



Week in Review

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Florida City Government Week

Last week was Florida City Government Week spearheaded by the Florida League of Cities, Inc. Held annually in October, the observance is a time for cities across the state to celebrate, showcase and engage citizens in the work of municipal government.



On Oct. 23, the City of Bartow hosted Government students from Bartow Senior High School to introduce them to the workings of their local government.



Their morning included an introduction by Mayor Trish Pfeiffer, a history of the city by Myrtice Young from the Polk County History Center, and a voter education session by Randy Barnes, Polk County Voters League, as well as the opportunity to take part in a mock Commission meeting and a meet and greet with elected officials and staff from the various City departments.



Fun for all at the Bartow Community Halloween Parade



The 80th annual Bartow Community Halloween Parade was a huge success with lots of family fun, treats for the kids and a bit of seasonal spookiness. Thanks to all who planned, participated in or partook of the revelry.



One of the many impressive floats on display.



Sheriff Grady Judd and his entourage.



Commissioner Simpson is a City of Bartow fan!



These kids definitely were in the spirit.



Deputy Chief Walker hands out treats.



This young lady made immediate use of her fan which honors Florida City Government Week.



Bartow Rotary Celebrates 100 Years

The Bartow Rotary Club has been a cornerstone of our community for 100 years, fostering service, fellowship, and leadership since its founding in 1924.

The Club has consistently demonstrated a commitment to the principles of Rotary International, including promoting peace, fighting disease, providing clean water, supporting education, growing local economies, maternal & child health and protecting the environment, and its members selflessly devote their time, talents, and resources to enhance the quality of life in Bartow and beyond, undertaking countless projects and initiatives that have left a lasting impact.

At the last Commission meeting, Mayor Pfeiffer recognized the club for their service and designated Oct. 21 as a day to celebrate their 100 year anniversary.

City Celebrates Mobility Week

This week is Mobility Week, a cooperative effort by the Florida Department of Transportation and its partner agencies to promote awareness of safe, multimodal transportation choices by hosting an annual collection of outreach events.

The week is an excellent opportunity for individuals to explore how various active travel choices like walking, biking, riding transit or carpooling reduces traffic congestion and can be excellent alternative travel choices.

The City of Bartow supports Mobility Week by encouraging its citizens and visitors to utilize the Bartow Squeeze during lunch hours, and to enjoy a relaxing journey on the Fort Fraser Trail.



AirCare Celebrates 40 Years

The Orlando Health Air Care Team began operations on October 13, 1984 with a BO-105 helicopter and completed their first patient flight on November 17, 1984.

Since then, the now 90-member team has flown more than 45,000 patients over 2 million accident-free miles, and serves 15 counties providing advanced airborne medical and critical care.

The proclamation recognized their 40 year milestone was accepted by Chief Flight Nurse Nina Hilton and Angel Rios, Flight Medicine, of the Orlando Health - Air Care 5 Base in Bartow.



Residents Make Good Use of Hazardous Waste / Tire Collection Day

More than 200 people took advantage of the opportunity to safely dispose of hazardous materials such as paint, automotive fluids, unwanted electronics and more during the City's Hazardous Waste Collection Day this past Saturday. The event included a tire collection site as well.



Reports Michael Davis, Solid Waste Manager: "For the tire drop-off we worked with Keep Polk County Beautiful and had 75 customers bring in a total of 1358 tires that will now be disposed of properly.

For the Hazardous Waste Collection event, we had 141 total customers – 84 who brought in household hazardous waste products, 21 brought electronics, and 36 brought in both."

CRA's Complete Streets Paving Project is a Wrap

As part of a special road improvement project being funded by its Community Redevelopment Agency, the City of Bartow has been working with General Asphalt Paving to mill and repave roads in the CRA district. The CRA invested \$500,000 for these improvements, which began in August. This "complete streets" paving project is now finished.



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