



City of Polk City Newsletter

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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

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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.

E-mail: library@polkcitylibrary.org

@polkcitylibrary.org

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

Compost It! Services Available

With the city's passing of Ordinance 2010-500, which eliminates the annual spring and fall two-week open burning periods for landscape waste, the city has added Compost It! a residential yard waste program.

Residents have two options for Compost It!, standard and premium services.

There are three ways to use the Standard Service program:

1. Placing yard waste into Compost It! bags – no stickers required.
2. Placing yard waste in generic, store-brand paper bags – must attach a Compost It! sticker to each bag.
3. Attach Compost It! stickers to brush bundles too large to fit in the bags – each bundle must have a sticker attached.

Yard waste acceptable items are grass clippings, leaves, garden waste and twigs. Brush bundles must be no more than 18 inches in diameter and no more than four feet long. Bundles and bags cannot weigh more than 40 pounds.

A Compost It! bag is \$1.55 or for a bundle of five the cost is \$7.75. With Compost It! bags no stickers are required. The Compost It! stickers are \$1.10 each. These stickers can be used with store-brand paper yard waste bags and they also must be attached to brush bundles. These prices do not include sales tax. The bags and stickers can be purchased at local grocery, hardware, home improvement, and other stores in the metro area.

Premium Service offers residents the convenience of a wheeled container for the weekly collection of yard waste. Residents are provided a 96-gallon wheeled container and annual program sticker to attach to the container. The sticker confirms the use of the container for a one-year yard waste collection season and must be renewed annually. The annual cost for the 96-gallon cart is \$100. You can contact City Hall for this service.

The Compost It! Premium Service containers are only to be used for yard waste. This includes grass clippings, leaves, branches, yard and garden trimmings and brush. Yard waste is collected weekly on your regular garbage collection day. Yard waste containers are placed at the curb the same way trash containers are placed at the curb. Excess yard waste can be put in standard service Compost It! bags or stickered bundles and placed with the wheeled container at the curb.

Citizens may also drop off yard waste, leaves, tree limbs and brush at the city's recycling center, 409 E. Northside Drive, at no charge. The center is open 7 days a week between the hours of 7 a.m. to 7 p.m.

Summer FYI's

Mosquito Spraying

The Public Works Department will be spraying for mosquitoes starting the week of June 13 and throughout the summer. Depending on the mosquito population, spraying can occur up to 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.

Going on Vacation?

If you are taking a vacation and would like the police to keep a 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.

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.

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.

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 raking 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)

You must submit a plan before planting a tree in the public right of way

Any person proposing to plant a tree on or in a public right-of-way shall first present a written plan to the Public Works Director. Guidelines and plan submission criteria are listed in Chapter 151 – Trees in the city codebook. Copies of the codebook are available at City Hall, the library or you can go online at www.polkcity.org. You may also call City Hall with your questions.

Board of Adjustment Vacancy

With the resignation of Board Chairman Don Raker, the city has an opening on the Board of Adjustment. The board meets as needed. If you are interested in the position, please send a resume` at City Hall.

The city would like to thank Don for 26 years of service to the Board of Adjustment.



L-r: MWA Executive Director Tom Hadden, Mary Burton and Board member Gary Welch

Burton Awarded The Environmental Stewardship Award

Mary Burton, former Mayor and Councilmember was awarded the Environmental Stewardship Award from Metro Waste Authority. These awards were created eight years ago by Metro Waste Authority as a way to recognize organizations and individuals in Central Iowa who are leaders in developing, implementing and promoting practices that encourage environmental sustainability.

Mary served on the Metro Waste Authority board for 21 years, was recognized for spearheading recycling and waste solutions as mayor of Polk City.



Public Works Director Mike Schulte shows how the surveillance system works.

