

IN THE CITY

POLICE

9/11/08 - 9/17/08

Traffic Summons - 38

Calls for Service - 470

Incident Base Reports - 21

Reportable Criminal Arrest - 25

Martinsville Police Department Community Policing Unit Officers C. A. Gravely and T. J. Slaughter participated in a Child Safety Seat Day held at Axton Life Saving Crew. This program was sponsored by Marsha Franchok, Cill State Representative of National Highway Transportation Safety Authority and Tobin Allen, State Health Child Passenger Safety Regional Coordinator from Richmond.

Thirty child safety seats were installed and inspected. The parents were also taught how to properly install their child's safety seat.

Motor vehicle crashes are the leading cause of death and injury to young children. When transporting a child in a motor vehicle, the law requires that you must properly use a child restraint system.

--Amber Fulcher

SENIOR CENTER

The Senior Center collected fifty-one old cell phones and mailed them to RMS Communications in Florida to be recycled and then distributed to local seniors for the purpose of calling 911 only. The recycled phones will be shipped back to the Senior Center along with batteries and chargers for each phone. Any senior needing a phone for the purpose of calling 911 only should call the Senior Center at 403-5260. The Martinsville Police Department and the Martinsville Sheriff's office are also participating in

the 911 Cell Phone Program.

Almost Country provided entertainment for 20 seniors at Rangeley Ruritan Bldg. for the Tuesday evening dance on September 16.

News releases were distributed to all local media announcing the Senior Hot Dog Roast & Dance to be held on October 17 at the Fieldale Park Picnic Shelter. Sponsors for the event are the Senior Center, Henry County Parks & Recreation and Bassett Funeral Services.

--Betsy Pace

COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT

The Homebuyers Club began scheduling one-on-one sessions for potential homebuyers. The first sessions are to begin on September 24. Interested parties can contact the Community Development Office for an application and appointment.

Applications for Housing Choice Voucher assistance (Section 8) are still being accepted. Interested parties can call (276) 403-5190 and leave their name, mailing address, and an application will be sent to them.

The Virginia Downtown Development Association has selected MURA as a recipient for an Award of Excellence, for its "Tasty Saturdays" program. It will be presented this award at its 24th Annual Conference on October 2 in Portsmouth, Virginia.

--Wayne Knox

REGISTRAR

The deadline to register to vote for the November 4th Election is Monday, October 6.

--Ercell Cowan

