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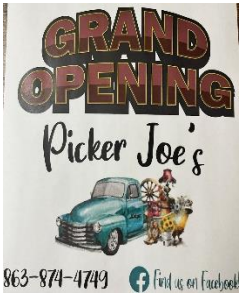
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For an appointment with any City Commissioner or the City Manager, please call 863-984-1375 x 238
City Commission Meetings are the **3rd Tuesday** each month at 7:00 pm

Recap of March 21, 2023 City Commission Meeting

1. Ordinance 2023-01 – First Reading - Approved
2. Carter Boulevard Resurfacing – Approved

Welcome to Polk City



Hello Polk City,

Allow me to introduce myself and my business. My name is Donna Martin. I, along with the support of my husband and family, opened a vintage/antique store named "**Picker Joe's**". The store is named after my son, Joe, whom I lost in May 2020. Like myself, Joe enjoyed thrifting, picking and buying vintage/antique items. It's been a passion of mine for many years; so as Polk City continues to grow, I thought we could all benefit from a store like this. I am happy to pass on some of my great finds to you. We offer antique/vintage, thrift, some new and handmade items! We are located where the former barbershop was, next door to Domino's. Please stop by just to say hello and let me know if there is anything we can obtain for you that we do not have in the shop!

Address: 104 Commonwealth Avenue SE, Suite 3

Store hours: Tuesday & Wednesday, 10am - 4pm, Thursday & Friday 10am - 6pm, Saturday 9am - 4pm.

Phone Number: 863-874-4749

Facebook: Picker Joe's

We welcome your business and look forward to seeing you at Picker Joe's.

Polk County Officials Issue Burn Ban



Bartow, FL. (March 31, 2023) – As Polk County continues experiencing dry weather conditions due to a prolonged lack of rainfall, Polk County Fire Rescue (PCFR) has issued an official burn ban ordinance. The current increased risk of brush fires and uncontrolled fires are a threat to Polk County's safety. The dry conditions don't show signs of easing up any time in the near future, so Polk County Fire Rescue has issued the burn ban.

The burn ban includes: Campfires; Bonfires; Unpermitted controlled burns; Burning of yard and household trash; Burning of construction debris; Burning of organic debris; Igniting of fireworks; and Noncommercial burning of materials other than for religious or ceremonial purposes, in which case they must be contained in a barbecue grill or barbecue pit, and the total fuel area cannot exceed three feet in diameter and two feet in height.

"Polk County Fire Rescue has held off as long as we possibly can on issuing this burn ban," said Polk County Fire Rescue Chief, Hezedeon A. Smith, D.M. "The current dry conditions are favorable for the rapid development and spread of brush fires throughout the County. Ensuring the safety of every resident and visitor throughout

Polk County and minimizing the likelihood for loss of property county wide are top priorities for Polk County Fire Rescue.” More than 50 percent of Polk County is averaging over 501 on the Keetch-Byram Drought Index (KBDI). The KBDI index is a continuous reference scale used by the Florida Forest Service to assess the likelihood and severity of brush fires. The scale begins at zero, which reflects no danger, and rises to 800, which reflects extreme danger. The burn ban applies to all unincorporated Polk and the following municipalities: Auburndale, Eagle Lake, Lake Alfred, Mulberry, Lake Hamilton, Haines City, Hillcrest Heights, Polk City, Winter Haven, Davenport, Dundee, Lakeland, Bartow, Frostproof, Fort Meade and Highland Park. Anyone who refuses to comply or violates this burn ban shall be in violation of County Ordinance 08-015 and can be punished by a fine not to exceed \$500 or by imprisonment by a term not to exceed 60 days in the county jail or both.

Upcoming Events In Polk City and around Polk County

Feeding Polk City

Date/Time: Monthly, every 2nd & 4th Saturday, 10:00 a.m. (Saturday, April 8 & 22, 2023)

Location: Donald Bronson Community Center, 124 Bronson Trail, Polk City, FL 33868

In collaboration with Feeding Tampa Bay and The City of Polk City, Central Florida Health Care is providing a week’s worth of food to local families in the Polk County community. **Available on a first come, first serve basis, while supplies last.**

Meals On Wheels

We are excited to announce that as of Monday, March 13, 2023 Meals on Wheels of Polk County will be delivering meals to homebound seniors in Polk City.

Meals on Wheels of Polk County is a private charitable 501c3 nonprofit organization devoted to serving individuals with one hot, nutritious meal each weekday, while insuring well-being through personal contact. The program reduces senior isolation experienced by so many elderly. Meals are delivered by volunteers. The program provides a means of independence for many of our citizens. All meals are discounted at \$5.75. We work with each recipient to make sure that a homebound senior can afford the meal. If they cannot, a reduced-cost or free “Angel Meal” is offered.

If you are interested in receiving meals or volunteering to deliver meals, please contact me at susan@mealsonwheelspolk.com. To sign up for meals or to volunteer please sign up on our website MOWpolk.org. You may also call at 863-299-1616 - M-F between 8:00am and 1:30pm at 620 6th Street NW, Winter Haven.

Polk City Commission and Staff wishes you a happy.....



****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.**