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## IN BRIEF

### PCPS open enrollment begins Jan. 4

Open enrollment at Polk County Public Schools will begin Jan. 4.

Parents/guardians are strongly urged to submit applications by Feb. 18, for priority consideration.

However, they still can apply for available open seats until the beginning of the 2022-23 school year.

During open enrollment, families can apply for their students to attend a variety of exciting, enriching educational opportunities for students of all ages including: Cambridge AICE, choice schools, career academies, pre-academies, international baccalaureate and magnet schools.

Application instructions and more information will be posted in the coming weeks at [polkschoolsfl.com/schooloptions](http://polkschoolsfl.com/schooloptions).

Parents/guardians will be able to apply online through Parent Portal or through paper applications.

### Temporary trail closure at Circle B Bar Reserve

The Marsh Rabbit Run Trail is temporarily closed until further notice for the safety of our visitors and resident wildlife.

Signs will be posted at the beginning of the trail to inform hikers. While unfortunate, the periodic closing of trails on Polk County's Environmental Lands sites is necessary for management and safety reasons.

For more information on Circle B and Polk County's Environmental Lands Program, go to [www.polknature.com](http://www.polknature.com).

## A happy Thanksgiving



During Thanksgiving, Higher Impact Ministries, of Auburndale, has been feeding the community for 17 years.

By **ELIZABETH MORRISEY**  
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During Thanksgiving, Higher Impact Ministries, of Auburndale, has been feeding the community

for 17 years.

Its focus is helping local migrants, farmworkers, the homeless and Meals On Wheels. This year, they have been collecting non-perishable food items and packed 200 boxes

each feeding a family of four.

Sandra Hall, executive director of the Auburndale Chamber of Commerce, headed up the efforts.

"We had to think outside the box and be creative in how to get them

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## Public Safety Citizens Advisory Committee meeting to hold first meeting

The city of Winter Haven Public Safety Citizens Advisory Committee will hold its first official full meeting on Thursday, December 2, at 6 p.m. in the Public Safety Conference Room, in the Florida Citrus Building, 500 Third St. NW, Winter Haven, Florida.

The Public Safety Citizens Advisory Committee was established by a resolution was adopted by the City Commission on Feb. 22, 2021.

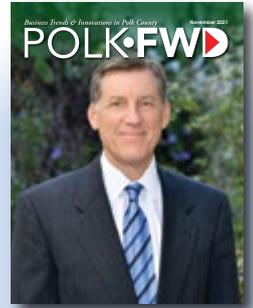
At the meeting, the committee will select a chairperson. Should the committee choose, a co-chair will be selected. Police Chief David Brannan will give an overview of policies and procedures for public safety and the full scope of the committee moving forward. The committee will select future dates of the quarterly meetings.

The mission of the committee is to work in partnership with the

Public Safety Department and act in an advisory capacity by bringing feedback from the community concerning public safety issues and law enforcement needs and actions, while facilitating the flow of ideas relative to police services for the continued improvement of the quality of life for the citizens of Winter Haven.

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