

# 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

## Recap of June 16, 2014 City Commission Meeting

**ORDINANCE 2014-04** – Adopting minimum service application requirements; clarifying and restating minimum monthly water and sewer charges, correcting Scrivener's errors. Second and Final Reading. Approved.

**ORDINANCE 2014-05** - AMENDING THE POLK CITY OFFICIAL ZONING MAP TO REZONE THE PROPERTY LOCATED NORTH OF BROADWAY, EAST OF COMMONWEALTH (SR 33), SOUTH OF E. PALMETTO, AND WEST OF BOUGAINVILLEA (ENTIRE BLOCK; PARCEL NUMBERS 25-26-33-296500-084020, -084060, -084100, -084150, -084190, -084012, -084011, AND -082000)) INCLUDING APPROXIMATELY 4.28 ACRES FROM THE GENERAL COMMERCIAL ZONING DISTRICT (C-2) AND PUBLIC BUILDING AND GROUNDS TO THE PLANNED UNIT DEVELOPMENT (PUD) ZONING DISTRICT; PROVIDING CONDITIONS OF APPROVAL; REPEALING ALL ORDINANCES IN CONFLICT HEREWITH; PROVIDING FOR SEVERABILITY; PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE. Second and Final Reading. Approved.

## Polk City Library



Summer Reading takes place every Wednesday at the Library at 11:00AM. Wednesday, Fizz Boom Read with Miss Daisy. On Wednesday, July 23 Scott Spaulding with the Lake Louisa State Park will be on hand with his collection of snakes. Wednesday, July 30 is our Round-Up party with prizes, science experiments, food, and fun. Tuesday, July 15 is National Ice Cream Day. The library will be serving Ice Cream Sundays from 11:00 am – 4:00 pm. Stop in and have dessert on us.

## Hurricane Season – Helpful Websites

**Polk County Emergency Shelters**  
[http://www.polk-county.net/subpage.aspx?menu\\_id=20&nav=res&id=852](http://www.polk-county.net/subpage.aspx?menu_id=20&nav=res&id=852)

## Tax Free Shopping

Florida's sales-tax holiday is August 1-3, 2014 in time for back-to-school shopping. New this year, clothing items exempted from the state's 6-percent sales-tax increases to \$100 per item and for computers and accessories, the first \$750 or less is now tax-free, according to the Florida Department of Revenue. School supplies remain unchanged at \$15 per item. This year, consumers can purchase more expensive computers (desktops, laptops, tablets) and accessories for non-commercial home or personal use and save tax on the first \$750 or less per item. Last year, items had to cost \$750 or less.

**Children in Polk County return to public school on August 18.**

## Happenings Around Polk

### Chagall for Children

Explorations V Children's Museum (Lakeland) hosts the world-class traveling exhibit, Chagall for Children! An interactive, multi-sensory art exhibit featuring components that incorporate reproductions of works by master artist, Marc Chagall. The exhibit offers children an introduction to art while allowing both children and adults to develop a greater understanding and appreciation of all forms of artistic expression by examining color, composition, light and texture. Cost: \$7 admission; discounts for senior citizens, active military and teachers

### Saturday Night Rodeo at Westgate River Ranch Resort

Cowpokes and bronco busters descend upon Westgate River Ranch every Saturday night at 7:30 p.m. for an evening of fun for the whole family at the 1,200-seat rodeo arena. This real-life rodeo features trick riding, bull riding, calf roping, barrel racing, rodeo clown

antics and a patriotic, flag-waving tribute to our armed forces accompanied by uplifting, classic country songs such as Lee Greenwood's "God Bless the USA" and Toby Keith's "Courtesy of the Red, White & Blue." In addition, kids are invited into the rodeo arena toward the end of the evening and get the opportunity to participate in a real "calf scramble." The Rodeo Dance is immediately following the rodeo where kids can sing, dance and compete in games while the lively DJ entertains the crowd with tunes such as "Macarena," "Electric Slide" and even "Cotton Eyed Joe." The rodeo arena lies adjacent to the River Ranch Saloon, which features live music on weekends. Cost: Admission for the Saturday Night Rodeo is \$15.00 for adults and \$8.00 for children. (plus tax) Don't miss it!

### **Legoland's Move It Movement**

Legoland Florida plays host for a second consecutive year to Cartoon Network's MOVE IT MOVEMENT Tour on August 9th & 10th. The summertime traveling event targets youth 6-14 and their parents, presented in partnership with the President's Council on Fitness, Sports & Nutrition and in support of First Lady Michelle Obama's Let's Move! initiative. The 19-market tour will end at LEGOLAND Florida, giving guests new sport-themed activities only available during this exciting two-day event. The MOVE IT MOVEMENT Tour is included with park admission. Guests visiting can enjoy a host of activities, including an all-new Cartoon Network show-branded obstacle course. For more information on the MOVE IT MOVEMENT Tour, please visit [Florida.Legoland.com](http://Florida.Legoland.com).



### *Business of the Month*

#### **Polk City Ace Hardware**

211 North Commonwealth Avenue  
Polk City, FL 33868  
863-984-1541  
Andy Oakley, Manager

*Stop in for your hardware and automotive parts as you get ready for your next major project.*



### *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.

\*\*\*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.