



City of Polk City Newsletter

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309 W. Van Dorn

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For non-emergencies:

Police: 984-6565

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Library:

1500 W. Broadway
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Mon.-Thurs.: 10 a.m.—8 p.m.

Friday: 10 a.m. – 6 p.m.

Saturday: 10 a.m.—4 pm.

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Web site:

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

Work Begins On Highway 415

Work has begun on repairing Highway 415 from Highway 141 to 26th Street in Ankeny.

The project is to take 100 working days. Expect displays and pilot cars.

City Newsletter Electronic

The Polk City City Newsletter will no longer be an insert in the Bull's Eye. To read the newsletter go to the city's web site and click on "Documents/Forms and then click on Newsletters.

A limited number (250) of print copies will be available at the library, city hall, Reising Sun, Big Creek Pharmacy, Grinnell State Bank, Luana Bank, Casey's, Kum & Go, Papa's and Fareway.

Square Get New Benches & Picnic Tables

With a donation of \$7,500 from the Polk City Kiwanis 8 benches and 2 picnic tables have been replaced in the City Square. The donation came from the estate of Bernie Van Dorn. Public works employees helped Kiwanis members assemble the benches that are made of a low maintenance composite material.



4th of July

A reminder all city offices and library will be closed on Thursday, July 4.

SUMMER REMINDERS

Swimming Pool/ Hot Tub

A pool containing more than 24 inches of water requires a 5-foot fence surrounding the pool. The Uniform Building Code also includes specific regulations regarding the latch system, etc. Contact City Hall to get more information about pools and hot tubs regulations.

Building Permits

Are you thinking about adding a fence to your yard or a deck to your house? The city requires a building permit if you build anything stationary, such as fencing, a deck, a concrete slab or anything connected to your home. Permits are issued at City Hall, please call with any questions regarding your plans for improvements.

Before You Dig!

Just a reminder, if you are planning to dig or excavate, Iowa law requires that you contact Iowa One Call 48 hours in advance of digging. This service will mark your underground utilities at no charge to you. Call 1-800-292-8989 or visit www.iowaonecall.com for more information.

Recycling Center Hours

The City Recycling Center is open from 7 a.m. to 7 p.m., 7 days a week. The center is located at 301 East Northside Drive. There is no charge for Polk City residents to bring leaves, grass clippings, brush, and tree limbs to the center. The center will also accept all of the items that can be put into your curbside-recycling cart.

Where Does Your Sump Pump Water Go?

According to city code 95.04.02 no person shall do, or allow, any of the following: Connect a roof downspout, sump pump, exterior foundation drain, areaway drain, or other source of surface run-off or groundwater to a building sewer or building drain which in turn is connected directly or indirectly to a public sanitary sewer

Weed Ordinance in Effect

A reminder to all property owners that Chapter 10.12 of the City Codebook is in effect year round. This section of the code book states that it is the duty of the property owner to keep property free from weeds, vines, brush, or other vegetation when such growth constitutes a health, safety, or fire hazard. Grass or weeds cannot grow in excess of six (6) inches. The property owners in violation of this code will receive notice. If not complied with, the city can remove the violation and assess the property owner.

Let's Keep Polk City Clean – No Grass Clippings or Leaves in Streets

Did you know that it is against city code to place your grass clippings or to rake your leaves on to the street? The city would like to remind citizens of the following code: 135.03 **PLACING DEBRIS ON STREET**. It is unlawful for any person to throw or deposit on any street or alley any grass, glass bottle, nails, tacks, wire, cans, trash, garbage, rubbish, litter, offal, leaves, grass or any other debris likely to be washed into the storm sewer and clog the storm sewer, or any substance likely to injure any person, animal or vehicle. (Code of Iowa, Se. 321.369).

Tree Branches Over Sidewalks Need To Be Trimmed

Is it time to trim your tree branches over your sidewalk or street? If you own or occupy property adjoining a public street or sidewalk it is your responsibility to prune your trees in a manner that so they do not obstruct or shade street lights, obstruct the passage of pedestrians on the sidewalk, vision of traffic signs or street or alley intersections. City Ordinance 151.05 states that all trees or shrubs, whether on public or private property, which have branches overhanging a public street or sidewalk shall be kept trimmed to a clearance height of fourteen (14) feet for branches overhanging a street and ten (10) feet for branches overhanging a sidewalk.

Going on Vacation?

If you are taking a vacation and would like the police to keep watch on your residence, please call City Hall with the following information: **your name, address, date leaving and returning, and a person to contact in case of any problems.** Also any additional information such as a light you might be leaving on or if someone will be picking up your mail.



Happenings at the Library

“Dig Into Reading”

This year’s Summer Reading Program is “Dig Into Summer” it is for all ages from babies to adults. Sign up starts June 3 and the program begins on June 10. The following is the summer schedule of events for babies to teens.

