

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 February 21, 2023 City Commission Meeting

1. Ordinance 2022-11 –Amending the City Boundary to include said property - Approved
2. Ordinance 2022-12 - Amending the Future Land Use Map - Approved
3. Ordinance 2022-13 – amending the official Zoning Map - Approved
4. Cattle Grazing Lease Agreement with TJC&D Management - Approved
5. Resolution 2023-01 - Polk City Employee Handbook - Approved
6. City Commission Vacancy – District #2 – Approved

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 5th after 2:00 p.m. and will be disconnected without notice after the 5th. 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 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:

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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**

Time Change



On Sunday, March 12, 2023 (2:00 am) we will enter Daylight Savings Time. So, please remember to set your clocks one hour ahead.

Upcoming Events In Polk City and around Polk County

Feeding Polk City

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

Spring Obsession

Date/Time: Saturday, March 11, 2023; 8:00 am – 3:00 pm

Location: Munn Park, Downtown Lakeland

Please join The Lakeland Rotary for the 20th Annual Celebration of Spring Obsession returning to Downtown Lakeland Munn Park. 60+ vendors: plants, garden art, food, raffle drawings, and more! The Lakeland Rotary donates 100% of the event's proceeds to support, Know & Grow, Polk County Schools initiative in partnership with Polk Vision! See you there!

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 2023

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, Facebook, Instagram and Twitter (#berryfest23).

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.



***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.*