

TRIAD News for April 11, 2012

The Radford City TRIAD group met on April 11, for the regular monthly meeting to discuss upcoming events, local scams and telephone safety. TRIAD secretary, Shonna Williams from the Radford City Sheriff's Office, greeted members and opened the meeting by distributing flyers containing information about the Radford Goes Green campaign.

April is Environmental Awareness Month and organizations throughout Radford have compiled a myriad of events to educate and inform citizens about ways to create a sustainable community. On April 28, 2012, citizens are encouraged to participate in the Kodiak Shred-a-thon located at Bisset Park and the Drug Take Back Program being held at the Radford Fire Department, located at, 1500 Wadsworth Street. If you have any questions about either of these events or other planned Radford Goes Green events, you can contact the Radford City Managers office at 731-3603.

Sheriff Mark Armentrout provided information reminding TRIAD members to be aware of scams circulating through the area. The Radford City Sheriff's Office is asking everyone to be cautious of calls in which a scammer will pretend to be a family member reporting they may be or have been arrested and need money wired to them immediately. Do not wire any money, especially if it is being wired out of the country; this should be reported to the Radford Department of Police at 731-3624.

Seniors should also be on the look out for seasonal scams. Spring is time for home improvement projects and everyone should watch out for scams such as driveway re-topping or paving and solicitations offering to do repairs on or around the property. If you have not contacted someone for estimates or services ask to see a Radford City business license and if you are suspicious, again, report this immediately to the Radford Department of Police.

Jim Martin AAMS, financial advisor from ING Financial Partners was this month's series guest speaker. The Radford ING Financial Partners office is located at 616W Main Street. If you would like to speak with a professional to create an investment plan, address changes to an existing financial plan or for advice about how to roll over your retirement or savings, Jim Martin can be reached at 693-4810.

For the year 2012 TRIAD members have participated in lectures given by local business owners and employees participating in the Focus on Business program. Focus on Business was developed by Sheriff Armentrout to be an outreach program to help build an efficient working relationship between businesses and the City of Radford. Contact the Radford City Sheriff's Office at 731-5501 if you have questions or are interested in the Focus on Business program.

The May 2012, TRIAD meeting will be held on May 9, in the large meeting room of the Radford Recreation Department at 10:30am. TRIAD meetings are free and everyone is welcome to attend. On behalf of the Radford City Sheriff's Office the Radford Department of Police and currently attending senior citizens we all hope to see you in May.