

# 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

## Recap of February 17, 2014 City Council Meeting

**ORDINANCE 2014-01** - Conditional Use Permit to allow a Massage Therapy School. Approved on Second and Final Reading.

**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 second and final Reading.

**ORDINANCE 2014-03** – Providing for procedure when a City Canvassing Board Member is a candidate for election. First Reading.

## Polk City Library



The Book Club will be held Tuesday, March 18, 6:00 pm. We will be reading the book, *Suspicion of Rage* by Barbara Parker. Please see the librarian for a copy. Lego Club on Mondays from 3:30-4:30. Make It and Take It Crafts on Thursdays from 3:30-4:30. Spring Break is March 24-28th. We will have the Legos and crafts available every day during Spring Break.

## Other Happenings @ Polk County

### Sixth Annual City-Wide Yard Sale

Polk City's Sixth Annual Yard Sale is scheduled for Saturday, April 26, 2014 from 8:00 am – 1:00 pm. If you are a vendor and/or a Polk City Utility customer and would like to rent space at Freedom Park, please visit our website for fee information and all applications – [www.mypolkcity.org](http://www.mypolkcity.org). Only registered applicants will be listed on the Yard Sale Map. If you have additional questions, please contact Kelly Downing – 863-984-1375 x 231 or via email - [Kelly.downing@mypolkcity.org](mailto:Kelly.downing@mypolkcity.org).

### Camp Gilead

FREE COMMUNITY EVENT at Camp Gilead!! FAMILY FUN DAY on Saturday, March 29th from 10:00-3:00 will be held at Camp Gilead. Come and enjoy Inflatables, Carnival Games, Face Painting, Crafts, Swimming, Tubing, and a Magic Show!! The event is totally FREE and also comes with FREE FOOD!!! Camp Gilead ask that you RSVP by emailing [office@campgilead.com](mailto:office@campgilead.com) or call 863-984-1353 so that they can make sure there will be enough food for everyone. Camp Gilead is also holding a Chili Cook Off the same day in which you can win a \$50 gift certificate! Registration for Chili Cook Off is due by March 22. Call 863-984-1353 to register today!!!

### Lake Wales Student Art Show

**Date:** Wednesday, February 26 – Tuesday, March 18

**Venue:** Polk State Lake Wales Arts Center

- This annual display features the best artwork from students in Polk County schools.
- An ice cream reception and awards ceremony will take place on Saturday, March 1.

### RussMatt Central Florida Baseball Invitational

February 18 – April 4

Eight weeks of college baseball in Polk County

### **Rebel Spring Games**

**Date:** Monday, March 3 – Tuesday, March 18

**Venue:** Auburndale Softball Complex; DiamondPlex, Winter Haven

- More than 110 NAIA, Junior College, Division I, II and III colleges and university softball teams are expected to participate in the 2014 Rebel Spring Games tournament, with more than 500 games being held during March.



### *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 F-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. As an incentive for signing up to utilize E-bills, late notices will become available to customers who become delinquent.

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

## *Community Visioning Workshop*

### **Let's Talk about the Future of Polk City!**

Date: Monday, March 24, 2014

Time: 6:00pm - 7:30pm

Location: Polk City Community Center  
203 Lakeshore Drive, Polk City, Florida

This opportunity is provided through funding by the Florida Department of Economic Opportunity.



Hosted in Partnership by Polk City and CFRPC.



For additional information visit our website at [www.cfrpc.org/PolkCityVisioning](http://www.cfrpc.org/PolkCityVisioning) or contact Jennifer Codo-Salisbury, Planning Director at CFRPC (863) 534-7130 ext. 178

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



# *St. Patrick's Day*

\*\*\*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.

**POLK CITY MUNICIPAL ELECTION  
POLK COUNTY, FLORIDA  
APRIL 1, 2014**

- **TO VOTE, COMPLETELY FILL IN THE OVAL ● NEXT TO YOUR CHOICE.**
- Use only a pencil, or a blue or black pen.
- If you make a mistake, don't hesitate to ask for a new ballot. If you erase or make other marks, your vote may not count.

**CITY COUNCIL  
SEAT NO. 2  
(Vote for One)**

- Cathy Gabany  
 Don Kimsey

**CITY COUNCIL  
SEAT NO. 4  
(Vote for One)**

- Gail Funk  
 Joe LaCascia

**CITY COUNCIL  
SEAT NO. 5  
(Vote for One)**

- Trudy Block  
 Wanda Cooper Harris

**CHARTER AMENDMENT #1  
VARIOUS SECTIONS IN THE CHARTER**

**CHANGING THE NAME OF THE CITY TO POLK CITY, FLORIDA**

**This amendment proposes to change the name of the City from the "City of Polk City, Florida" to "Polk City, Florida."**

Question - Shall the above-described amendment be adopted?

- YES (FOR APPROVAL OF AMENDMENT)  
 NO (FOR REJECTION OF AMENDMENT)

**CHARTER AMENDMENT #2  
VARIOUS SECTIONS IN THE CHARTER**

**CHANGING REFERENCES FROM "TOWN" TO "CITY"**

**This amendment proposes to change the word "town" to "city" wherever the word "town" is found in the Charter.**

Question - Shall the above-described amendment be adopted?

- YES (FOR APPROVAL OF AMENDMENT)  
 NO (FOR REJECTION OF AMENDMENT)

**CHARTER AMENDMENT #3  
VARIOUS SECTIONS IN THE CHARTER**

**CHANGING POLK CITY'S GOVERNING BODY FROM "COUNCIL" TO "COMMISSION" AND "COUNCIL MEMBERS" TO "COMMISSIONERS"**

**This amendment proposes to change the word "Council" to "Commission" and "Council Member" to "Commissioner".**

Question - Shall the above-described amendment be adopted?

- YES (FOR APPROVAL OF AMENDMENT)  
 NO (FOR REJECTION OF AMENDMENT)

**VOTE BOTH SIDES OF BALLOT**

**CHARTER AMENDMENT #4  
ARTICLE III, SECTION C-8**

**REVISING METHOD FOR INCREASING COUNCILOR COMPENSATION FROM FEDERAL COST OF LIVING  
INCREASE TO ORDINANCE ADOPTION**

**This amendment proposes to delete the automatic federal cost of living increase to council member compensation and replace it with a requirement that such compensation can only be increased by ordinance.**

Question - Shall the above-described amendment be adopted?

- YES (FOR APPROVAL OF AMENDMENT)  
 NO (FOR REJECTION OF AMENDMENT)

**CHARTER AMENDMENT #5  
ARTICLE IV, SECTION C-13.C**

**DELETION OF MINIMUM 5-DAY ADVERTISEMENT REQUIREMENT**

**Before considering adoption of an ordinance at a public hearing, the current charter provision permits only 5 days advanced notice by publication, instead of 10 days. This amendment deletes the lesser 5-day notice in favor of the state required 10-day notice period.**

Question - Shall the above-described amendment be adopted?

- YES (FOR APPROVAL OF AMENDMENT)  
 NO (FOR REJECTION OF AMENDMENT)

**VOTE BOTH SIDES OF BALLOT**