

**CITY COUNCIL  
AGENDA  
May 9, 2017  
7:30 p.m.**

- 1. Opening of meeting by Mayor Steve Morris.**
- 2. Invocation by Reverend Jim Nelson, Pastor of First Baptist Church. (Rockingham)**
- 3. Amendments and Changes to Agenda.**
- 4. Consent Agenda:**
  - A. Disposition of Minutes of the April 11, 2017 Regular Meeting.**
  - B. Tax Collector's Report. (See Pages 4-8 )**

**Informational Items:**

- 1.) Monthly Collection Report**
- 2.) Uncollected Taxes as of April 30, 2017**

**Action Items:**

- 1.) Refunds per County Assessor's Office.**
- 2.) Discovery bills added to Tax Scroll.**
- 3.) Releases per County Assessor's Office.**

- 5. Business by Planning Board.**
  - A. Set Public Hearing.**
  - B. Hold Public Hearing.**

Rezoning Request: Hold public hearing for a request to rezone approximately 0.41 acre located at 267 Yates Hill Road and identified as Richmond County PIN #7463-03-03-6198 from Rural Residential (R-20) to Neighborhood Business (B-1) **(See Pages 9-10 & map inserts)**

- C. Minutes from Various Boards. (enclosed separately)**

- 6. Presentation of proposed FY 2017/2018 Rockingham City Budget. *(Proposed FY2017/2018 Budget document delivered separately)***
- 7. Set Public Hearing on proposed FY 2017/2018 Rockingham City Budget for regular City Council meeting on June 13, 2017.**
- 8. Set date and time for FY2017-18 Budget Work Session/Planning Retreat.**
- 9. Consideration of Approval of Audit Contract for year end June 30, 2017 with Anderson Smith & Wike, PLLC *(contract included separately in packet)*.**

Anderson Smith & Wike, PLLC has conducted the City's audit in a very satisfactory manner for many years. The enclosed audit proposal and terms of service are similar to prior years and approval of audit contract with Anderson Smith & Wike is recommended.

- 10. Business by City Clerk.**
  - A. List of Upcoming June Board Appointments *(new and/or reappointments)* enclosed for your review & consideration. (List enclosed separately)**
- 11. Business by Visitors.**
- 12. Business by City Clerk.**
- 13. Business by City Manager.**
- 14. Business by City Attorney.**
- 15. Items of discussion by City Council Members.**
- 16. Business by Mayor.**
  - A. Issue Proclamation in Honor of Memorial Day Observance and designating Saturday, May 27, 2017 as a local "Day to Honor Our Deceased Veterans". (See Page 11)**
  - B. Issue Proclamation recognizing May 7-13, 2017 as "Municipal Clerks Week". (See Page12)**
  - B. Issue Proclamation recognizing May as "Older Americans Awareness Month" in Rockingham. (See Page 13)**
- 17. Adjournment.**

**Rockingham, NC**

**City Council Agenda**

**SUPPORT DOCUMENTS**



**UNCOLLECTED TAXES**

<b>YEAR</b>	<b>AMOUNT</b>	<b>Apr-17</b>
2016	53,386.04	
2015	26,110.10	
2014	19,495.17	
2013	17,402.42	
2012	13,319.66	
2011	12,356.22	
2010	10,989.44	
2009	9,631.72	
2008	7,890.64	
2007	4,945.48	
2006	3,829.87	
	53,386.04	Total Current Year
	125,970.72	Total Past Years
	179,356.76	Total All Years









**Staff Report to Planning and Zoning Board**  
**Agenda Item: IV.A**  
**April 4, 2017**

**Issue:**

Rezoning Request: Samuel Lyn Dunn has submitted a request to rezone approximately 0.41 acre located at 267 Yates Hill Road and identified as Richmond County PIN # 7463-03-03-6198 from Rural Residential (R-20) to Neighborhood Business (B-1).

**Background:**

On March 17, 2017, Samuel Lyn Dunn submitted a request to rezone approximately 0.41 acre located at 267 Yates Hill Road from Rural Residential (R-20) to Neighborhood Business (B-1). The City Council just approved a rezoning for the subject property from Neighborhood Business (B-1) to Rural Residential (R-20) in December 2016 at the request of the previous property owner (Tim Price).

