

# 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 July 20, 2015 City Commission Meeting*

1. Financial Reporting Officer/Comptroller Service Agreement - **Approved**
2. Interlocal Agreement w/ Polk County – Funding Development of the Polk County Water Cooperative - **Approved**
3. Renaming Palmetto Street - **Approved**
4. Review and Approve Boat Dock – 385 Nolane Lane - **Approved**

## *Polk City Library*

**Summer Reading** - The last Hoorah will be held on Tuesday, August 12, 2015 at 11:00 am. Snacks will be served. Please visit our website for additional information....[www.mypolkcity.org](http://www.mypolkcity.org).

**Book Club** will resume on Tuesday, September 15, 2015 at 6:00 pm. Over the summer, we've read " *Gone With The Wind*" by Margaret Mitchell. Please stop in and request a copy of the book.

**Story Time for preschoolers** will resume on Thursday, September 17, 2015 at 11:00 am.

**Library Fines** - During the month of August, if you have any library fines, we will match every dollar that is paid. Any lost or undamaged items will be checked in free of charge. All transactions must be done in person during normal library hours.....Monday - Tuesday 9:00 am to 6:00 pm; Wednesday, Thursday, and Friday 9:00 am to 5:00 pm.

**Spiderman pictures** will be available for pick-up on Tuesday, August 12, 2015 at 11:00 am.

## *Discount Prescription Program*

**Polk County BOCC introduces discount card programs to help alleviate high costs of prescriptions as well as health services - Residents can take advantage of a wide range of savings**

**Bartow, Fla. (July 27, 2015)** – Polk County today launched three new programs to help county residents better manage the cost of prescription medications and health and dental services. As a member of the National Association of Counties (NACo), the County is able to offer the Prescription and Health Discount programs to residents at no cost. Additionally, a Dental Discount program is available at a small fee that will provide savings of up to 75 percent on prescriptions and 15-50 percent on health and dental services.

Programs can be used by residents who do not have insurance and by those whose insurance does not cover the prescriptions or services they need. There are no annual limits placed on use, no forms to fill out, no waiting periods, no age or income requirements and no medical condition restrictions.

“Though healthcare costs are rising at a slower rate, families are still facing difficulties in paying for medical expenses. To help, Polk County is very happy to offer prescription, health and dental discount programs to our residents. These cost-saving programs will ease some of the burden families face so they can get the care and services they need,” said Polk County Commissioner Todd Dantzler.

The Prescription, Health and Dental Discount program, which are administered by CVS Caremark, include discounts on prescription medications, dental services, vision care, LASIK & PRK vision procedures, hearing aids and screenings, prepaid lab work, prepaid diagnostic imaging and diabetic supplies. A resident can begin saving on prescriptions as soon as he/she receives a discount card. For health services, memberships are available on a monthly or annual subscription basis for both individuals and families and discounts are available immediately upon enrollment; though these programs are helpful, they are not insurance.

The discount card can also be used to save money on pet medications that have to be purchased at a pharmacy. The card is accepted at 65,000 pharmacies nationwide including all the major chains such as Wal-Mart, CVS/pharmacy, Walgreens, Giant, Safeway and Rite Aid. Participating pharmacies also include the majority of community-based, independent pharmacies.

The free discount cards may be used by all Polk County residents, regardless of age, income or existing health coverage. The discount cards are available through the Indigent Healthcare Division of the Polk County Board of County Commissioners by calling (863) 534-5387. The prescription and health discount cards can also be printed from the Internet at [www.nacorx.org](http://www.nacorx.org) or by calling toll-free 1(877) 321-2652.



### *Seek the Leak Tips*

#### **Water faucets, hoses and connectors**

Check all faucets, hoses and connectors periodically for leaks and to make sure they are in good working order. Make sure faucets are closed when not in use. If you do find a leaky faucet, change the washer — after turning off the shutoff valve.

#### **Automatic lawn and sprinkling systems**

Soft, wet spots on your lawn around the in-ground sprinkler could indicate a leak that is being absorbed into the ground. Contact your plumber or landscape maintenance specialist if repairs are needed.

#### **Swimming pool**

Check the pool system's shutoff valve, which works automatically, to see if it is malfunctioning and causing a continuous cycle of water to be pumped in and then drained out. If the water level stays higher than normal and it overflows when people are using it, call your plumber.

#### **Service connecting line**

If you find a soft, wet spot on your lawn or hear the sound of running water outside your house, you may have a leak in the service line to your house. Water soaks into the ground, causing the soft spots. Close the main shutoff valve. If the sound of running water continues, the outside service line could be leaking. Contact your plumber if you detect wet spots.