Surveillance System Installed At Recycling Center

The city has installed a new video surveillance system at it's recycling center, located at 409 East Northside Dr. The new system will be used to monitor and record persons using the center. There have been individuals and businesses from outside Polk City who have been using the center. The recycle center portion where yard waste, tree limbs or leaves maybe left is for Polk City residents only. The system will also control illegal dumping of items such as appliances or TVs.

West Third Graders Tour

You know school is coming to a close when the West Elementary Third Graders tour City Hall, Water Plant and Big Creek Historical Society's Museum. The students learn about city government, how the water plant works and the history of our community.





Safe Practices For Summer Boating

Encouraged by Fire Department



The Polk City Fire Department wants you to have a safe time as you hit the water for all your boating activities this summer. Whether you've already launched your boat for the first time this year or have yet to hit the waves, please keep these statistics, tips and laws in mind.

National statistics

- Approximately 70 percent of all fatal boating accident victims drowned (484 out of 676).
- Approximately 90 percent (431 lives) of the victims who drowned were not wearing their personal flotation device (PFD or lifejacket).
- Approximately 70 percent of all reported fatalities occurred on boats where the operator had not received boating safety instruction.
- Alcohol was involved in about 20 percent of boating fatalities in 2005.
- In Iowa, 22 percent of all the boating accidents had alcohol present.

Iowa boating laws

- Boating while intoxicated (BWI) constitutes being under the influence of alcoholic or other drugs.
- By operating a vessel on Iowa's waters, you have given implied consent to alcohol testing.
- It is illegal to operate a boat, or to permit others to do so, while under the influence of alcohol, narcotics or barbiturates.

Boating and swimming tips

- Read and obey all rules and posted signs.
- Children or inexperienced swimmers should take precautions, such as wearing a U.S. Coast guard-approved PFD when around water.
- Pay attention to local weather conditions and forecasts. Stop swimming at the first indication of bad weather.
- Do not mix alcohol with swimming, diving or boating.

Information provided by the Iowa Department of Natural Resources. For more information, visit www.iowadnr.com or visit www.youtube.com/user/iowadnr for boating-related safety videos.

Stay connected with the Polk City Fire Department at www.polkcityfd.com or find us on Facebook!



Happenings at the Library

Tour Historic Polk City Cemeteries

The Polk City Community Library and the Big Creek Historical Society will be conducting tours of the Beebe and Polk City Cemeteries on Saturday, June 26. The tours will start at the library at 9:00 a.m. Members of the society will provide the history portion of the program at that time, then guided tours of both cemeteries will be conducted. A map showing directions to the cemeteries will be provided.

Friends Of The Library Book Sale

The Friends of the Polk City Community Library will be having their annual book sale on July 15, 16 and 17. The friends are accepting book donations at the library. If you have a large donation and would like it picked up you may call 984-6298. Remember magazines, encyclopedias, text books or Readers Digest Condensed Books are **NOT** accepted.

Pencil To Paint Class

Local artist Noelle Swanson will be holding a Pencil to Paint Class on Thursday, June 17 and 24 from 6:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.

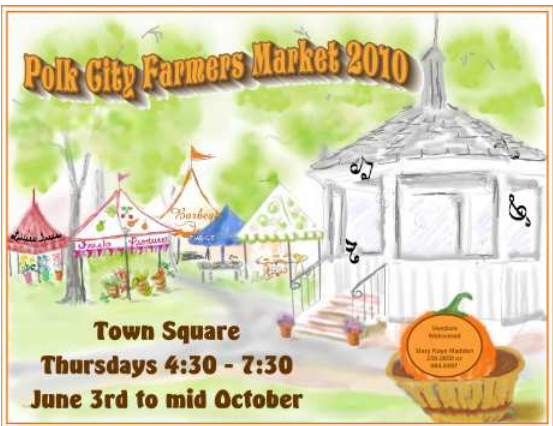
The class will cover basics of drawing and water-color. If you have no drawing or painting experience, but have a desire to learn, this class will be perfect for you. Or if you have some experience, but would like to learn more please join us.

