**CITY CLIPS**

 **APRIL 2014**

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**IMPORTANT DATES TO REMEMBER:**

 **Recycling Dates –** April 10th, 11th, 24th & 25th

 *(All meetings below are held in Council Chambers at City Hall)*

 **City Council Meetings –** April 14th & 28th

 **School Board Meeting –** April 17th

 **Planning Commission Meeting -** April 24th

**\*\*The PEG channel has been moved to Charter 189\*\***

**AMNESTY DAYS FOR CITY RESIDENTS APRIL 7,8,9,10,11,2014**

The City of Franklin Department of Public Works and The Department of Community Development are pleased to announce that they have declared April 7-11, 2014, as **Amnesty Week.** In an effort to assist City residents in a major spring cleaning, these days are set aside by the City to allow resident owners and tenants (current city customers only) a temporary pardon to rid properties of unsightly accumulations of trash, junk and debris without cost to residents for pickup and removal.

**The following items may be placed at the curb for pickup on April 7, 8, 9, 10, and 11 *ON YOUR REGULAR TRASH DAY****.*

* **All unused objects from your yard such as lawnmowers, containers and old tires.**
* **All unused objects from your home such as broken appliances, old pieces of furniture and TV’s.**
* **Unused deteriorated building materials and firewood.**

Any items that are placed at the curb should be left in neat piles adjacent to the street. Citizens who fail to comply will be required to remove items at their own expense.

**Caution: No demolition debris, trees over 6’’ in diameter, lot-clearing materials, paint or other hazardous materials will be picked up. Limbs must be cut to ordinance lengths and piled accordingly. Please call 757-562-8564, if you are in doubt about any item before placing the item at the curb.**

**Items not available for pickup by the City may be carried to the SPSA Transfer Station on Route 671 ( General Thomas Hwy) Phone Number is 757-420-4700 ext 527.**

**DFA Annual Easter Egg Hunt**

**Saturday, April 12, 2014**

**Barrett's Landing**

Easter Bunny blows the whistle **PROMPTLY AT 11 A.M.** to start the hunt for eggs!

Everyone is encouraged to arrive by 10:45 a.m.

Bring a basket or container for eggs

Children ages 2 to 10

**City of Franklin Parks and Recreation has partnered with the**

**United States Department of Veterans Affairs.**

Where: Martin Luther King Jr. Community Center

When: April 14th, 2014

Time: 10am-2pm

**U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs will be holding a seminar to answer any questions Veterans may have regarding benefits etc. If you are a Veteran please spread the word!**

**FOOD BANK**

**Open to the Community**

**First Come, First Serve basis.**

Who: Mt. Olive Holiness Church

Where: Martin Luther King Jr. Community Center

683 Oak Street

Franklin, VA 23851

When: April 19th, 2014

Time: 10am-12pm

City Council will hold a public hearing during the regular council meetings on April 28 and again on May 12 to receive nominations for **school board appointments in Wards 1 and 3**.  State law says that no person can be appointed unless the person is first nominated at the public hearing.

**2013 State Income Tax Forms** will not be mailed to individual taxpayers. Our office has a very limited number of forms and instruction booklets for distribution.

**Forms and instructions are available on-demand through the following options:**

1. **Download, view or print forms by using the** [**www.tax.virginia.gov**](http://www.tax.virginia.gov) **website.**
2. **Call the Forms Request Unit at (804)-440-2541 to order forms to be mailed.**
3. **Contact the Tax Department through the “live Chat” service.**
4. **Write to the Department of Taxation to request forms:**

 **Virginia Department of Taxation**

 **P. O. Box 1115**

 **Richmond, Virginia 23218-1115**

**Questions? Please call Brenda Rickman at 562-8548 or Thelma Vann at 562-1157.**

**Residents of Franklin:** Please remember we are in the process of a General Reassessment, the assessor may be in your area soon. If you are home they will knock on your door and may ask some questions about your property. If you are not at home, they will leave a card for you to call if they need more information to assess your property. If you have any questions, please call **Betty Tarkington at 562-4870.**

**Franklin’s First Fridays Full of Fun for Friends – Downtown Divas and DFA**

* + **April – “Spring Fling” – 4th -19th (Easter) – Find the Golden Egg.**
	+ **May – “Blooming Divas” -2nd-24th (Memorial Day) –Find the Mayflower –March winds bring April Showers, April showers bring May Flowers, What do Mayflowers bring? – Pilgrims.**
	+ **Will continue month to month with new themes, sales and special events.**

This year’s March of Dimes® March for Babies in Western Hampton Roads will take place on **Sunday, May 4th** at Barrett’s Landing Park, South Main St. in Downtown Franklin. Registration is at 1 p.m. & the walk begins at 2 p.m. Please contact Susan Smith at (757) 383-8817 or swsmith@marchofdimes.com for more information. To learn how you can raise funds for this worthy cause, please visit marchforbabies.org.

**Monthly Topic from the Safety & Wellness Committee:**

Good housekeeping is one of the surest ways to identify a safe workplace. You can tell how workers feel about safety just by looking at their housekeeping practices. Good housekeeping isn’t the result of cleaning up once a week or even once a day. It’s the result of keeping cleaned-up all the time. It’s an essential factor in a good safety program, promoting safety, health, production, and morale.

