

POLK CITY

# 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 **3rd Tuesday** each month at 7:00 pm

## Recap of January 2023 City Commission Meeting

1. Holston Development LLC Postponement of Proportionate Share Payment - The Landings @ Mt. Olive - Approved
2. Lakeland Electric Base Rate Study Presentation
3. Polk City Employee Handbook - Tabled

## Utility Billing

As a reminder, Polk City's disconnection policy is as follows, delinquent accounts subject to disconnection will be charged a delinquent/nonpayment fee of \$50.00 if not paid by the 5<sup>th</sup> after 2:00 p.m. and will be disconnected without notice after the 5<sup>th</sup>. In all cases where water has been disconnected, a reconnect fee of \$55.00 will apply (Sec.74-255). If reconnection is requested outside of normal business hours, a \$100.00 after hours reconnection fee will apply. Methods of payment: cash, check, money order, credit card, echeck online or you may now call City Hall to make your payment during regular business hours.

### **UTILITY PAYMENTS**

You are encouraged to use any one of the options below to pay your water bill.

- US Mail
- Drop box at City Hall
- Online Bill Pay

Customers may access their accounts at [www.mypolkcity.org](http://www.mypolkcity.org) from home 24/7. If you have questions, **please contact Customer Service at 863-874-4808 (M-F 7:30 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.)**

For new water service, please contact Customer Service. The Residential and/or Commercial Applications can be found on Polk City's website. The completed application can be submitted via US Mail, email, fax or drop box at City Hall with the required documentation (Property Ownership Documentation, Rental Agreement, Government Issued Identification).

### **Contact Information listed below:**

Fax: 863-984-1984

### **Email Utility Billing Staff:**

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## Garbage Rates Increase

### **Garbage Rate Increase as of January 1, 2023**

Residential rate to the customer will be **\$23.24 per month**

Dumpster rate to the customer will be **\$11.49 per yard**

Commercial Cans rate to the customer will be **\$65.63 per month**

Additional Commercial cans rate to the customer will be **\$13.13 per month**

## Winter Water Conservation

**THINK  
CONSERVE  
WATER**

The Southwest Water Management District is reminding residents who irrigate their lawn to "Skip a Week" or more of watering during the cooler months of January and February to help conserve water. According to research by the University of Florida, grass doesn't need to be watered as often during the cooler months. One-half to three-quarters of an inch of water every 10–14 days is sufficient. In fact, if a lawn has received any significant rainfall, then irrigation systems can be turned off and operated manually as needed. Residents can visit

[WaterMatters.org/SkipAWeek](http://WaterMatters.org/SkipAWeek) for more information.

## Upcoming Events In Polk City

### Feeding Polk City

**Date/Time:** Monthly, every 2nd & 4th Saturday, 10:00 a.m. (Saturday, February 11 & 25, 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.**

### MOSN 22nd Annual Community Yard Sale

**Date/Time:** Saturday, March 4, 2023; 8:00 am – 2:00 pm

**Venue:** Mount Olive Shores North (intersection of Lake Margaret Drive and Hwy 33)

**A VALID DRIVER'S LICENSE IS REQUIRED TO ENTER OUR COMMUNITY.** No early arrivals, please. Over 60 households will be selling items you are looking for.

### MOSN Spring Fling Craft and Car Show

**Date/Time:** Saturday, March, 11, 2023; 9am – 1pm

**Venue:** Mount Olive Shores North (405 Nolane Lane)

Featured items such as hand crafted jewelry, handbags, paper crafts and home décor. The Car Show features will feature all the old favorites from the 50's and 60's. Baked goods and a food truck will offer treats.

### Strawberry Festival 2022

**Date/Time:** March 2-12, 2023; 10am – 10 pm daily

**Location:** Strawberry Festival Grounds in Plant City

The Florida Strawberry Festival is an 11-day community event celebrating the strawberry harvest of Eastern Hillsborough County. Each year, over 500,000 visitors enjoy the festival's headline entertainment, youth livestock shows, rides, exhibits of commerce and, of course, its strawberry shortcake. For more information, visit [www.flstrawberryfestival.com](http://www.flstrawberryfestival.com), Facebook, Instagram and Twitter (#berryfest23).

Happy  
Valentine's  
Day

*\*\*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, extension 238.*