

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 August 18, 2014 City Commission Meeting

1. Interlocal Agreement for Public School Facility Planning - Approved
2. Yard Sale Permits - no fee - Approved
3. Discuss and Approve Request for Proposals-- Solid Waste Collection/Disposal – Approved

Free Cup of “Joe” with Joe.....Mayor Joe LaCascia that is!!!!

Every Sunday Morning I'm at Country Angels Restaurant with a group of neighbors sharing coffee and good talks. Come on in between 8 am -9am to share Polk City comments and concerns and I'll buy the coffee. Please understand that no decisions can be made at the coffee, but I assure you that your issues and concerns will be in front of City Manager Patricia Jackson first thing Monday morning for attention and subsequent resolution. I understand that too many of you have busy schedules and cannot make the evening regularly scheduled Commission meetings to share your concerns or ideas. This might be a good idea to hear from you in a less formal surrounding. Hope to see you there!!!!!!!.....*Mayor Joe*

Polk City Library



The Polk City Library will offer free tutoring in reading, beginning Monday, September 15 and Tuesday, September 16. Tutoring will continue each week on Monday and Tuesday from 5:00 pm to 6:00 pm. Paula Bucci, certified reading specialist, will conduct these sessions. Book Club resumes on Tuesday, September 16 at 6:00 pm. We have read throughout the summer the *Memoirs by Homer Hickam; October Sky, The Coalwood Way, and Sky of Stone*. Homer left his small town in West Virginia and became a NASA Space Engineer. If you would like to read one or all, get in touch with the library for a copy. Preschool story time will begin on Wednesday, September 17 at 10:00 am. Parents are welcome to come with their child(ren). We will play games read books, do crafts and sometimes have snacks. The third week in October is *National Teen Read week*. The Polk City Library will be conducting teen read throughout October. Every teen still in school who reads a book from the library can submit their name for a drawing to win a Kindle. There is no limit to how many books you read or how many times your name is submitted for the drawing, as long as you have read the books. The drawing will be held Thursday, October 30 at 4:00 pm. Please see the librarian for further details.

Business of the Month



Hungry Howie's
FLAVORED CRUST PIZZA

108 North Commonwealth Avenue
Polk City, FL 33868
863-984-2440

Thanks to our friends in Polk City, we have relocated to our new home on the corner of Commonwealth and Hwy 33. Come by and visit our new location. Bring this newsletter in and receive 20% off items from the expanded menu. This offer expires September 21, 2014. We look forward to serving you!

Hurricane Season – Helpful Websites

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

Other Happenings around Polk County

Classic Albums Live

Date: Friday, September 12

Venue: The Lakeland Center

- Max 98.3 and Classic Albums Live takes classic albums and recreates them live, on stage - note for note, cut for cut.
- The next Classic Albums Live concert will be: Prince- Purple Rain.

Cardboard Boat Challenge & Lakes Festival

Date: Saturday, September 13

Venue: Lake Hollingsworth, Lakeland

- Enjoy an afternoon of family fun with exhibitors, children's activities, food vendors, live music and a cardboard boat race.
- The Cardboard Boat Challenge & Lakes Festival helps raise awareness about water resources and how all must play a role in protecting them.

Family Fun Day

Date: Saturday, September 13

Venue: Polk County History Center, Bartow

- The Polk County History Center invites families to enjoy a day of free arts and crafts on the second Saturday of each month.

Repticon FIRExpo Reptile & Exotic Animals

Date: Saturday, September 13 – Sunday, September 14

Venue: The Lakeland Center

- The Repticon FIRExpo is a reptile event featuring vendors offering reptile pets, supplies, feeders, cages, and merchandise as well as live animal seminars and frequent free raffles for coveted prizes.

Classic Film Sundays

Date: Sunday, September 14

Venue: Polk Theatre, Lakeland

- Throughout September, Polk Theatre will show films celebrating their 40th Anniversary.
- Murder on the Orient Express will be shown on September 14.



Utilities Department

Polk City now accepts credit card payments for utility payments at the Polk City Government Center. This includes Visa, Mastercard, American Express, and Discover card. Please note there is a 2.95% processing charge on the total payment, from the credit card processing company. Utility deposits and other payments still have to be paid with cash, check, or money order at this time.

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.

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.

***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.