

# 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



**POLK CITY GOVERNMENT OFFICES AND THE LIBRARY WILL BE CLOSED IN OBSERVANCE OF THE CHRISTMAS HOLIDAYS ON TUESDAY, DECEMBER 24 AT NOON, WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 25 AND THURSDAY, DECEMBER 26. WE WILL REOPEN ON MONDAY, DECEMBER 30, 2013.**

**THE OFFICES WILL ALSO BE CLOSED IN OBSERVANCE OF NEW YEARS DAY ON WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 1, 2014 AND WILL REOPEN ON THURSDAY, JANUARY 2, 2014.**

*Thank you*

Polk City Council, City Manager and Staff would like to express appreciation to each of you for your contribution in making the Polk City 2013 Christmas Parade a huge success. We could not have done it without you. Thanks again and stay tuned in just a few short months as we begin planning for the 2014 holiday festivities.

## *Recap of November 18, 2013 City Council Meeting*

1. **ORDINANCE 2011-1288** - AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND THE TEXT AND MAPS OF THE CITY OF POLK CITY COMPREHENSIVE PLAN BASED ON THE CITY'S EVALUATION AND APPRAISAL REPORT (EAR); PROVIDING FOR SEVERABILITY; AND PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE. Second and Final Reading. **Approved**
2. **ORDINANCE 2013-1307** - Ordinance 2013-1307, amending Section 2-132(b) of the Code of Ordinances increasing spending limits for City Manager approved purchases and contracts. First Reading. **Approved**
3. **CDBG Application for FFY 2013 presented by Scott Modesitt, Summit Professional Services, Inc.** - The City of Polk City is considering applying to the Florida Department of Economic Opportunity (DEO) for a FFY 2013 Small Cities Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) of up to \$650,000 in the Regular Category and up to \$1,500,000 in the Economic Development Category. **Approved**

## *Utilities Department*



During the holiday month of December, the meter reading schedule will be as follows:

**DECEMBER- 12/20/13-12/26/13**

**UTILITY BILL PAYMENTS ARE DUE ON MONDAY, DECEMBER 30 BY 5:00 P.M. TO AVOID LATE FEES**

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!!!!

## *Polk City Library*



If you took pictures at the Open House on Tuesday, December 10, don't forget the pictures will be available for pick-up on Monday, December 16. Don't forget the Lego Club on Mondays, Make it and Take it Crafts on Thursday, Book Club will be Wednesday, December 18.

## *Other Happenings @ Polk County*

### **Festival of Wreaths at the History Center**

The Polk County History Center in Bartow is proud to host the annual Festival of Wreaths. Decorated wreaths will be displayed from November 15 through December 13, and will be auctioned via silent auction.

### **Community Day – Amazing Alligators and Stupendous Snakes**

**Date:** Saturday, December 7 from 12:00 p.m. –3:00 p.m.

**Venue:** Polk's Nature Discovery Center at Circle B Bar Reserve

Polk's Nature Discovery Center at Circle B Bar Reserve offers a variety of nature based activities for all ages. The month of December is all about **Amazing Alligators and Stupendous Snakes**. This is a free, family-friendly event for all. Visit with and learn more about the amazing alligators, native and non-native snakes, as well as other reptiles such as turtles. To sign up and get more info please contact Tabitha Biehl.

### **The Nutcracker**

**Date:** Saturday, December 14 – Sunday, December 15

**Venue:** The Polk Theatre, Lakeland

Over 90 young dancers join forces with Florida Dance Theatre's professionals to make each performance as magical as possible. Join them as they travel through the Land of the Snow and the Kingdom of the Sweets for a fun exciting way to start the holiday season.

### **Legends of Rock in Concert**

**Date:** Tuesday, December 17 – Wednesday, December 18

**Venue:** Theatre Winter Haven

This legendary tribute by the best of area singers features the music of Jerry Lee Lewis, Journey, Chicago, The B-52s along with Michael Bublé, Aretha Franklin, Tina Turner, Patsy Cline and Elvis Presley – together with others and backed by Polk County's Brass Heart Band, a ten piece band that swings with the heart of rock.

### **Public Ice Skating**

**Date:** Tuesday, December 17 – Monday, January 6

**Venue:** The Lakeland Center

'Tis the season to get in the holiday spirit as public ice skating returns to The Lakeland Center. Whether a professional or a first-timer, you are sure to have a blast at Lakeland's indoor ice rink this season.



***Polk City Staff would like to wish each of you a very***

***Merry Christmas***

\*\*\*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](mailto:sheandolen.dunn@mypolkcity.org) – 863-984-1375, extension 238