

IN THE CITY

POLICE

7/31/08 - 8/6/08
Traffic Summons - 38
Calls for Service - 529
Incident Base Reports - 40
Reportable Criminal Arrest - 21

On August 5, 2008 we had National Night Out which is an annual event designed to raise awareness and strengthen participation in local crime prevention efforts. There were five "block party" locations in the city where National Night Out was celebrated from 6:00-8:30 p.m. These include the following: Chatham Heights Baptist Church at 1235 Chatham Road, McCabe Memorial Baptist Church at 107 Clearview Drive, Wesley Memorial United Methodist Church at 824 Starling Avenue, Ridgeview Apartment Complex at 1130 Ridge Road, and the Dana O. Baldwin Park on Swanson Street. There were numerous covered dish items provided by members of the Neighborhood Watch groups. The City of Martinsville provided drinks, napkins, plates, and hot dogs. In addition, the city wishes to thank the many sponsors who have contributed food donations for this year's event. They include the following: Biscuitville, Bojangle's, Chick-Fil-A, the Coca-Cola Company, Subway, and Taco Bell.

On August 6, 2008 the Martinsville Police Department was contacted by the Woodbridge New Jersey Police Department about information they had received in reference to Allen Lashaun Eaford, who was wanted in connection with a homicide in Woodbridge, N.J. The suspect was located on Second Street and was taken into custody without incident. MPD Chief Mike Rogers expressed his appreciation for the teamwork among both law enforcement agencies involved which resulted in the safe apprehension of a very dangerous suspect. He added that incidents such as this one make him very proud of the men and women providing law enforcement in the community.

- Amber Fulcher

UNITED WAY CAMPAIGN

City employees raised \$263 this week during our United Way Employee Bake Sale fundraiser. The employee campaign is now over 60% of our goal and everyone's efforts are greatly appreciated. United Way sponsored organizations touch many lives.

Thanks to all the cooks, those who brought the goodies, and everyone who was willing to eat them, to the Finance Department and Wanda Jessup for managing the funds.

Wanda will continue selling 50/50 tickets every day up to the hot dog lunch next Wednesday, the drawing will be that afternoon.

An employee hot dog lunch will be next Wednesday, August 13, from 11:30 am to 1:30 pm, at the Fire Dept. For \$2, employees will get two juicy hot dogs with trimmings, a bag of chips, cookie, and a soda. All proceeds will go to the United Way employee campaign.



-Employee United Way Team Members

SENIOR CENTER

On July 30 and August 6 Barbara Shrader presented a series of programs to twenty Nutrition Site participants. Topics included Tips to Avoid Salmonella, Green Living - 5 ways to cut your automobile's carbon emissions, Safe driving for seniors, and more.

The Senior Center is sponsoring a trip to the Wohlfahrt Haus in Wytheville, VA to see the musical "Seven Brides for Seven Brothers" on Sept. 19. Payment deadline is August 15. Please call the Senior Center at 403-5260 for more information on any upcoming trips.

-- Betsy Pace

