In The News



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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 <u>3rd Tuesday</u> each month at 7:00 pm

Polk City Government Offices and the Library will be **CLOSED** Monday, September 4, 2023 in observance of Labor Day. Both will resume normal business hours on Tuesday, September 5, 2022.

Recap of July 18, 2023 City Commission Meeting

Ordinance 2023-02 – First Reading - Approved

Library Activities

The Polk City Library Adult Book Club will meet Monday, **August 14, 2023 from 3:30 pm -4:30 pm** at the Suzette Penton Polk City Community Library. The book will be: *Keeper of Lost Things* by Ruth Hogan. Please contact the Suzette Penton Polk City Community Library to place the book on hold if you would like to participate.

LEGO Club will resume on the third Thursday of every month beginning Thursday, August 17, 2023 for an hour of free play for ages 6-12. ADULTS MUST ACCOMPANY CHILDREN.



Thank you to all that attended our Summer Reading Program this year. With everyone coming out this year you really embodied the theme: *All Together Now*! We had 13 entries into our Bookmark Design Contest, and with the help of the Young at Heart Club three winners were chosen! *First place: Alyssa Miller, Second place: Isabella*

Brawn, and Third place: Allison Keil! Congratulations everyone!

We would also like to thank our performers for their participation and a special thank you to the Polk County Sherriff's office, Polk County Fire Rescue and EMTs, Lakeland Electric, and Pelican Snoballs for making our End of Summer Bash a huge success! Looking forward to seeing each of you again next summer!

Polk County Schools



As the Summer is coming to an end and families reflect on their 2023 summer activities, we would like to remind you to drive cautiously. Beginning Friday, August 11, 2023 (first day of school), once again, you will share the roads with pedestrians, bicyclist, parents and school buses picking up and dropping off children. Please be mindful of the rules of the road, paying close attention to any school zone speed changes. Remember that one wrong move on your part could affect others.

Students, Educators and Parents have an awesome 2023-2024 School Year!!!!!!

Special Events 2023

Now that we are getting back into the swing of things, we are happy announce that Polk City will host its annual Safe Haven Halloween event on Friday, October 27, 2023, as well as the Christmas Parade on Saturday, December 2, 2023. So, please stay tuned for greater details later on this year. Also, if you wish to volunteer for either of these events, please call Kelly Downing at 863-984-1375 x 231 or Chasity Guinn at 863-984-1375 x 226.

Vpcoming Events In Polk City and around Polk County

Feeding Polk City

Date/Time: Monthly, every 2nd & 4th Saturday, 8:30 am (Saturday, August 12 & 26, 2023)

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

In collaboration with Feeding Tampa Bay and 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.**

Fall Ball Registration

Just a reminder.....sign-ups end on August 15th. Ages 3-6 = \$30 and Ages 7-16 = \$45.00



Polk City VISION PLAN

JOIN US

Come tell us what you love about your community and share what you want for the future Polk City.

Help us answer...

What's NEXT, Polk City?

PUBLIC MEETING

When:

Thursday, August 24, 2023

Time:

5:30 p.m. - 7:30 p.m.

Where:

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

QUESTIONS OR CONCERNS:

Bessie Reina Planning Manager, CNU-A

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VISIT THE PROJECT WEBSITE AT:

www.whatsnextpolkcity.com

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The Florida Department of Transportation in partnership with Polk City, invites you to a public information meeting to learn more about the Polk City Vision Plan that is working to identify the needs and opportunities for the area and design enhancements that will improve the safety, mobility, and functionality for all users. Attendees will have an opportunity to review plans, make comments, and speak with members of the project team.

SCHEDULE



5:30 p.m. to 5:45 p.m.

(Review project materials prior to presentation)

Presentation

5:45 p.m. to 6:15 p.m.

(Formal presentation will be given by the project team)

Display Boards for Review and Discussion

6:15 p.m. to 7:30 p.m.

(Attendees can continue to review materials and ask additional questions)

The Florida Department of Transportation may adopt this planning product into the environmental review process, pursuant to Title 23 U.S.C. § 168(d)(4), or to the state project development process. FDOT solicits public participation without regard to race, color, national origin, age, sax, religion, disability, or family status. People who require special accommodations under the Americans with Disabilities Act or who require translation services (free of charge) should contact Cynthia Syless, District One Title VI Coordinator, at (863)519-2287, or email at cynthia.syles@dot.state.fl.us at least seven days prior to the public workshop.