Tue 6/4 Summer Reading Program Registration Begins 10AM-8PM

Mon 6/10 Debbie Doo-Wop & Dynamite Dan Show 10:30AM

Tue 6/11 Chapter Book Lunch Bunch @ Noon

Wed 6/12 Story Time at 10:30 AM

Thu 6/13 Tweens & Teens Tagraggery @4pm

Fri 6/14 Crafty Café @ 10:30 AM (*preregistration required*)

Mon 6/17 Blank Park Zoo 10:30 AM

Tue 6/18 Chapter Book Lunch Bunch @ Noon

Wed 6/19 Story Time at 10:30 AM

No Craft this week: Friends of the Library Book Sale!

Mon 6/24 Science Center of Iowa 1:30 PM

Tue 6/25 Chapter Book Lunch Bunch @ Noon

Wed 6/26 Story Time at 10:30 AM

Thu 6/27 Tweens & Teens Tagraggery @ 4PM

Fri 6/28 Crafty Café at 10:30 AM (*preregistration required*)

Mon 7/1 Sparkle Hoops 2PM (*preregistration required*)

Tue 7/2 Chapter Book Lunch Bunch @ Noon

Wed 7/3 Story Time at 10:30 AM

Thu 7/4 Library CLOSED for 4th of July!

Fri 7/5 Crafty Café at 10:30 AM (*preregistration required*)

Tue 7/9 Chapter Book Lunch Bunch @ Noon

Wed 7/10 Story Time at 10:30 AM

AND Chris Camp Bullwhip Show 7:00 PM

Thu 7/11 Tweens & Teens Tagraggery @4pm

Fri 7/12 Crafty Café at 10:30 AM (*preregistration required*)

Mon 7/15 Jester Puppets @ 10:30 AM

Tue 7/16 Chapter Book Lunch Bunch @ Noon

Wed 7/17 Story Time at 10:30 AM

Thu 7/18 Tweens & Teens Tagraggery @4pm

Fri Jul 19 Crafty Café at 10:30 AM (*preregistration required*)

Mon 7/22 Blank Park Zoo Show 10:30 AM

Tue 7/23 Chapter Book Lunch Bunch @ Noon

Wed 7/24 Story Time at 10:30 AM

Thu 7/25 Tweens & Teens Tagraggery @4pm

Fri 7/26 Crafty Café at 10:30 AM (*preregistration required*)

Tue 7/30 Chapter Book Lunch Bunch @ Noon

Wed 7/31 Story Time at 10:30 AM

ALL READING HOURS MUST BE TURNED IN BY 8PM!

Thu 8/1 Tweens & Teens Tagraggery @4pm

Fri 8/2 Ronald McDonald Show @ 11:30 AM AND @ 12:30 PM Our Final Picnic followed by the Grand Prize Drawings

Adult Summer Reading Program

The Adult Summer Reading Program will run June 10 to August 10. Adults will read three books or listen to three audio books and return for one finisher’s prize! (While supplies last.) Additional books/audio books may be read. Fill out and return bonus entry form(s) by August 10 to be entered in the Grand Prize Drawing on August 12.

Patrons will receive one entry in the Grand Prize Drawing for each book/audio book turned in. Grand prizes to be announced.

Coffee Wednesdays

Join us on Wednesdays from 10:00 a.m. to noon by the fireplace. Enjoy a cup of coffee, hot tea or ice tea.



Happenings at the Library

Iowa's Ice Age Giants

Join us on Monday, June 10 at 6:00 p.m. as we explore Iowa during the Ice Age and learn about the giant animals that roamed around in our backyards thousands of years ago. The Museum of Natural History has been working on two exciting Ice Age sites, the Tarkio Valley Sloth Site and the Mahaska County Mammoth Site. They will show us fossils that have been recovered from these sites. Also learn about the very first Iowans who arrived here during the Ice Age and lived alongside these giant creatures.

Fareway's Healthy Summer Eating

Fareway's Registered Dietitian Caitlyn Lines will share creative and practical ways to incorporate nutritious food into your day on Wednesday, June 12 at 2:00 p.m. There will be recipes to sample and door prizes.

Mini Glass Jar Pendant Make-N-Take Workshop

Monday, June 24 at 6:30 p.m. join Julie Luedtke of JKLART Jewelry and make your own pedant with choice of jar, confetti, glitter and fairy or other charms. **Pre-registration is required.** There will be a \$10 fee payable at the workshop (family rate to be announced).

Sit N Stitch

If you like to knit, crochet, quilt, embroider—no matter what you stitch join us on Thursdays. We will be at the fireplace from 6:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.

Friends Of the Library Book Sale

Thursday, June 20 from 10:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m.

Friday, June 21 from 10:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m.

Saturday, June 22 from 8:00 a.m. to noon

On Saturday buy a bag of books for \$5 for the entire time we are open.

We are accepting DVD's, books (for all ages) and puzzles. We **do not** accept text books, readers digest, condensed books or encyclopedia sets.

Halo Hair Extensions & Braiding Demo

Join Mindy, Beth and Laura on Monday, July 29 at 6:00 p.m. for a demonstration on Halo Hair extensions. There will be several fast and easy braiding techniques. Ages 16 and under must be accompanied by an adult.

