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Holiday Lights Contest 2004

Get out the garland and lights, it's that time again! The best decorated house in Wasena will receive a **\$100 prize from the Wasena Neighborhood Forum.**

Judging will be some-time after December 15 and you will be notified in person if you win! Good luck and happy holidays to all!

Our Next Meeting...

The next meeting of the WNF, Inc. will be **Thursday, December 2, 2004 at 7:00 pm** in the multi-purpose room of Wasena Elementary School. This meeting will be very short and informal so that we can enjoy fellowship and refreshments with each other as we begin the Christmas season. Please join us!

Block Party 2004: Fun for Kids of all Ages!

What a fun time everyone had at this year's Block Party! There were watermelon eating contests, dance contests, hula hoop contests, trivia contests and games galore! Our own Sonny Widener was the best DJ ever and provided excellent entertainment. The volleyball tournament proved to be competitive, as always! Sheriff McMillan, who lead his team to victory, has the trophy displayed in his office for all to see.

Many thanks go out to all of the volunteers, Getty Mart for all the ice and drinks, Kroger Towers for the watermelons, and all the other donors listed below who contributed prizes for the gift bags. **Next year's Block Party will be September 10, 2005, so mark your calendars now!**

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Wasena's New Home on the World Wide Web!

Check out our new website at

<http://members.cox.net/wasena>

You can find many useful links to schools, local government and our neighborhood plan, as well as look up any old newsletters. This is a great tool for promoting our neighborhood to prospective residents. Please refer your friends to the site and check it out for yourself!

Implementing our Neighborhood Plan

There are many signs of progress around the neighborhood lately, namely the newly refurbished gateway sign at Sherwood and Main, but there are other new projects that are helping our neighborhood become more livable.

The City just finished installing curb, gutter and sidewalk on Valley Avenue, completing the sidewalk network for that part of the neighborhood. The WNF partnered with the City to install two stamped crosswalks across Main Street at Wasena Avenue.

"This is a small but significant step in restoring the Main Street village center", commented City Planner Frederick Gusler, who wrote the plan with input from Wasena residents.

Apartment needed

1 bedroom, \$300 - \$400 range
in Wasena
Please call Wayne Stanton at
342-5010



Crosswalk on Main Street (top) and new sidewalk on Valley Avenue (bottom) are visible improvements to our neighborhood.

New Concept Links Public Safety and Community

Greetings,

I would like to take this time to introduce myself. My name is **Lieutenant James Fazio** of the Roanoke Police Department. I was just promoted to this rank on July 16, 2004 and currently serve as the Lieutenant in charge of "Zone 3" (Southwest) under the police department's **Geographic Policing** initiative.

Before I explain how Geographic Policing works, I would like to give you a brief history of my career in law enforcement. I was hired with the Roanoke Police Department on April 9, 1985. I worked Patrol in the Northwest Section of the city until November of 1986 when I left Roanoke to work as a Police Officer in Broward County Florida. I worked as a Patrol officer and Motorcycle officer in Florida until October of 1988 when I decided to return to the Roanoke Valley. After returning to Roanoke, I patrolled the Southwest section of the city until I was transferred to the Vice Bureau. After a short period of time in Vice, I was transferred to the Traffic Bureau and worked as a Motorcycle officer until I volunteered to be one of the original members of the COPE Unit in 1991. After more than two years in COPE, I returned to the Traffic Bureau where I was assigned as a Bicycle officer in the Downtown area until I was promoted to Sergeant on September 30, 1997. My first year and a half as a Sergeant was spent in patrol in the Northwest section of the city. I was then transferred to the COPE Unit as a supervisor and remained there until October of 2001 when I was transferred back to patrol in the Northwest Section of the city.

Geographic Policing is an idea that Chief Gaskins presented some time ago in an effort to further the Department's commitment to Community Policing. The city has been divided into four "Zones," which border on the Interstate 581(220) corridor and the Norfolk and Southern railroad tracks. Zone 3 (Southwest) have four districts within its boundaries and staffing consists of myself, four Sergeants and 24-28 patrol officers. I am responsible for overseeing all operations in this zone 24 hours a day, seven days a week.