Samuel Lyn Dunn recently purchased the property and desires to use it for a neighborhood-oriented commercial use. The subject property contains a building that was previously used for commercial purposes and most recently was a day care center. The previous owner found leasing the building for commercial uses difficult; and requested the rezoning from B-1 to R-20 in order to convert the building to a single-family residential use. The conversion of the building to a residence never occurred.

As stated in Section 3.01 of the UDO, the R-20 zone is intended to be applied to sparsely developed areas outside the city limits where municipal services are not available and promote extremely low-density residential development and agricultural related uses. The B-1 zone is intended to accommodate and provide for the development of small, neighborhood-oriented commercial activities strategically located to offer goods and services to the surrounding residential areas that are typically considered non-offensive in nature and compatible with residential uses in close proximity.

**Staff Comments:**

1. A copy of a zoning map and aerial map illustrating the location of the subject property is included in the agenda packet for the Board's review.
2. The approval of the rezoning request will constitute spot zoning. As has been discussed in previous rezoning cases, spot zoning is not illegal if determined to be reasonable and in the public interest. Legal precedent has established several factors for determining if a particular spot zoning is reasonable including consideration of the size of the tract; compatibility with an existing comprehensive plan; the impact of the zoning decision on the landowner, the immediate neighbors, and the surrounding community; and the relationship between the newly allowed uses in a spot rezoning and the previously allowed uses.
3. In 2003, the City Council rezoned the subject property from R-20 to B-1 (same as current request) at the request of a previous property owner who wanted to establish a neighborhood-oriented commercial use of the property. At the time, the City Council determined the previous owner's request was appropriate and met the criteria for legal spot zoning.
4. The City's land use plan discusses the importance of neighborhood-oriented commercial developments at key intersections for the purpose of providing goods and services to the surrounding residential areas. The plan identifies several key intersections where neighborhood commercial development exists and several key intersections where neighborhood commercial

development is desirable. The plan did not identify the intersection of Yates Hill Road and Midway Road as one of those neighborhood commercial nodes. This is not to say however, that a commercial node at Yates Hill Road and Midway Road is not desirable. The proximity of the intersection from other commercial nodes and segments is of sufficient distance that the surrounding residential area may benefit from neighborhood-oriented commercial development at the intersection. This was a significant factor in the City Council's previous decision to spot zone the subject property as requested.

**Staff Recommendation:**

City staff recommends the Board review the request and recommend the City Council rezone the subject property from R-20 to B-1 as requested by the applicant.

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**Planning Board Recommendation:**

The Planning Board reviewed the request on May 2, 2017 and recommended unanimously the City Council rezone the subject property as requested.

