



# City of Polk City Newsletter

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## City Hall :

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(Clerk, building permits and inspections, water billing)

## Police & Fire:

309 W. Van Dorn

**For an emergency dial 911**

For non-emergencies:

Police: 984-6565

Fire: 984-6304

County Dispatch: 286-3333

## Library:

1500 W. Broadway

P.O. Box 259

Phone: 984-6119

Mon.-Thurs.: 10 a.m.—8 p.m.

Friday: 10 a.m. – 6 p.m.

Saturday: 10 a.m.—4 pm.

E-mail: [library@polkcitylibrary.org](mailto:library@polkcitylibrary.org)

@polkcitylibrary.org

Web site:

[www.polkcitylibrary.org](http://www.polkcitylibrary.org)

## City Maintenance:

301 Northside Dr.

## City Recycling Center:

409 E. Northside Dr.

Sunday—Saturday

7 a.m. to 7 p.m.

## U.S. Post Office:

302 N. 3rd St.

984-6137

## *Fareway Coming To Polk City*



There is a new sign at 400 W. Bridge Road and it says “Future Home of Fareway Economical Food Stores.” The grocery chain that is based in Boone announced on Tuesday, January 15 of this year that they plan to open a 19,000-square-foot store this summer in Polk City. Fare-

way will remodel the former Jubilee Food Store and add on another 4,000 square feet to the building.

The store will have all the offerings of a traditional Fareway, including its signature fresh meat department. The store will employ about 50 full and part-time workers.

Fareway’s investment in the project is more than \$2 million.

The city council approved a tax increment finance district in which 80 percent of the additional tax revenue generated by improvements to the property would be given to Fareway for 15 years. In addition, the city will provide \$520,000 in TIF money to Fareway as an incentive to locate here in Polk City.

## *Special Park Commission Meeting To Hear Citizens Concerns*

The Polk City Park Commission invites citizens to a special meeting on Monday, April 1, from 6:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. in the Polk City Community Room. The meeting will be about all city parks and the commission wants to hear concerns and ideas from residents about the parks.

A detailed agenda will be posted on the city’s web site prior to the meeting.

***Remember That Winter Is Not Over Yet  
And Winter Ordinances Are Still In Effect!***



***PCFD Re-  
minds Resi-  
dents to Keep  
Hydrants Clear  
This Winter***

As we head into the winter weather season, the Polk City Fire Department would like to remind you to clear snow away from fire hydrants as you shovel

and plow sidewalks and driveways. When recovering from a major snowfall, it's easy to forget emergency responders not only need access to your front door, but to the equipment that will help save your home in the event of an emergency.

It is recommended that you clear a three-foot perimeter around fire hydrants that are covered with snow. It's also helpful to shovel an access path to the road, so fire fighters can easily thread a water hose to the hydrant from the street. In general, for every minute a home fire goes unsuppressed or undetected, it doubles in size. Every second counts. If a fire occurs in your home or in your neighborhood, help save precious time by shoveling snow to gain access to the fire hydrant.



***Snow & Ice***

With winter weather approaching, 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. **Do not blow or shovel your snow into the street.** 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.



***High Winds Could  
Close  
Mile Long Bridge***

A reminder that the Mile Long Bridge gates will close when winds reach between 40 and 50 mph. A wind monitor located on the bridge will notify the Department of Transportation (DOT) of the wind's speed. A press release will be sent out to notify the public of the closing. The DOT will work with the county and Polk City on the closing of the bridge

***The Big Creek Historical Society will be celebrating the 150th Anniversary of the building of the Big Creek School House and the 130th Anniversary of the Bandstand with events in 2013.***

***2013 Pet License Due***



It is that time of year for all pet owners to purchase their annual license for their 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, 2013. 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 you 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.



## Happenings at the Library

### Notary Service Now Available At Library

Library Director Kim Kellogg is now a Notary Public. The service is free to Polk City residents and for a nominal fee of \$2.50 to non-residents. Please call ahead (984-6119) to be sure Kim is available before you come in. Guidelines for the service are available at the library or on their web site.

