



# 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)

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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

## ***IDOT Will Close Mile Long Bridge***

IDOT (Iowa Department of Transportation) will be closing the Mile Long Bridge on **March 31, 2014** for work and repair on the bridge approaches with plans to reopen on the Thursday prior to Memorial Day (May 22, 2014). Bridge Road will remain open on the Polk City side of the bridge for access to the Sports Complex.

## ***Curb Side Clean-Up May 17***

The city's curbside clean up will be Saturday, May 17. Place all of your clean-up items at the curb the night before, as collection will begin at 7 a.m. on Saturday. Do not put items on carts or trailers. Please stack items rather than placing the items in a pile. Household furniture will be picked up. There is a weight limit of 150 lbs. per item and length limit of 6' (except furniture).

The following items are not accepted at the curb: appliances including microwaves and humidifiers, dirt, sod, concrete, brick, railroad ties, vehicle parts, lawnmowers, paint or thinners, solvents, antifreeze, toxic materials, radioactive materials, compressed gas cylinders, hazardous wastes, ammunition, televisions and computer hardware. The Metro Hazardous Waste Drop-Off in Bondurant accepts household hazardous products and other items. To find out

what items are acceptable visit Metro Waste's web site at [www.WhereShoulditGO.com](http://www.WhereShoulditGO.com) or call 515-244-0021.

The following items will only be accepted at the Maintenance Shop at 301 E. Northside Dr. between the hours of 8:00 a.m. to noon on Saturday, May 17. Do not drop items at shop gates before or after hours.

- Appliances: water heaters, kitchen appliances (appliances filled with food will not be accepted), lawnmowers, VCRs, cell phones, air conditioners, computers & accessories, microwaves, furnaces, grills, and washers and dryers.
- Oil & Batteries

## **Flushing of Water Mains April 21-25**

Residents could experience temporary discoloration of water and a loss of water pressure. Check water before doing laundry during this time.

Alternate dates for flushing is April 28—May 2.

Hydrant Flow Testing will be April 28—May 2

### ***Openings on Park Commission***

At the February 24 meeting the city council voted to waive the 3rd reading of Ordinance No. 2014-200 and unanimously passed it by roll call making the Park Commission a seven member commission.

If interested in serving in one of the three new commission openings, send a resume to City Hall.

### ***Community Garden Volunteer Needed***

Polk City is looking for someone to organize the Community Garden for 2014.

Duties would include plotting the garden, communicating with individuals interested in using the garden, collecting the monies for the rental of the space, and general supervision of the Community Garden.

If you are interested in volunteering for this position or have questions please call City Hall at 984-6233 or e-mail Charlotte Loter at [cloter@polkcity.org](mailto:cloter@polkcity.org)

### ***Summer Recreation***

Polk City Summer Recreation packets will be available Monday March 17th. They may be picked up at City Hall, the Library, or the City's website.

### ***Summer Rec Art Camp Needs Leader***

The Polk City Summer Recreation Art Camp is looking for an individual to lead the program during the 2014 Summer Rec Program. The individual will be responsible for creating and teaching children entering first grade through finishing sixth grade. Interested individuals may pick up an application at City Hall or contact Terri Keasey at 515-964-8983. Applications will be accepted through April 1.

### ***On Line Banking***

Water billing account numbers have changed. Residents who go on line to pay their water bill will need to edit their account number. The new account number is listed on your water bill. This will ensure that your payment will be applied to the right account. Residents who are on ACH and have the city automatically withdraw their payment or residents who pay their water bill by cash or check will not need to do anything.

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- Vehicle passenger tires with rims removed only, with a limit of 5 tires. Agricultural tires, bicycle or solid tires such as lawnmower and golf cart tires will not be accepted.
- Tree limbs, landscape waste and brush are accepted year around at the city's Recycling Center, 409 E. Northside Dr. Recycling hours are 7 a.m. to 7 p.m. Sunday through Saturday. This service is for Polk City residents only. You must live within the corporate limits of Polk City.

