

# In The News



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



Polk City Government Offices will be closed to the public on Monday, February 17, 2014 in observance of President's Day.  
However, City Council Meeting will take place. We will reopen on Tuesday, February 18.

## *Recap of January 20, 2014 City Council Meeting*

**ORDINANCE 2014-01** - Conditional Use Permit to allow a Massage Therapy School. Approved on First Reading; second reading will be at the City Council meeting on February 17, 2014.

**ORDINANCE 2014-02** – Proposing Amendments to the Polk City Charter, setting a Charter Amendment Referendum. For additional information, please call Sheandolen Dunn 863-984-1375 x 238. Approved on First Reading; second and final reading will be at the City Council meeting on February 17, 2014.

**CDBG Application for FFY 2013 presented by Scott Modesitt, Summit Professional Services, Inc.** - Polk City intends to apply to the Florida Department of Economic Opportunity (DEO) for a grant under the Housing Revitalization (HR) category in the amount of \$650,000 from the Small Cities Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Program. Approved.

**RESOLUTION 2014-01** – Adopting the Housing Assistance Plan for the City's Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Program. Approved.

**RESOLUTION 2014-02** - Authorizing the Mayor to make application to the Florida Department of Economic Opportunity for approval of the City's Community Development Block Grant; providing for the adoption of the City's Comprehensive Plan as the City's Community Development Plan. Approved.

**RESOLUTION 2014-03** – Endorsing the Membership Apportionment Plan for the Polk Transportation Planning Organization; authorizing the Mayor to execute an updated Interlocal Agreement. Approved.

## *Municipal Election*

Notice is hereby given that, in accordance with Section 100.021, Florida Statutes, the City of Polk City in Polk County, Florida, will hold a Municipal Election on Tuesday, April 1, 2014. The following seats are up for a four-year term: Seat 2, Seat 4 and Seat 5. The following seat is up for a two-year term to fulfill an unexpired term (ending in 2016): Seat 3.

Qualifying begins at 1:00 p.m. on Monday, February 10, 2014, and ends at 1:00 p.m. on Thursday, February 13, 2014. Candidates must submit qualifying papers and pay qualifying fees and election assessment fees during this period at the Office of the City Clerk, located at 123 Broadway Blvd., SE in Polk City.

Candidates shall be qualified electors of the City of Polk City, and all candidates shall have continuously been residents of the City of Polk City for a period of six (6) months.

Please contact the City Clerk's office at 863-984-1375, ext. 237 for more information.

## *Voter Registration Drive*

Representatives from the Polk County Supervisor of Elections Office will be at the Dollar General Market on Wednesday, February 19<sup>th</sup> from 10:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. for those persons that would like to register to vote. Voter Registration forms are also available at the Polk City Government Center. For more information call the Supervisor of Elections Office at 863-534-5888.

## *Polk City Library*



On February 13 we will host a Valentine's Party from 3:30 pm - 4:30 pm, so come by and enjoy refreshments and games. The Book Club will be held Tuesday, February 18, 6:00 pm. We will be reading the book, *Lorna Doone*, by R. A. Blackmoore. This was our January Choice, but due to unforeseen circumstances, was cancelled. However, Carolyn Burns (retired educator) has taught this book and will be sharing with us. If you need a copy, stop by the library. Beginning January 28, Dwight Kitchens will be teaching FREE computer classes from 10:00 am to 12 Noon. Lego Club is still on Monday's. Make It and Take It Craft every Thursday afternoon. The library has 13 computers for public use.

## *Other Happenings @ Polk County*

### **Sixth Annual Yard Sale**

Polk City's Sixth Annual Yard Sale is scheduled to be held on April 26, 2014.

Please watch for additional information and applications on the Polk City Website.

### **FREE Diabetic Classes**

The Polk Health Care Plan will host free Diabetic Classes for Polk County residents:

**Date:** Monday, February 24 from 9 a.m. to Noon

**Venue:** Parkview Medical Clinic, 1205 Dr. Martin L King Jr. Way, Haines City

To reserve seats, please call 863-519-2041 or 863-519-2066

### **Polk County History Center's 2014 Lunch n' Learn Speaker Series**

The Polk County History Center invites guests to bring lunch and listen to a guest speaker on the third Tuesday of every month for the 2014 Lunch n' Learn Speaker Series. Lectures will begin at 12:15 p.m. and last 30 – 45 minutes. The 2014 series runs January through November. For more information, call the History Center at 863.534.4386 or visit online at [www.polkhistorycenter.org](http://www.polkhistorycenter.org).

### **Kick Off the New Year with Barbeque Festival Season in Polk County**

The 6<sup>th</sup> Annual **Ribs on the Ridge** takes place at Lake Eva Park in Haines City on **Friday, February 14** (5 pm - 9 pm) and **Saturday, February 15** (10 am - 5 pm).



## *Utilities Department*

All bills for service shall be due by 2:00 p.m. on the 25th of each month. All utility bills not received by 2:00 p.m. on the 25th of the month shall be considered delinquent and be subject to the delinquent charge. If the payment due on the 25th has not been received by the 5th of the next month, then the utility service will be subject to disconnection on the next business day. In all cases where water is subject to cut-off, due to nonpayment, a service charge of \$50.00 shall be made without regard to whether the service is off or on. Once utility service is cutoff due to nonpayment, the reconnect fee will also apply.

## *Utilities E-Bill*

Polk City has the ability to offer paperless billing to our customers, which is known as E-bills. If you are interested in taking advantage of this new service, please contact the Utilities Department at 863-874-4808, or email [xochitl.munoz@mypolkcity.org](mailto:xochitl.munoz@mypolkcity.org), Monday-Thursday during normal business hours.

Polk City Utilities EMERGENCY number is 1 -866- 815- 0074.



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

# *Happy Valentine's Day*