



# City of Polk City Newsletter

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## City Hall:

112 3rd Street  
PO Box 426

Monday—Friday  
8:00 a.m.—4:00 p.m.

Phone: 984-6233

Fax: 984-6177

snickles@polkcity.org

Web site: [www.polkcity.org](http://www.polkcity.org)  
(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 p.m.

[library@polkcitylibrary.org](mailto:library@polkcitylibrary.org)

Web site:

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

## City Maintenance:

301 E. 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

## **2013 Election Results**

Tuesday, November 5, 2013 was a city election. Jason Morse (shown below) was elected Mayor with 94% of the votes replacing Mayor Gary Heuertz who decided not to run again after completing his 2<sup>nd</sup> term as mayor in December. Morse's term will begin January 1, 2014 and run through December 31, 2017.



Three candidates competed for two open seats on the City Council. Incumbents Robert Mordini and Dan Lane were elected by a slight margin over challenger Michael Bakken. This will be the 3<sup>rd</sup> term for Mordini and the 4<sup>th</sup> term for Lane.

Also on the ballot was the Public Measure Letter D concerning the establishment of a hotel/motel tax which was passed by 77% of the votes. The results of this vote have been presented to the City Council to be voted into City Code of Ordinances with the anticipated start date of January 1, 2014.

### **THANK YOU MAYOR GARY HEUERTZ**

The community is invited to celebrate the service of Mayor Gary Heuertz at an open house to be held at Tournament Club of Iowa on Tuesday, December 17, 2013 from 5:00 pm – 7:00 pm. Heuertz has lived in Polk City with his wife Collette since March 1982 and has served the City of Polk City on various Boards, as a City Council member and as Mayor for a total of 23 years.

Heuertz's fondest memories of being Mayor have been meeting all the great people, not only in Polk City, but also elected officials from across the Metro area. It goes without saying that during his terms as Mayor much has been accomplished for the residents of the City. "This was not just me, but a team of dedicated individuals, the Council, City Staff, Polk City Development Corporation (PCDC) and all of the great volunteers." He also mentioned being proud to have been a part of the team effort to bring a grocery store, hotel, and improved infrastructure. "Most people don't give it much thought, but a city cannot grow and provide residents with those amenities they expect without good water, sewer and streets. Polk City has all of those items and they will be here for years to come."

Heuertz would also like to recognize "the Polk County Supervisors for their mentoring, the City Council for seeing the big picture, the City Staff for their great support, PCDC, and their Director John Calhoun for never giving up and staying the course. Our City Administrator, Gary Mahannah is such a gift to Polk City. His knowledge of city matters has allowed us to progress without going over budget and always staying within the law. The most important, my wife Collette. Without her backing, patience and support, I would not have enjoyed being Mayor as much as I have."

## *Winter Snow and Ice Operations Change*

The Public Works Department has made a change in the materials they apply to the streets during snow removal procedures. Over the last two years Polk City Public Works has been slowly phasing out the use of a sand and salt mix on the streets as a de-icer to straight salt.

The sand is the cause of several problems. The first problem is the sand that is left on the street. It is costly to sweep and left on the street the sand will make its way to the storm sewer basins, pipes and ditches which is even more costly to clean. Second the sand tends to track to unwanted areas such as garages and driveways.

The pure salt will be harder to see than the sand mix due to the color difference. The salt has more of a clear appearance which might give the impression that no treatment has been made. However, treatment is done at the end of every snow or ice event.

## *Sidewalks*

With winter weather approaching please remember that it is the responsibility of the property owner to remove all snow and ice from the sidewalks within a reasonable amount of time after accumulation. Please 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 twenty-four hours after the end of the snowfall or ice storm, the city may remove it and assess the property owner.

## *Keep Hydrants Clear of Snow*

As we head into the winter weather season, the Polk City Fire Department asks that snow be cleared away from fire hydrants. When recovering from a major snowfall, it is easy to forget emergency responders not only need access to homes, but to the equipment that will help save property in the event of an emergency.

## *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.



## *Fire Department Hosts Open House*

The Fire Department hosted an open house on Saturday, November 16 to provide information to people interested in being a part of the Polk City Fire Department.

Approximately twenty people were interviewed during this event and the department will be contacting people to offer positions soon. People unable to attend this event can visit the department website at [www.polkcityfd.com](http://www.polkcityfd.com) and complete the online application form at any time.

## *Account Number Changes on Water Bills*

Polk City has outgrown its water bill account numbering system. Changes were made to the system at the end of October so bills sent in November will have the new number.

Residents who are on ACH and have the city automatically withdraw their payment or pay their water bill by cash or check won't need to do anything.

