**CITY CLIPS**

 **NOVEMBER 2015**

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**IMPORTANT DATES TO REMEMBER:**

 **Recycling Dates –** November 5th, 6th, 19th, & 20th

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

 **City Council Meetings –** November 9th & 23rd

 **School Board Meeting –** November 12th

 **Planning Commission Meeting -** November 19th

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

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**NOVEMBER 11TH FOR VETERAN’S DAY &**

**NOVEMBER 26TH & 27TH FOR THANKSGIVING**

**Veteran’s Day Garbage Schedule**:

**The City of Franklin *WILL* have regular Wednesday trash pickup on Veteran’s Day, November 11, 2015. The Public Works office will be closed and will reopen**

**Thursday, November 12, 2015.**

**Thanksgiving Day Garbage Schedule**:

**The City of Franklin *WILL NOT* have regular Thursday trash pickup on**

**Thanksgiving Day, November 26, 2015.**

**Thursday’s route will be picked up on Friday along with Friday’s route.**

**The Public Works office will be closed and will reopen**

**Monday, November 30, 2015.**

November is a busy month in Downtown Franklin! And December will be right behind it.

1. November 7th – Downtown Divas and Dudes Holiday Extravaganza – 10 to 5
2. November 8th – Downtown Holiday Extravaganza - 1 - 5
3. November 12th – Downtown Divas Ladies’ Night Out! Open until 8 p.m.
4. November 13th – DFA Fall Festival Block Party
5. November 14th – DFA Fall Festival Street Scene
6. November 21st -  DFA Christmas Open House with Carriage Rides (see attached)
7. November 28th -  Small Business Saturday – sponsored by FSEDI and Chamber of Commerce
8. December 3rd – DFA Elf Parade (see attached)
9. December 4th – Christmas Parade (City of Angels) – (see attached, also includes registration form and rules)

**November 4th – Franklin Department of Parks & Recreation**

**Youth Football Championship Games & Cheerleading Exhibition**

Flag Football League Championship @ 6 p.m.

Junior Football League Championship @ 7 p.m.

Senior Football League Championship @ 8 p.m.

**Franklin Residents:** The firm of Wampler-Eanes Appraisal Group, Ltd. will be performing the 2016 General Reassessment for the City of Franklin. State Law requires that a general reassessment reflect 100% market value for each property.

An appraiser from the Wampler-Eanes firm will personally inspect every parcel in the City, both taxable and non-taxable, to establish the current fair market value of the real estate, in accordance with state requirements.

The firm is beginning the process by completing a sales study to determine the general market values in the City of Franklin. Real Estate sales from the past year of all types of property are used to establish a base line of comparable value for assessment purposes. The fieldwork of inspecting every property will begin November 2015.

The appraisers will maintain an office at City Hall in the Commissioner of the Revenue’s Office. If residents are not home when an appraiser visits a property, they will leave a notice indicating that the property has been inspected. If they need additional information about your property, it will be marked on the notice to call the Real Estate Clerk at 757-562-4870.

The Community Development Department is sponsoring a **Winter Coat Drive**.  We are accepting gently used coats, sweaters, gloves and other outerwear for men, women and children from November 1-30.  The donation box will be in the downstairs foyer at City Hall.  All donations will be turned over to Catholic Charities for distribution.

According to March of Dimes Community Director April Stillwell, 2015 was our BEST year for fundraising! The City of Franklin raised **$2,741.78** in 2015 and has raised over **$26,000** since 2002.

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

***Ear plugs are important!***

- Use earplugs or earmuffs to protect you from loud noises.

- Long term exposure to 80-85 decibels or more can cause hearing loss without protection. It is not recommended to be exposed to 100 decibels without any protection for more than 15 minutes. Hearing loss can be permanent.

- Decibel levels of common sounds:

• Aircraft takeoff: 180

• Chainsaw: 110

• Amplified music: 110

• Lawnmower: 90

• Normal conversation: 60

- Signs of noise being too loud at workplace:

• Ringing or humming in your ears when you leave work.

• You have to shout to hear coworkers at arm’s length away.

• You experience temporary hearing loss when you leave work.

***Properly wearing ear plugs:***

- Rubber Style Ear plugs.

1. Reach over your head and pull the top of the ear outward and upward.

2. With the other hand grasp the ear plug handle and gently push and rock into ear canal until a good seal is made.

3. Adjust to the greatest noise reduction.

4. Remove with a slow twisting motion to break seal.

- Foam Style Ear Plugs.

1. Roll the plug into a small cylinder.

2. Reach over head and pull the top of the ear outward and upward.

3. Insert the plug in the ear canal.

4. Hold it in the ear canal until the plug expands and a good seal is made.

5. Remove with a slow twisting motion to break seal

Reference: www.osha.gov

FCPS FALL SPORTS SCHEDULES

**Varsity Football (2015)
Head Coach: Darren Parker**

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| **Date** | **Time** | **Opponent** | **Location** |
| 11/6 | 7:00 PM | Southampton | Home |

