**CITY CLIPS**

 **MAY 2014**

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**IMPORTANT DATES TO REMEMBER:**

 **Recycling Dates –** May 8th, 9th, 22nd & 23rd

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

 **City Council Meetings –** May 12th

 **School Board Meeting –** May 15th

 **Planning Commission Meeting -** May 22nd

**The City of Franklin will be closed Monday, May 26, 2013 in honor of Memorial Day.**

**Memorial Day Garbage Schedule**:

**The City of Franklin *WILL* have regular Monday trash pickup on Memorial Day, May 26, 2014. The Public Works office will be closed and reopen Tuesday, May 27, 2014.**

The City of Franklin is joining forces with the International Code Council in celebrating May as Building Safety Month. Founded by the ICC, Building Safety Month is celebrated each year worldwide during the month of May.  This year's theme is

***BUILDING SAFETY: Maximizing Resilience, Minimizing Risks***.

The purpose of the Building Safety Week campaign is to bring awareness to individuals, families and businesses about what it takes to create and sustain safe and sustainable structures. The campaign reinforces the need for adoption of modern, model building codes, a strong and efficient system of code enforcement and a well-trained, professional workforce to maintain the system.  Corporations, government agencies, professional associations, nonprofits and more come together to support Building Safety Month because they understand the need for safe and sustainable structures where we live, work and play.

On Friday, **May 2nd**, the City garage will be closed (except for emergency repairs) for annual spring cleaning.

Downtown Franklin is in the spring spirit! They are gearing up for all kinds of sales, fun and excitement in our wonderful Downtown!

* Please help us in welcoming our newest downtown Franklin business **– “Jus CAB Kakes” –**owned and operated by Carol A. Broadnax! (That is where the CAB in “Jus CAB Kakes” comes from).
* We have another great activity happening in the Month of May in Downtown Franklin.

 Gayle Schmitz of Franklin Art & Frameworks will be hosting the Blackwater Artist League in the gallery area of her shop at 221 N. Main Street for the month of May. They will kick off the month with a reception and show this Friday, May 2nd from 5:00-7:30 PM. This event is open to the public, so please share it with all your friends.

Listed below are some other activities and events that are set to-date. More “May” come up:

* **Friday, May 2nd**
	+ First Fridays continue with Downtown Divas – “Blooming Divas Sales” kick off the month.   Special sales & surprises for finding the hidden “May Flower”
	+ “Jus CAB Kakes” has her “soft opening” from 10 am – 2 pm.  Featuring her cupcakes and specialty custom wedding cakes.
		- She will be open from there on out on Tuesdays, Thursdays, & Friday from 10 am to 2 pm.
* **Friday, May 9th**
	+ Downtown Divas Fashion Show - @ Simply Divines two showings  - noon & 6 pm.
* **Friday, May 16th**
	+ Downtown Divas continue May spring spirit with Sidewalk Sales both Friday, May 16th and Saturday, May 17th
* **Saturday, May 17th**
	+ Franklin High School Robo Regatta! -10:30 am -4:00 pm
* **Thursday, May 29th –**
	+ **OH YEAH! – We Be Jammin Kicks**-off season with Silver Street Band in memory of Steve Edwards legacy.

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.

**Polling Places for the May 6, 2014 Citywide General Election:**

Ward 1 – J.L. Camp JR. YMCA @ 300 Crescent Dr.

Ward 2 – Ruth Camp Campbell Memorial Library @ 280 N. College Dr.

Ward 3 – American Legion Building @ 935 Armory Dr.

Ward 4 – Sportsman Association Inc. Building @ 1431 South St.

Ward 5 – Martin Luther King Jr. Center @ 683 Oak St.

Ward 6 – St. Jude’s Catholic Church @ 1014 Clay St.

City Council will hold a second public hearing during the regular council meeting 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.

The 2014 General Reassessment has been completed for the City of Franklin. Notices will be mailed in mid May. Citizens wishing to schedule an appointment to discuss their new assessment with the Assessors from Wampler-Eanes Appraisal Group, LTD may call and schedule an appointment. Land use values for those properties which qualify are not reflected on the reassessment notices. All hearings and appeals will be held at City Hall, 207 West Second Avenue, Franklin, Virginia.

**From the Treasurer’s Office –**

There will be a Tax Sale on May 08, 2014. For information concerning properties, see flyers located at City Hall, or call 562-8543.

2nd half of Real Estate Taxes 2013 bills have been mailed.   Due date to pay is June 05, 2014.  To avoid paying penalty and interest, payment must be paid or post marked by due date.

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

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

Hurricane Preparedness Sales Tax Holiday is May 25-31

Go shopping the last week of May and save money on lots of useful items.  Virginia’s annual **Hurricane Preparedness Sales Tax Holiday** is May 25-31.  Before the storms hit, stock up on many supplies for protecting your home and business and you won’t pay sales tax on them.

New this year: gas-powered chainsaws costing less than $350 and chainsaw accessories are tax free!

Among other items that are tax-exempt are these, with a price of $60 or less:

* Artificial ice, blue ice, ice packs, reusable ice
* Batteries, excluding car or boat batteries
* Portable self-powered light sources, including flashlights and lanterns and glow sticks
* First aid kits
* Cell phone chargers
* Weather Band radios and NOAA Weather Radios
* Portable self-powered radios, including radios with electrical power capability
* Bottled water of any size, including flavored and carbonated
* Two-way radios
* Manual can openers
* Tarps, plastic sheeting, plastic drop cloths
* Bungee cords and rope
* Ground anchor systems, tie down kits
* Ratchet straps
* Duct tape
* Carbon monoxide and smoke detectors, fire extinguishers
* Empty gas, propane or diesel fuel tanks or containers
* Water storage containers such as buckets, barrels, canteens, coolers

Shop for items on this list that have a sales price of $1,000 or less:

* Portable generators and generator power cords
* Inverters and inverter power cables.

Retail outlets will have information about the tax holiday.

For more, go to [www.vaemergency.gov](http://www.vaemergency.gov) and [www.ReadyVirginia.gov](http://www.ReadyVirginia.gov)

FCPS SPRING SPORTS SCHEDULES

**Track
Head Coach: Dennis Sumblin**

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| **Date** | **Time**  | **Opponent**  | **Location**  |
| 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**  |
| 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**  |
| 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**  |
| 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**  |
| 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**  |
| 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 |