

In The News



May 2015

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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 LIBRARY WILL BE CLOSED IN OBSERVANCE OF MEMORIAL DAY ON MONDAY, MAY 25, 2015. OFFICES WILL REOPEN ON TUESDAY, MAY 26, 2015.

Recap of April 20, 2015 City Commission Meeting

Ordinance 2015-01 - Approved on first reading.

Mayor Joe LaCascia and Vice-Mayor Mike Blethen were reappointed for another one-year term to their respective appointments.

Polk City Library

 The Book Club will meet on Tuesday, May 19 at 6:00 pm. We are reading "I Am Malala" by Malala Yousafzia. If you would like to come, please see a librarian to obtain a copy of the book. In an effort to form a "Friends of the Library" group, we will meet on Tuesday June 9 at 4:00 pm. Anyone interested in becoming a part of this organization is welcome to come and check it out. The first graders from the Polk City Elementary will be visiting the library on May 19-21. The second graders will be visiting on the May 26-28 at 1:00 pm.



Republic Services Holiday Schedule

City of Polk City – Residents

Monday, May 25 Garbage, Recycle and Bulk will be collected Tuesday, May 26. Wednesday, May 27 Yard Waste will be collected Thursday, May 28, 2015.

County – Unincorporated Residents

Monday May 25, 2015 Garbage, Recycle and Yard waste will be collected Tuesday, May 26, Tuesdays will be collected Wednesday, May 27, Wednesdays will be collected Thursday, May 28, Thursdays will be collected Friday, May 29, Fridays will be collected Saturday, May 30, 2015.

Other Happenings around Polk County

Green Swamp Stompers

The Green Swamp Stompers Clogging Team will be starting beginner Clogging Lessons on June 9, 2015. Classes are open to ages 5 years and older. Cost is \$20.00 for eight weeks. Classes will be held at the Polk City Activity Center located on Lake Shore Drive and Bougainvillea Street in Polk City. For more information, please call Maureen Wood at 863-984-1696.

Van Fleet American Legion Post 396

Van Fleet American Legion Post 396 will dedicate its new Post Home and Canteen in Polk City in the near future. We are reaching out to our fellow Veterans to become part of our growing process in helping Veterans in need. We must replace the many passing veterans and carry on the great works they have accomplished. Needless to say, the Post has depleted much of its budget in this task. Any donations will help the Post greatly. Our goal is to serve fellow veterans, regardless of need. For more information, please contact John Forsburg, Post Commander, 863-984-4696 or via email - bj132@netzero.com.

2015 Hurricane Expo

Date: May 16, 2015

Venue: Auburndale Community Center, 405 Bennett Street

Time: 10:00 am – 3:00 pm

The City of Auburndale will be hosting the 2015 Hurricane Expo at the Auburndale Community Center on Saturday, May 16. Please see Polk City’s website (www.mypolkcity.org) for further details and registration.

Floodplain Update

Updated Floodplain Maps available for viewing at series of Open Houses throughout Polk County

Bartow, Fla. (April 30, 2015) — Polk County’s Board of County Commissioners will host a series of Open House meetings in May to give residents and business owners an opportunity to view and comment on soon-to-be released updated flood hazard maps. The maps can be viewed online at www.polk-county.net/boccsite/your-government/floodplain-management or in person at the Polk County Floodplain Management office, 330 W. Church Street in Bartow. The new maps show areas throughout the Southwest Florida Water Management District (SWFWMD) portion of Polk County that are at risk for flooding and will be used to help determine flood insurance and building requirements. The South Florida Water Management District portion of Polk County, located along the east side of the county, received updated maps in 2012. No formal presentations are scheduled; residents can come anytime between 4:00 – 7:00 p.m. to the following locations:

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| <p><u>Tuesday, May 12</u> Polk Street Community Center 1255 Polk Street Bartow, FL 33830</p> | <p><u>Wednesday, May 13</u> City of Lakeland, Magnolia Building 698 East Orange Street Lakeland, FL 33801</p> | <p><u>Thursday, May 14</u> Winter Haven Chain O’ Lakes Complex Pool Room, South Entrance 210 Cypress Gardens Boulevard Winter Haven 33880</p> |
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FEMA, SWFWMD and county staff will be available at each public meeting to answer questions about flood risk and insurance requirements. For general questions about the local map update efforts call Polk County Floodplain Management at (863) 534-6767 or (863) 534-6765. For information about flood insurance, contact your local insurance agent or visit www.FloodSmart.gov.



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 kmckinney@mypolkcity.org, Monday-Thursday during normal business hours.

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

Mobile Food Pantry

Do you need food or know a family who needs food? BB&T Bank and the City of Polk City will be hosting a **Mobile Food Pantry on Tuesday, June 30, 2015 from 2:00- 3:30 pm**. Agape Food Bank will distribute groceries to 200 families at 321 Broadway Blvd SE in Polk City (former location of Family Dollar & Food Town Stores). The foods will be distributed on a first come, first served basis. We are seeking volunteers to work from 1:00 pm – 4:00 pm to make this project a huge success. Please call Sheandolen Dunn @ 863-984-1375 x 238 or email sheandolen.dunn@mypolkcity.org for further details. Hope to see you there.



MOBILE FOOD PANTRY

**TUES, JUNE 30, 2015
2:00 pm - 3:30 pm**

**GROCERY
DISTRIBUTION
TO 200 FAMILIES**

**First Come
First Served**



Sponsored By:

BB&T

**Hosted by
City of Polk City**
321 Broadway Blvd SE
Polk City, FL 33868
(former location of Family Dollar &
Food Town Stores)

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