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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 30, 2016.
OFFICES WILL REOPEN ON TUESDAY, MAY 31, 2016.

Recap of April 18, 2016 City Commission Meeting

1. **Public Hearing – Ordinance 2016-02 –** Amending Land Development Code, Second and Final Reading. Approved
2. **Mayor Joe LaCascia** was reappointed for another one-year term. **Commissioner Wanda Harris** was appointed as Vice Mayor for a one year term.
3. **Public Hearing –** Public Input for FY 2016/2017 CDBG Project - Approved
4. Republic Services – Petition for Rate Adjustment for Polk City - Denied
5. Approval of Equipment Lease with Mailfinance, Inc. (postage meter) - Approved

Polk City Library

 We are starting 1,000 books before Kindergarten. Stop in at the library and find out how to get your child involved. Book Club is Tuesday, May 17 at 6pm. This month we are discussing *Richard Russo's "Bridge of Sighs"*. See a librarian to obtain a copy of the book. We are conducting a weekly adult coloring session on Wednesdays, 12 Noon to 1:00 pm. All materials will be provided. Come and join us for some relaxing time at the library.

Republic Services Holiday Schedule



City of Polk City – Residents

Monday, May 30 Garbage, Recycle and Bulk will be collected Tuesday, May 31. Wednesday, June 1 Yard Waste will be collected Thursday, June 2.

County – Unincorporated Residents

Monday May 30th, 2016 Garbage, Recycle and Yard waste will be collected Tuesday May 31, Tuesdays will be collected Wednesday June 1, Wednesdays will be collected Thursday June 2, Thursdays will be collected Friday, June 3, Fridays will be collected Saturday June 4, 2016.

Utility Billing

We are excited about your new Utility Bills! City staff is working diligently to become more effective and efficient, therefore we have chosen to offer your Utility Bill with a new look, and a return envelope. If you have any questions concerning your new Utility bill, please call our office at 863-874-4808.

Q. What can I do on a regular basis to keep my drains from clogging?

For kitchen sinks and laundry tub lines: fill up the sink with hot water and let it drain. This fills the pipe instead of just hitting the bottom of the line; and it pushes any debris to the main line.

Q. Why do Tree Roots get into a sewer line?

Tree roots are naturally attracted to water. Your drain line is not only a great source of water, but also nutrients that tree roots can thrive on. Roots need a very small crevice to sneak into your drain line where they can grow, prosper, and cause homeowners big headaches. Root masses quickly become clogged with toilet tissue, grease and other debris flowing from your home to the main sewer, these results in reduced flow, slow running drains and in most cases a complete blockage which can cause other drains in your home to backup. Once you know there is tree root problem in your line, (usually a backup occurs to discover this) it is best to set up a regular preventative maintenance plan. This can be once a year, or every 6 months depending on how severe your tree root problem is.

RootX is the effective solution for you or your plumbing professional. RootX kills roots in residential sewer lines, storm pipes and septic systems. A root intrusion left untreated can restrict flow, cause complete blockage and can eventually destroy a sewer or septic system, costing you thousands of dollars to repair or replace.

Q. Rid X or Liquid Drano – are these products I should be using in my lines?

It is best to not use liquid drain cleaners like Drano in your lines. These products are really only a temporary fix, and if they do not break down the clog they actually get trapped in your line causing acid erosion to the line itself. It is also very dangerous when these products are used then a drain cleaning technician uses their machine to clear the blockage. Drano is an acid – which can cause skin, eye, respiratory, and uniform damage. When these chemicals are used the cost of cleaning the line can go up – as it is more work for our technicians to properly and safely clean the line. Use them at your own risk.

Q. How do I eliminate the odor coming from my garbage disposal?

Foul odors can occur when there is a buildup of food debris in the disposal. To eliminate these odors, place ice cubes and citrus peels in the disposal, then run for 30 seconds. Next, pour 1 – 2 tbsp of liquid dish soap into the disposal while it is still running. Then, run cold water for about 1 minute to rinse all excess debris away

Polk City Staff would like to wish each of you a safe

