

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 January 19, 2016 City Commission Meeting

1. **PUBLIC HEARING** - Ordinance 2016-01 – Alcohol Consumption in city owned facilities –Second and Final Reading - Approved
2. **Resolution 2016-01** – Donald Bronson Community Center Rules and Governing Policies - Approved

Polk City Library

Book Club will resume on Tuesday, February 16, 2016 at 6:00 pm. This month we are discussing "Leaving Time" by Jodi Picoult. Everyone is welcome. If you need a copy, please stop by the library. "Make It and Take It" Crafts will be done on Friday, February 12, 2016 in time for Valentine's Day.

Polk Senior Games

The 24th Annual Polk Senior Games are scheduled for February 27 – March 14, 2016 and offer a two-week series of 99 athletic and recreational Olympic-style events. They attract over 25,000 men and women, ages 50 and over, with a variety of skills, the serious competitor, the fun-at-heart, the seasoned athlete, the late bloomer, and the physically challenged. The purposed of the Games is to promote friendly competition, fellowship, health and wellness, an active lifestyle and volunteerism.

To request an entry booklet be mailed in January or for more information about participation, volunteering or sponsorship, contact Deena Wilbur at 863-533-0055 or Polkseniorgames@verizon.net or check out the website at www.polkseniorgames.org.

Say Hello to Polk City BBQ



Lakeland BBQ Company and Polk City BBQ Company were born out of the desire to bring competition quality BBQ to your plate each and every day! Hearing from many of the folks who have already tried Polk City BBQ, it looks like they have exceeded that expectation!

Pitmaster Joel Vann has been in the restaurant and catering business for over nine years. He has a passion for freshly prepared food that excites your palate. If winning BBQ competitions is any example of success.....Polk City BBQ certainly demonstrates SUCCESS! Both Joel and competition partner Bobby King teamed up in Good Buddies Competition and finished fourth overall in Florida BBQ for the 2015 season. Additionally they received 1st Place in Chicken and 7th Place Overall at the WORLD FOOD CHAMPIONSHIPS this past Fall! Now that there is good eatin' Folks!

So come on in and try it yourself! Located at 221 North Highway 33 (next door to Ace Hardware) they're open 7 days a week from 11am-7:30pm. Call them at 863.221.8144 or visit their website www.polkcitybbq.com.

Annual Citywide Yard Sale

Date: Saturday, March 12, 2016

Time: 8:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.

Application Deadline: Monday, February 22, 2016

Open to the Public. Yard Sale Shoppers can pick up a City Wide Yard Sale Map at Freedom Park (7750 Berkley Road, Polk City)

Vendors wanted - Freedom Park will be open to all types of vendors or you can bring your yard sale items to sell. The cost is a \$15.00 permit fee for each 10'x10' space – Application required.

Residential Applications - Polk City Utility Customers (Inside or Outside City Limits), that register for the event will have the \$15.00 permit fee waived and be placed on the City Wide Yard Sale Map distributed at Freedom Park the day of the event. Any Utility Customer wishing to sell items at Freedom Park must pay a \$15.00 permit fee for each 10'x10' space and are subject to space availability. All participants must abide by the rules and regulations that govern this event. Please visit our website, www.mypolkcity.org for more information and applications. You may contact Kelly Downing at 863-984-1375 ext. 231.

Curbside Clean Up

It's clean up time! On **Saturday, April 9, 2016** round up the junk from the basement, garage, backyard or attic and get it to the curb for the Spring Curbside Clean-Up. This is your chance to place general junk, mattresses/box springs, unusable furniture such as desks, chairs, tables, lamps, tires (without rims) and appliances and Republic Services will pick up the items. Place the materials at the curb before 6 am on April 11. This clean-up is for residents inside the city limits only. Please see flyer on the City's website – www.mypolkcity.org.

Other Happenings Around Polk County

- **Feb. 13, 9 a.m. to 2 p.m., Tin Can Tourists Set-up Camp at the History Center** - Take a trip back in time on Feb. 13, when the History Center welcomes six vintage travel trailers to the south side of the building, compliments of the National Tin Can Tourist Club. Visitors can tour the inside of these rare gems and imagine what it was like hitting the open roads of America in these compact houses-on-wheels in the mid-1900s. The travel trailers on display will represent various makes and models from the 1950s and 1960s, and the owners will be on site to give tours and answer questions. The goal of the Tin Can Tourist Club is the promotion and preservation of vintage trailers and motor coaches through gatherings and information exchange. The Tin Can Tourist Club currently holds annual gatherings in Michigan and Florida, and regional rallies at various locations throughout the country. After your tour of the vintage travel trailers, we invite you to come inside to view our current temporary exhibit, "Good Reasons for Good Roads: Celebrating the Dixie Highway at 100 Years." The exhibit explores early highways, the people who travelled them and a new era of development in the state's history. Artifacts in the exhibit include dozens of mid-century souvenirs from Polk's early attractions and the first automobile license plate ever issued in Polk. The Dixie Highway's initial route officially opened in 1915 and transformed the cultural landscape of Florida. The exhibit will be on display through August. For more information, please visit www.polkhistorycenter.com or call 863-534-4385.
- **Feb. 20, 11 a.m. - Architectural Tour** - Join us for a family friendly architectural tour of the History Center and learn more about neoclassical architecture, the construction of the building and the stories behind the iconic Old Polk County Courthouse. The architectural tour begins at 11 a.m. the third Saturday of each month. For more information, please visit www.polkhistorycenter.com or call 863-534-4385.



***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.