



City of Polk City Newsletter

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Police & Fire:

309 W. Van Dorn

For an emergency dial 911

For non-emergencies:

Police: 984-6565

Fire: 984-6304

County Dispatch: 286-2333

Library:

1500 W. Broadway

P.O. Box 259

Phone: 984-6119

Mon.-Thurs.: 10 a.m.—8 p.m.

Friday: 10 a.m. – 6p.m.

Saturday: 10 a.m.— 4 pm.

E-mail: library

@polkcitylibrary.org

Web site:

www.polkcitylibrary.org

City Maintenance:

301 Northside Dr.

Get Ready to “Recycle & Roll”

In April new 96-gallon green rolling recycling carts will be arriving in Polk City, but use of the carts will not begin until **July 1**. Metro Waste Authority’s new green carts will replace the current green Curb It! bins and will enable residents to recycle far more materials than in the past.

Starting July 1 the carts will eliminate the need to sort recyclable items and carry the bin to the curb. All recyclable items, including cardboard can be put into the cart. The carts can be wheeled out to the curb.

If you generate less trash, such as persons who live alone, for physical reasons or may have difficulty rolling a larger bin to the curb, 48-gallon carts are available by submitting a request on line at www.recycleandroll.com/cart-size or by contacting Metro Waste Authority at 515-323-6514.

Request for smaller carts must be received by March 30 to be included in initial cart delivery. Those who have not submitted their request by that date will receive a 96-gallon cart.

2009 Pet License Due

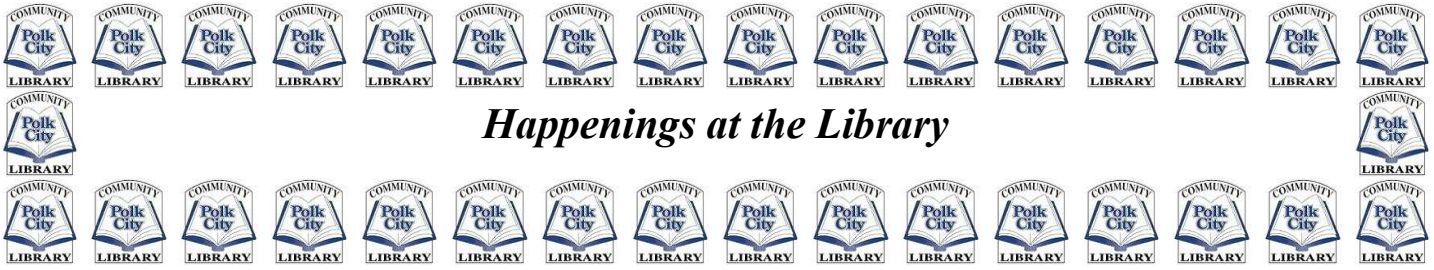
It is that time of year for all pet owners to purchase their annual license for your dog or cat. The fee is \$8.00 per animal. Every owner of a dog or cat six months or older shall procure a license for such dog or cat from the City Clerk’s office on or before the first day of January.

Owners must show proof of rabies vaccination before a license is issued. A pet license must be obtained by March 31, 2009. After that date the fee is \$15.00 per pet.

City Hall is open from 8:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m., Monday through Friday for purchasing your pet’s license. If you can not make office hours, drop off or send a copy of your pet’s rabies vaccination certificate along with the appropriate fee plus an additional \$1.00. Your license will then be sent to you by mail.

City Clean-Up Day Set for April 18

The city will be holding its annual Clean-Up Day on Saturday, April 18. This year Midwest Recovery will haul away appliances, TV’s and computer monitors. Watch the April/May Newsletter for more information.



Happenings at the Library

Mother Goose on Tuesdays

Mother Goose Story Times are held on Tuesdays at 10:30 a.m. It is for children 2 to 5 years of age. There will be reading of stories, along with doing song and rhyme. Mother Goose Story Times will last 30 to 45 minutes.

Tummy Time

Parents and caregivers bring your baby (3 months to 24 months) to Tummy Time on Friday mornings at 10:30 a.m. Here you will have a fun time with song, rhyme and a story. Tummy time lasts about 20 minutes.

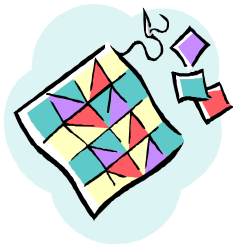
Wee Read & Mommies Have Tea!



Children two-five years old join us at 11:00 a.m. on Friday mornings. You will participate in story time, song and rhyme. Story time will be followed with a snack and craft. Mommies you are welcome to join your child during story time or have tea or coffee with other mommies in the meeting room. Wee Read program is 30 to 45 minutes long.

Sit N Stitch

Join us in front of the fireplace on Thursday evenings from 6:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. Spend a relaxing evening with your current project of stitching, knitting, crocheting, tatting or any of your favorite handwork.



