**CITY CLIPS**

 **April 2017**

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**IMPORTANT DATES TO REMEMBER:**

 **Recycling Dates –**  April 6th, 7th, 20th & 21st

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

 **City Council Meetings –** April 10th & 24th

 **School Board Meetings –** April 20th

 **Planning Commission Meeting –** April 27th

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!

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.**
* **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 for e-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)

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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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**SPRING Amnesty Week**

The City of Franklin Department of Public Works and The Department of Community Development are pleased to announce that they have declared **April 3-7, 2017**, as **Spring Amnesty Week.** In an effort to assist ***City*** residents in a major spring cleaning, these days are set aside by the City to allow resident owners and tenants (*current city of Franklin trash customers only*) a temporary pardon to rid properties of unsightly accumulations of trash, junk and debris without cost to residents for pickup and removal.

**The following items may be placed at the curb for pickup on April 3,4,5, 6 and 7 *ON YOUR REGULAR TRASH DAY****.*

* **Unused objects from your yard such as lawnmowers, containers, old tires, etc.**
* **Unused objects from your home such as appliances, furniture, TV’s, etc.**
* **Unused deteriorated building materials and firewood.**

Any items placed at curbside should be left in neat piles adjacent to the street. Please be mindful of obstructions when placing those items to allow for safe collection by our crews. Obstructions can be parked vehicles, power poles, overhead utility lines, mailboxes, fire hydrants, signs, trees or hedges, or any fixed object that interferes with the safe collection of the items placed at curbside.

**Caution: No demolition debris, trees over 6’’ in diameter, lot-clearing materials, paint or other hazardous materials will be collected. Limbs must be cut to ordinance lengths (4’ long) and piled neatly at curbside. Please call 757-562-8564, if you are in doubt about any items before placing them at the curb.**

**Items not available for pickup by the City, may be carried to the SPSA Transfer Station on Route 671 (General Thomas Hwy) Phone Number is 757-420-4700 ext. 527.**

***For further information contact Franklin Public Works at 757-562-8564***

**FALL Amnesty Week**

**October 2-6, 2017**

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