**CITY CLIPS**



**JANUARY 2016**

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**IMPORTANT DATES TO REMEMBER:**

**Recycling Dates –** January 1st, 14th, 15th, 28th, & 29th

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

**City Council Meetings –** January 11th & 25th

**School Board Meetings –** January 21st & 26th

**CITY OFFICES WILL BE CLOSED ON MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 7th FOR LABOR DAY**



**CITY OFFICES WILL BE CLOSED IN OBSERVANCE OF**

**THE FOLLOWING HOLIDAYS IN JANUARY:**

**JANUARY 1ST FOR NEW YEAR’S DAY**

**JANUARY 15TH FOR LEE-JACKSON DAY**

**JANUARY 18TH FOR MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR. DAY**

**New Year’s Day Garbage Schedule**:

**The City of Franklin *WILL* have regular Friday trash pickup on**

**Friday, January 1, 2016.**

**The Public Works office will be closed on January 1st and will reopen**

**Monday, January 4, 2016.**

**Lee-Jackson Day Garbage Schedule**:

**The City of Franklin *WILL* have regular Friday trash pickup**

**on Friday, January 15, 2016.**

**The Public Works office will be closed**

**and will reopen Tuesday, January 19, 2016.**

**Martin Luther King, Jr. Day Garbage Schedule**:

**The City of Franklin *WILL* have regular Monday trash pickup**

**on Monday, January 18, 2016.**

**The Public Works office will be closed**

**and will reopen Tuesday, January 19, 2016.**

**Important Information from the Commissioner of the Revenue’s Office:**

City of Franklin residents who own vehicles with over 100,000 miles as of January 1, 2016 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.



Pet tags are now on sale.   Any pet in the City of Franklin must have a Pet Tag.  Pets must have an updated Rabies shot prior to purchasing your tag.  2016 Pet Tags may be purchased at the Treasurer’s office.  Deadline for purchasing your 2016 Pet Tag is January 31, 2016.

The Community Development Department would like to thank everyone who participated in the Winter Coat Drive.  Because of your generosity, we donated 35 coats to Catholic Charities (Cooperative Ministries) which will be distributed in the area.

And the winner is……………………

Congratulations to Wanda Harmon, from Social Services, for being the winner of the Holiday Raffle $150 Visa Gift Card.



Franklin Southampton Economic Development, Inc., is excited to announce the launch of the organization's new tagline and website. "Partnering Tradition with Progress" will serve as the organization's new tagline and can be seen on the new Franklin Southampton Economic Development, Inc. website ([www.fsediva.com](http://www.fsediva.com/)). The new economic development website features a fresh new design and offers new functionality including an interactive property search feature, new maps highlighting the Franklin Southampton area and much more.

**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.

**2016 City Business License Applications** have been mailed and are due March 1, 2016 with payment. If you have any questions, please call **Marcy Wiggins at 562-8547** in the Commissioner of the Revenue’s Office.

**2016 Business Personal Property Forms** have been mailed and should be returned by February 15, 2016 to avoid penalty. If you have any questions or need assistance, please call **Lynn Beale in the Commissioner of the Revenue’s Office at 562-8783.**

**2015 Virginia State Income Tax Forms will not be mailed to individual taxpayers. The Commissioner of the Revenue’s Office** has a limited number of forms and instruction booklets for distribution. **Forms and instructions are available on demand through the following options:**

* **Download, view or print forms directly from the Department of Taxation website at** [**www.tax.virginia.gov**](http://www.tax.virginia.gov)**.**
* **Order forms online from the website to be mailed to you.**
* **Write to the Virginia Department of Taxation, P. O. Box 1317, Richmond, Virginia 23218-1317 to request forms to be mailed to you.**

**Questions? Please call Brenda Rickman at 562-8458 or Thelma Vann at 562-1157.**

**Effective January 1, 2016, the refund debit card option is no longer available. Individual refunds will be issued only by check or direct deposit to taxpayers’ checking or savings accounts. Direct deposit is the fastest way to get your refund. To have your refund deposited directly into your bank account, fill in the banking information on your return. Otherwise, your refund will be issued as a check.**



**Important Notice from Blackwater Regional Library**

In an effort to be on the cutting edge of the public education industry, Blackwater Regional Library's Bookmobile will be undergoing a large scale upgrade to the services it provides to your citizens.

