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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 Monday, September 3, 2018 in observance of Labor Day. Both will resume normal business hours on Tuesday, September 4, 2018.


Recap of July 16, 2018 City Commission Meeting

1. **Ordinance 2018-06** – Voluntary Annexation – Approved
2. **Resolution 2018-01** – 50 Year Celebration for Municipal Home Rule – Adopted
3. **Christmas Parade** – Saturday, December 1, 2018 - Approved

Planning Commission Vacancy

Polk City's Planning Commission has one (1) vacancy. The Planning Commission has jurisdiction over those matters set forth in Chapter 8.03.00 of Polk City's Unified Land Development Code (Planning, Land Use and Zoning) and makes recommendations of those matters to the City Commission. If interested, please complete a volunteer application and review the full qualifications on Polk City's website – www.mypolkcity.org. Applications are being accepted until July 30. The application can be submitted to Kathy Delp – Kathy.delp@mypolkcity.org or Sheandolen Dunn – sheandolen.dunn@mypolkcity.org at City Hall or via email.

Polk City Library

 Book Club will resume in September. The 2018 Summer Reading Program was a huge success. Total pages read approximately 90,000.

Winners by category are as follows:

First Place: Kindle Fire Tablets (4-6 –Cylas Cassista; 7-9 –Callee Raney; 10-12 – Brooke Shifflett)

Second Place: Backpacks & \$10 Gift Cards (4-6 Paige Butts; 7-9 Chloe Cassista; 10-12 Madison White)

Outback Animal Clinic

When you think of OUTBACK it might conjure up thoughts of a restaurant, the Outback automobile, or the beautiful Australian, rugged hinterlands....but here in Polk City you have to go no further than Commonwealth Avenue (SR33) to visit our own OUTBACK ANIMAL CLINIC! Some 20 years ago Doctor REGINA PROUTSOS,DVM started her professional career right here in Polk City following her graduation from the University of Missouri in 1996. Her devoted passion for all animals and concern for the well being of both patients and clients are demonstrated every day she opens her doors. JUNE 2018 marks a new era in the Outback's growth and commitment to Polk City when Dr. Proutsos, affectionately known as Dr. P bought the practice so she could offer even more of her personalized, caring services to all animal lovers. Stop by anytime to congratulate Dr. P or just to say hello and get acquainted with the many pet services offered.

OUTBACK ANIMAL HOSPITAL • 224 NorthCommonwealth Avenue (SR33) • 863 984-4123.

2018 Hurricane Basic Preparedness Tips

- Know where to go. If you are ordered to evacuate, know the local hurricane evacuation route(s) to take and have a plan for where you can stay. Contact your local emergency management agency for more information.
- Put together a go-bag: disaster supply kit, including a flashlight, batteries, cash, first aid supplies, medications, and copies of your critical information if you need to evacuate.
- If you are not in an area that is advised to evacuate and you decide to stay in your home, plan for adequate supplies in case you lose power and water for several days and you are not able to leave due to flooding or blocked roads.
- Make a family emergency communication plan.
- Many communities have text or email alerting systems for emergency notifications. To find out what alerts are available in your area, search the Internet with your town, city, or county name and the word "alerts."

For more information, go to www.Ready.gov/hurricanes.

Polk County Schools

As the Summer quickly comes to an end and families reflect on what they did this summer, we would just remind you that the first day of school is **MONDAY, AUGUST 13, 2018**.

Special Events in Polk City

Polk City is gearing up for Safe Haven Halloween on Thursday, October 25, 2018 and the Christmas Parade, Saturday, December 1, 2018. Event flyers and vendor/participant application packets will be posted on the City's Website and the newsletter in September and October.

Other Happenings Around Polk County

Senior Mobile Services

Date/Time: Every Wednesday, 10 am – 2 pm

Venue: Polk City Activity Center, 203 Lake Shore Drive, Polk City

Catholic Charities Mobile Services program offers outreach services to create a place where seniors 55 years of age or older can come together in a safe environment that helps stimulate the mind and body. This program promotes the concept of healthy and informed aging by providing opportunities to socialize with other seniors and offering a wide variety of programs designed to address issues relative to keeping our participants healthy and self-sufficient. Free exercise classes, free lunch, games, activities and crafts, nutritional seminars, free health checks and so much more. For schedule information and tickets, please call 863-686-8075 or visit www.LakelandFlyingTigers.com.

Dog Friendly Summer at Bok Tower Gardens

Date/Time: June 1 – August 31, 2018; 8 am – 5 pm

Venue: Bok Tower Gardens, Lake Wales, FL

Enjoy a stroll this summer with your four-legged friend. Admission for dogs is \$5.00 per animal. All dogs must remain on a leash during their visit and will not be permitted inside Hammock Hollow, Pinewood Estate, the Blue Palmetto Cafe or the Shop at Bok. Family Memberships and above include free admission for pups!

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 x 238.*