**CITY CLIPS**

 **NOVEMBER 2013**

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**IMPORTANT DATES TO REMEMBER:**

 **Recycling Dates –** November 7th, 8th, 21st & 22nd

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

 **City Council Meetings –** November 25th

 **School Board Meeting –** November 12th

 **Planning Commission Meeting -** November 21st

**CITY OFFICES WILL BE CLOSED**

**NOVEMBER 11TH FOR VETERAN’S DAY &**

**NOVEMBER 28TH & 29TH FOR THANKSGIVING**

**Safety message from Franklin Fire and Rescue -** Did you know that Smoke Alarm and Carbon Monoxide Detector batteries need to be changed at least once a year? So when you change your clocks on November 3rd, remember to change and test the batteries in your Smoke Alarms and Carbon Monoxide Detectors. Be sure to remind your friends, family and neighbors to do the same.

The City of Franklin Beautification Commission will host its **29th Annual Arbor Day Celebration** at 1:00 PM November 7th, at the College Drive Park where a Willow Oak will be planted. Smokey Bear will attend. The program will feature children from the Gingerbread House, The STOP Organization and the Children’s Center. For Information call Shelia Baker at 562-8580 and press 5.

The City of Franklin Fire and Rescue is sponsoring a **barbecue and fried chicken dinner fundraiser** to raise money to restore our 1938 fire engine “Old Engine 1”.  The fundraiser will take place on Friday, November 8, 2013 at Franklin Fire and Rescue Station from 4:00p.m. to 7:00p.m. The plates are takeout only.  Tickets are $8.00 and can be purchased from any department member or at Franklin Fire and Rescue.

**DOWNTOWN CHRISTMAS OPEN HOUSE**

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 16th

10:00 am – 5:00 pm

**CARRIAGE RIDES**

1:30 pm - 4:00 pm

Pick Up Your Free Carriage Ride Ticket at the Train Depot/Visitors’Center

 To Be Validated by Visiting Five Participating Businesses or

presenting a sales receipt from a participating downtown business dated 11/16/13

Refreshments will be served at the Downtown Franklin Association office at 120 S. Main Street. To find out more visit us at www.downtownfranklinva.org or find us on Facebook! (757) 562-6900

**Downtown Franklin Association Presents**

**“Shop-Wise” Know Your Neighbor**

 Tuesday, Nov. 19, 2013

5:30 - 6:30 PM

This monthly event will feature a walking tour of three businesses in Historic Downtown Franklin. Starting at **Floor to Ceiling** 201 N. Main St. Moving to the corner of Main & Third St. to

**Trinkets & Treasures** Ending at **Franklin Art & Frameworks** where light

refreshments will be served and a **free** gift raffled

• Open for touring • Ask questions • See demonstrations • Meet the owners

Be proactive in supporting, referring and promoting your local downtown with your newly gained knowledge. For more info contact the DFA office at 562-6900 or www.downtownfranklinva.org

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 05, 2013 to avoid 10% penalty.

2014 Pet Tags will go on sale Dec 05, 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

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

Special precautions need to be taken during holiday seasons, as many traditions involve light and fire. A house fire is always a tragedy, but the tragedy is compounded when fire destroys a home during a holiday period, which should be a happy, festive occasion.

Losing your home to fire during Christmas or another holiday would be a terrible blow, and there’s no need for it to happen. You just need to be aware of the added fire safety risks, and use extra care to ensure that fire and lighting is handled properly. Christmas and other holidays are often the occasion for big family get-togethers. These are wonderful events which strengthen and renew our family ties, but the more people in your house, the bigger your risk of someone violating fire safety principles. You’ll want to remind people who smoke that they should never leave lighters or matches anywhere – they should either be in their hand or their pockets. It’s best to have a designated smoking room, and don’t allow smoking anywhere else.

Even better is to only allow smoking outside. You’ll have to make your own judgment as to what is the best policy for your home, but whatever you decide, make sure that people adhere to it. Often times, there will be a lot of cooking going on, and a lot of people in the kitchen helping. Make sure that everyone is cooking with care, and not being sloppy or creating fire hazards. You’ll also want to keep small children out of the kitchen while the cooking is being done. Not only is this much more efficient, it’s also much safer. The risk of fire is greatly reduced, and the risk of small children being accidentally burned is also reduced. Candles are another special concern during the holiday season. Never leave a candle burning overnight. They should all be put out before you go to bed. Keep them away from flammable material, and keep children away from the candles, too.

## Tips for a Safe Christmas Season

Christmas trees and lights are also of particular concern when it comes to fire safety. Christmas tree fires move horrifically fast. A tree can become engulfed in flames in less than 5 seconds from initial contact with fire, and the entire room can be on fire in well under a minute. You can see why these are among the deadliest types of home fires, and you’ll want to make sure your Christmas tree is safe.

The best way to prevent Christmas tree fires, of course, is to have an artificial tree; they’re not flammable. But for many people, it just wouldn’t be a real Christmas with an artificial tree – it’s been a family tradition to go pick out a live tree, and bring it home. For some, the scent of the evergreen adds to the holiday atmosphere too. That’s understandable, and there’s no need to have an artificial tree if you’re careful about fire hazards with your real tree. If you prefer a real tree, then make sure you keep it well-watered. The drying out process is what really increases the susceptibility of Christmas trees to fire. Add water every day, and keep an eye on the water levels. In addition, if you use lights on your Christmas tree, make sure that you turn them off before going to bed. That will greatly reduce the risk of fire, especially at the most vulnerable time – when everyone’s asleep. Make sure the bulbs and wires of your tree lights are in good working order. If not, don’t use them.

Also, make sure that you don’t have too many lights drawing power from the same outlet. Both of these rules also apply to any outdoor lighting you might be using. Beautiful house and yard lighting displays are a tradition in America, and usually they’re very safe. But if not done properly, they can be hazardous. So play it safe. Check all bulbs and cords for wear and damage, and don’t overload circuits. Again, just as with candles and trees, it’s best to turn off the displays before retiring at night.

FCPS FALL SPORTS SCHEDULES

**Varsity Football (2013)
Head Coach: Darren Parker**

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| **Date** | **Time** | **Opponent** | **Location** |
| Nov. 1 | 7:00 PM | Windsor | Away |
| Nov. 8 | 7:00 PM | Southampton (Senior Night) | Home |