



# CITY CLIPS

July 2010

Recycling Dates: July 8<sup>th</sup>, 9<sup>th</sup>, 22<sup>nd</sup> & 23<sup>rd</sup>

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**City Council Meeting**

Monday, July 19<sup>th</sup>

7:00 p.m.  
City Hall Council Chambers  
207 West Second Avenue

**School Board Meeting**

Thursday, July 15<sup>th</sup>

7:30 p.m.  
City Hall Council Chambers  
207 West Second Avenue

**Planning Commission Meeting**

Thursday, July 22<sup>nd</sup>

6:00 p.m.  
City Hall Council Chambers  
207 West Second Avenue

**Smart Beginnings Western Tidewater's Parenting Tip for July – Thank You Principle** – Thank the child for doing the right thing – before he/she does it. This tip is part of an article written by Katharine C. Kersey, Ed.D. of Old Dominion University's Child Study Center. For more tips, you may log onto her website at [www.odu.edu/101s](http://www.odu.edu/101s) or the Smart Beginnings Western Tidewater website at [www.smartbeginningswt.org](http://www.smartbeginningswt.org).

**CITY OFFICES WILL BE CLOSED ON MONDAY, JULY 5<sup>th</sup> IN HONOR OF THE INDEPENDENCE DAY HOLIDAY**

**MOSQUITOES** – We need your help to control the mosquito population! Please follow these simple steps to eliminate the nuisance:

1. Keep gutters clean and unclogged. Be sure your downspouts drain properly, without leaving puddles in the drainage area. You may need to reroute your downspouts or add extensions to carry water away.
2. Keep swimming pools cleaned and chlorinated, even when not in use. Homeowners who go on vacation without chlorinating their pools may return to a veritable mosquito hatchery.
3. Walk your property after a rain, and look for areas in the landscape that are not draining well. If you find puddles that remain for four or more days, re-grade the area.
4. Ornamental ponds should be aerated to keep water moving and discourage mosquitoes from laying eggs. Alternately, stock the pond with mosquito-eating fish.
5. Dump anything that holds water twice per week if it has rained. Birdbaths, non-chlorinated wading pools, footbaths, garbage can lids, and pottery will all attract breeding mosquitoes. Remember to empty the saucers under your flower pots, and don't leave water in pet bowls for more than two days.
6. Keep your property clean of items that can hold water, including discarded aluminum cans and tires.

Adult mosquitoes rest during the day, usually on tall weeds or other vegetation. Make your yard less hospitable to mosquitoes by mowing your lawn regularly, and keep weeds away from your home's foundation.

Your comments and suggestions are wanted and needed. Please call us with your question, concerns and ideas or fill in the form and return with your payment:

**Name (optional)** \_\_\_\_\_

**Phone (optional)** \_\_\_\_\_

**Address (optional)** \_\_\_\_\_

**Committee/Commission:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Ideas/Suggestions/Comments:** \_\_\_\_\_

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