

# 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 CENTER AND THE LIBRARY WILL BE CLOSED IN OBSERVANCE OF CHRISTMAS DAY ON THURSDAY, DECEMBER 24, 2015 AND WILL RESUME NORMAL BUSINESS HOURS ON MONDAY, DECEMBER 28, 2015.**

## Thank you

Polk City Commission, City Manager and Staff would like to express appreciation to each of you for your contribution in making the Safe Haven Halloween, Swampland Music Festival and the Christmas Parade activities for 2015 a huge success. We could not have done it without you. Thanks again and stay tuned in just a few short months as we begin planning for the 2016 holiday festivities.

## Congratulations

The Christmas Parade Float winners are as follows: **Judge's Choice** - Outback Animal Hospital; **Most Christmas Spirit** – First Baptist Church; **Most Creative** – Polk City Elementary

## Recap of November 16, 2015 City Commission Meeting

1. **PUBLIC HEARING** - Ordinance 2015-05 – Amending FY 2015 Budget – 2<sup>nd</sup> Reading - Approved
2. **PUBLIC HEARING** - Ordinance 2015-06 – Charter Amendment Referendum (Districting) – 1<sup>st</sup> Reading - Approved
3. Interlocal Agreement with Polk County for Site Infrastructure Inspection, Engineering Plan Review and General Consulting Services - Approved
4. Resolution 2015-04 - Donald Bronson Community Center Rules and Governing Policies - Tabled
5. Selection of 2015 Grand Marshal Selection for Christmas Parade - Approved

## Holiday Food Distribution

Catholic Charities Agape Food Bank, thru funding by Givewell Community Foundation, has partnered with Polk City to distribute food to 300 families. This will be on a first come first served basis. Each package will include the components of a holiday meal. Upon receiving the package of food, we will require a family representative to render basic household information.

**Date:** Thursday, December 17, 2015  
**Time:** 10:00 am  
**Location:** Donald Bronson Community Center (Rear of Polk City Government Center), 124 Bronson Trail, Polk City

## Heaters

If you are a Polk City resident and in need of a small space heater, please call Sheandolen Dunn at 863-984-1375 x 238.

## *Polk City Library*

Book Club will resume on Tuesday, December 15, 2015 at 6:00 pm. This month we are doing various cook books and we are bringing a dish from whatever book we choose.

December 21<sup>st</sup> – 23<sup>rd</sup> we will have Christmas crafts from 2:30-4:30 pm. Parents bring your children in for an opportunity to make homemade ornaments.



## *Polk City Residents Garbage Pick Up*

**Republic Services** will collect Garbage, Recycle, and Bulk on Monday, December 21<sup>st</sup>. Yard waste will be collected on Wednesday, December 23<sup>rd</sup>. Normal operations no change in collection schedule.

**Polk County Resident Collection Service** in the unincorporated areas – Monday December 21<sup>st</sup>, Tuesday December 22<sup>nd</sup>, Wednesday December 23<sup>rd</sup> and Thursday December 24<sup>th</sup>, garbage, recycle, yard waste and bulk will remain on normal schedule. Friday December 25<sup>th</sup> garbage, recycle, yard waste and bulk will be collected on Saturday December 26<sup>th</sup>.

This schedule will be the same for January in observance of the New Year's Holiday on January 1, 2016.

## *Around Polk County*

- **Festival of Wreaths, November 20 – December 12, 9 am – 4 pm**  
Fifth Annual Festival of Wreaths. Polk County History Center is located at 100 East Main Street in Bartow. Please visit [www.polkhistorycenter.org](http://www.polkhistorycenter.org) and click on the Festival of Wreaths icon or call 863-534-4386 for more information.
- **The Velveteen Rabbit; December 9, 2015; 10 am - 11:30 am**  
Theatre Winter Haven presents *The Velveteen Rabbit*. This adaptation of Margery Williams' treasured classic tells how a toy rabbit learns what it means to be loved by a child – and how toys become “real” in the hearts of their owners. Don't miss the opportunity to share this timeless story with your children. Suitable for all ages.
- **A Charlie Brown Christmas; December 11, 2015; Friday: 7:30 p.m.; Saturday: 2 p.m. and 7:30 p.m.; Sunday: 2 p.m.**  
Lakeland Community Theatre presents A Charlie Brown Christmas, a performance for all ages in December. When Charlie Brown complains about the overwhelming materialism he sees among everyone during the Christmas season, Lucy suggests that he become director of the school Christmas pageant. Charlie Brown accepts, but this proves to be a frustrating endeavor. When an attempt to restore the proper holiday spirit with a forlorn little Christmas fir tree fails, he needs Linus' help to learn what the real meaning of Christmas is.

Please visit <https://visitcentralflorida.org> for other events throughout Polk County.

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\*\*\*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.