**Residents who go online and do bill pay banking to have a check sent to the city to pay their water bill will need to edit their information and change the account number.**

This will ensure that payment is applied to the right account number. If you have any questions feel free to call City Hall at 984-6233 or email [snickles@polkcity.org](mailto:snickles@polkcity.org).

### **Job Opening: Summer Recreation Director**

Polk City is seeking an individual to be the director of the Summer Recreation Program for Polk City. Applicants must have knowledge and ability to administer a youth recreation program. The job opening is a seasonal/temporary position. A complete description can be obtained at, and resumes sent to: Polk City Attn City Administrator, P.O. Box 426, Polk City IA 50226. Deadline for applications is December 6, 2013. EOE M/F/H

## POLK CITY COMMUNITY LIBRARY

### *Storytime*

Tuesdays & Wednesdays at 10:30 a.m. Scoot in and share a stack of great picture books with Miss Leslie! All ages are welcome.

### *Coffee Wednesdays*

Wednesdays 10-Noon. Gather around the fireplace for a cup of hot coffee or hot tea and fun conversation.

### *Sit N Stitch*

Thursdays 6:00-8:00 p.m. Join the fun around the fireplace. Open to all knitters, crocheters, quilters, embroiderers - whatever you stitch!

### *Annual Holiday Giving Tree Project*

Thanksgiving through New Year's Day. Donations being taken for the Animal Rescue League of Iowa. Stop by the Library and grab a Furry Friend's Wish List!

### *Annual Rock & Mineral Sale*



November 20th & 21st 4:00-8:00 p.m. **START YOUR CHRISTMAS SHOPPING EARLY!!!** Know someone who wants a lump of coal in their Christmas stocking? Or want to put a sparkle in the eyes of that special person? Then, the annual Polk City Community Library Rock and Mineral Sale is for

you. It will feature many minerals and crystals from around the world as well as fossils from Iowa. \*A portion of the sales go to buy Rock & Mineral books for the library.

### *FINAL Fine Free Friday*

Friday December 6th – All day. We are phasing out Fine Free Fridays. Last chance to come in and beg forgiveness on library fines!

### *Annual Friends of the Library Holiday Open House*

Saturday December 7th 11:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m. Come enjoy holiday cheer, treats and a great holiday picture book reading every 15 minutes!

### *Earrings Make-N-Take Workshop*

Monday December 9th 6:30 p.m. Join Julie Luedtke of JKLART Jewelry and express your creative side! French hooks will be available along with your choice of many different beads and styles. Pre-Registration & Pre-Payment (\$15) Required. \*Clip-ons and posts available only when specified at time of registration.

### *Special Holiday Family Movie Night*

Monday December 23rd at 6:00 p.m. Home Alone-A-Palooza Come experience this Christmas classic like never before! 103 Minutes Rated PG \*Bring your pillows & blankets

### *Beginning Knitting Class* (Make a Scarf)

Thursdays January 9<sup>th</sup> - February 13<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 p.m. Come join this fun and relaxed knitting class and learn everything you need to know to be a successful knitter while making a simple scarf. Absolutely no experience is necessary. Supply cost \$20 payable by cash or check at the first class (includes 2 sets of needles and practice yarn). \*Class will pick and buy their individual scarf yarn after the first class. Class size is limited. **Pre-registration**

### **LIBRARY CLOSINGS**

CLOSED Thursday & Friday, November 28-29th  
CLOSING EARLY Tuesday December 3rd 5:00 p.m.  
CLOSING EARLY Tuesday December 24th at Noon

CLOSED Wednesday December 25th  
CLOSING EARLY New Year's Eve 4:00 pm  
CLOSED New Year's Day

Happy Holidays!

## 2013 ANNUAL SQUARE LIGHTING

### *Holiday Square Lighting*

Join us on the square Tuesday, December 3, 2013 from 6-8pm to see Santa, go for a hayride, and enter a raffle for prizes (the more businesses you visit the better your chance of winning!) Lights will be turned on at 6:00 pm to welcome Santa to the square on a Fire Truck! Then visit the jolly fellow inside City Hall for treats and photos.

This event sponsored by the Polk City Chamber of Commerce [www.polkcitychamber.com](http://www.polkcitychamber.com)





### *Police Department hosts NFL Punt Pass Kick Competition*

On Sept. 22 the Polk City Police Department held a NFL Punt Pass Kick competition. It was held at the Polk City Sports Complex and over twenty kids showed up to punt, pass, and kick the football. The kids competed in different age groups and five of the winners qualified for the sectional round in South Bend, NE on Oct 19th.

#### **Taste of Gold**

Dawson Murray took first place at the sectional competition in his age group and is now eligible to advance to the Team Championship at Arrowhead Stadium in Kansas City later this year.

The Polk City Police Department hopes to build on this year's competition and make next year's even better. Thanks to everyone that participated!



