**CITY CLIPS**

 **MARCH 2014**

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**IMPORTANT DATES TO REMEMBER:**

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

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

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

 **School Board Meeting –** March 20th

 **Planning Commission Meeting -** March 27th

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

**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.**

**Downtown Franklin Association**

**Upcoming Events**

* **Franklin’s First Fridays Full of Fun for Friends – Downtown Divas and DFA**
	+ **March – “March Madness Sale” – 7th-17th (ST. Patrick’s Day) –Find the Magical Shamrock.**
	+ **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.**
* **Spring Fling #3 – Sunday April 13th gates open at 1pm- DFA partners with Jay Jenkins / Shaggin on the Beach. - PDCCC Workforce Development Center – see flyers for details**
* **Tickets Available @ DFA Office/Franklin Train Depot/ Visitor Center; Southampton Antiques; Pam’s Tea Room**
* **Shop Wise – March 18th - Business will be on 1st block of North Main Street. Flyer will be sent later.**
* **Other New businesses this year**
	+ **It’s a Dog’s Life – pet grooming!**
	+ **Anita’s Alterations – by appointment**
	+ **Maryz Café- great dining in downtown Franklin!**

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

***Change Your Clock Change Your Battery®* Program Fact Sheet**

**Fire Facts:**

 11 p.m. to 7 a.m. are the peak alarm times for home fire deaths – when people tend to be asleep and the house is likely to be dark.

 Home fires kill an average of seven people every day.

 Home fires caused $11.6 billion in property damage during 2010.

 Although the number of home fire deaths has substantially decreased, the risk of dying in a reported home fire has not.

 On average, families have less than three minutes from the time the first smoke alarm sounds to escape a fire.

**Those at greatest risk:**

 Children under five are 1.4 times more likely as the population as a whole to die in home fires.

 Roughly three‐quarters of child fire fatalities under age 15 occurred in homes without working smoke alarms.

 On average, home fires kill 500 children ages 14 and under each year.

 Roughly half of the people who died in home fires started by playing with fire were under five years old.

 Seniors age 75 and older are 2.8 times more likely to die in a home fire.

**Smoke Alarm and Fire Safety Facts:**

 96 percent of American homes have at least one smoke alarm, but 20 percent of all homes with smoke alarms do not have at least one smoke alarm that works, mostly due to missing or dead batteries. This means roughly 23 million homes are at risk because of non‐working smoke alarms and an additional 5 million homes are at risk by not having smoke alarms.

 In the U.S., almost two‐thirds of home fire deaths resulted from fires in homes with inoperable smoke alarms or no smoke alarms. Thirty‐eight percent of the fatal fire injuries occurred in homes with no smoke alarms at all, while 24% occurred in homes in which at least one smoke alarm was present but failed to operate.

 Nuisance activations were the leading cause of disabled smoke alarms. Cooking fumes and steam can cause a smoke alarm to sound. Nuisance alarms can be prevented by moving the smoke alarm farther from kitchens or bathrooms. A chirping smoke alarm means the battery is dying.

 Households with non‐working smoke alarms now outnumber those with no smoke alarms.

 The National Fire Alarm and Signaling Code recommends a minimum of one smoke alarm on each level of a home, including the basement, one inside each bedroom and one outside each sleeping area. Homes should also have at least one working carbon monoxide alarm on each level of a home, including the basement and one outside each sleeping area.

 Smoke alarm failures usually result from missing, disconnected, or dead batteries.

 Smoke alarms don't last forever. They should be replaced at least every 10 years.

 Only 23 percent of U.S. families have developed and practiced a home fire escape plan to ensure they could escape quickly and safely.

**Carbon Monoxide Facts**

 Carbon monoxide is sometimes called the “the silent killer.” It is colorless, odorless and tasteless. The National Safety Council reports that almost 700 people die each year as a result of unintentional poisoning by gases or vapors in non‐fire situations. Carbon monoxide was involved in the majority of these deaths.

Source: Fire statistics were obtained from reports by the Fire Analysis and Research Division of the

National Fire Protection Association. See www.nfpa.org for more information.

FCPS SPRING SPORTS SCHEDULES

**Track
Head Coach: Dennis Sumblin**

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| **Date** | **Time**  | **Opponent**  | **Location**  |
| March 20 | 4:00 PM | Greensville | Away |
| March 27 | 4:00 PM | Greensville | Away |
| 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**  |
| March 6 | 5:30 PM | Brunswick (scrimmage) | Home |
| March 12 | 4:30 PM | Northampton | Away |
| March 13 | 4:30 PM | Greensville | Away |
| March 19 | 4:00 PM | Northampton | Home |
| March 20 | 4:30 PM | Greensville | Home |
|  March 23 |  1:00 PM |  Northumberland (D.H.)(Softball) | Away |
| 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**  |
| March 13 | 4:00 PM | Greensville | Away |
| March 20 | 4:00 PM | Northampton | Home |
| March 22 | 4:00 PM | Greensville | Home |
| March 27 | 4:30 PM | Southampton | Home |
| March 30 | 4:30 PM | Brunswick | Home |
| 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**  |
| March 11 | 4:30 PM | Greemsville | Home |
| March 14 | 3:30 PM | Nandua (Boys & Girls) | Home |
| March 21 | 3:30 PM | Nandua (Boys & Girls) | Home |
| March 22 | 4:00 PM | Southampton | Away |
| March 25 | 4:00 PM | Greensville | Away |
| March 28 | 4:00 PM | Southampton | Home |
| 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**  |
| March 11 | 4:30 PM | Greensville | Away |
| March 14 | 3:30 PM | Nandua (Boys & Girls) | Home |
| March 21  |  3:30 | Nandua (Boys & Girls)  |  Home |
| March 22 | 4:00 PM | Southampton | Home |
| March 25 | 4:30 PM | Greensville | Home |
| March 28 | 4:00 PM | Southampton | Away |
| 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**  |
| March 7 | 6:00 PM | Brunswick (scrimmage) | Away |
| March 12 | 5:30 PM | Greensville | Away |
| March 21 | 5:30 PM | Greensville | Home |
| March 22 | 5:30 PM | Southampton | Home |
| 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 |