The first evening will cover basics in pencil. How to correctly measure an object on paper, draw it carefully and neatly, and ways to be fast and efficient.

The second evening will cover basics in water-color. How to control the flow of color, what colors to use and when to use them and fun techniques to add to your painting.

Pre-registration is required. The cost of the two classes and supplies is \$20.

You can visit Noelle web site at www.artbynoelle.com.



Farmer's Market Begins

The Farmer's Market is now open on Thursday evenings from 4:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. on the Square till mid-October. You will find locally grown and organic produce, plants, flowers & trees. Along with local honey, baked goods, fudge, and barbecue. Handmade beautiful wood items, knitted handbags, baby and kitchen items, Polk City postcards and note cards are items you will find and much more.

New vendors are welcomed. Contact Mary Kaye Madden 984-6597 about being a part of the market.

Road Construction Around Town Has Begun

The Mile Long Bridge is being repainted. The painting will be done sections at a time. Flagmen will be in place. The goal is to have the work done by 5:00 p.m. each day.

Highway 415 between Polk City and Ankeny will be worked on in the evenings.

The bridge over the Des Moines River on Highway 17 has been closed. A new deck is being put on the bridge.

Construction on Broadway will continue this summer. Information on detours and updates on the construction will be on the city's web site, www.polkcity.org once it has begun.

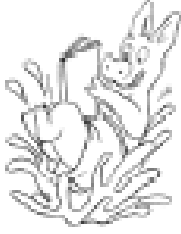


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City of Polk City Directory

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 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
 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
 Staff/GIS Jake Schreier

Police:

Chief: Mark Bowersox
 Sergeant: Dustin Bjornson
 Senior Patrol Officer: Ron Lamfers
 Officer: Ben Johns
 Officer: Matthew Untrauer
 Reserve Officer: Mark Schwalenberg

Fire & Rescue:

Chief: Jason Morse
 Deputy Chief -Fire: Roy Bingham
 Deputy Chief -EMS: Dan Gubbins

Planning and Zoning:

*Doug Sires 984-9091
Planning & Zoning meets the 3rd Monday of the month, 6:00 p.m. at City Hall.

Tree Board:

*Ken Morse 984-6735

Historic Preservation Comm.:

*Herman Poggensee 984-6042

* *Chair of Board or Commission*

Community Library:

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

Library Board:

*Maureen Mc Guire 984-6636
Library Board meets the 2nd Tuesday of the month, 7:00 p.m. at the library.

Park Commission:

*David Hiatt 984-6757
Park Commission meets the 1st Monday of the month, 6:00 p.m. at City Hall.

Board of Adjustment:

Board of Adjustment meets as needed.

City Newsletter:

Editor: Rosemary Hutton Taylor 984-6653
 Photographer: Rich Taylor

All agendas and minutes can be found on the city web site: www.polkcity.org

Community Garage Sale

A city wide garage sale will be held Saturday, June 26 from 8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. rain or shine. On Friday, June 25 a map listing of the sales will be available at Casey's and Kum and Go. Or you can find it on the city web site.

Lost & Found

A toddler's brown jacket and an iPod were found at Miller Park. If you have lost either of these items, please contact City Hall.

Big Creek Historical Society's Open House—June 13

The Big Creek Historical Society will be hosting an Open House on Sunday, June 13 from 1:00 p.m. to 3 p.m. Presentation on "First 100 Years of Polk City" will be at 1:15 p.m. and 2:15 p.m. (Free will donation)

Four Seasons Festival

The Four Seasons Festival will take place on Friday, July 23 from 2:00 p.m. to midnight and Saturday, July 24 from 7 a.m. to midnight. For information and schedule go to fourseasonsfestival.com.

City Offices Closed July 5

Due to the 4th of July following on a Sunday, all city offices will be closed on Monday, July 5.

