



# 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: 286-2333

## 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.

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409 E. Northside Dr.

Sunday—Saturday

7 a.m. to 7 p.m.

## U.S. Post Office:

302 N. 3rd St.

984-6137

## *City Council Elections This November*

On November 8, residents of Polk City will be voting for three city council positions. Ron Anderson, Dave Dvorak and Tim Rhoades hold the three city council seats that will be voted on in November.

Those wishing to seek one of these offices must take out nomination papers. These papers are available from the following offices: Secretary of State, Polk County Auditor and City Hall. Candidates may begin collecting signatures at anytime. However, nomination papers cannot be accepted before Monday, August 29, 2011. The last day for filing is on Thursday, September 22, 2011, no later than 5:00 p.m. Nomination papers must be filed with Polk City's city clerk or the clerk's designee. Candidates **may not** file nomination papers with the auditor.

Terms for these seats are for four years. The council is compensated \$2,500 per year. They also receive a reimbursement of 50% of the cost of a single membership to a fitness center located within the city limits of Polk City.

## *New Arts Council Formed*

At the June 27 council meeting the council approved Ordinance No. 2011-800 to establish an Arts Council for Polk City. The duties of the Arts Council are to promote and to further activities which benefit the performing and fine arts within the city. This also includes activities undertaken for the purpose of funding appropriate art-related projects.

The Arts Council will consist of five members whose term of office is for five years on a staggered basis. The Mayor, subject to the approval of the City Council, will appoint the council. Those appointed to the council at the July 11 city council meeting and terms ending December 31, 2015 are Collette Heuertz, Barb Pothast, and Mary Kaye Madden. Kay Gettler and Bob Miller were also appointed to the council with terms that expire December 31, 2013.

The Ankeny Friends of the Arts previously had a contract with the city but it was cancelled due to the limited amount of resources and small staff at the Art Center.



## *Labor Day*

**A reminder all city offices and library will be closed on Monday, September 5.**

## ***Polk City Firefighters Association Awards \$500 Scholarship***



The Polk City Firefighters Association recently awarded its first-ever scholarship. The \$500 scholarship was awarded to North Polk High School graduate Emilee Humphrey on May 25, 2011. Polk City Fire Department Chief Jason Morse presented her the award. Emilee will be attending the University of Iowa, declaring pre-med and majoring in biology, with the goal of becoming an ophthalmologist. Graduating seniors should watch the PCFD web site and Facebook page, or ask their guidance counselor, for details on applying for future scholarships. The scholarships are made possible thanks to donations to the Polk City Firefighters Association.

## ***Polk City Fire Department Gets New Flagpole***

Thanks to memorial donations, the Polk City Fire Department has a new flagpole. The flagpole was installed earlier this summer near the bay doors. A group of PCFD members took time one weekend to do some landscaping and turn the area around the flag pole into a nice, rock-filled area. The flagpole is a memorial to all that have served as fire fighters, and a memorial plaque is being planned and will be installed at a later date.

## ***Bernard Van Dorn's Estate Makes Purchase For Police Department***

The Polk City Police Department received a memorial contribution from Bernard Van Dorn's estate. They purchased a 2010 Kubota to be used for special events.



## ***New Bicycle Ordinance***

Two readings of Ordinance No. 2011-900 have passed. This ordinance deals with replacing the current Chapter 76 entitled "Bicycle Ordinance" of the municipal codebook with a new Chapter 76: A copy of the ordinance may be reviewed at city hall.

The old Chapter 76 has fourteen subtitles and the new Chapter 76 has twenty subtitles. The third reading for the ordinance will be at the August 22 city council meeting. Once the ordinance is passed you will be able to view it on the city's web site. Click on Documents/Forms, then Ordinances. The ordinance will be listed on this page.

## ***Lost & Found***

A stroller was found at the Four-Seasons Festival. Other items turned into to City Hall are a child's scooter, men's black dress shoes and Poke'mon Game Boy Advanced cassette. Please contact City Hall if any of these items are yours.

Also if you are missing a bike please check with the Polk City Police Department. Or if you know of someone who is missing a bike, please have him or her contact the police.



## *Happenings at the Library*

### ***Cemetery Gravestone Symbols & Tracings***

The Polk City Community Library is once again teaming up with the Big Creek Historical Society for a fun summer program on September 11. Starting at 1:00 p.m. at the library Collette Heuertz, a board member of the historical society, will provide an introduction to gravestone symbols. We will then go to the Polk City Cemetery where historical society members Tom Cox and Lela Austin will demonstrate gravestone tracing.

