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 August 15, 2023 City Commission Meeting

- 1. Ordinance 2023-02 Second and Final Reading Approved
- 2. Professional Services Proposal Cardinal Hill WWTF Improvements (CivilSurv) Approved

FY 2023-2024 Budget

Polk City will present the FY 2023-2024 Budget for adoption on First Reading on September 12, 2023; and then on September 19, 2023 for Second and Final Reading.

Library Activities

For Polk City Library Adult Book Club will meet Monday, September 11, 2023 from 3:30 pm -4:30 pm at the Suzette Penton Polk City Community Library. The book will be: *Overkill by Sandra Brown*. 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.

STORY TIME will resume this month! Please see the Library's Facebook page for more dates and times!

Retirement

On behalf of City Commission, City Manager and Staff, please join us in extending best wishes to *Kathy McKinney* as she embarks on a new chapter of her life on September 29, 2023. Kathy has been a valuable employee of Polk City for 12 years and will be greatly missed by all the staff and customers that she encounters each month via telephone or in person. We have all benefitted from Kathy's kindness and compassion at some point during her tenure as one of the Utility Billing Clerks for Polk City. Please stop by or call (863-984-1375 x 241) before September 29, 2023 to wish her well as she begins her new journey......RETIREMENT!!!!

Special fvents 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, September 9 & 23, 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.*

PROTECTING OUR STORMWATER

(Yearly Stormwater Notice)

WHAT IS AN ILLICIT DISCHARGE?

An illicit discharge is "any discharge into a municipal storm sewer system that is not composed entirely of Stormwater".

Some pollutants that fall into this broad category are:

- Car wash wastewater
- Gas and motor oil
- Grass clippings
- Household cleaners and solvents
- Pet waste
- Pesticides and weed killers



FIVE EASY WAYS THAT YOU CAN KEEP ILLICIT DISCHARGES OUT OF POLK CITY'S LAKES:

- Recycle used oil, antifreeze and batteries. Clean up spills immediately. Kitty litter or sawdust will absorb the spill but be sure to sweep these up as well.
- Wash your car on the grass so that the water, detergent, and dirt will be filtered by the soil. This will also help conserve water, as it will be serving multiple purposes.
- Empty bottles of household cleaners, pesticides, and weed killer should be disposed of according to label directions.
- Grass clippings in the street should be swept up after each mowing to prevent them from being washed down into the storm sewers.
- 5. Many household products, including paints, paint thinners, and solvents can be taken to the Polk County Landfill. Paint brushes used with water based paint can be rinsed out in the sink. If you have a little paint left over in the can, stuff it loosely with newspaper for the paint to dry out completely, and put the can in the trash.



Please call City of Polk City at 863-984-1375, if you observe any illicit discharge, or have any questions or concerns. Thank you

**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.