

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



**POLK CITY GOVERNMENT CENTER AND THE LIBRARY WILL BE CLOSED IN OBSERVANCE OF INDEPENDENCE DAY ON MONDAY, JULY 3, 2023 (2:00 PM) AND ALL DAY ON TUESDAY, JULY 4, 2023. OFFICES WILL REOPEN ON WEDNESDAY, JULY 5, 2023.**

## *Recap of June 20, 2023 City Commission Meeting*

1. Polk City Audit Presentation - Approved
2. Purchase of Rotary Mower – Approved

## *2022 Water Quality Reports*

Polk City produces a Consumer Confidence Report (CCR) annually in accordance with regulatory guidelines. This report is designed to give customers a snapshot of the City's water quality for the previous year. The City's CCR, which has been approved by the Polk County Health Department, is available online for interested customers to view at the links provided below. Also, as a convenience, Polk City will provide hard copies upon request through the billing office; as well as being available in the lobby at City Hall, and the Library. Any questions concerning the City's CCR should be directed to Lori Pearson, Utilities Chief Operator @ 984-1375 x 401.

You can view "2022CCR Reports for Polk City and Mount Olive.pdf" at:  
<https://mypolkcity.org/ccr-reports-for-mount-olive-and-polk-city/>

## *Hurricane Season is Here*

The Atlantic hurricane season officially begins on June 1, and the Colorado State University Tropical Meteorology Project team has predicted a "slightly below-normal" Atlantic hurricane season this year.

"Don't let the words '*slightly below-normal*' make you think you don't need to prepare," said Paul Womble, Director of Polk County's Emergency Management Division. "It only takes one hurricane to bring everything in our community to a halt."

In September 2022, Hurricane Ian hit Polk County with winds of nearly 80 mph and more than a foot of rain, causing widespread power outages and flooding. The storm also was responsible for the deaths of two County residents. Here are a few things you can do now to prepare:

- Make sure you have enough supplies for your household, including medications and pet food, in your emergency "go bag."
- Review your hurricane emergency plan with your family.
- Sign up for Polk County warnings by visiting [www.alertpolk.com](http://www.alertpolk.com).

For information on hurricane safety, visit [www.polk-county.net/emergency-management](http://www.polk-county.net/emergency-management) or go to Polk County Emergency Management's social media accounts:

- Facebook: PolkCountyEM
- Twitter: @PolkEmergency

## Upcoming Events In Polk City and around Polk County

### Feeding Polk City

**Date/Time:** Monthly, every 2nd & 4th Saturday, 8:30 am (Saturday, July 8 & 22, 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.**

## Summer Reading Program



This year's summer library program, themed **All Together Now**, begins the week of June 5, 2023! We are focusing on our surrounding environment, nature, and community partners! Every week will feature a new take & make craft, a special performer, and a family movie! We have also partnered with the Bookmobile and the Books Bridge Bus again this summer.

Registration for the Reading Program opens on May 29, 2023. Book logs will be available on Monday, June 5, 2023. Registration for special performers opens the Friday before each event. Please register everyone in attendance, including adults and older siblings. Follow the Suzette Penton Polk City Community Library's Facebook page for more detailed information!

POLK CITY COMMUNITY LIBRARY

### SUMMER PROGRAM

# All Together Now

	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
<b>WEEK 1</b>	June 6 WETLANDS! CIRCLE 8 RESERVE 10AM-11AM	June 7 BOOKMOBILE! 9AM-4PM	June 8 MOVIE! HIGH SCHOOL MUSICAL 10AM-11AM	
<b>WEEK 2</b>	June 13 ANIMAL TRACKS! KISSMEE STATE PARK 10AM-11AM		June 15 MOVIE! LYLE, LYLE, CROCODILE 10AM-11AM	
<b>WEEK 3</b>			June 22 MOVIE! RESCUERS DOWN UNDER 10AM-11AM	June 23 ALL ABOUT BEES! UNIVERSITY OF FLORIDA 10AM-11AM
<b>WEEK 4</b>	June 27 GIVING TREE DRUM CIRCLE 10AM-11AM		June 29 MOVIE! CHICKEN RUN 10AM-11AM	
<b>WEEK 5</b>	NO PERFORMER CLOSED FOR 4TH OF JULY	July 5 BOOKMOBILE! 9AM-4PM	July 6 MOVIE! PADDINGTON 10AM-11AM	
<b>WEEK 6</b>	July 11 ARC BIRDS OF PREY 10AM-11AM		July 13 MOVIE! THE BAD GUYS 10AM-11AM	July 14 END OF SUMMER BASH! 3:30PM - 4:30PM

**JUNE 5 - JULY 14**

- Registration for each event is required @ [polkcitycommunitylibrary.eventbrite.com](https://polkcitycommunitylibrary.eventbrite.com)  
(Registration opens the Friday before each event)
- Performers & Movies: Donald Bronson Center, 124 Bronson Trail
- Take & Make Crafts (new craft every week!): Polk City Library, 215 S Bougainvillea Ave
- BOOKS BRIDGE BUS (FREE Books for kids): ALL June & July, Mondays @ 3:15-4:15 (No bus on July 3rd)

## FALL BALL REGISTRATIONS

SIGNUPS ARE OPEN  
JUNE 11TH - AUGUST 15TH

**PRICES:**

AGES 3-6: \$30.00  
AGES 7-16: \$45.00

USE THIS LINK TO REGISTER

[HTTPS://POLKCITYBASEBALLLEAGUE.SPORTNGIN.COM/REGISTER/FORM/630429717](https://polkcitybaseballleague.sportngin.com/register/form/630429717)

*\*\*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 x 238.*