



TELLICO VILLAGE

NEIGHBORHOOD WATCH NEWSLETTER

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MESSAGE FROM 2017 HOA NEIGHBORHOOD WATCH CHAIR



Neighborhood Watch is a crime prevention and safety awareness program that stresses education and common sense. It informs citizens how to help themselves by identifying and reporting suspicious activity in their neighborhoods. It also provides citizens with the opportunity to make neighborhoods safer and improve overall quality of life.

The HOA recently announced an initiative with the leadership of Tellico Village's largest clubs to develop a new on-line membership and activity management system for all Villagers. The centralized web site for village information will be known as "TellicoLife". I am pleased to report that Neighborhood Watch has partnered with the HOA technology team and these fine organizations during the developmental phase.

This new system will greatly enhance accuracy of our existing database for sending email reports to members. It will also make it simpler for residents to sign up for the Neighborhood Watch program. We will continue to provide contact information for NW Captains and emergency authorities on the web site. TVNW newsletters will be provided on-line for public convenience.

Additional safety and security related information will be communicated as the year progresses. I appreciate your continued support and always welcome comments for program enhancements.

Wayne Williamson

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Neighborhood Watch Captains Wanted

Volunteer positions are now open for the following locations:

Kahite/ Chota Landing/ Chatuga Coves/ Mialaquo Point/ Toqua Hills



Tornado (Severe Weather) Safety Reminder Tips



- Go to a windowless interior room on lowest level of your house. Go to a storm cellar or basement if your house has one. If there is no basement, go to an inner hallway or a smaller inner room without windows, such as a bathroom or closet.
- Get away from the windows.
- Go to the center of the room. Stay away from corners because they tend to attract debris.
- Get under a piece of sturdy furniture such as a heavy table or desk.
- Always use your arms to protect head and neck.
- If shelter is not available or there is no time to get indoors, lie in a ditch or low-lying area or crouch near a strong building. Look out for flood waters which may also fill low areas.
- **Stay informed of local emergency notifications and services. Register personal contact information at: <http://www.loudoncounty911.org/>**

Tellico Village - No Solicitation Policy



You may have noticed these new replacement signs posted at select neighborhood entrances. Tellico Village has a policy against unwanted door-to-door solicitations and violators are treated as trespassers. Simply stated, Village roads are private property. Only Village property owners and their guests have permission to use the roads. If you see anyone suspicious who is soliciting, please contact the Sheriff office as soon as possible. Questions regarding this policy, exemptions, or signage locations may be directed to Public Works Department at 865-458-4522.

How to Protect Your Home from Burglaries

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Jeff Rossen and Anneke Foster



Nicholas Kyriazis estimates he's burglarized at least 100 homes, maybe as many as 150. So, who better to explain how to protect your home from burglaries?

TODAY national investigative correspondent Jeff Rossen went inside the walls of New Jersey State Prison, where Kyriazis is serving a 70-year prison sentence, to get tips on how keep your home from being a target for people like him:

- **Have a neighbor collect your mail when you're away.** Mail in the mailbox signals burglars that no one is home.
- **Leave your car outside.** "If there's no cars in the driveway, there's a good chance there is no one home," Kyriazis said.
- **Thieves often strike in the morning.** Kyriazis told Rossen he typically did burglaries between 8 a.m. and before 2 p.m. More than half of convicted burglars surveyed by WNBC in New York also said they target homes in the morning.
- **Don't assume an alarm system will protect you.** "Alarm system alerts me that the people are not home when the alarm is turned on," Kyriazis said.
- **Don't assume home security cameras will protect you.** "People got money for security cameras, they got something in there they're protecting."
- **Have a neighbor watch your house.** Kyriazis called **Neighborhood Watch** "one of the best things they ever started for burglary prevention."
- **Lock up when you leave.** Many people leave doors and windows unlocked, and thieves take advantage. "I've never carried burglary tools," Kyriazis said.
- **Dogs can be a good deterrent.** Kyriazis said a barking dog would give him pause.
- **Never engage a burglar.** Thieves and experts agree that if you come upon a burglary in progress, the best option is to leave, find a safe place and call 911 immediately.



Golf is now in Full Swing. Safe Driving to all.

(exercise caution where cart paths cross roadways)