**CITY CLIPS**

 **February 2017**

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**IMPORTANT DATES TO REMEMBER:**

 **Recycling Dates –**  Feb. 9th, 10th, 23rd & 24th

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

 **City Council Meetings –** Feb. 13th & 27th

 **School Board Meetings –** Feb. 16th

 **Planning Commission Meeting –** Feb. 23rd

Our offices will be closed February 20th for President’s Day but trash pick- up will resume as normal.

Real Estate and Person Property Taxes were **DUE** on December 05, 2016.  If you were unable to pay your taxes, PLEASE come by the office and set up your taxes on a payment plan.  For more information, please call 757-562-8544 or 757-562-8543.   A down payment will be required at the time of signing a payment plan agreement with the office.

Don’t forget to get your Pet License Tag for 2017.   You will need the Rabies Certificate showing a current rabies vaccination. All Pets in the City of Franklin are required to have a Pet License before January 31, 2017. For more information call 757-562-8536 and speak to any cashier.

The Treasurer’s Office continues to sell Virginia *E-ZPasses*.    Come by the office and purchase your *E-ZPass* and start saving money when driving on toll roads!

2017 Business Personal Property Forms have been mailed and should be returned by February 15, 2017 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 or email her at lbeale@franklinva.com

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2017 City Business License Applications have been mailed and are due March 1, 2017 with payment. If you have any questions, please call Marcy Wiggins at 562-8547 in the Commissioner of the Revenue's Office.

2016 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 through the Department's website or call

(804} 367-8031.

If you fill out your tax return by hand, you can avoid processing delays by printing your information so it can be easily read. Please use black ink and not pencil.

Effective January 1, 2017 -local Commissioner of the Revenue Offices will no longer be able to process accelerated refunds for taxpayers. We can accept your return and audit for mistakes or omissions but we will be mailing them directly to Richmond for processing. This is all due to identity theft and refund fraud.

HOW LONG WILL IT TAKE TO GET MY REFUND?

* Up to 4 weeks fore-filed returns
* Up to 8 weeks for paper returns
* Up to 3 additional weeks if sent by certified mail

**Refund Fraud Prevention**

*The Virginia Department of Taxation takes the protection of your information seriously.*

Additional Steps to Protect You - and the Commonwealth

As identify theft and refund fraud become more widespread, we are enlisting the support of taxpayers, tax preparers, employers, and payroll providers to stop tax fraud. This year, we may request additional information from you to verify your return. In addition, we may take longer than in previous years to process your tax return.

*We are committed to safeguarding taxpayer information.*

WHAT YOU CAN DO

Take these steps to protect yourself from identity theft and refund fraud:

* Do not provide personal information by mail, phone, email, or text to an unknown person
* File your taxes early- and file electronically
* Be sure you have all W-2s and other withholding statements before you file
* Include your Virginia Driver's License Identification number and Issue Date on your return (*optional)*

If you are a victim of identity theft, we suggest you consider all of the following steps:

* Contact the three credit bureaus and your bank(s) to notify them
* Contact your local police or sheriff's department to file a criminal complaint
* Submit Form 14039 Identity Theft Affidavit to the IRS
* Contact the Virginia Department of Taxation's Identity Theft Information line at 804-404-4185

Thank you for helping us to prevent refund fraud.

*For additional information, please* see *our website at* [*www..tax.virginia.gov*](http://www.tax.virginia.gov/)

Friday, February 3 is National Wear Red Day.  In observance of this day, City of Franklin employees are encouraged to wear your most festive red dress, scarf, pants, hat or whatever to show your support and raise awareness of heart disease in women.

Let’s show our support and paint the halls of all our City buildings RED.

Your participation is encouraged

*HEART DISEASE*

*DON’T IGNORE THE SIGNS*

* Chest pressure, tightness and heaviness;
* Extreme fatigue;
* Fainting and lightheadedness;
* Nausea;
* Pain in shoulders, neck, jaw or arms;
* Shortness of breath with or without chest pain

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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>