

TIDBITS/NOTES

- Daylight Savings Time Ends March 9
- Taxes due Dec 5
- Christmas Tree Pickups are Wednesdays January 8, 15, 22
- All Yard Waste Collections end for the season on Jan. 22. They will begin again in March.
- Bear-Proof trash can lids are available from Environmental Services Dept (540) 635-7819
- Business License Renewals are due March 1.
- Time Capsule items can be seen at the Warren Heritage Society.
- Unique Front Royal gifts available at Visitors Center



Winter

A Message to Our Citizens

JANUARY, FEBRUARY, MARCH
2014

BRIDGE WORK BEGINS

Replacement of the South Fork Bridge, located on North Shenandoah Avenue, will begin in the next few months, with an estimated expected completion date of 2017. The new bridge will include six lanes that will accommodate bicycle and pedestrian traffic, as well as a left turn lane at 18th Street.. The estimated cost is \$72.2 million. The Virginia Department of Transportation (VDOT) is the contactor for this project (800-FOR-ROAD). Town Manager, Steve Burke, assures citizens that there is regular communication with VDOT regarding this project, especially the potential impact to the community. Every opportunity to alert the public on traffic issues will be top priority. Appreciation in advance for your patience and understanding.



Stay Informed...

If you would like to be notified of public notices through your e-mail account, you can sign up on the Town's website www.frontroyalva.com, click **NOTIFY ME** on the front page.



Snowfall is fast approaching and we never know what to expect from year-to-year. Snow must be removed from primary roads first for emergency vehicles; residential roads will be cleared thereafter. Snow events that bring large accumulations of snow and/or ice require more time from crews to remove. Town right-of-ways are used to pile snow and are gathered at a later time. Staff answering the telephone do not have authority to divert crews to your street. We ask for your assistance by:

- parking off the street if possible
- not pushing snow in street, as this makes it dangerous for motorists
- removing snow from sidewalks adjacent to your property
- understanding that snow sometimes rolls off the edge of plows placing snow back into already plowed driveways. This is not intentional.

More Information: DES (540)635-7819. Monday—Friday, 7:00a-3:30pm.

The members of the Board of Architectural Review (BAR) have begun to research articles on properties that are located in the Front Royal Historical District. The one featured this quarter is 218 Lee Street (Laura Virginia Hale House)



218 Lee Street is a modest house built circa 1910 by John Rittenour. It was constructed in the American Foursquare architectural style in German clapboard with balloon framing. Originally, the home was heated with a coal stove until it was replaced by an oil furnace in the 1940s. The home has porches on the front and back, as well as a standing seam metal roof. It is located just off of

Royal Avenue, at the base of Prospect Hill Cemetery and within the boundaries of the Battle of Front Royal. Mr. Rittenour also built 214, 222 and 232 Lee Street, all of which are part of the Front Royal Historic District. The houses have been inhabited by skilled laborers and their families. One such family was Arthur Hale.

Laura Virginia was the oldest daughter of Arthur Hale. When she was 7 years old she contracted polio. The virus left her permanently crippled with limited use of her hands. Although she could no longer walk, and had to write by holding her pen in her mouth, Laura Virginia continued to pursue her education. Her family first employed tutors at home, but she was later able to attend several years at Warren County High thanks to her brothers who carried her to class. Laura Virginia lived in the house for most of her life and a number of features were done to accommodate her handicaps. For example, the back porch was enclosed to make a bedroom and bathroom for her. In addition, a cement ramp was built on the side of the front porch for her wheel chair. As an adult, Laura Virginia became renowned for her history books and articles on the events and people of Warren County. She amassed an extensive research library in the dining room that she used as her office. Laura Virginia Hale died in 1987 at the age of 86. Her extensive archives became the foundation of the Laura Virginia Hale Archive located at the Warren County Historical Society on Chester Street.

HAPPY NEW YEAR



Envision Front Royal

Thank you for your Participation!

The Town of Front Royal Planning Commission is pleased with the public participation over the past several months during the visioning process. The ideas shared by residents and businesses at www.envisionfrontroyalva.com and during the two public workshops are now being incorporated into the Town Vision. A final visioning document is anticipated to be presented to Town Council and the Planning Commission on December 4, 2013 at 7PM in the Town Administration Building. As we move forward in 2014, the Planning Commission will be looking ahead to incorporate many of the ideas obtained during the visioning process into an updated Comprehensive Plan. Interested individuals or businesses can learn more by contacting the Town of Front Royal Department of Planning & Zoning at 540-635-4236.



Nuisance and Problem Wildlife

If you are having problems with wildlife (groundhogs, skunks, opossums, bears, etc.) please call the Virginia Game and Inland Fisheries at (804)367-1000 or visit www.dgif.virginia.gov for names and numbers of licensed trappers in Warren County. The Town is not authorized or certified to trap wildlife.

Front Royal Business Offices Closings

Tuesday, December 24 in observance of Christmas Eve—Trash/Recycling will be picked up Friday, December 27

Wednesday, December 25 in observance of Christmas Day—Trash/Recycling will be picked up Thursday, December 26

Wednesday, January 1 in observance of New Year's Day—Trash/Recycling will be picked up Thursday, January 2

Monday, January 20 in observance of Martin Luther King Day—Trash/Recycling will be picked up Wednesday, January 22

Monday, February 17 in observance of President's Day—Trash/Recycling will be picked up Wednesday, February 19

NO YARD WASTE or CHRISTMAS TREE COLLECTIONS ON HOLIDAY WEEKS.

WEDNESDAY COLLECTIONS END JANUARY 22 FOR SEASON

