

In The News



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

Polk City Government Offices and the Polk City Library will be closed Thursday, July 3, 2014 in observance of the Fourth of July

Recap of May 19, 2014 City Commission Meeting

- Mayor LaCascia proclaimed May as Civility Month.
- **Ordinance 2014-04**, adopting minimum service application requirements; clarifying and restating minimum monthly water and sewer charges, adopting sections in Chapter 74, Utilities and amending sections in Chapter 74, Utilities was passed on first reading. **Second and final reading will be June 16, 2014**
- **Ordinance 2014-05**, an Ordinance rezoning the entire block where the City Government Center is located from General Commercial (C-2) and Public Building and Grounds to the Planned Unit Development, first reading. **Second and final reading will be June 16, 2014**
- **Three-party Agreement for Proposed Community Center was approved with changes**
- **City Commission approved Interlocal Agreement with Polk County Sheriff's Office**

Polk City Library



Book Club will be June 17 at 6:00 pm. The book this month is "The Signature of All Things". by Elizabeth Gilbert. Legos will be out every day after school is out and we will have various crafts available.

Polk City Library's Summer Reading Schedule

All programs take place at the Community Center 203 Lake Shore Dr. Wednesday 11:00AM (EXCEPT July 7)



June 18 Safe Bike Class

Every child will receive a free bike helmet



June 25 Fizz Boom Read It's Magic



July 2 Craft Day- Come decorate a flower pot and plant a sunflower



July 7 Monday Horses- Laura Branch will be here with her horses. We will be at Freedom Park. Everyone will have an opportunity to ride.

July 9 Rebecca O'Sullivan with The Polk County Historical Museum and the Florida Public Archaeology Network



July 16 Miss Daisy with Fizz Boom Read.

Science Magic.



July 23 - Scott Spaulding from Lake Louisa State Park. Scott has his own snake collection and he will be sharing them with us.



July 30 Round up Party, with awards/ science experiences/ food and fun.

Meter Replacement Program

Polk City has begun the Water Meter Replacement Program as of June 3, 2014; this is in an effort to standardize the city's water meters. Municipal Water Works will be the company replacing the meters and you will see them in and out of your neighborhoods during this process (approximately 30 days). Water will be off temporarily during the meter swap out. However if you experience an outage of more than an hour contact the utilities department at (863) 874-4808, or email xochitl.munoz@mypolkcity.org. If there are any other questions regarding this process please contact the billing department or Xochitl, and we will be happy to answer any questions you have. We appreciate your patience and understanding during this process.

Hurricane Season - Helpful Websites

Polk County Emergency Shelters

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

Message from Mayor Joe

Exciting, pivotal times ahead for Polk City!

The general economic uptick has given Polk City a generous increase once again in property values driven principally by new residential development. This translates into immediate revenue thru impact fees and utility hookups. By no means are we out of the woods in terms of a complete recovery, but the improvement is a welcome trending sign.

Additionally, we are working to finalize the generous offer from Mr. Donald Bronson to build a Community Center/Hurricane Shelter for Polk City. An integral part of the Center's placement near our Government Center is being accompanied by additional retail space already under construction through a unique private/public partnership with no expenditure of YOUR tax dollars! Also, the opening of Florida Polytechnic just down the road signals possible opportunities for Polk City. LET'S EXPLORE THESE EXCITING TIMES TOGETHER!

The City Commission needs to hear from you as many decisions are forthcoming relating to our future. Please be a part of helping us shape Polk City's future.

Consider this....there are approximately 360 waking hours in one month. Isn't the future worth the investment of only 2 hours a month to attend a City Commission meeting? We meet on the third Monday of every month @ 7pm.

Will we see you on the 16th? BRING A FRIEND!

2013 Water Quality Reports

Annually Polk City produces a Consumer Confidence Report (CCR) in accordance with regulatory guidelines. This report is designed to give customers a snapshot of the City's water quality for the previous year. The City's CCR, which has been approved by the Polk County Health Department, is available online for interested customers to view at the links provided below. Also as a convenience, the city will provide hard copies upon request through the billing office; as well as being available in the lobby of City Hall, and the Library. Any questions concerning the City's CCR should be directed to Charles Nichols in the Utility Office @ 984-1375 ext.: 227.

Mount Olive Estates:

http://www.mypolkcity.org/documents/39/Water%20Quality%20Report%20Mount%20Olive%20Estates_201405050934317142.pdf

City of Polk City:

http://www.mypolkcity.org/documents/39/Water%20Quality%20Report%20City%20of%20Polk%20City_201405050934323704.pdf



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. Monday-Thursday during normal business hours. Polk City Utilities EMERGENCY number is 1-866-815-0074

Let Us Hear From You

Please let us know of any ideas you may have for fun and exciting special events you would like to see in Polk City.

Polk City Staff would like to wish each of you a safe and



***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.