

IN THE CITY

POLICE

4/24/08 - 4/30/08

Traffic Summons - 82

Calls for Service - 563

Incident Base Reports - 51

Reportable Criminal Arrest - 28

Martinsville Police Department Cop unit Officer C. A. Gravely held a neighborhood watch meeting for residents at Ridgeview Apartments Complex. Officer Gravely spoke on apartment security and safety for the children on the play ground. The group also discussed some of the problems in their neighborhood. The group met the new Community Manager Gayle McGhee. Each participate were given Neighborhood Watch booklets, decals, and crime prevention material.

MPD and Henry County Sheriff's Office Cop Units held the Martinsville/Henry County Teen Academy at the National Guard Armory. The class was on drug identification and use, and was conducted by Sgt. Muse from the National Guard. Students talked about the negative effects of drugs and alcohol on the human body.

-Amber Fulcher

SENIOR CENTER

Forty-nine seniors attended the Mystery trip sponsored by the Senior Center on April 29. The destination was Sanford, NC where the group visited the Alston House, also known as "House-in-the Horseshoe." The home is recognized as one of North Carolina's historic sites. A Revolutionary War skirmish took place at the home between the Loyalist (Tory) and Rebel (Whig) militias.

Press releases were sent out requesting volunteers for the fishing clinic. Also, Senior Center staff has been busy preparing for the Senior Health Fair & Craft Show to be held on May 8 at Laurel Park's Lancer Hall from 8:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m. A barbecue lunch will be served from 12-12:30p.m. All local seniors 50 years of age and older are invited to attend.

Call the Senior Center at 403-5260 for

questions regarding any of our activities.

-Betsy Pace

REGISTRAR'S OFFICE

The office has been busy preparing for the May 6 City Council Election and held a training meeting for the officers of the election on Thursday night. We have mailed absentee ballots to those requesting them and processed the voters who came into the office to vote absentee.

The Electoral Board programmed the voting equipment for Tuesday's election.

Ray Carr has been appointed to the Electoral Board filling the vacancy that has been open since March 1.

-Ercell Cowan

FIRE & EMS

Congratulations to Firefighter Todd Owen for winning the "Diva's of the Night" contest. It raised a lot of money for a good cause, and we are really proud of him for participating.

Matt Daniels, a volunteer at Martinsville Fire & EMS, was named Explorer Leader of the Year by the Patrick Henry District of Boy Scouts of America. He implemented and is leader of the Explorer Program here at the Fire Department.

Calls for the past week include 41 EMS and 10 for fire service.

-Jane Toler

COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT

The Residents Advisory Board of the Housing Choice Voucher Program met on Tuesday, April 29 at the Artisans' Center. Our community planner, Tiffani Underwood resigned to accept the position of executive director of the West Piedmont Business Development Center. Kris Bridges, Combination Code Inspector, and Fred Gordon, Building Official attended the Virginia Building Code Official Association workshop in Charlottesville, VA. On April 28th. Wayne Knox participated in a Youth Leadership Session on April 21 in City Council Chambers.

-Wayne Knox

