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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 Polk City Library will be closed Monday, July 4, 2016 in observance of the Fourth of July. The offices and Library will resume normal business hours on Tuesday, July 5, 2016.

Recap of May 16, 2016 City Commission Meeting

City Manager Jackson provided project updates on the following items: *Request to FDOT for Signal Warrant Study (SR 559 and SR 33); Grants; Certification of Donald Bronson Community Center/Storm Shelter; Shelter Agreement with Red Cross; Refurbishing of Basketball and Tennis Courts; Generator for Voyles Loop Lift Station*

Polk City Library

 New Library Hours are Monday - Thursday 8:30am - 5:00 pm and Friday 8:30 am - 4:00 pm. Book Club is May 21. The book this month is *American Wife* by Taya Kyle (wife of Chris Kyle Sniper). This will be the last Book Club until September. Everyone is invited to come out and enjoy a lively discussion about this book. Summer Reading will start on Wednesday, June 15 and the kids can begin keeping track of the books they read. The Adult Coloring Class will continue on Wednesdays at 12:00 Noon.

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.

Sec. 74-255 - Reconnection charges

In the event water utility service has been terminated or otherwise interrupted by the city for nonpayment of account or if a customer appears on the cutoff list, a charge of \$55.00 is hereby imposed for the reconnection of water utility service. If reconnection is requested outside the city's normal business hours, then the \$100.00 after business hours activation fee, as described in section 74-256, also applies. (Ord. No. 2002-04, art. 3, § 5, 6-11-2002; Ord. No. 1140, § 1, 2-27-2007; Ord. No. 1246, § 1, 3-10-2009; Ord. No. 2011-1277, § 11, 6-13-2011)

PROTECTING OUR STORMWATER

What is an illicit discharge?

An illicit discharge is "any discharge into a municipal storm sewer system that is not composed entirely of Stormwater".

Some pollutants that fall into this broad category are:

- Car wash wastewater
- Gas and motor oil
- Grass clippings



- Household cleaners and solvents
- Pet waste
- Pesticides and weed killers

Five Easy Ways That You Can Keep Illicit Discharges Out of Polk City's Lakes:

1. Recycle used oil, antifreeze and batteries. Clean up spills immediately. Kitty litter or sawdust will absorb the spill but be sure to sweep these up as well.
2. Wash your car on the grass so that the water, detergent, and dirt will be filtered by the soil. This will also help conserve water, as it will be serving multiple purposes.
3. Empty bottles of household cleaners, pesticides, and weed killer should be disposed of according to label directions.
4. Grass clippings in the street should be swept up after each mowing to prevent them from being washed down into the storm sewers.
5. Many household products, including paints, paint thinners, and solvents can be taken to the Polk County Landfill. Paint brushes used with water based paint can be rinsed out in the sink. If you have a little paint left over in the can, stuff it loosely with newspaper for the paint to dry out completely, and put the can in the trash.

Meter Boxes and Meters:

Did you know that the homeowner is responsible for keeping the area in and around his/her meter box clear of plants and debris?

- The area at least three feet above and one foot on each side, all around the meter box should be cleared of plantings. This provides access to read the meter and service it if necessary. Meters with restricted access can be denied service or have their reads estimated until proper access is restored.
- Keep the interior of the meter box clear of debris and dirt. The meter should be fully exposed and accessible, with dirt completely cleared away from the sides and bottom. You should be able to pass a hand easily under both the water line and the meter. Again, uncleared meters can be denied service or have their reads estimated until proper access is restored.
- The top of the meter box should be easily and completely visible to a reader. It is a good idea to have your landscape personnel trim around the lids to keep them fully exposed and discourage them from running over the lids with mowers, as damage to the boxes can be billed to the homeowner.



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



*****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.***