Check out www.polkcitylibrary.org

For Your Information

Snow & Ice

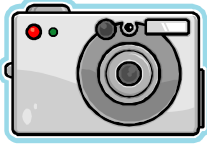
With winter weather still here, the city would like to remind you that it is the responsibility of the property owner to remove all natural accumulation of **snow and ice** from the sidewalks within a reasonable amount of time after accumulation. In the event that the snow or ice remains on sidewalks and is not removed for more than 24 hours after the end of the snowfall or ice storm, the city may remove it and assess the property owner

Winter Parking

A snow ordinance is in effect from November 1 to April 1 of each year. Therefore, no person shall park, abandon or leave unattended any vehicle on any public street during a snowfall which has accumulated one inch or more of snow or for a period after the termination of such snowfall if parking such vehicle impedes snow removal operations.



Happenings at the Library



Get To Know Your Digital Camera – Advanced Class

Mike Larsen will demonstrate what you can do with your camera and what the menu items can do for you on Monday, February 23 at 6:30 p.m. Pre-registration is required. Please bring your camera and it's manual with you to class.

Photo Editing

Join Mike Larsen again on Monday, March 30 at 6:30 p.m. as he shows you how to edit your photos. Pre-registration is required for the class.



Early Dismissal Means Movie & Popcorn!

On Thursday, February 26 North Polk will have early dismissal of school. Join us at 1:00 p.m. for a free movie and popcorn.

Rock The Crock!

Need some new ideas for your evening meal? Join Food Editor Lois White as she shares recipes that cost only \$10 to make. Also learn tips for bringing your slow-cooker up to speed with today's busy lifestyles. Class will be held on Thursday, February 26 at 6:30 p.m. Pre-registration is required.

Check Out The Display Case



This month Kathy McCombs is displaying her collection of dolls. There is a wide variety from porcelain to dolls from different countries.

In March, Pete Knapp will have photos on display.

Book Sale Donations Will Start Middle Of March

The Polk City Community Library will not be taking any book donations for the Friends of the Library's annual book sale until the middle of March. Thank you for your continued support of the library and friends.

Something To Do On Spring Break

If you need something to do on Spring Break then come to the library. The library is planning activities for children 7 years and older, children younger than 7 must be accompanied by an adult. On March 16, 19, and 20 from 1:00 p.m. to 3:00 p.m. the library will be showing cartoons, playing games and making fun craft projects. Also come and find out about a competition with great prizes!

Sneak Peak Into National Library Week April 12-18

Mark your calendar for National Library Week, April 12-18. Some of the programs planned are Hummingbird/Oriole, ButterfliZ and allergies. Watch for further details.

Saturday Book Club

A Walk in the Woods by Bill Bryson will be discussed on February 14. On March 14, *Dewey* by Vicky Myron is the book of discussion. Book club begins at 9:00 a.m.

Monday Evening Book Club

Monday, February 16 join us as we discuss Barbara Kingslover's *Animal, Vegetable, Miracle. Waiting* by Ha Jin is the book for March 16 discussion. Book Club begins at 7:00 p.m.

Monthly Water Billing Begins March 2009

Beginning in March of this year the city will change water/sewer billing from quarterly to a monthly meter reading and billing format. This change means you the customer will receive a water and sewer bill once a month instead of per quarter. The bills you receive monthly reflect the current quarterly rates divided by three. There will be no rate increase. The rates reflected if added together would be the same as if you paid on a quarterly basis.

The monthly billing will help the city to determine and catch a leak inside your home quicker, thus saving you money. Also, it is the city's belief that the monthly billing will make budgeting in your household easier. The city offers an automated withdraw service which is taken directly from your checking account.

If you have any questions about the billing, please contact City Hall at 984-6233 or by e-mail at snickles@polkcity.org or gmahannah@polkcity.org.

Polk City Development Corporation, Big Creek Historical Society & Polk City Community Foundation Receive Money From City.

At the January 12 City Council meeting, the City approved \$45,000 for the Polk City Development Corporation budget. Quarterly updates will be given to the council showing the Corporation's activities and break down on how money was spent.

The Big Creek Historical Society requested and received at the same council meeting \$8,800. This money will be used to finish the renovations of society's museum. The original cost projections did not include outside staircase, stage curtains, table and chairs.

Polk City Community Foundation was also present at this council meeting. They requested and received \$24,500 for a feasibility study. The funds will be used to determine the feasibility and viability of a recreation community building. The recreation and community building is a project of the foundation.

City Exercise Equipment For Sale

The City of Polk City is accepting bids for the following equipment. All bids must be received by noon on February 15, 2009 at City Hall. All bids must be in a sealed envelope marked bid for equipment. Each bid must clearly indicate which piece of equipment you are bidding on. Note that some pieces of equipment have a minimum sale price. The City of Polk City reserves the right to reject bids and to make decisions that is felt to be in its best interest. The successful bidder will be required to remove the equipment within 7 days of being notified as the successful bidder. All pieces are sold as is and there are no warranties.

The equipment is located at 309 W. Van Dorn St. and can be viewed between the hours of 8:00 a.m. and 4:00 p.m. Monday through Friday. Questions may be directed to City Hall at 984-6233.