### Jewelry Making Workshop

On Monday, February 25 at 7:00 p.m. learn how to make your own bracelet in this beginner's jewelry making class. Ages 16 and older are welcome. **Pre-registration is required. Call 984-6119.** There will be a \$15 supply cost payable at registration. The class is being taught by local artist Julie Luedtke and is sponsored by the Polk City Arts Council. Snow date is March 14.

### SHIIP "Welcome To Medicare" Seminar

Are you going to be eligible for Medicare in the near future? Have you been on Medicare for awhile and want to better understand what it offers? Do you have a family member you help with Medicare issues? "Welcome to Medicare" is for you. A two-hour seminar will begin on Thursday, March 21 at 6:00 p.m. It will cover Medicare Part A and Part B benefits, the prescription drug benefit (Part D), Medicare Advantage plans and Medicare supplement insurance. **Pre-registration is required. Call 984-6119.**

SHIIP (Senior Health Insurance Information Program) is a service of the State of Iowa. SHIIP counselors are trained by the state and do not sell or promote any insurance companies, policies or agents. For more information or questions call 1-800-351-4664.

### Library To Be Closed February 11 to 13



### Book Clubs

Joins on February 18 as we discuss Lynne Hinton's *Wedding Cake*. *Night Circus* by Erin Morgenstern will be the book of discussion on March 18. Book club begins at 7:00 p.m.

Kristin Hannah's *Firefly Lane* will be discussed on Wednesday, March 6. Book club begins at 7:00 p.m.

Drinks and snacks are provided for both Monday and Wednesday Book Clubs and new members are always welcome.

### Coffee Wednesdays



Join us around the fireplace on Wednesdays for a hot cup of coffee or tea from 10:00 a.m. to noon.

### Sit N Stitch On Thursday



Do you quilt? Do you knit or do embroidery? Bring your current project and join the fun around the fireplace on Thursdays from 6:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.

### Story Times

Come listen to some wonderful tales! All ages are welcome to Story Times at 10:30 a.m. on Tuesdays and Wednesdays.

### Movie Night!

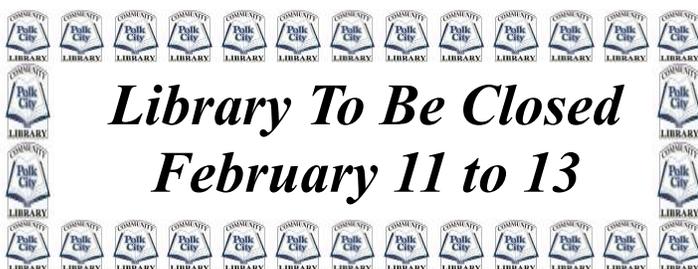
Bring pillows, blankets and snacks and join us in February and March for movie night!

*Kid Guides: Aquariums* is the movie we will be showing on Thursday, February 28 at 6:30 p.m. The movie is 88 minutes and is rated G.

On Thursday, March 28, *The Wild* will be shown at 6:30 p.m. This movie is 82 minutes and is also rated G.

### Tween Club

Tween Club will meet Monday, March 11 from 4:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m. All 5th and 6th graders are welcome to come for a snack, a craft and more.



## *Fire Department Pinning Ceremony*



The Polk City Fire Department held the Second Annual Pinning Ceremony on January 19. Years-of-service, 2014 officer promotions and new members were recognized.

Pictured from L-R are Deputy Chief Rich Davis, Lieutenant Christopher Weishaar, Captain Adam Vander Leest, Fire Chief Dan Gubbins, Deputy Chief Peg Back and Deputy Chief Jeff Feller.

In the bottom picture are Chris Cope, David Bush, Brian Currie, Teresa Nicholson, Ross Budden, Jacob Bush, Chris Roberts, Dan Gubbins and Peg Back.



