

IN THE CITY

POLICE

1/24/08 - 1/30/08

Traffic Summons - 72

Calls for Service - 458

Incident Base Reports - 19

Reportable Criminal Arrest - 20

Sgt. W. M. Farley conducted a fraud recognition presentation to the Altrusa Club at the Dutch Inn in Collinsville. There were approximately 15 people in attendance.

Cop unit officers T. J. Slaughter, C. A. Gravely, and Sgt. Farley attended CHILL, HEY! , and Prevention Partners & Families First Community Champion Awards Celebration Dinner. Speaker for this event was Rory Aplanalp speaking on "Make a Difference". Katie Connelly, Community Organizer, presented Chief Michael E. Rogers of the Martinsville Police Department with the Community Champion Award. Officer C.A. Gravely received a certificate of appreciation in recognition of valuable contributions to our community efforts in HEY!. Eighty citizens attended this event.

Cop unit officer C.A. Gravely and Sgt. Marshall Farley attended the 2008 Virginia Law Enforcement Special Olympics Regional Meeting for Region 9. This meeting was held at Ryan's Steakhouse, and the main topic of discussion was events that can be held to raise money for the Special Olympics. The Martinsville Police Department is planning a "Guitar Hero" tournament to be held at the Liberty Fair Mall this spring.

-Amber Fulcher

PUBLIC WORKS

Construction crews are continuing with curb and gutter work on Sylvan Avenue as weather permits. Preliminary engineering work is progressing on the Cherry Street project. Crews have completed removal of old City welcome signs in preparation for installation of the new signs; reviewed bids for removal of asbestos related to several demolition projects. We are working with Gateway Streetscape to put in new

mulch in the Uptown tree boxes; continuing with work on several Internet/telephone service agreements, and held the monthly shop supervisors meeting.

--Leon Towarnicki

SENIOR CENTER

Six seniors met at Druid Lanes Bowling Alley on January 25 for the new "Winter Senior Bowling League" - It's not to late to get in on the fun - any seniors 50 years of age and older interested in bowling on Friday mornings please come and join us.

The Spring Mystery trip has been scheduled for April 29 - Itineraries should be mailed out next week.

The Senior Center has been corresponding with Collins-McKee Stone Funeral Services and Smith River Community Bank regarding sponsoring the Senior Health Fair & Craft Show in May. This event is held in conjunction with Henry County Parks & Recreation.

--Betsy Pace

INFORMATION SERVICES

New city e-mail addresses were established for all city council members. These are accesible through the city website, at www.ci.martinsville.va.us/Council. This will make communication via e-mail with the public more convenient.

--Esther Artis

COMMUNICATIONS

Tonya Rumley has transitioned from Public Works to the Communications Department. Her responsibilities will consist of a diverse mixture of administrative duties, as well as photographic and creative contributions, and citizen assistance via the phone and e-mail. She will also assist Doug Gibson and the Martinsville Mustangs with various administrative and public relations activities.

--Scott Coleman