For questions or additional information call City Hall at 984-6233 or Waste Management at 265-5267.

### ***2014 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. City Ordinance limits the number of animals per household to no more than 4 dogs or cats or a combination thereof. 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, 2014. 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 cannot stop during office hours, you can 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.

### ***Automatic Withdrawal For Your Water Bill***

You can sign up for automatic withdrawal for your water bill from your checking or savings account through the city. The amount due will be taken out electronically on the last business day of the month. You will still receive a bill every month so you are aware of the amount and the date it will be withdrawn. You can sign up by going to [www.polkcity.org](http://www.polkcity.org) and under documents and forms click on direct payment form. You can e-mail the form to [cloter@polkcity.org](mailto:cloter@polkcity.org). If you have any questions please call City Hall at 984-6233.



## *Happenings at the Library*

### ***SHIPP “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! This two hour seminar on Monday, March 24 at 6:00 p.m. 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 the library at 515-984-6773 to register.**

SHIPP, the Senior Health Insurance Information Program, is a service of the State of Iowa. SHIPP 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.

### ***Social Security Filing—Helping you File For Maximum Lifetime Benefits***

Most married couples often make the mistake of filing for their Social Security benefits based on just their age, as if they were single. Most divorced and widowed individuals do not know the strategies to maximize their retirement benefits. Making a simple filing mistake can cost tens of thousand of dollars over your retirement lifetime. If you are married, widowed or divorced between ages 55 and 68, have not yet filed, or have filed and want to see if you can correct your filing this presentation on Thursday, March 27 at 6:30 p.m. is for you. **Pre-registration is required.**

### ***Computer Bytes Class:***

- ◆ Introduction to Pinterest—Monday, March 31 at 7:00 p.m.
- ◆ Using Learning Express—Monday, April 7 at 7:00 p.m.
- ◆ Meet Microsoft Office—Monday, April 28 at 7 p.m.

### ***Spring Cleaning and Greening Workshop***

Shelene Codner, Iowa Waste Exchange Area Resource Specialist invites you to attend a FREE “Green Cleaning” workshop on Thursday, April 24 at 6:00 p.m.. You’ll learn how to make safer cleaning products for your home or business.

Hear about the health and economic benefits of reducing the use of toxic cleaning products and participate in making (yours to take home) “Green Cleaning” products. Pre-Registration Required

### ***Friends of the Library Meeting***

Friends will be meeting Wednesday, April 9 at 6:30 p.m. New members welcome!

### ***Healthy Food Trends***

Join us on Thursday, April 10 at 6 p.m. and learn about new healthy food trends from Fareway.

### ***Family Movie Night***

In April join us for Movie Night on the 30th at 6 p.m.

### ***Storytime Tuesday & Wednesday***

Come in at 10:30 a.m. on Tuesdays and Wednesdays and share a stack of great picture books with Miss Leslie. All ages area welcome.

### ***Coffee Wednesdays***

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

### ***Sit N Stitch***

If you like to knit, crochet, quilt, embroider—whatever you stitch—join us on Thursdays. We will be at the fireplace from 6:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.

### ***Four Seasons Photo Club***

Love Photography? Join us as we share interests and experiences of this great hobby! The club meets the second Monday of each month at 7:00 p.m.



***CHECK OUT  
THE LEGO  
DISPLAY  
BY  
CALEB  
AT THE  
LIBRARY***



***The Polk City Police Department Partners with the Iowa ABD for  
Tobacco Education and Enforcement***

The Polk City Police Department has taken a pledge to keep tobacco out of the hands of Polk City youth. It's called the Iowa Pledge and it's a partnership with the Iowa Alcoholic Beverages Division (ABD). The I-Pledge Program has helped increase statewide tobacco compliance to a rate of 93% since it began in 2000. By partnering with the ABD, the Polk City Police Department will look to do its part in continuing this upward trend.