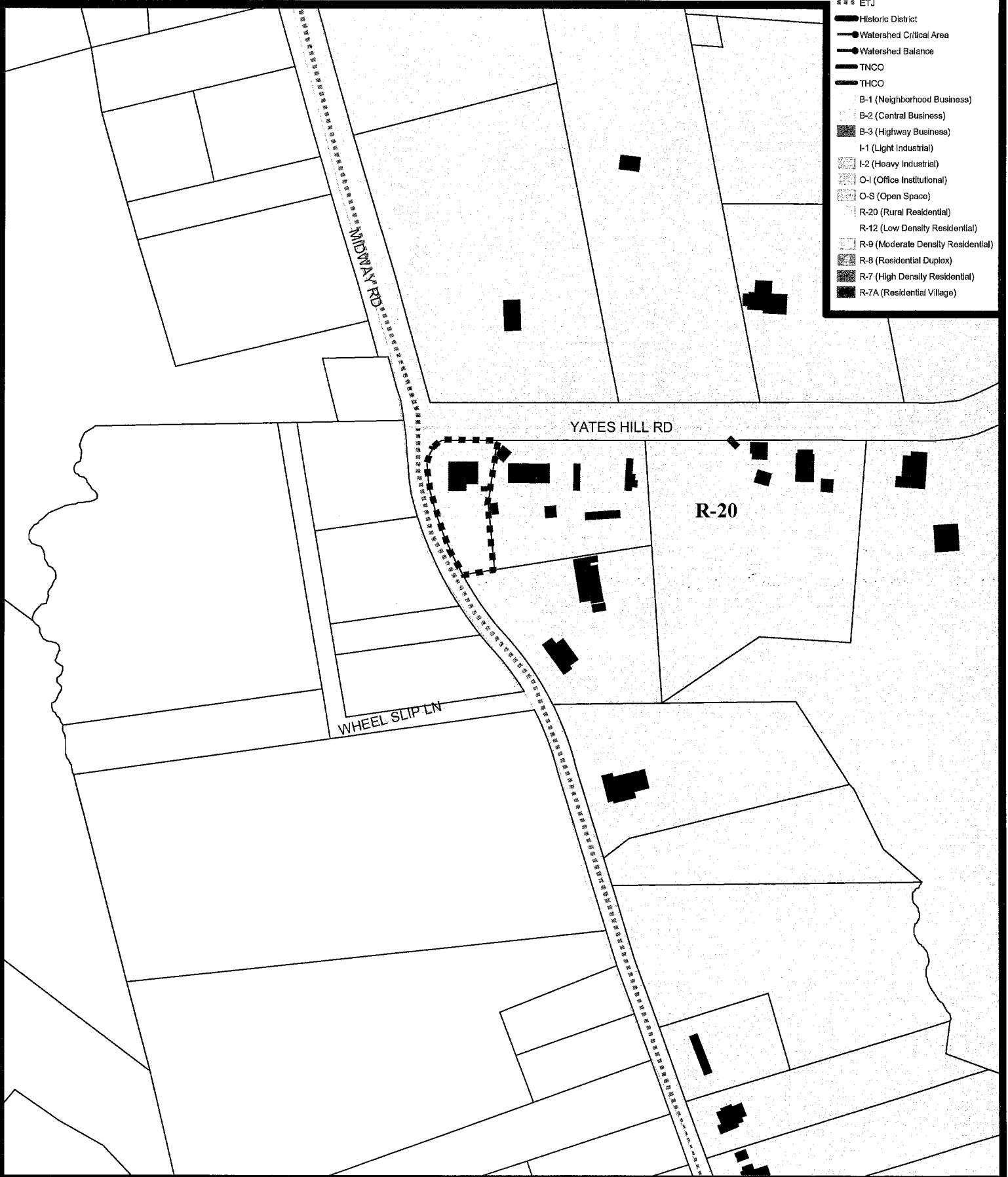


# Samuel Lyn Dunn Rezoning Request (R-20 to B-1)



Scale:  
1" = 200'

- Subject Property
- Property Lines (2012)
- AE (Floodplain)
- SHADED X (Floodplain)
- AEFW (Floodway)
- Street Names
- Address Data
- City Limits
- ETJ
- Historic District
- Watershed Critical Area
- Watershed Balance
- TNCO
- THCO
- B-1 (Neighborhood Business)
- B-2 (Central Business)
- B-3 (Highway Business)
- I-1 (Light Industrial)
- I-2 (Heavy Industrial)
- O-1 (Office Institutional)
- O-S (Open Space)
- R-20 (Rural Residential)
- R-12 (Low Density Residential)
- R-9 (Moderate Density Residential)
- R-8 (Residential Duplex)
- R-7 (High Density Residential)
- R-7A (Residential Village)





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**PROCLAMATION**

**MEMORIAL DAY OBSERVANCE  
Saturday, May 27, 2017**

**WHEREAS**, the observance of Memorial Day dates back to May of 1868 when it was officially proclaimed by General John Logan, national commander of the Grand Army of the Republic; and

**WHEREAS**, it was first observed on May 30, 1868 when flowers were placed on the graves of soldiers at Arlington National Cemetery; and

**WHEREAS**, New York (1873) was the first State to officially recognize the holiday and in May 1966 President Lyndon Johnson officially declared the birthplace of Memorial Day as Waterloo, NY; and

**WHEREAS**, the purpose of Memorial Day is to honor and remember those who died in our Nation's service; and

**WHEREAS**, Congress passed the National Holiday Act of 1971 resulting in the official Memorial Day holiday being observed on the last Monday in May; and

**WHEREAS**, there will be a local observance on Saturday, May 27, 2017 at 11:00 a.m. in the Richmond County Veterans' Memorial Park (adjacent to VFW Post 4203 in Rockingham); and

**WHEREAS**, the guest speaker for the observance is Dr. Mark Harris, Senior Pastor of First Baptist Church, Charlotte, North Carolina; and,

**WHEREAS**, the officials and citizens of Rockingham are appreciative and indebted to the men and women who have so gallantly served our Nation and given their all.