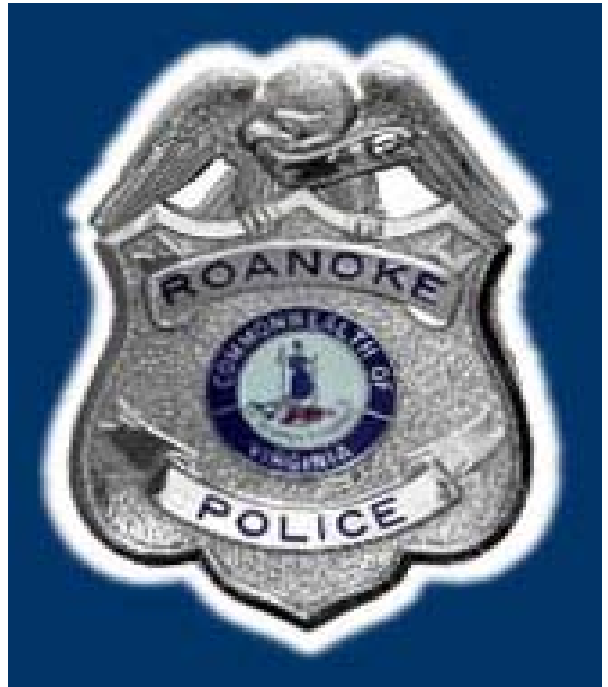
Although this may sound somewhat overwhelming, I am totally committed to the concept and believe that it will provide a much better "product" of policing to the citizens in the zones that they live in. All officers assigned to a zone will become more familiar with all of the people (good and bad) in that area because they will be assigned there every workday. We are hopeful that this will create more "ownership" on the part of the patrol officers and supervisors working in these areas due to accountability issues. We also believe that this will improve the communications between the citizens of Roanoke and the officers that patrol their areas due to them being more comfortable dealing with the same officers on a routine basis.

I am committed to improving and maintaining the quality of life in the neighborhoods of my assigned zone. My main objective is to develop a good working relationship with the citizens in Zone 3 and I feel this can be accomplished through proper communication. **I am asking that anyone who has concerns contact me by phone or e-mail at the following:**

Phone- (540)853-1634

E-Mail- James_Fazio@ci.roanoke.va.us

I look forward to assisting all of you and hope to make your area a "better" and "safer" place to live. Please do not hesitate to contact me at any time. If I am not in the office, I will check the voicemail routinely and get back with you as soon as I possibly can.



Happy Birthday!!!



December

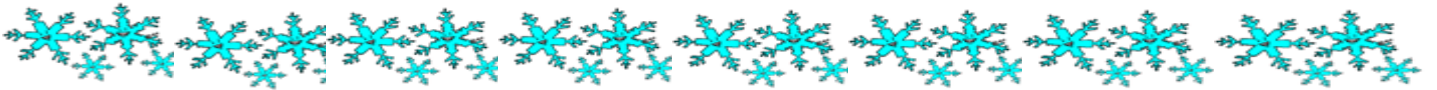
Tony Adams	28
Terry Aldhizer	9
Bill Dowdy	5
Chris Fabian	16
Donna Mollica	26
Tim Morgan	2
James Settle	21
Patsy Waters	3

January

Gabe Anderson	28
Dwayne Blankenship	6
Mary Crook	10
Drew Beck	11
Roddy Hidusky	3
Suzi Jansen	31
Louise Watts	30

February

Thomas Blue	20
Mark Hurley	14
Dale Locklier	25
Andy Lynch	7
Susan Mew	21
Joan Nash	21
Allen Shiplett	16
Sonny Widener	16



Happy Holidays

Wasena Neighborhood Forum



From the President:

As we begin the holiday season, may we all be reminded of the many blessings we have. I am so thankful for the many friends and neighbors I have in Wasena. I feel that this particular section of the Roanoke Valley is unique and much different than other areas of the city. We actually *do* know our neighbors and consider them friends.

I have also been blessed with those who have been faithful and willing participants in the WNF. Without these special people, the WNF would be nonexistent!

Many thanks to each one of you and to each family in Wasena. We truly have a great neighborhood!

Merry Christmas to you all!

Terri



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