Clerks who successfully complete an online training program and pass an exam will be I-pledge Certified and the retail establishment will receive an affirmative defense against a civil penalty if the certified clerk makes an illegal sale. To take the training or search I-pledge certification records go to <http://ipocp.iowaabd.com8080/portal>.

The I-Pledge Retailer Program is a great way for clerks to prepare themselves to refuse illegal tobacco sales and a great way for retailers to maintain a compliant and responsible establishment.

Also as a part of the I-Pledge Program the Polk City Police Department will be conducting compliance checks on local establishments. Underage customers, under the supervision of law enforcement officials, will enter establishments and attempt to buy tobacco products. Clerks who make the illegal sale will be cited on the spot. However, handing out citations is not the intent of the Iowa Pledge Program or the Polk City Police Department.

By partnering with the Iowa Alcoholic Beverages Division, we hope to educate clerks and maintain a compliant retail environment in our community and keep tobacco products out of the hands of Iowa's youth.

***PCFD Welcomes New Paramedic***

Polk City Fire Department is excited to announce that Capt. Mike Bernard is the latest paramedic among the PCFD staff. Capt. Bernard has worked hard for more than a year studying and training to become a paramedic and has successfully completed his final exams.

Capt. Bernard joined the Polk City Fire Department in January 2010. He was promoted to lieutenant in January 2012 and promoted to captain this past January. There is a large time commitment required for paramedic certification, which highlights Bernard's dedication to this department. In addition, Capt. Bernard is also a full time firefighter/medic with the Ankeny Fire Department.



## ***Polk City Fire Department Welcomes New Recruits***

The Polk City Fire Department recently welcomed seven new recruits to its membership. The new members will serve in an on-call capacity. They all began Jan. 7 and will be working on learning about the department and everything done to serve the community during their probationary period. They bring a diverse background and mix of skills to the fire department. The seven new recruits are: Craig Sosby, Dallas Brinkman, Kevin Volz, Jeff Pederson, Andy Ware, Nick Klatt, Adam Rassmussen.

***Polk City Fire Department Holds Annual Pinning Ceremony*** The Polk City Fire Department held its annual pinning ceremony Saturday, Jan. 18. During the pinning ceremony, new full-time members are recognized, as well as new officers and officer promotions. New members pinned during the ceremony were: Sonya Edmund, Randy Pace, Bill Bevins and Craig Ver Huel. Lieutenants Chris Roberts and Lisa Mart were pinned as new officers promoted in 2013. Several officers were promoted for 2014. Those pinned were: Captain Rob Sarchet, Deputy Chief Tim Cory, and Assistant Chief Adam Vanderleest. New member Josh Sneller and Captain Michael Bernard were unable to attend the ceremony.

On Jan. 18, the Polk City Fire Department membership also recognized several individuals for their contributions to the department. Retiree Jamie Conley was recognized for 11 years on the department, while several awards were presented by Fire Chief Dan Gubbins: Firefighter of the Year to David Bush, Medic of the Year to Chris Roberts and Officer of the Year to Adam Vanderleest.



# City of Polk City Directory

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**City Council Members:**

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*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

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

**Summer Rec. Director:**

***Terri Keasey***  
*E-mail: [tkeasey@polkcity.org](mailto:tkeasey@polkcity.org)*



**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:**

Krista Bowersox 984-6991  
 Dennis Dietz 984-6343  
 Ron Hankins 330-9858  
 James Hill 975-4906  
 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 231-5511  
 Scott Borwig 306-0019  
 Ken Morse 984-6735  
 Bill Sharp 984-6948

**Historic Preservation**

**Commission:**  
 Roxana Currie 720-7500  
 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:

**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 2<sup>nd</sup> Tuesday of the month, 7:00 p.m. at the library.*

**Park Commission:**

Brian Emerson 984-9217  
 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 422-4680  
 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)***