



# Week in Review

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## Best Buns In Bartow

Who has the best buns in Bartow? Before you get yourself in trouble, let us give you a hint... it's Mulligans Bar & Grill at the **Bartow Golf Course** - and they've got the trophy to prove it!

They were so anointed after participating in Polk County Burger Week. Thanks to all who came out, sampled the burger and supported the cause.

Next time you're at Mulligans, be sure to check out the trophy and congratulate the staff — they're still smiling and sizzling with pride!

## CRA to Host Clean Up

Mark your calendars and make plans to participate in the International Coastal and CRA CleanUp in Bartow on Saturday, Sept. 20 from 8 to 11:30am.

The effort is sponsored by the Bartow Community Redevelopment Agency and **Keep Polk County Beautiful, Inc.**



Volunteers will receive T-shirts, tickets to Bok Tower and lunch at Carver Recreation Center after the Cleanup. (Supplies will be provided.) Join friends and neighbors to help keep our local waterways and neighborhoods clean!

Register by calling 863.534.0100, ext. 2771 or online at [keeppolkcountybeautiful.org](http://keeppolkcountybeautiful.org).

# CRA Plans Community Engagement Meeting

The City's Community Redevelopment Agency also will host a Community Engagement Session at 10am on August 26 at Deep Blu Pools, 395 Summerlin St. E.

- Learn about upcoming City Ordinances from the Code Compliance and Neighborhood Services department
- Connect with officers from the Bartow Police Department
- Share your ideas for the future of Bartow

Questions? Call Cheryl at 863.534.0100, ext. 2771.



## Bartow NonProfit Week Celebrated this Week

Charitable nonprofit organizations throughout Bartow provide invaluable services that save taxpayers thousands of dollars each year and play a vital role in enhancing the quality of life for all our citizens.

These organizations are dedicated to meeting the educational, cultural, civic, health, religious, human service, recreational, environmental and other diverse needs of the people of Bartow the staff and volunteers of Bartow's nonprofit organizations uphold the highest standards of community service, generously giving their time, talents and resources to make a meaningful difference in the lives of others.

The City will observe Bartow Nonprofit Week this week through Aug. 23, providing a special opportunity for residents to come together in appreciation of the significant contributions nonprofit organizations make to our community's well-being.

The proclamation was accepted by Bartow Community Service Center Executive Director Rusty Music at today's Commission meeting.



## Library Ukulele Clubs will Cater to Players of All Ages

Have uke, will jam! The Bartow Public Library is excited to announce the launch of a Kids' Ukulele Club for kids ages 8 to 13 years of age beginning on September 8. Meetings will then be held the second Monday of each month from 6-7pm.

The Library encourages interested participants to register by calling 863-534-0131. There are a limited number of ukuleles available at the library, or kids are welcome to bring their own!

Too old to join in? Never fear! The Library will host an Adult Ukulele Group on the third Monday of the month from 6 - 7pm beginning in September. Learn uke basics, then play songs as a group. Perfect for beginners and intermediate players.

## Business Expo to Include CoB Procurement Staff

The City's Procurement staff will be participating in a Vendor Day Business Expo on Wednesday, Aug. 20 from 9am to 2 pm in Room LTB 1100 at Polk State College, 3425 Winter Lake Rd. in Lakeland.

This in-person event is designed to connect businesses, government agencies and local entrepreneurs to promote procurement opportunities and economic growth throughout Polk County and beyond.



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