

FIRE & EMS DEPARTMENT

James Hill, Firefighter, and wife are the proud parents of a new baby girl. Tamia Ollie Hill was born February 17, 2008 weighing 7 lbs. 7 oz.

We presently have three interns from Martinsville High School. Alan Nunn and Jessica Davis are EMS interns and Cody Draper is Fire intern.

The statewide burning ban in effect now includes the City of Martinsville. This limits most burning in the City to 4:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. If any questions call Fire Marshal, Ted Anderson.

--Jane Toler

SENIOR CENTER

The Martinsville Senior Center sponsored a Valentine's Day Dance on Tuesday, Feb.12, 2008 at Rangeley Ruritan Bldg. Thirty-one seniors attended. The Plantation Band provided entertainment. Senior Center staff filled Valentine treat bags for seniors and they were given to all seniors attending activities at the Senior Center.

Medi Home Care provided a blood pressure screening for 19 seniors on February 14.

A press release was sent to all local media announcing details of the upcoming Community Diabetes Day to be held at the Senior Center on Friday, Feb. 29th.

An itinerary was completed for the upcoming Mystery Trip scheduled for April 29. Call the Senior Center if you are interested in this trip.

--Betsy Pace

HUMAN RESOURCES

Eighteen newly promoted employees recently completed training for the "Newly Appointed Supervisory" which was sponsored by the Human Resources Office and provided by Cian Robinson and PHCC. Sexual harassment prevention training has been scheduled for all City employees and supervisors; GH Vaughan, the City's EAP Coordinator, will provide the training. Dr. Vaughan will also talk with holders of Commercial Driver's Licenses and their immediate supervisors regarding DOT standards and what behaviors are expected of those employees who hold a CDL.

--Iris Read

POLICE

2/14/08 - 2/20/08

Traffic Summons - 66

Calls for Service - 501

Incident Base Reports - 24

Reportable Criminal Arrest - 23

Martinsville Police Dept. Cop unit officers C.A. Gravely and Sgt. Farley did a Crime Prevention presentation on Stranger Danger and the consequences for making the wrong choices. Students participated in different scenario's on how to react when you are approached by a stranger. Students were also shown a demonstration of someone being arrested and placed in Martinsville City Jail Inmates orange top & bottom. Discussed what the Martinsville City Jail Cell Rules consist of for males and females. The group consisted of ninety-five Kindergarten thru fifth grade students.

--Amber Fulcher

PUBLIC WORKS

Contract work on removal of the asbestos roofing and floor tile at the former PHCC Uptown and Fuller Tire buildings has been completed and efforts are now underway to proceed with demolition; continuing with efforts to relocate the drop-off recycling containers; met with a private contractor who handles recycling in southwest Virginia to discuss possible options for our area; Jeff Joyce attended a Federal Emergency Management Association sponsored training session on emergency debris removal planning.

--Leon Towarnicki

COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT

A session for receiving applications for inclusion onto the waiting list of the Housing Choice Voucher Program was conducted on February 21st at the National Guard Armory. Forty – eight applications were received. The next session is scheduled for March 21st, also at the Armory. Individuals desiring to obtain an application should contact 403 – 5190 and leave their name and contact information. An application will be mailed to them at that time. NO APPLICATIONS WILL BE GIVEN OR ACCEPTED AT THE HOUSING SERVICES OFFICE.

--Wayne Knox





WATER RESOURCES

Water Treatment Plant personnel have recently completed a two-year effort to design and construct covers over two concrete raw-water settling basins behind the plant. The covers will shield the sun, thereby minimizing chlorine usage by significantly reducing chlorine dissipation caused by sun exposure. Reduced usage will mean less opportunity for chlorine to react with normal organics in the water to form objectionable disinfection by-products, plus reduce chemical costs and improve disinfection uniformity. This major construction was accomplished using innovative methods and without assistance from contractors, resulting in significant savings for the City.

—John Dyches