## *Fire Department Paid-On-Call Pay Increase*

The city council voted at the January 14 council meeting to increase the base paid-on-call pay for the fire department staff from \$4.00 to \$5.00 per call. At the September 24, 2012, city council meeting, the council increased the Fire Department part-time staff salary by \$.50 that went into effective on October 1 with an additional \$.50 raise effective on March 2 of this year. On March 2, an EMT/Firefighter will now receive \$11.00 per hour and a Paramedic/Firefighter will receive \$13.00 per hour.

## *Miller Park Shelter Rate To Remain The Same*

At the January 7 parks commission meeting the commission voted unanimously to increase the Miller Shelter rental rate on holidays to the same as the regular weekend rate of \$115.00. At the council meeting on January 28, Resolution No. 2013-05 amending rental fees for Miller Park Shelter House failed. The fees will remain as is. Fees for Monday through Thursday are \$50 for 4 hours with a \$100 damage deposit.

## *Library Board Vacancy*

There is an opening on the Polk City Library Board. Some of the board's duties are in-charge of the library building, hiring of personnel, rules and regulations and expenditures of the library. More duties and information about the board may be found on the city web site [www.polkcity.org](http://www.polkcity.org), under Municipal Code, Chapter 21.

Your resume may be sent to City Hall.

## ***Deb Naby – New Financial Officer/ Assistant City Administrator***



Deb Naby is Polk City's new Financial Officer/Assistant City Administrator. She replaces Finance Officer Collin Adams who resigned to take a job closer to his home in Marshalltown.

Deb is a CPA and has experience auditing cities, as a public accountant and controller. In addition to being Finance Officer, she will also be Assistant City Administrator. City Administrator Gary Mahannah said, "Her duties will not only be Finance Officer, but will be expanding into other areas of the city."

Deb took the job because she feels it will be a new challenge and exciting.

Deb, her husband Kevin and four children live outside of Polk City. In her spare time she enjoys photography.

### ***Metro Compost Cart Renewal***

If you have a Metro Compost Cart you may renew your subscription either online or at City Hall. To purchase your 2013 cart sticker online go to: [https://www.mwatoday.com/residential/compost\\_it\\_premium.aspx](https://www.mwatoday.com/residential/compost_it_premium.aspx). The online price is \$106 due to credit card processing fees, but if you pay in person at City Hall the cost is \$105. Compost season will run April 1 through November 30. Collection is weekly on your normal garbage collection day.

## ***North Polk Preschool & Kindergarten Information (Provided by North Polk Schools)***

Please visit [www.NorthPolk.org](http://www.NorthPolk.org) for preschool/pre-Kindergarten by March 14. For a preschool application to be considered, proof of residency must be on file. Three-year-old preschool sign-up will only be online. If you have any questions, please call West Elementary at 984-6344 ext. 2460 or Central Elementary at 251-3400 ext. 2360.

Parents of children, who will be five years old on or before September 15, 2013, are requested to contact West Elementary or Central Elementary to place your child's name on the kindergarten list for the 2013 – 2014 school year. Do to planning needs, it is important that students be listed as soon as possible.

### ***Property Tax Deadline & Vehicle Tags***

(Provided by Polk County)

This is a reminder that the March Property Tax deadline is just around the corner. Pay your property taxes online at [www.IowaTaxAndTags.gov](http://www.IowaTaxAndTags.gov). Try the electronic check option. It's less than a stamp at \$0.30.

A satellite station at Polk County River Place will be available for the payment of property taxes on Thursday, March 28th and Friday, March 29th. The satellite station will be located at 2309 Euclid Avenue, Room 4 on the east end of the building between 8:00 a.m. and 4:30 p.m. Accepted forms of payment at the satellite station are check, credit card, debit card, and electronic check. Service Fees apply to credit card, debit card, and electronic check payments. NO CASH transactions will be accepted at the satellite station.

Lastly, if you were issued plates in 1998 through 2003 and you still have those plates, you will receive new plates in 2013 when you renew your registration. This is an ongoing program meaning every 10 years you will receive new plates.