**NOW, THEREFORE, I, M. Steven Morris, Mayor of the City of Rockingham, NC do hereby Proclaim Saturday, May 27, 2017 as a local "Day to Honor Our Deceased Veterans"; and**

**FURTHERMORE, encourage our citizens to take part in various activities related to Memorial Day ceremonies and to educate our youth in the solemn spirit and sacredness of these observances.**

**This the 9<sup>th</sup> day of May, 2017.**

**Signed:** \_\_\_\_\_

**M. Steven Morris  
Mayor**

# Proclamation

*Municipal Clerks Week*

*May 7 - 13, 2017*

*Whereas, The Office of the Municipal Clerk, a time honored and vital part of local government exists throughout the world, and*

*Whereas, The Office of the Municipal Clerk is the oldest among public servants, and*

*Whereas, The Office of the Municipal Clerk provides the professional link between the citizens, the local governing bodies and agencies of government at other levels, and*

*Whereas, Municipal Clerks have pledged to be ever mindful of their neutrality and impartiality, rendering equal service to all.*

*Whereas, The Municipal Clerk serves as the information center on functions of local government and community.*

*Whereas, Municipal Clerks continually strive to improve the administration of the affairs of the Office of the Municipal Clerk through participation in education programs, seminars, workshops and the annual meetings of their state, provincial, county and international professional organizations.*

*Whereas, It is most appropriate that we recognize the accomplishments of the Office of the Municipal Clerk.*

*Now, Therefore, I, M. Steven Morris, Mayor of Rockingham, do recognize the week of May 7 through May 13, 2017, as Municipal Clerks Week, and further extend appreciation to our Municipal Clerk, Sabrina Y. McDonald, and to all Municipal Clerks for the vital services they perform and their exemplary dedication to the communities they represent.*

*Dated this \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 2017*

*Mayor \_\_\_\_\_  
M. Steven Morris, Mayor*

*Attest: \_\_\_\_\_  
City Clerk*

**“OLDER AMERICANS AWARENESS MONTH”  
May 2017  
PROCLAMATION**

**WHEREAS**, the City of Rockingham joins the nation in recognizing Older Americans Awareness Month in May 2017; and

**WHEREAS**, the City of Rockingham includes a community of approximately two thousand one hundred and seventeen (2117) older adults who richly contribute to our community; and

**WHEREAS**, the City of Rockingham acknowledges that what it means “to age” has changed for the better; and

**WHEREAS**, the City of Rockingham is committed to supporting older adults as they take charge of their health, explore new opportunities and activities, and focus on independence; and

**WHEREAS**, the City of Rockingham can provide opportunities to enrich the lives of individuals of all ages by, involving older adults in the redefinition of aging in our community; promoting home and community based services that support independent living; encouraging older adults to speak up for themselves and others; and providing opportunities for older adults to share their experiences.

**NOW, THEREFORE, I, M. Steven Morris, Mayor do hereby proclaim May 2017 as “Older Americans Awareness Month” in the City of Rockingham, NC; and**

**FURTHERMORE, urge every resident to take time during this month to acknowledge older adults and the people who serve them an influential and vital parts of our community.**

Adopted this the \_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_, 2017.

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M. Steven Morris, Mayor

ATTEST:

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Sabrina Y. McDonald, CMC City Clerk

**DEPARTMENTAL  
ACTIVITY REPORTS  
for  
COUNCIL'S INFORMATION**





FIRE CHIEF  
HAROLD ISLER  
ADMIN. ASST.  
KRISTY PLAYER

ASST. CHIEF

April-17

We are pleased to submit the monthly fire report on the activities undertaken by the Rockingham Fire Department during the month of April 2017.

