**CITY CLIPS**

 **DECEMBER 2013**

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**IMPORTANT DATES TO REMEMBER:**

 **Recycling Dates –** December 5th, 6th, 19th, & 20th

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

 **City Council Meetings –** December 9th

 **School Board Meeting –** December 19th

 **Planning Commission Meeting -** None Scheduled

**CITY OFFICES WILL BE CLOSED**

**DECEMBER 24TH & 25TH**

**FOR CHRISTMAS**

From the office of the Treasurer - **Upcoming dates to Remember**

Personal Property Tax bills and Real Estate Tax bills have been mailed out. Payment is due on or before December 5, 2013 to avoid 10% penalty.

2014 Pet Tags will go on sale Dec 1, 2013. Please bring in your pets Rabies Certificate. If Rabies Certificate has expired, please call your Veterinarian to schedule your shots for your pet.

COME AND JOIN THE DOWNTOWN FRANKLIN ASSOCIATION IN

**THE** **PARADE OF ELVES & COMMUNITY TREE LIGHTING**

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 5 2013 AT 5:30 P. M.

Assemble in the Parking Lot in Front of Train Depot/Visitors’ Center to Receive Your “Elf Hat”

and Walk with Santa and His Elves to Barrett’s Landing for Refreshments

and Lighting of the Community Christmas Tree.

**City of Franklin 2013 - Christmas Parade**

Friday, December 6th - 7:00pm

(line-up starts at 5:30 pm)

**Theme – “Best Christmas Tree Ever”**

Please complete the registration

form and submit by:

November 15th

Franklin Fire & Rescue is collecting items for the 8th annual **Trooper Hill Toy Drive**. The box will be in the lobby of the fire department until Saturday, December 7th, 2013. Help us help the Trooper Hill Toy Drive brighten a local child's Christmas.

**Safety message from Franklin Fire and Rescue -** If you use space heaters in your home, be extremely careful  remember that space heaters require SPACE - nothing that can burn should be within three feet of any part of the heater.

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

## Drinking and Driving During the Holidays

The holiday season is here again and the holidays present us with some unique driving situations. To have a safe and happy holiday season, some of these tips are worth remembering.

The festive nature of the holiday season provides us with some temptations that could lead to a dangerous driving situation. The obvious problem is alcohol consumption. That after-work party with a bit of spiked punch sounds innocent enough until you consider that, even if you are just slightly buzzed, you are still impaired. Alcohol takes time to metabolize out of the system and the daily commute is hazardous enough without adding alcohol to the problem. Remember that, even if you aren’t at fault in a collision, if the officer suspects that you have been drinking, you will be presumed to have contributed to the collision or to have been at fault. You could be charged with DUI and the insurance won’t pay a penny.

If you attend an evening party, it may be OK to have a small drink at the beginning of the evening so long as you know you will be there long enough for the alcohol to metabolize out of your system before you leave. If your plans include drinking during the party, make sure you have a designated driver or an alternative means of getting home.

If you are hosting a party where alcohol will be served you need to be aware that you can be sued if someone leaves your place and is involved in an alcohol related collision. To protect yourself, you need to ensure that all your guests have a designated driver to drive them home or that they call a cab. To be a really good host, you could consider not drinking anything yourself and offering your services as a designated driver to get your friends home. Also you should ensure that there are plenty of non-alcoholic drinks available for your guests. There are a lot of options; just make sure you choose the ones that are safest for your guests and that protect you as a homeowner.

If you don’t plan to attend any parties on New Year’s Eve, stay off the roads. There are just too many drunks out on the road on that night and that makes it dangerous for even the safest driver.

**Remember these facts about alcohol:**

• Alcohol is the same, no matter what form it takes. A 12 oz. can of beer has roughly the same amount of alcohol as a 6 oz. glass of wine and a 1.5 oz. shot of whiskey.
• Alcohol takes time to metabolize out of your system. Drinking coffee won’t speed up that time one bit.
• Be aware that drinking on an empty stomach will allow the alcohol to enter your bloodstream much faster.
• Know what you are drinking. If you don’t know exactly what is contained in that holiday punch, you could be consuming much more alcohol than you imagined.

Keep your holidays safe and festive. Don’t allow a poor choice to ruin the holidays for you.

For more articles on holiday safety visit our website at <http://www.nationalsafetycommission.com.>

Here’s wishing you a safe and happy holiday season.

FCPS WINTER SPORTS SCHEDULES



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|   |   | **BOYS BASKETBALL****2013-2014**HEAD COACH – Danny Dillon  |   |   |
| **Date** | **Time** | **Opponent** | **Location** | **Depart** |
| 12/6 | 7:00 | ARGS (No JV) | Home |   |
| 12/9 | 5:30 | Southampton | Away | 4:30 |
| 12/11 | 5:30 | Sussex | Away | 4:00 |
| 12/13 | 5:30 | Windsor | Home |   |
| 12/16 | 5:30 | Park View | Away | 3:15 |
| 12/18 | 5:30 | Surry | Away | 3:30 |
| 12/20 | 5:30 | Greensville | Away | 3:30 |
| 12/27 | 5:00 | Northampton | Home |   |
| 1/3 | 5:30 | Northampton | Away | 2:15 |
| 1/8 | 5:30 | Brunswick | Home |   |
| 1/10 | 7:00 | ARGS (No JV) | Away | 3:30 |
| 1/13 | 5:30 | Charles City | Home |   |
| 1/15 | 5:30 | Southampton | Home |   |
| 1/17 | 5:30 | Sussex | Home |   |
| 1/22 | 5:30 | Windsor | Away | 4:15 |
| 1/24 | 5:30 | Park View | Home |   |
| 1/29 | 5:30 | Surry | Home |   |
| 1/31 | 5:30 | Greensville | Home |   |
| 2/5 | 5:30 | Charles City | Away | 3:00 |
| 2/7 | 5:30 | Brunswick | Away | 3:15 |



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|   |   | **WRESTLING****2013-2014**HEAD COACH-DANIEL JOHNSON |   |   |
| **DATE** | **TIME** | **OPPONENT** | **LOCATION** | **DEPART** |
| 12/20 | 5:00 PM | HERTFORD/RAPPANNOCK | AWAY | 2:30 PM |
| 12/21 | 10:00 AM | LANCASTER TOURN.  | AWAY | 5:00 AM |
| 1/4 | 10:00 AM | MATHEWS INV. | AWAY | 5:30 AM |
| 1/8 | 1:00 PM | SOUTHAMPTON  | AWAY | 11:15 AM |
| 1/11 | 9:30 AM | MBM DUALS | HOME |   |
| 1/16 | 6:00 PM | SUSSEX/SOUTHAMPTON | HOME |   |
| 1/22 | 6:00 PM | NORTHUMBERLAND | AWAY | 1:30 PM |
| 1/25 | 10:00 AM | MATHEWS DUALS | AWAY | 5:30 AM |
| 1/30 | 6:00 PM | HERTFORD CO/KING & QUEEN | HOME |   |
| 2/14 | TBA | REGIONAL TOURN. | AWAY | 8:00 AM |
| 2/21 | TBA | STATE TOURN. | AWAY | 8:00 AM |