

**IN THE CITY**

**POLICE**

**1/22/09 - 1/28/09**

**Traffic Summons - 73**

**Calls for Service - 441**

**Incident Base Reports - 22**

**Reportable Criminal Arrest - 40**

**2009 YTD Calls for Service - 1,886**

Martinsville Police Department Community Policing Unit Officers C.A. Gravely, T.J. Slaughter and Sgt. Farley presented a crime prevention presentation at Martinsville High School. Topics included bullying, cyberbullying, law and parents responsibility. This program was sponsored by Martinsville City Public Schools Safe Schools/Safe Communities. The program was presented to nine hundred adults and students from the Martinsville and Henry County area.

MPD COP Unit Officer Gravely and Sgt. Farley presented a crime prevention presentation at Albert Harris Elementary School Boys & Girls Club Program regarding internet safety. Thirty parents and students attended this program.

Officer Gravely presented a crime prevention presentation on learning basic values in life and respecting yourself and others. Officer Gravely spoke with students about how values shape your attitude toward everything including family, school and friends. This program was attended by students in the GEMS program.

Officer Gravely attended CHILL & HEY! Community Task Force meeting held at Piedmont Community Services. The group discussed the upcoming event "Positive Choices for Youth Day" to be held on Friday, April 3 at the National Guard Armory.

**--Amber Fulcher**

**PUBLIC WORKS**

Public Works crews were busy this week removing several dead trees from Wilson Park and trimming and clearing vegetaion in the Jefferson Plaza parking lot behind Social Services.

Work continues on replacing damaged sidewalks and repairing holes in pavement. The annual work schedule for cleaning storm drainage catch basins will begin next week.

**--Jeff Joyce**

**SENIOR CENTER**

Eighty-nine seniors attended senior dances held at Rangeley Ruritan Building on January 13, January 20 & January 27. Providing entertainment for the dances were the Plantation Band, Almost Country and the Two Rivers Band.

Other activities for the month of January have included wellness programs for the nutrition site participants. Barbara Shrader presented programs concerning exercising with rheumatoid arthritis and eating well to help reduce your risk of cold and flu. Ashbrook Audiology also performed a free hearing screening for the nutrition site participants.

The Senior Supper club met at Jerry's Pizza on January 15 with six seniors attending. For The Children, Inc. held a blood pressure and blood glucose screening for twenty seniors on January 21.

Betsy Pace spoke on BTW 21 on January 28 concerning upcoming activities at the Senior Center.

**--Betsy Pace**