Whose responsibility is housekeeping? It’s everyone’s. Clean work areas and aisles help eliminate tripping hazards. Respecting "wet floor" signs and immediately cleaning up spills prevents slipping injuries. Keeping storage areas uncluttered reduces the chances of disease and fire as well as slips, trips, and falls. Accumulated debris can cause fires, and clutter slows movement of personnel and equipment during fires.

Other housekeeping practices include keeping tools and equipment clean and in good shape or keeping hoses and cables or wires bundled when not in use. Broken glass should be picked up immediately with a broom and dustpan, never with bare hands. Be aware of open cabinet drawers, electric wires, sharp corners or protruding nails. Either correct the unsafe condition if you are able and it is safe to do so, or notify the person responsible for overall maintenance that something should be done.

How a workplace looks makes an impression on employees and visitors alike. A visitor’s first impression of a business is important because that image affects the amount of business it does. Good housekeeping goes hand-in-hand with good public relations. It projects order, care, and pride.

Besides preventing accidents and injuries, good housekeeping saves space, time, and materials. When a workplace is clean, orderly, and free of obstruction; work can get done safely and properly. Workers feel better, think better, do better work, and increase the quantity and quality of their work.

FCPS SPRING SPORTS SCHEDULES

**Track
Head Coach: Dennis Sumblin**

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| **Date** | **Time**  | **Opponent**  | **Location**  |
| April 16 | 4:00 PM | Surry | Away |
| April 23 | 4:00 PM | Surry (Franklin Host) | Away |
| April 30 | 4:00 PM | Windsor | Away |
| May 7 | 4:00 PM | Charles City | Away |
| May 14 | 2:30 PM | Charles City (District Meet) | Away |

**Varsity Baseball & Softball
Head Coach, Baseball: Dave Lease
Head Coach, Softball: Angel Cashwell**

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| **Date** | **Time**  | **Opponent**  | **Location**  |
| April 11 | 4:30 PM | Southampton | Away |
| April 17 | 4:30 PM | Sussex | Home |
| April 24 | 4:30 PM | Charles City | Home |
| April 26 | 4:30 PM | Surry | Away |
| April 29 | 6:30 PM | Southampton | Home |
| May 1 | 4:30 PM | Windsor | Away |
| May 3 | 4:30 PM | Sussex | Away |
| May 10 | 4:30 PM | Charles City | Away |
| May 15 | 4:30 PM | Surry | Home |
| May 17 | 4:30 PM | Windsor | Home |

**Junior Varsity Baseball & Softball
Head Coach, Baseball: Dave Lease
Head Coach, Softball: Adonica Keeton**

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| **Date** | **Time**  | **Opponent**  | **Location**  |
| April 4 | 4:30 PM | Brunswick | Away |
| April 6 | 4:30 PM | Southampton | Away |
| April 20 | 4:00 PM | Northampton | Away |
| April 27 | 4:30 PM | Surry | Away |
| May 2 | 4:30 PM | Windsor | Away |
|  May 16 | 4:30 PM |  Surry |  Home |
|  May 18 | 4:30 PM |  Windsor |  Home |

**Boys Tennis**

**Head Coach: Frank Davis**

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| **Date** | **Time**  | **Opponent**  | **Location**  |
| April 16 | 4:00 PM | Northampton | Home |
| April 18 | 4:30 PM | Northampton | Away |
| April 23 | 4:00 PM | Surry | Home |
| April 25 | 4:00 PM | Windsor | Home |
| April 30 | 4:00 PM | Appomattox Regional | Away |
| May 2 | 4:00 PM | Surry | Away |
| May 7 | 4:00 PM | Windsor | Away |
| May 9 | 4:00 PM | Appomattox Regional | Home |

**Girls Tennis
Head Coach: Calvin Sing**

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| **Date** | **Time**  | **Opponent**  | **Location**  |
| April 16 | 4:00 PM | Northampton | Away |
| April 18 | 4:30 PM | Northampton | Home |
| April 23 | 4:00 PM | Surry | Away |
| April 25 | 4:00 PM | Windsor | Away |
| April 30 | 4:00 PM | Appomattox Regional | Home |
| May 2 | 4:00 PM | Surry | Home |
| May 7 | 4:00 PM | Windsor | Home |
| May 9 | 4:00 PM | Appomattox Regional | Away |

**Varsity Soccer
Head Coach:**

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| **Date** | **Time**  | **Opponent**  | **Location**  |
| April 10 | 5:30 PM | Southampton | Away |
| April 16 | 5:30 PM | Surry | Home |
| April 19 | 5:30 PM | Appomattox Regional (No J.V.) | Home |
| April 23 | 5:30 PM | Windsor | Away |
| April 26 | 5:30 PM | Chesterfield Community (No J.V.) | Home |
| May 3 | 5:30 PM | Surry | Away |
| May 7 | 5:30 PM | Appomattox Regional(No J.V.) | Away |
|  May 10 | 5:30 PM  |  Windsor | Home  |
| May 14  | 5:30 PM  |  Chesterfield Community | Away |