Book Clubs

Monday Book Club will be discussing *Everyone is Beautiful* by Katherine Center on June 17. On July 15 Therese Fowler's *The Reunion* will be the book of discussion.

Wednesday Book Club will be meeting June 5 to discuss Sir Arthur Conan Doyle's *The Hound of the Baskervilles*. *Death Comes for the Archbishop* by Willa Cather is the book of discussion on July 10

Both book clubs start at 7:00 p.m. and new members are always welcome..

***The library will be closed on
Thursday, July 4
Friday, July 19 closing at 3 p.m.
Saturday, July 20 Closed***

How Did Polk City Get It's Logo?

In October of 1989, the city council asked the Polk City Community Library Board to have a contest for finding Polk City a slogan.

After many entries, the board decided on five slogans. Those slogans were given to the council. The council chose the entry submitted by Jennifer Ruddy of Westside Dr., "A City for All Seasons." Jennifer received a \$50 savings bond.

The logo was then designed to represent the four seasons, winter-snowmobile, spring-hikers, summer-sailing and fall-bikers.

In 2006, the logo was updated. A cross-country skier replaced the snowmobile and hikers were replaced with a golfer.

Mosquito Spaying

The Public Works Department will be spraying for mosquitoes through October twice a week, weather permitting.

In order for an application to be applied, the wind speed must be less than 10 mph and there can be no threat of rain two hours after application.

City To Start E-notification Of Utility Bills

Would you rather have your water bill emailed to you instead of receiving it through the mail? You will still be able to pay your water bill as you have in the past. This program will only affect the delivery of your bill, not the payment. If you would like to receive your water bill by email please email staff at: snickles@polkcity.org

Community Garage Sale

The 7th Annual Polk City Community Garage Sale will be held Saturday, June 22 from 8:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. rain or shine. This year it is being sponsored by the Polk City Kiwanis.

Four Seasons Festival 8k and 5k Run

The Four Seasons Festival 8k run and 5k run/walk will start July 20 at 7:30 a.m. The start and finish will be at the Polk City square, corner of 3rd and Broadway.

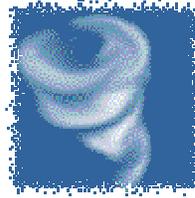
Following the races will be a FREE Kids Run to begin at 8:45 for ages 3-8.

Awards presentation will begin at 9:00 a.m. at the Bandstand and will include cash prizes for top finishers and special awards to the top male/female Polk City resident in each race.

Packet pick-up will be at the Community Center located at 309 W. Van Dorn Street on Friday July 19 from 5-8 p.m. and race day from 6:30-7:00 a.m.

Cost is \$20/runner or \$50/family if postmarked by 7/6/13. Sign up at www.fourseasonsfestival.com and click on "events." or mail your entry form(s) and registration fee to: Greg Bell, 313 Kings Place, Polk City, IA 50226.

If you have any questions contact Greg Bell at 515-314-9679, gregbell@hotmail.com or Scott Paterson 515-771-7255 spatter999@msn.com.



Warning Siren Activation Policy

Public Safety officials from the City of Polk City and Polk County would like to ensure that all residents understand the policy of initiating the **Polk County Severe Weather Outdoor Emergency Warning System**. Some residents have misconceptions about how and when the outdoor warning system is activated. Please be aware of the following:

- The **outdoor warning system** is designed to inform those **who are outside** in the open areas of a warning issued for the area. The system is **not designed to warn residents within the confines** of a residential, commercial, educational or other occupancy.
- The sirens only produce one tone, indicating that conditions are such that you should seek shelter and additional information to ensure your safety.
- The warning system is in place to warn residents of tornadoes or winds that reach or exceed 70 mph. The system will be activated once per warning period as determined by the National Weather Service (NWS).
- The outdoor warning sirens are activated by the dispatcher at the Polk County Communications Center once information is received from the NWS.
- In the event of an actual sighting of a tornado in the area, observed prior to a warning issued by the NWS, law enforcement, fire service or emergency management agency supervisors can request that the sirens be activated.
- The system is not activated for thunderstorms; other severe weather conditions or perceived imminent hazards after the initial tornado warning activation has been made.
- The warning sirens will not be activated to signal an "all clear."
- In the event that a previously issued tornado warning expires, and the NWS issues a fresh tornado warning for the area, the warning system will be activated again in response to the new warning.

For any questions or concerns on this matter, please contact City Hall at 984-6233.

City of Polk City Directory

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Jeff Walters 577-8082

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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 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 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

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Krista Bowersox 984-6991

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Ron Hankins 984-6822

Jason Morse 208-3996

Robert Sarchet 321-4755

Doug Sires 984-9091

Deanna Triplett 984-6676

Planning & Zoning meets the 3rd

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

City Hall.

Tree Board:

Pat Hoppenworth 984-6829

Phil Jensen 685-3813

Jason Morse 208-3996

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

Corey Hoodjer 451-9670

Maureen Mc Guire 984-6636

Mike Miller 984-6557

Robert Wright 984-7761

Library Board meets the 2nd 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 1st

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