### *City Hall Celebrates 150 Years!*

Big Creek Historical Society held a birthday party on October 21<sup>st</sup> in honor of 150 years for the old schoolhouse building which now houses the Big Creek Museum and City Hall as well as the 130<sup>th</sup> birthday of the town square bandstand.

### *Toys for Tots Drop-off at Fire Department*



Starting December 1, 2013 you may drop off unwrapped gifts at the Polk City Fire Department from 6:00am – 6:00 pm as well as during the Square Lighting 12/3/13. Gifts will collected until December 14<sup>th</sup>.

Polk City Fire Department | 309 W. Van Dorn St | 984-6304

On October 18, 2013 Officers with the Polk City Police Department along with the North Polk School Resource Officer conducted an educational presentation focusing on safety to all of the students at West Elementary.



# P O L I C E

On October 26, 2013 the Polk City Police Department in partnership with the Polk City Fire Department held the annual Fall Festival. Hundreds of children from Polk City and surrounding areas attended making this year another great success. Following the Fall Festival officers surprised the residents at Polk City Nursing and Rehab with popcorn and cotton candy!

A special thank you everyone who contributed their time and resources. This includes City Hall, the Mayor and Council, the staff at the Polk City Library, citizen volunteers, and several local businesses and civic organizations.



# City of Polk City Directory

## Mayor:

Gary Heuertz 984-6950  
gheuertz@polkcity.org

## City Council Members

Ron Anderson 984-6365  
randerson@polkcity.org  
Dave Dvorak 984-6502  
ddvorak@polkcity.org  
Dan Lane 984-6931  
dlane@polkcity.org  
Rob Mordini 984-9256  
rmordini@polkcity.org  
Jeff Walters 577-8082  
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: Deb Nabity  
Deputy Clerk: Charlotte Loter  
Summer Rec Director: TBD  
City Liaison: Ken Thornton  
kothornton@msn.com 984-6678

## Public Works:

Director: Mike Schulte  
Supervisor: Randy Franzen  
Staff: Dennis Godfrey  
Willie Ostrander  
Rick Riley  
GIS Specialist: Jake Schreier

## City Maintenance:

301 Northside Dr.

## City Recycling Center:

409 E. Northside Dr.  
Sunday—Saturday  
7 a.m. to 7 p.m.

## Police & Fire:

Chief: Mark Bowersox  
Sergeant: Dustin Bjornson  
Senior Patrol Officer: Ron Lamfers  
Officer: Matthew Untrauer  
Officer: Matt Aicher  
Officer: Tanner Rickertsen

## Fire & Rescue

Chief: Dan Gubbins  
309 W. Van Dorn

## **For an emergency dial 911**

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Police: 984-6565  
Fire: 984-6304  
County Dispatch: 286-3333

## *City Office Holiday Closings*

**Thanksgiving:** Closed Thursday and Friday 11/28/13-11/29/13  
**Christmas:** Closing at noon on Tuesday, December 24 and closed all day 12/25.  
**New Year's:** Closed Wednesday, January 1, 2014

## Planning & Zoning

Krista Bowersox 984-6991  
Dennis Dietz 984-6343  
Ron Hankins 984-6822  
Jason Morse 208-3996  
Robert Sarchet 321-4755  
Doug Sires 984-9091  
Deanna Triplett 984-6676

*Planning & Zoning meets the 3<sup>rd</sup> Monday of the month at 6:00 pm at City Hall.*

## 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 at 6:00 pm 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

## 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

## Community Library:

Director: Kim Kellogg  
Asst. Director/Adult Librarian: Pam Witt  
Children's Librarian: Leslie Anstedt  
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

Web site: www.polkcitylibrary.org

## Library Board

Kathy DeBruyn 984-6156  
Corey Hoodjer 451-9670  
Maureen McGuire 984-6636  
Mike Miller: 984-6557  
Robert Wright 984-7761

*Library Board meets the 2<sup>nd</sup> Tuesday of the month at 6:30 pm at the library.*



The Polk City Community Foundation

“50-500” campaign is in the final stretch. The goal of the “50-500” campaign is to get 50 people to donate \$500 to the Foundation. The campaign has raised a total of \$14,000. **The funds will be used to award grants to eligible**

**501(c)(3) organizations in Polk City for community programs and build an endowment.** A contribution to the “50-500” campaign fund is **tax deductible**. The Foundation urges donors to take advantage of the tax benefits prior to January 1st. Visit [www.polkcityfoundation.com](http://www.polkcityfoundation.com) for more information.



## *Holiday Garbage and Recycling Delays*

**Thanksgiving:** No delays

**Christmas:** Wednesday garbage delayed one day

**New Year's:** Wednesday garbage delayed one day. Recycling delayed one day.