Following the demonstration, at the Big Creek Historical Society museum a viewing of the documentary *Historic Polk City Cemetery* by Diane Conway and Tom Cox will be shown. Refreshments will be served during the documentary. Rain date is Sunday, September 18 at 1:00 p.m.

### ***Movie Night – Extreme Trains***

All aboard . . . for some of the most thrilling, high – octane train rides imaginable! On Thursday, September 22 at 6:30 p.m. experience some of the highest, fastest, longest, and strongest railroad engines and train lines with host Matt Brown, a real-life railroad conductor from New England. You are welcome to bring pillows, blankets and snacks.

### ***Raw Foods 101***

Everyone can use more fruits and veggies in their diet. On Thursday, September 29 at 7:00 p.m. learn about (and sample) tasty foods that are still nutritious and easy to make. Kelsey Blessman will demonstrate ways to incorporate more healthy options into your lifestyle. **Pre-registration is required.**

### ***Cake Pans! Cake Pans!***

New cake pans available to check out include Playful Pup, Minnie Mouse, Mickey Mouse, Pluto and Donald Duck.

### ***Thank You For Donating To Our Summer Reading Program***

We would like to thank the following businesses who donated to our 2011 Summer Reading Program: All Seasons Salon & Spa, Ankeny Sanitation, Avon Representative Kathy McCombs, Big Creek Software, Bilbrey Insurance Services Inc., Blank Park Zoo, Broken Arrow, Casey’s, Fridley Theaters, Friends of the Library, Godfather’s Pizza, Iowa Cubs, Kappos Family Medicine, Luana Savings Bank, MidAmerican Energy Company, the Overbaugh Family, Polk City Kiwanis, Polk City Veterinary Hospital, Polk City Women, Polk County Bank, Polk County Heating and Cooling, Reising Sun Café, Sarah’s Hallmark, State Farm – Deb Stubbs, Staybridge Suites of West Des Moines and Polk City Subway.

### ***Iced Tea/Coffee Wednesdays***

On Wednesdays from 10:00 a.m. to noon drop in for a glass of iced tea or a fresh cup of coffee. Pick up a *Novel Destinations* book review.

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

Bring your needlework and join the fun! We meet on Thursdays from 6:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. around the fireplace with plenty of room for big or small projects.

### ***Book Clubs***

Join the Monday Book Club on August 15 as we discuss *Pearl Moon* by Katherine Stone. Nicholas Evans’ *The Divide* will be the book of discussion on September 19. The Monday Book Club meets at 7:00 p.m.

Rebecca Skloot’s *The Immortal Life of Henrietta Lacks* will be discussed on Saturday, September 10 at 9:00 a.m.



## More Happenings at the Library

### Meet Ashley Wallace



You will find a new face behind the check out desk at the Polk City Community Library. Ashley Wallace has joined the staff as a part-time librarian. Ashley is a 2008 graduate of Bondurant-Farrar and lives here in Polk City with her boyfriend. The love of reading is one of the reasons Ashley took the job at the library. Boating is one of the hobbies Ashley enjoys. Ashley also works full-time at the Polk City Sub-way.

### Craft Is Cool

Join us for *Craft Is Cool* the 1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Wednesday of the month during the school year. The time is 3:30 p.m. or 12:30 p.m. if school has an early dismissal day. In September, *Craft Is Cool* will be on the 7<sup>th</sup> and 21<sup>st</sup>.

### Kindermusik

Kindermusik is music classes that are designed as a fun and educational time for you and your child to explore music, movement, instruments and more. Classes are designed for children ages 0 to 7 years old. Monday classes start August 20 from 5:15 p.m. to 6:00 p.m. Friday classes begin September 2 from 10:15 a.m. to 11:00 a.m. There are 10 classes in the session with a cost of \$120 (\$60 is tax deductible) for the entire family.

**Pre-registration is required.** To register go on line at the library's web site and click on the kids tab or you can register at the library. Payment can be made at the first class by check.

### Story Times

**Pre-School Story Time:** is on Wednesdays mornings at 10:30 a.m. Children ages 3 years and older will enjoy 30 minutes of stories, rhymes songs while they build a love for reading and language skills. Story Time will be followed with coloring time or an easy craft.

Pre-School Story Times will be on August 24 and 31 and all the Wednesdays in September.

**Tummy Time:** is on Thursdays for babies 0 to 24 months. It is 20 minutes of nursery rhymes, songs and stories introducing babies to the rhythm and beauty of language, building the foundation for a life-long love for books and reading.

Tummy Time starts at 10:30 a.m. In August, Tummy Time will be held on the 18th and 25th and all Thursdays in September.

