**CITY CLIPS**

 **FEBRUARY 2014**

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**IMPORTANT DATES TO REMEMBER:**

 **Recycling Dates –** February 13th, 14th, 27th & 28th

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

 **City Council Meetings –** February 10th & 24th

 **School Board Meeting –** February 20th

 **Planning Commission Meeting -** February 27th

**CITY OFFICES WILL BE CLOSED FEBRUARY 17TH FOR PRESIDENTS’ DAY**

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**Presidents’ Day Garbage Schedule**:

**The City of Franklin *WILL* have regular Monday trash pickup on Presidents’ Day, February 17, 2014. The Public Works office will be closed**

**and will reopen Tuesday, February 18, 2014.**

Pet tags were due on **January 31, 2014**. Residents who have not already done so are encouraged to get them today!

The City of Franklin will be joining the American Heart Association in celebrating **“National Wear Red Day”** on February 7, 2014.  Let’s help support the movement to stamp out heart disease by wearing RED in support of a friend or loved one who has battled heart disease.

**2014 City Business License Applications** are due March 3, 2014 with payment.

If you have any questions, please call **Marcy Wiggins at 562-8547** in the Commissioner of the Revenue’s Office.

**2014 Business Personal Property Forms** have been mailed and should be returned by February 15, 2014. If you have any questions or need assistance, please call **Lynn Beale** in the Commissioner of the Revenue’s Office at **562-8783**.

**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**

Fat Tuesday is a school night. Let’s celebrate Mardi Gras with the

**First Franklin Fat Friday at Fred’s**

Friday, Feb. 28 • 7:00 PM

$15 per person/$25 couple

21 & Over Please

Includes

New Orleans Style Food Buffet

Cash Bar

A Downtown Franklin Association Sponsored Event

The King of Mardi Gras will ask your help to find his stolen Treasure Box.

**Treasure Hunt Winner will be awarded $150 CASH!**

Costumes are not required, but sequins, glitter, feathers and masks are what Mardi Gras is all about.

Dress for the King’s Court - or as you please.

**Prize given for best costume**

Limited Seating

Advance Tickets available at:

Floor to Ceiling

Franklin Art & Frameworks

Olde Virginia Moulding & Millwork

Richwood Graphics

Downtown Franklin Association office

Franklin Southampton Chamber

he Franklin City Department of Social Services will be selling **Yankee Candles** to raise money for Child Abuse Prevention. This will be leading up to the agency hosting their 4th annual **No Excuse for Child Abuse Poker Run** on May 31st, an event that is always a big hit and helps to raise money and awareness for a great cause. There are two ways to order Yankee Candles and support the City of Franklin. You can contact one of the services workers at 757-562-8520 and submit an order form using cash or check, or you can order online at [www.yankeecandlefundraising.com](http://www.yankeecandlefundraising.com) using Group Number: 990049212. Either way you decide to order, the Franklin City DSS will receive 40-50% of profits to use towards Child Abuse Prevention within the community! This information is also available on our Facebook page at [www.facebook.com/franklindss](http://www.facebook.com/franklindss)

**Working at the Polls:**

The City of Franklin needs citizens to serve as Election Officers in its 6 precincts for each election. It is a rewarding way to participate in your government and help us to ensure a fair and well-organized voting process.  For more information, please contact the Voter Registration office at 562-8545.

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

Carbon monoxide (CO) is a colorless, odorless, toxic gas

which interferes with the oxygen-carrying capacity of blood.

CO is non-irritating and can overcome persons without

warning. Many people die from CO poisoning, usually while

using gasoline powered tools and generators in buildings

or semi-enclosed spaces without adequate ventilation.

**Effects of Carbon Monoxide Poisoning**

• Severe carbon monoxide poisoning causes neurological

damage, illness, coma and death.

**Symptoms of CO exposure**

• Headaches, dizziness and drowsiness.

• Nausea, vomiting, tightness across the chest.

**Some Sources of Exposure**

• Portable generators/generators in buildings.

• Concrete cutting saws, compressors.

• Power trowels, floor buffers, space heaters.

• Welding, gasoline powered pumps.

**Preventing CO Exposure**

• Never use a generator indoors or in enclosed or partially

enclosed spaces such as garages, crawl spaces,

and basements. Opening windows and doors in an

enclosed space may prevent CO buildup.

• Make sure the generator has 3-4 feet of clear space on

all sides and above it to ensure adequate ventilation.

• Do not use a generator outdoors if placed near doors,

windows or vents which could allow CO to enter and

build up in occupied spaces.

• When using space heaters and stoves ensure that they

are in good working order to reduce CO buildup, and

never use in enclosed spaces or indoors.

• Consider using tools powered by electricity or compressed

air, if available.

• If you experience symptoms of CO poisoning get to

fresh air right away and seek immediate medical

attention.

For more information, visit www.osha.gov

FCPS WINTER SPORTS SCHEDULES



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|   |   | **BOYS BASKETBALL****2013-2014**HEAD COACH – Danny Dillon  |   |   |
| **Date** | **Time** | **Opponent** | **Location** | **Depart** |
| 2/5 | 5:30 | Charles City | Away | 3:00 |
| 2/7 | 5:30 | Brunswick | Away | 3:15 |

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| **GIRLS BASKETBALL** |
| **2013-2014** HEAD COACH – Mona Sumblin |
| **Date** | **Time** | **Opponent** | **Location** | **Depart** |
| 2/5 | 5:30 | Charles City | Home |   |
| 2/7 | 5:30 | Brunswick (No JV) | Home |   |
| 2/8 | 5:30 | Charles City (No JV) | Home  |   |



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|   |   | **WRESTLING****2013-2014**HEAD COACH – Daniel Johnson |   |   |
| **DATE** | **TIME** | **OPPONENT** | **LOCATION** | **DEPART** |
| 2/14 | TBA | REGIONAL TOURN. | AWAY | 8:00 AM |
| 2/21 | TBA | STATE TOURN. | AWAY | 8:00 AM |