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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 ON MONDAY, DECEMBER 25, 2017 AND WILL REOPEN ON TUESDAY, DECEMBER 26, 2017. THE OFFICES AND LIBRARY WILL ALSO BE CLOSED ON MONDAY, JANUARY 1, 2018 AND WILL REOPEN ON TUESDAY, JANUARY 2, 2018.**

*Thank You*

If you didn't get to see Saturday's Christmas Parade.....you missed a great small town moment! Admittedly NOT the biggest maybe, but the spirit of everyone participating and viewing was terrific. It seems as though all the parade-goers knew everybody on the floats by first name and cheered them on all the way! Our Grand Marshall...Miss Jennie Harper, was the hit of the day! She enjoyed herself as did everyone who came by Freedom Park to welcome her. Thank you to all City Staff, Commissioners, float builders, riders and volunteers. You outdid yourselves in the meticulous planning and setting up this year. Santa and Mrs. Claus once again worked arduously thru the Christmas heat wave and gave out over 500 Christmas presents to all the happy smiling faces. Those gifts would not have been possible without the generous monetary donations from Hartman Consultants, Warrens RV Park, Fields Equipment, Lee Rutledge Tax Service, Brynjulfson CPA, Lakeland Electric, Sunshine Pharmacy, Publix and Sam's Club. Year after year **YOU** make this possible and it is greatly appreciated by all. **MERRY CHRISTMAS AND A BLESSED AND PEACEFUL NEW YEAR TO ALL! Mayor Joe LaCascia**

*Recap of November 2017 City Commission Meetings*


1. Ordinance 2017-05 – Amending FY 2016-07 Budget - Approved
2. Ordinance 2017-06 – Refinancing USDA Loan - Approved
3. Ordinance 2017-07 - Text Amendment to the Polk City Comprehensive Plan - First Reading
4. Ordinance 2017-08 – LDC Policies for Transfer of Development Rights - First Reading
5. Offer(s) to purchase vacant property owned by Polk City - Approved
6. Resolution 2017-09 – Surplus - Approved
7. CFRPC Contract for Services for DEO Grant - Approved

*Community Workshop*

Please join us for a **Community Workshop on Saturday, January 5, 2018 from 9 am – 11 am** at the **Donald Bronson Community Center**, 124 Bronson Trail. Polk City is developing a City-wide Parks and Recreation Master Plan (Plan). This Plan will be a detailed planning guide specifically focused on the future of parks and recreation in Polk City. If you have any questions, please contact Jennifer Codo-Salisbury at [icodosalisbury@cfrpc.org](mailto:icodosalisbury@cfrpc.org) or at (863) 534-7130 ext 178.

*Lost and Found*

*Have you lost a tablet or a Sunpass. If so, please stop by City Hall to positively identify.*

 **Story Time (Ages 1-4)** will be held Thursday, December 21, 2017, 10:00 am – 11:00 am. **Young Adult and Juvenile Book Club** is Monday, December 18, 4pm. They are reading "A Wrinkle in Time" by Madeleine L'Engle. **Christmas Craft Day** is Wednesday, December 20, 2017. **Adult Book Club** is having their holiday party on Tuesday, December 19 at 6:00 pm. Check out any cookbook, make a recipe from the book and bring it in to share with others.

*Other Happenings Around Polk County*

**Opening Night of the Festival of Wreaths**

**Date/Time:** November 2-December 14, 2017; 6-8 pm

Take in the sights and sounds of the season and enjoy the Sixth Annual Festival of Wreaths. The striking wreaths that fill the halls of the History Center are decorated and donated by local businesses, individuals and organizations. For more information, please visit [www.polkhistorycenter.org](http://www.polkhistorycenter.org).

**Faces in the Crowd at Polk Museum of Art**

**Date/Time:** September 30, 2017 - December 17, 2017; 10:00 am - 5:00 pm

**Venue:** Polk Museum of Art, Lakeland

Perspectives on American Figuration from PMOA at Florida Southern College's new Permanent Collection is second in a series of exhibitions showcasing the museum's latest acquisitions of figurative American art. For more information, please call Polk Museum of Art @ 863-688-7743.

**Winnie The Pooh History**

**Venue:** Polk County History Center

Come and learn the true, heartwarming story about the bear who was the real Winnie-the-Pooh and create your own Winnie book mark. The Polk County History Center is open 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Tuesday through Saturday at 100 East Main Street, Bartow. Visit [www.polkhistorycenter.org](http://www.polkhistorycenter.org) or call (863) 534-4386 for more information on this exhibit and programming time.

*Polk City Commission and Staff wishes each of you a*



*\*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 x 238.*