Total Alarms:	<u>51</u>	In Town:	<u>51</u>	Out of Town:	<u>0</u>
Turn In Alarms:	<u>0</u>	Silent Alarms:	<u>51</u>	Structure:	<u>0</u>
Wrecks:	<u>31</u>	Alarm Malf:	<u>10</u>	Good Intent:	<u>2</u>
Service Call:	<u>2</u>	Vehicle fire :	<u>1</u>	Trash/outside fire:	<u>2</u>
Power line down:	<u>0</u>	Assist Ems:	<u>1</u>	Gas Leak/Spill:	<u>1</u>
Cooking fire:	<u>1</u>	Co detector:	<u>0</u>	Assist Police:	<u>0</u>
Electrical:	<u>0</u>	Smoke/odor removal:	<u>0</u>	Mutual aid:	<u>0</u>

**Hours Spent on Calls: 10 hours 17 minutes**

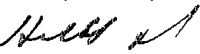
Total Property Exposed to Fire:	<u>\$285,000.00</u>
Total Property Damaged by Fire:	<u><u>\$2,550.00</u></u>
Total Property Saved:	<u><u>\$282,450.00</u></u>

During the month of April full time members of the fire department averaged 24 training hours per person; part-paid members averaged 6 hours per person for the month.

**Public Life & Safety:**

- ~Installed 6 car seats
- ~Station tour with 85 kids 6 adults. Washington Street School 2nd graders
- ~Participated with Cascades for the Hitchcock Creek clean up day
- ~All car seat technicians completed an upgrade class for the state
- ~April 24th the fire department completed their ISO inspection from the state

Respectfully Submitted,

  
Fire Chief  
Harold Isler

To: Monty Crump, City Manager  
From: Dave Davis, Recreation Director  
Date: May 3, 2017  
Subject: Activity Report

The following is an up-date on various activities involving our Recreation Department:

Youth Baseball/Softball – We have just over 400 children participating in these two programs for this coming season. The age range is 4-12 and we have three leagues each for both boys and girls. League play begins Monday, May 15<sup>th</sup>.

Summer – Registration for our summer programs of Day Camp and Swimming Lessons began Monday, May 1<sup>st</sup>. Day Camp will be in session Monday, June 12<sup>th</sup> through Friday, August 18<sup>th</sup>. The cost is \$65.00 per week. Swimming Lessons are divided into three sessions each lasting two weeks. The first session begins Monday, June 19<sup>th</sup>. The cost is \$40.00.

Lifeguard Training – Red Cross Lifeguard, First Aid, and CPR will be conducted at Browder Park May 15<sup>th</sup> – May 25<sup>th</sup>.

Browder Park Pool – Depending on the weather and availability of lifeguards we plan to open the first of next month.



# Rockingham Police Department



W.D. Kelly, Chief of Police

To: Monty Crump  
From: *W.D.* W. D. Kelly  
Chief of Police

Date: May 2, 2017  
Ref: April Activity Report

On behalf of the Rockingham Police Department, I am pleased to submit this report for your consideration. The following activities have been undertaken by officers of the Rockingham Police Department.

<b>Total Calls for the Month:</b>	<b>1416</b>
<b>Animal Control Calls:</b>	<b>60</b>
<b>Alarm Calls</b>	<b>123</b>
<b>Escorts:</b>	<b>75</b>
<b>Unlock Vehicles:</b>	<b>140</b>
<b>Charges Generating Arrest:</b>	
<b>Felonies:</b>	<b>39</b>
<b>Misdemeanors:</b>	<b>147</b>
<b>Drug Violations:</b>	<b>14</b>
<b>Juvenile:</b>	<b>2</b>
<b>Warrants Served:</b>	<b>147</b>
<b>Citations:</b>	<b>246</b>

**Accidents Reported/Investigated:**

<b>Property Damage only:</b>	<b>66</b>
<b>Personal Injury:</b>	<b>5</b>

<b>Officer Hours Spent in Court:</b>	<b>43</b>
<b>Officer Training Hours Logged</b>	<b>150</b>

**Items of Interest:**

Springfest was a huge success. The weather was great and fun was all around. A great way to ring in spring.

