**CITY CLIPS**

 **December 2016**

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**IMPORTANT DATES TO REMEMBER:**

 **Recycling Dates –** Dec. 1st, 2nd 15th, 16th, 29th, 30th

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

 **City Council Meetings –** Dec. 12th

 **School Board Meetings –** Dec. 15th (Tentative date)

 **Planning Commission Meeting –** Dec. 22nd

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

Our offices will be closed on Dec. 23rd & 26th. Trash pick- up will resume as normal.

City of Franklin residents who own vehicles with over 100,000 miles as of January 1, 2017 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.**

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The Community Development Department is sponsoring a food drive from December 1-December 21.   All food donations collected will be given to the Franklin Cooperative Ministry.  Even though Franklin Cooperative Ministry happily welcomes any food items given, the following list are items that they are desperately in need of:

Juices (small bottles/boxes or Kool-Aid

Canned fruit

Peanut Butter

Jelly (8 oz or smaller)

Oatmeal - Individual packs(Regular or Instant)

Grits-  Individual packs (Regular or Instant)

Pop Tarts

Cereal (10-14 boxes)

Spaghetti Sauce

Macaroni, Egg or Spaghetti or any type pasta noodles

Mac and Cheese (boxed)

Saltines

Rice (small boxes or bags)

Jiffy cornbread mix

Muffin mix

Cake/cookie mix

Canned meats (tuna, salmon, chicken, beef stew)

Vienna sausage

Potted meat

Spaghetti O’s, ravioli, meatballs or any canned pasta

Dried or canned beans

Pork and beans

Instant mashed potatoes

Scalloped potatoes

Stuffing mix

There will a box in the downstairs lobby at City Hall to place your donations.  Thank you.

December 5th is Tax Day!   If you own Real Estate Property and or a Vehicle in the City of Franklin your Taxes are due on December 05, 2016.   You should have received a bill for Taxes due.   To avoid penalty of 10% or $10.00 Minimum fee, you must pay on or before December 05, 2016.   The Treasurer’s Office does accept postmark dates.  Failure to receive a Tax Bill does not relieve penalty and interest.   Should you fail to pay taxes due before January 01, 2017 you will incur 10% annual interest.

If you are unable to pay your taxes in Full, the Treasurer’s office will be making Payment Plans starting in January 05, 2017.

The Treasurer’s office is selling EZPass’s.  The cost is $35.00 for each transponder.   You receive the usage of the first $15.00 immediately and the  balance ($20.00) upon registering the transponder online at [www.EZPassVA.com](http://www.EZPassVA.com).   For more information, come to the Treasurer’s office and speak to a cashier.

December 15th 2016, Pet Tags 2017 will go on sale.  City of Franklin, Code of Ordinance section 5-40;  All Pets are required to have a pet license on or before January 31, 2017.   For more information, see a cashier in the Treasurer’s Office.

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Along with all their other wonderful events, MLK has line dancing every Monday at 7:00 p.m.., the fee is $20 for 5 weeks of fun! For further information, contact the King Center @ 757-562-2475.

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For FCPS SPORTS SCHEDULES, please visit:<http://www.tririversdistrictva.org/g5-bin/client.cgi?G5genie=302&school_id=4>