Residential Medium” to “Commercial”. Approved on First Reading.
- **Ordinance 2013-1303**- Changing the future land use designation of the property located at 649 Citrus Grove Boulevard from “Residential Very Low Density” to “Residential Medium”. This is a Companion Ordinance to Ordinance 2013-1302. Approved on First Reading.
- **Welcome to Polk City** - Sheandolen Dunn began employment in our great city on July 8 as Assistant to the City Manager. Sheandolen brings to Polk City, eight years of wide ranging experience in City Government. She holds a BA Degree in Organizational Management and a Master's Degree in Business Management, both from Warner University, Lake Wales. If you have not met her, please stop by City Hall to say hello; and don't be surprised if you see her out and about Polk City.

Public Notice

Notice is hereby given that the City Council of the City of Polk City is holding a Public Hearing on Monday, August 19, 2013, at 7:00 p.m., at the Polk City Government Center. The purpose of the Public Hearing is to pass the following Ordinance as listed on first reading - **Ordinance No. 2013-1304** - Zoning map amendment to rezone approximately 11.22 acres located at the northwest intersection of Commonwealth Avenue North (SR 33) and Citrus Boulevard North (Parcel No. 25-26-33-296500-102020 and 25-26-33-296500-105000) from C-2 General Commercial, R-4 Mixed Residential Use, and AG-2 Single Family Residential Plus Horses to Planned Unit Development (PUD) with 3.21 acres of Commercial and 8.01 acres of Residential.

Community Visioning Workshop



The City of Polk City and the Central Florida Regional Planning Council will host a Community Visioning Workshop on Thursday, August 29, 2013, from 5:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m., at the Polk City Community Center, 203 Lakeshore Drive, Polk City, Florida. The workshop is open to the general

public and will provide an opportunity for the community to discuss ideas for the future of Polk City. All interested persons are encouraged to attend.

For additional information, please contact Jennifer Codo-Salisbury, Planning Director, Central Florida Regional Planning Council at (863) 534-7130 x 178, email - jcodosalisbury@cfrpc.org or Kathy Delp, Public Works Director, City of Polk City, (863) 984-1375 x 247, email - kdelp@mypolkcity.org.



Polk City Garbage Collection

Republic Services Collection Schedule for the Labor Day Holiday for Polk City Residents will be Tuesday, September 3, 2013.



Hurricane Season – Helpful Website

Polk County Emergency Shelters

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



You Asked.....We Answered

- **Do children under age 18 have a curfew?**
It is unlawful for any person under the age of 17 years to be on the street or in any public or semipublic place within the corporate limits of the town from 11:00 pm to 5:00 am unless accompanied by the parent(s). For further details, refer to the Polk City Code of Ordinances Section 42-41, Article II, Juvenile Curfew.
- **Are golf carts allowed on residential streets, if kept off main roads such as Hwy 33?**
Golf carts are unregistered vehicles and are not permitted on any roads in the City or County.
- **Is it illegal to drive with car radios blaring loud enough it can be heard in a house, with windows shut?**
The loud music statute was over turned by the courts a few years ago, so it is legal to have loud music coming from a vehicle that can be heard in a house.



Polk City Library

- Thanks to our local business sponsors, there were approximately 143 kids registered for the Summer Reading Program. Throughout the summer the children read over 40,000 pages.
- School Supplies are being collected and will be given to Polk City Elementary for distribution as deemed necessary by the principal and staff.
- The Lego Club is being planned for the Fall. So, if you or your children have Lego blocks and would like to donate them, please feel free to drop them by the library.



Safe Haven Halloween Event

On Saturday, October 26, 2013 from 12:00 Noon to 4:00 pm, Polk City will host its Annual Safe Haven Halloween event. Bring the kids out for an afternoon of fun at Polk City's Freedom Park, 7750 Berkley Road. FREE to children: candy bags, Bouncy House, popcorn, children's costume contest, pie eating contest, and lots more. Great food, crafts and other fun vendor items for sale. Be sure to come dressed in your Halloween Costume.

Vendor application deadline is Thursday, October 17, 2013. Vendor space is available - 10 x 10 space is \$20.00. Call Sheandolen Dunn at 863-984-1375 ext. 238 for more details.

Other Happenings 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.

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.

School Is Back In Session



School starts on August 19. Be sure your children are well rested from Summer break and ready to forge ahead in the 2013/2014 school year. Drivers - let's not forget there will be a change in the traffic flow.

Business of the Month

Hynes Family Day Care Home



Free VPK-4 - Enrollment at Hynes Family Day Care Home is open for the 2013-2014 school year. Mrs. Hynes has been preparing our Polk City children for kindergarten for seven years and hopes that your child, if four years old, will join her this year. For full details, please call 984-8103.



Van Fleet Trail Cycling Challenge

Volunteers needed for the Van Fleet Trail Cycling Challenge to be held Saturday, October 19, 2013. We are looking for up to 37 volunteers for 3 hour shifts, spread among five locations (Lake Myrtle Sports Park, as well as trailheads at Polk City, Green Pond Road, Bay Lake Road, and Mabel). Positions involve either handing out registration materials and snacks (20 positions), photography (1 position), setup and teardown assistance (8 positions), or assisting with parking at Lake Myrtle and Polk City (8 positions). To volunteer, please contact either Will Byers (863-984-8362) or Dwight Kitchens (863-984-4564). Website address – <http://wftcc.com>



If you have any questions regarding utilities, please call Polk City Utilities – 863- 874- 4808, Monday - Thursday during business Hours. Polk City Utilities emergency number is 1 -866- 815- 0074. Please use this number FOR EMERGENCIES ONLY!!!!

AS POLK CITY CONTINUES TO GROW, PLEASE REMEMBER TO DO YOUR PART IN THIS GROWTH AND SHOP LOCALLY AS MUCH AS YOU CAN.

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***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