***Group Guitar Lessons coming this Fall. Contact Pam for more info.***

***Don't forget the library has FREE Wi-Fi***



# POLK COUNTY UPDATE NEWSLETTER August 2011

The following articles were taken from the August 2011 Polk County Newsletter Vol.3 No. 3

## ***Avoid parking woes Renew Vehicle Tag Registration and Property Taxes Online***

With heavy construction around the Polk County Administration Building, access to parking is limited. Try renewing vehicle tag registrations and paying your property taxes with the eCheck option on the Treasurer’s payment website at [www.IowaTaxAndTags.gov](http://www.IowaTaxAndTags.gov). The eCheck option is less than the cost of a postage stamp and certainly less than the cost of gas, meter change and a parking headache. The web service is available 24 hours a day, 7 days a week.

More secure? [www.IowaTaxAndTags.gov](http://www.IowaTaxAndTags.gov)—the most secure government websites are those with a .gov in the web address. Your online payment is safe and secure.

Faster? The fastest way to pay those pesky car tags and property taxes in just a few steps is through [www.IowaTaxAndTags.gov](http://www.IowaTaxAndTags.gov).

More cost effective? Pay online with an eCheck (an electronic version of your paper check) for only forty cents at [www.IowaTaxAndTags.gov](http://www.IowaTaxAndTags.gov).

## *Upcoming County Events*

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| <b>Central IA River Kayak Trip</b> | <b>August 13</b> |
| <b>Butterflies</b>                 | <b>August 27</b> |
| <b>Western Iowa Wonders</b>        | <b>August 31</b> |

**For More information on these activities and others, please visit:**  
<http://www.conservationboard.org/Pages/Calendar.aspx>

***The Board of Supervisors convenes each Tuesday at 9:30 a.m. in room 120 in the Administrative Building.***

## ***POLK COUNTY HEALTH DEPARTMENT OFFERS DIABETES CLASSES***

The Polk County Health Department offers an educational program for people at risk for diabetes and people with Type I and Type II diabetes. The Choose to Live Diabetes Education Program is offered four to five times a year at the Polk County Health Department. The cost is \$10.00 for all five classes with scholarships available. Using a Care Coordination approach, the program offers other services to help participants self-manage their chronic disease and stay healthy.

Reading materials and class presentations are offered in both Spanish and English. Attendees are welcome to bring a family member to each class. The five classes deal with the following topics: the disease process of diabetes and how to monitor blood sugar levels; healthy meal planning with a focus on portion size and how to “create a plate”; the importance of physical activity to manage diabetes; proper administration of medications and understanding of side effects; and for the last class, the complications of diabetes and how to avoid them.

At a client’s request, an educator will meet with them privately at the end of the program to provide information about community resources, health coaching and other services offered at the Polk County Health Department. Our goal is to help each client self-manage their condition. Over 50 percent of the people who took a survey after completing the class indicated they believed they “can prevent higher blood sugar levels”.

The next class will begin on August 30, 2011 and run through September 27, 2011. It will be held at 1907 Carpenter Avenue, Des Moines, from 9 A.M.-10:30 A.M. Need more information? Call the Polk County Health Department at 515 286-3798 or visit us on the web at <http://www.polkcountyiowa.gov/Health>.

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# 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 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  
 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  
 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: Jason Morse  
 Deputy Chief: Dan Gubbins

**Planning and Zoning:**

Marvin Blau 984-6602  
 Krista Bowersox 984-6991  
 Dennis Dietz 984-6343  
 Ron Hankins 984-6822  
 Doug Sires 984-9091  
 Deanna Triplett 984-6676  
 \*Jeff Walters 984-9168

*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  
 Julie Morse 984-6735  
 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  
 Collette Heuertz 984-6350  
 \*Mary Kaye Madden 984-6597  
 Bob Miller 984-6207  
 Barb Pothast

**Community Library:**

Director: Kim Kellogg  
 Asst. Director/ Adult Librarian: Pam Witt  
 Children's Librarian:  
 Rene Blessman  
 Librarian: Ashley Wallace

**Library Board:**

Kathy DeBruyn 984-6156  
 Christine Gregory 984-6037  
 \*Maureen Mc Guire 984-6636  
 Mike Miller 984-6724  
 Judy Nyberg 707-1132  
*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 984-6179  
 Anthony Capaldo 984-6281  
 Bill Currie 984-6928  
 Deanna Deason 984-6563  
 Ken Morse 984-6735  
*Board of Adjustment meets as needed.*

**\* Chair of Board or Commission**



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