Renew your tags online at [www.IowaTaxAndTags.gov](http://www.IowaTaxAndTags.gov). Try the electronic check option. It's less than a stamp at \$0.30.

### ***Community Garden***

Garden plots are available for rent in the community garden. The cost is \$20, and the size of the plot is about 10' x 15'. A deer fence that worked well last summer will again surround the garden. Water is available. The spaces will be ready to plant in April. The garden is a part of the city parks. More information and forms to rent a plot can be obtained at City Hall.

# City of Polk City Directory

## Mayor:

Gary Heuertz 984-6950

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## City Council Members:

Ron Anderson 984-6365

E-mail: [randerson@polkcity.org](mailto:randerson@polkcity.org)

Dave Dvorak 984-6502

E-mail: [ddvorak@polkcity.org](mailto:ddvorak@polkcity.org)

Dan Lane 984-6931

E-mail: [dlane@polkcity.org](mailto:dlane@polkcity.org)

Rob Mordini 984-9256

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Jeff Walters 577-8082

E-mail: [jwalters@polkcity.org](mailto:jwalters@polkcity.org)

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

## City Hall:

City Admin.: Gary Mahannah

City Clerk: Sharon Nickles

Asst. Admin/Financial Officer:

Deb Nabity

Deputy Clerk: Charlotte Loter

Summer Rec Director

Tami Leonard McCoy

Citizen Liaison Ken Thornton

E-mail: [kothornton@msn.com](mailto:kothornton@msn.com) or

Phone—984-6678

## Public Works:

Director: Mike Schulte

Supervisor: Randy Franzen

Staff: Dennis Godfrey

Willie Ostrander

Rick Riley

GIS Specialist Jake Schreier

## City Newsletter:

Editor: Rosemary Hutton Taylor

984-6653

Photographer: Rich Taylor

## Police:

Chief: Mark Bowersox

Sergeant: Dustin Bjornson

Senior Patrol Officer: Ron Lamfers

Officer: Matthew Untrauer

Officer: Matt Aicher

Officer: Tanner Rickertsen

Reserve Officer: Mark Schwalenberg

## Fire & Rescue:

Chief: Dan Gubbins

## Planning and Zoning:

Marvin Blau 984-6602

Krista Bowersox 984-6991

Dennis Dietz 984-6343

Ron Hankins 984-6822

Robert Sarchet 321-4755

Doug Sires 984-9091

Deanna Triplett 984-6676

Planning & Zoning meets the 3<sup>rd</sup>

Monday of the month, 6:00 p.m. at

City Hall.

## Tree Board:

Pat Hoppenworth 984-6829

Phil Jensen 685-3813

Ken Morse 984-6735

Bill Sharp 984-6948

## Historic Preservation

### Commission:

Roxana Currie 984-6928

Deanna Deason 984-6563

Collette Heuertz 984-6950

Sandra Thornton 984-6678

Marlene Youde 984-6967

## Arts Council:

Kay Gettler 822-2354

Collette Heuertz 984-6950

Mary Kaye Madden 984-6597

Bob Miller 984-6207

Barb Pothast 707-4148

## Community Library:

Director: Kim Kellogg

Asst. Director/ Adult Librarian:

Pam Witt

Children's Librarian

Leslie Anstedt

Librarian: Lisa Fullerton

## Library Board:

Kathy DeBruyn 984-6156

Christine Gregory 984-6037

Maureen Mc Guire 984-6636

Mike Miller 984-6557

Library Board meets the 2<sup>nd</sup> Tuesday of the month, 7:00 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 1<sup>st</sup> Monday of the month, 6:00 p.m. at City Hall.

## Board of Adjustment:

Mike Bakken 984-6724

Dixie Bequeaith 984-6224

John Calhoun 210-8442

Anthony Capaldo 984-6281

Bill Currie 984-6928

Deanna Deason 984-6563

Ken Morse 984-6735

Board of Adjustment meets as needed.



All agendas and minutes can be found on the city web site: [www.polkcity.org](http://www.polkcity.org)