

City of Martinsville



The Grapevine



August 2012

City Of Martinsville "Shared Vision" – As faithful stewards of the public trust, we will create, in partnership with the citizens of Martinsville and the surrounding region, a strong, innovative, and unified community where every citizen may have the opportunity to become self-sufficient with satisfaction, pride and a high quality of life.

Virginia's Back-to-School Sales Tax Holiday Returns August 3-5

~ School Supplies, Clothing and Footwear will be Exempt from Sales Tax ~

RICHMOND – If you're among the thousands of Virginia parents preparing to send their children back to school, it's time to start getting your shopping list together. The Commonwealth's seventh annual back-to-school Sales Tax Holiday returns in August, just in time to help Virginians save some money.

During this three-day event, which begins Friday, Aug. 3, and runs through Sunday, Aug. 5, most school supplies costing \$20 or less each and clothing items and footwear priced at \$100 or less each will be exempt from Virginia's 5 percent state and local sales tax. The list of tax-exempt items is the same as last year and includes such products as pens, pencils, loose leaf ruled notebook paper, scissors, binders, backpacks, construction paper, sneakers, dresses, jeans and T-shirts.

"What better way to beat the summer heat than to go out and shop and support Virginia businesses," said Governor Bob McDonnell. "Of the Commonwealth's three sales tax holidays, this is the most popular because it helps parents around the state save money while purchasing essential school supplies, clothing and shoes to help their children have a successful year at school. But it's also important to remember that you don't have to be going back to school to take advantage of these savings. Who doesn't want to save money on office supplies and summer clothes?"

An all-inclusive list of school supplies, a list of exempt clothing and footwear items, holiday guidelines for shoppers and retailers, and answers to frequently asked questions are available on the Department's Sales Tax Holiday Information Center at www.tax.virginia.gov.

As long as each item purchased qualifies for the exemption, there is no limit on the number of items you can buy. During this sales tax holiday, retailers may also choose to save taxpayers even more by absorbing the sales tax, or paying it themselves, on items that are not eligible for exemption. The retailers must then pay the sales tax themselves on such sales.

AUGUST BIRTHDAYS

AMANDA	SHOUP	5
KAREN	HARRISON	6
DEBORAH	SCEARCE	7
CYNTHIA	CARSON	9
DOUGLAS	WICKHAM	9
ROBBIN	ACORD	9
RYAN	EMBERSON	9
CARMAN	MCDOWELL	10
JACKIE	DILLARD	10
KAREN	MAYS	11
ROY	PRILLAMAN	12
KEVIN	CLIFTON	12
BILLY	RUSSO	12
KAREN	THISSE	13
RANDALL	GLOVER	15
JAMES	HOPKINS	15
ROBERT	MILLS	18
DAVID	MENA	18
MARK	SPENCER	18
MIKE	KAHLE	19
RANDY	MILLNER	20
CATHY	BURTON	21
EDDIE	FRAZIER	21
ANDY	PETTY	23
DONN	SHUMATE	23
RICKY	HUNDLEY	25
PAMELA	SHOEMAKER	27
TIM	REED	27
ROY	DONAVANT	28
DOUG	GRAHAM	30
DONNIE	BROOKS	31
WESLEY	BROOKS	31

Walgreens becomes in-network retail pharmacy as of September 15, 2012

For Anthem participants, we are pleased to share with you that Express Scripts and Walgreens have finally reached an agreement for Walgreens to participate as an in-network retail pharmacy and as a result our members will be able to use their pharmacy benefit at Walgreens stores beginning September 15, 2012.

Comings and Goings....let's say good-bye to Henry Hall (Public Works).

Service Milestones Reached in August

Tonija Hairston	Sheriff	15 years
Teddy Anderson	Fire	15 years
Marcus Clark	Waste Water Plant	15 years
Jeffery Nelson	Public Works	5 years

Total Calls Taken In The Month Of June

☎ Police – 2,189 ☎ Fire – 45 ☎ EMS – 243

Each month this year, one employee could win a \$25 Kroger gift card.

The winner for July is:

Calvin Cabiness (Public Works)

Just a reminder to get the additional \$220 contribution to your Health Savings Account, you will need to provide documentation of an annual physical. Forms to be completed by your doctor are available in HR.

Also, you will not be able to use your Fulton debit cards after July 31st due to the change to H S A Bank. If you haven't received your new debit card let HR know.

Hugo's
FOOD • SPORTS • SPIRITS
JEFFERSON PLAZA
UPTOWN MARTINSVILLE

Wine Tasting Dinner
Stanburn Winery

Friday, August 24TH 6pm to 9pm

Dinner and Wine \$25.00 per person

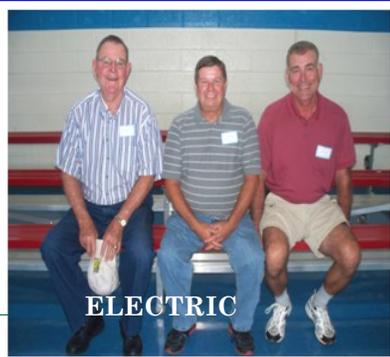
Reservations Required

Phone: 276-632-3663 for more information



Condolences go out to Doug Wood (Water Plant) in the death of his father Alvin Wood on July 17th...Karen Walker (City Manager's Office) in the death of her father-in-law Harvey Walker on July 22nd.....

HAPPY NEW YEAR An extra holiday has been added to the Commonwealth of Virginia's calendar for 2012. City and Constitutional employees will now get New Year's Eve, December 31, 2012.



ELECTRIC



FIRE



POLICE

Pictures from the Retiree Luncheon at the Armory on June 28th



PUBLIC WORKS



FINANCE & CONSTITUTIONAL