**CITY CLIPS**

 **JANUARY 2014**

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**IMPORTANT DATES TO REMEMBER:**

 **Recycling Dates –** January 2nd, 3rd, 16th, 17th, 30th & 31st

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

 **City Council Meetings –** January 13th & 27th

 **School Board Meeting –** January 16th

 **Planning Commission Meeting -** January 23rd

**CITY OFFICES WILL BE CLOSED JANUARY 1st FOR NEW YEAR’S DAY**

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**New Year’s Day Garbage Schedule**:

**The City of Franklin *WILL* have regular Wednesday trash pickup on New Year’s Day, January 1, 2014. The Public Works office will be closed**

**and will reopen Thursday, January 2, 2014.**

City of Franklin residents who own vehicles with over 100,000 miles as of January 1, 2014 can bring their “pink” state inspection slip showing the odometer reading OR you may bring the vehicle to City Hall back entrance on First Avenue and have a clerk in the Commissioner of the Revenue’s Office come out and read your odometer during the month of **January**. Office hours are 8:30 – 5:00 Monday thru Friday. There is no automatic forgiveness in tax valuation because your vehicle has over 100,000 miles, depending on the model and age of your vehicle it could add value.

**Message from the Treasurer’s office:**

If you own a pet in the City of Franklin,   You are required to have a Pet License.  Pet License must be purchased by January 31, 2014…

If you have Personal Property Taxes and Real Estate Taxes Due, Please come by the office and talk with the Treasurer or Deputy Treasurer. Monthly Payment arrangements can be made to assist in the amounts due.

**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.

Happy New Year! While you are looking at becoming a better you, why not try your hand at becoming a volunteer. Did you know that studies have proven that volunteering does as much good for you as it does for the people you are helping! Franklin Fire & Rescue is looking for volunteers. We have classes starting for our volunteers this month. So give Leslie a call at 562-8581 and get your application started!

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

 Even experienced drivers can find their nerves and skills tested by winter road conditions.

**HERE ARE SOME TIPS TO HELP YOU DRIVE SAFELY AS THE WEATHER TURNS COLD:**

• Before beginning your trip, know the current road conditions and weather forecast. For statewide highway information 24 hours a day, call 511 or go to 511virginia.org. You can also call the VDOT Customer Service Center 800-FOR-ROAD (800-367-7623).

• Make sure your vehicle is ready for winter. Be sure to check your:

– Brakes and tires

– Battery and ignition system

– Antifreeze and thermostat

– Windshield wipers and de-icing washer fluid

– Headlights, tail and brake lights, blinkers and emergency flashers

– Exhaust system, heater and defroster

– Oil

• Properly lubricate door locks prone to freezing.

• Keep your car’s windows, mirrors and lights clear of snow and ice.

• Always wear your seat belt.

• Leave a few minutes early.

• Start out slowly in the lowest gear recommended by your vehicle’s manufacturer.

• Be aware of potentially icy areas such as shady spots and bridges.

• Keep a safe distance of at least five seconds behind other vehicles and trucks that are plowing the road.

• Don’t pass a snowplow or spreader unless it is absolutely necessary. Treat these as you would emergency response vehicles.

• Keep an emergency winter driving kit in your car.

• Drive smart and pay close attention.

FCPS WINTER SPORTS SCHEDULES



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|   |   | **BOYS BASKETBALL****2013-2014**HEAD COACH – Danny Dillon  |   |   |
| **Date** | **Time** | **Opponent** | **Location** | **Depart** |
| 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** |
| 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 |