Equipment for sale:

- Vision Fitness R2600 Recumbent Bike HRT (Programmable, contact heart rate monitor, 2 years old, excellent shape, \$500 minimum bid)
- Pacemaster Platinum Pro Club Treadmill (Light commercial quality, programs, contact heart rate, great shape, \$950 minimum)
- ProForm Multi-Station Gym (3 stations, \$100 minimum)
- Weider 863 Gym (2-station gym \$50 minimum)
- Edge 310 Stepper (best offer)
- Reebok RTX455 (Treadmill, best offer)

Lost Items At City Hall

Have you lost one of the following items? Check with City Hall if one of these items is yours. Lost items: Small toy metal gun, girl's rose colored jacket with zipper size 6/6x, DVD portable player/DVD discs (you will have to identify DVD's and brand of player), 2 keys on a kitty key chain, 3 keys (one has a ram head on it and the other says Ford), and a girl's ring with purple butterfly on it.

Congratulations To Vander Leest, Altena, Bell & Noack

Congratulations to Adam VanderLeest for completing his education and testing and has earned the certification of Paramedic Specialist.

Kent Altena, Josh Bell and Steve Noack have completed their education and testing to earn the certification of Emergency Medical Technician – Basic.

The Polk City Fire Department is a volunteer department that responds to over 400 emergency calls per year. Currently the department has two First Responders, 15 Emergency Medical Technician-Basic, two Emergency Medical Technician – Intermediate, and six Paramedics on staff.

If you are interested in volunteering with the department, please contact Chief Jason Morse at 984-6304.



Adam VanderLeest



Kent Altena



Josh Bell



Steve Noack

Community CPR Class Available

The Polk City Firefighters Association is offering Community CPR Training. HeartSaver AED (Automatic External Defibrillator) for infant-child-adult CPR will be offered on Saturday, March 7 from 8:30 a.m. to noon at the Fire Station. Pre-registration is required. You may register by going on-line to the Fire Department's web site (www.polkcityfd.com) and clicking on "CPR Classes." Or you can call the department's number (984-6304) and leave a message.

Fire Department Receives Grant From Prairie Meadows

The Polk City Fire Department received \$10,000 from Prairie Meadows to go towards the purchase of an ATV Gator. The gator will have a medical bed style attachment.



City of Polk City Directory

Mayor:

Gary Heuertz 984-6950

City Council Members:

Ron Anderson 984-6365
Dave Dvorak 984-6502
Dan Lane 984-6931
Rob Mordini 984-9256
Tim Rhoades 984-6853

City Council meets the 2nd and 4th Monday's of each month, 6:30 p.m. at City Hall. Additional meetings are scheduled as necessary.

City Hall:

City Administrator: Gary Mahannah
City Clerk: Sharon Nickles
Deputy Clerk: Charlotte Loter
Finance Officer: Colin Adams
Summer Rec Director
Tami Leonard McCoy

Public Works:

Director: Mike Schulte
Supervisor: Randy Franzen
Staff: John Adams
Dennis Godfrey
Rick Riley

City Newsletter:

Editor: Rosemary Hutton Taylor
984-6653
Photographer: Rich Taylor

Police:

Chief: Mark Bowersox
Sergeant: Dustin Bjornson
Senior Patrol Officer: Ron Lamfers
Officer: Jeremy Christensen
Officer: Ben Johns
Officer: Adam VanderLeest
Reserve Officer: Mark Schwalenberg

Fire & Rescue:

Chief: Jason Morse
Deputy Chief -Fire: Roy Bingham
Deputy Chief -EMS: Dan Gubbins

Planning and Zoning:

Dennis Dietz 984-6343
Ron Hankins 984-6822
Neal Hawkins 984-7848
Bill Kliegl 984-6718
Doug Sires 984-9091
Paul Swenson 984-9202
Shane Torres 202-5894

Planning & Zoning meets the 3rd Monday of the month, 6:00 p.m. at City Hall.

Tree Board:

Jim Hoppenworth 984-6829
Pat Hoppenworth 984-6829
Julie Morse 984-6735
Ken Morse 984-6735
Bill Sharp 984-6948

Historic Preservation Commission:

Mary Burton 984-6643
Collette Heuertz 984-6950
Herman Poggensee 984-6042
Sandra Thornton 984-6678
Marlene Youde 984-6967

Community Library:

Director: Kim Kellogg
Asst. Director/ Adult Librarian:
Pam Witt
Children's Librarian:
Rene Blessman
Part-time Librarian:
Kelsey Blessman

Library Board:

Dana Capaldo 984-6281
Christine Gregory 984-6037
Kimberly Knapp 984-9183
Maureen Mc Guire 984-6636
Judy Nyberg 707-1132

Library Board meets the 2nd Tuesday of the month, 7:30 p.m. at the library.

Park Commission:

Brian Emerson 984-9217
Denise Franck 984-6200
Bob Fourez 984-6601
David Hiatt 984-6757
Sam Hill 984-7814

Park Commission meets the 1st Monday of the month, 6:00 p.m. at City Hall.

Board of Adjustment:

Dixie Bequeaith 984-6224
John Calhoun 984-6179
Anthony Capaldo 984-6281
Bill Currie 984-6928
Ken Morse 984-6735
Don Raker 984-6708
Angel Thomason 984-9136

Board of Adjustment meets as needed.



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