New services will include public internet access via Wi-Fi, a more comprehensive popular materials collection and stronger presence at the festivals and events that make your community great.

Blackwater Regional Library also plans on working closely with other non-profit educational organizations in your locality, ensuring the maximum amount of people are positively affected by everything the library has to offer.

In order to implement these changes successfully, the Bookmobile will be taken *off* of its current route beginning January 2016, with an expected return to service date in April 2016.

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

**What to Do When Winter Has You in its Icy Grip**

The Weather Channel calls them the ["Frigid Five:"](http://www.weather.com/news/americas-5-coldest-cities#/1) Barrow, AK; International Falls, MN.; Gunnison, CO.; Jackson, WY; and Caribou, ME.

You may not live in one of America's five coldest cities, but that doesn't mean you don't have to protect yourself from frostbite and hypothermia. Both conditions are caused by excessive exposure to low temperatures, wind or moisture.

Cold weather can be dangerous for anyone who enjoys outdoor winter sports, and people who work outdoors during winter must be particularly mindful of the risks.

Before venturing outside in winter, be sure to:

* Check the temperature and limit your time outdoors if it's very cold, wet or windy
* Bundle up in several layers of loose clothing
* Wear mittens rather than gloves
* Cover your ears with a warm hat
* Wear socks that will keep your feet warm and dry

## Frostbite

Even skin that is protected can be subject to frostbite. It's the most common injury resulting from exposure to severe cold, and it usually occurs on fingers, toes, nose, ears, cheeks and chin. If caught early, it is possible to prevent permanent damage. If not, [frostbite can lead to amputation](http://www.bt.cdc.gov/disasters/winter/faq.asp).

Superficial frostbite affects the skin surface, while the underlying tissue remains soft. The skin appears white, waxy or grayish-yellow and is cold and numb.

If the condition is allowed to progress to deep frostbite, all layers of the skin are affected and the outcome likely will be more serious. The skin will become completely numb, blisters may form and eventually the skin tissue dies and turns black.

If you suspect frostbite:

* Get indoors immediately
* Seek medical attention
* Remove constrictive clothing and jewelry that could impair circulation
* Place dry, sterile gauze between toes and fingers to absorb moisture and keep them from sticking together
* Elevate the affected area to reduce pain and swelling
* For superficial frostbite, you may also place the affected area in water that is 100 to 105 degrees until the tissue softens

## Hypothermia

Hypothermia occurs when the body's temperature drops below 95 degrees. Severe shivering, one of the first signs of hypothermia, is beneficial in keeping the body warm. But as hypothermia progresses, shivering gives way to drowsiness or exhaustion, confusion, shallow breathing, irregular heartbeat, slurred speech, loss of coordination and, eventually, unconsciousness and even death.

In one of the most bizarre symptoms of hypothermia, "[paradoxical undressing](http://www.livescience.com/41730-hypothermia-terminal-burrowing-paradoxical-undressing.html)," a person actually undresses instead of bundling up. Researchers believe that in the final throes of hypothermia, a person may feel like he or she is overheating due to a rush of warm blood to the extremities.

So what should you do if you encounter someone suffering from hypothermia?

* Move the victim inside and remove any wet clothing
* Call for medical attention
* Add blankets, pillows, towels or newspapers beneath and around the victim
* Cover the victim's head
* Handle the victim gently to avoid cardiac arrest
* Keep the victim in a horizontal position
* If necessary, give CPR

None of these steps are a substitute for proper medical care. Be sure to seek medical attention for frostbite and hypothermia as soon as possible.

## If You Go To Extremes

Winter is fun. So go make those snow angels and tackle that double black diamond. Just make sure to limit exposure and bundle up.

If you're considering taking [the Polar Plunge](http://www.chicagotribune.com/news/local/breaking/chi-actor-vince-vaughn-ready-to-make-icy-plunge-in-lake-michigan-20150301-story.html), make sure to consult a doctor first to determine if you have any underlying health problems. The [enormous shock of these types of activities puts a strain on the heart](http://health.clevelandclinic.org/2013/02/are-polar-bear-plunges-good-for-the-heart/), doctors say. Keep in mind:

* Cold shock will have you gasping for air
* Blood flow will divert to your organs
* You may become paralyzed or weak
* Blood pressure increases due to constricted blood vessels, causing greater risk of stroke



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<http://www.tririversdistrictva.org/g5-bin/client.cgi?G5genie=302&school_id=4>