

IN THE CITY

POLICE

10/30/08 - 11/5/08
Traffic Summons - 34
Calls for Service - 498
Incident Base Reports - 29
Reportable Criminal Arrest - 12
Total Year-to-date Calls for Service - 22,955

Martinsville Police Department Community Policing Unit Officer C.A. Gravely set up a crime prevention booth at Television Broadcasting Station BTW 21 for their Halloween festival. The officer handed out Martinsville Police Halloween Safety Bags, Martinsville Police Badge stickers, coloring books, and candy. Three hundred children and adults attended this event.

Martinsville Police Dept. Cop unit Officer C. A. Gravely along with Neighborhood Watch Captains held a Community Clean up Day for citizens and children of Starling Ave, Carter Street, Emmette Street, Forest Street, and Chalmers street. The group collected eight bags of trash from the streets.

"We really appreciate the effort put worth on this project. Our residents always answer the call and do what it takes to get the job done," said MPD Sergeant Marshall Farley.

After the cleanup, volunteers were treated to a hot dog lunch at Wesley Memorial United Methodist Church on Starling Avenue.

-Amber Fulcher



The "new look" Martinsville Police Cruisers hit the streets this weekend with a black and white-base paint scheme and new, unique MPD badging. This will help set the patrol cars apart from other local emergency vehicles.

-Tim Porter

SENIOR CENTER

The Martinsville Dept. of Leisure Services along with Henry County Parks & Recreation co-sponsored the 11th Annual Goblin Gallop on Saturday, October 25. Despite the rainy weather, this year's 5K-foot race drew 122 runners – the largest turnout since the race's inception in the late 1990's. Registration before the race took place at the former Druid Hills Elementary School. The runners started the race down the street from the school, wound around Lake Lanier and ended on Indian Trail.

After the race the runners were treated to pumpkin pie and fruit served by the Leisure Services Dept. In order to ensure the race's success the Leisure Services Dept. completed many pre-race duties and set up chairs and tables the day of the race.

Leisure Services staff on hand at the race were: Volunteer Bea Gusler, Cricket Hankins, Tabatha Penn, and Sonya Penn; as well as Donna Harris, Ed Semones, and Betsy Pace, from the Senior Center.

The City Public Works Dept. and the City Police Dept. also assisted with the race.

The Goblin Gallop is a fund-raiser for Breast Cancer research.

-- Betsy Pace

COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT

Congratulations are in order for the Martinsville Housing Services Office, staffed by Yvonne Gravely, Tammy Thacker and Ms. Cecil Lowe! The office has been rated as a "high performer" for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2008. This rating is a result of the Section 8 Management Assessment Program (SEMAP) which is conducted annually. Our office achieved the maximum score of 100% on its assessment. It is indicative of the hard work and cooperation that has been put forth in addressing the needs of our residents of Martinsville and Henry County. Ted Anderson, newly appointed Building Official/ Fire Marshal, completed his first week in his new position.

-Wayne Knox

