



# TELLICO VILLAGE NEIGHBORHOOD WATCH NEWSLETTER

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## MESSAGE FROM 2017 HOA NEIGHBORHOOD WATCH CHAIR

I would like take this opportunity to remind you of various communications provided by the Neighborhood Watch program. These include: Monthly incident reports from Loudon and Monroe county Sheriff Offices; Monthly statistics provided by our Volunteer Fire Department; Periodic Newsletters with timely topics on home security, technology trends, safety issues, crime prevention, and emergency contacts to name just a few.

Your Neighborhood Watch program has a strong representative voice when communicating safety and security related issues to our elected officials. I can say, with conviction, that we have established a good working partnership with our Sheriffs in Loudon and Monroe Counties. This synergy of common purpose greatly benefits all residents of Tellico Village. Your continued support is appreciated!

*Wayne Williamson*    [tvnwatch@gmail.com](mailto:tvnwatch@gmail.com)

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## LOUDON COUNTY PROJECT LIFESAVER



Project Lifesaver offers to help locate family members who wander away or become lost. This is an international organization that helps search and rescue teams quickly locate missing individuals with wandering conditions such as Alzheimer's or dementia.

Each client is equipped with a bracelet that houses a transmitter and a battery. Monthly battery changes are conducted by program personnel. This includes testing the unit for proper operation and installing a new battery. Project Lifesaver saves lives and prevents serious injury! [Print an application](#) and then mail to:

**Loudon County Sheriff's Office  
Attn: Project Lifesaver  
12680 Hwy 11 W Suite 1  
Lenoir City, TN 37771**

To donate, make checks payable to the Loudon County Sheriff's Office, note Project Lifesaver in the memo area and mail to the same address above. Your donations help to ensure that tracking bracelets are available for those who need them in our community.

To volunteer or apply for Project Lifesaver call 865-988-2300 - Participation is Free. Make a difference today!

## ADD A SMART DOORBELL CAMERA TO YOUR HOME Wi-Fi NETWORK



Installing a doorbell camera is a simple and affordable measure that can make your life easier and safer in many ways. It's more versatile than you think, as it provides a range of security and convenience benefits both when you're home or out. Here are a few ways it can make a difference:

- Deterring opportunistic thieves

The thief rings your doorbell and poses as a legitimate caller, such as a salesperson or canvasser. It's one of the most common theft techniques. If they don't answer, they know you aren't home and will feel much more confident about breaking and entering. Having a visible camera is an excellent deterrent to such attacks, with would-be burglars knowing they've been caught on film.

- Catching the criminals

If the worst happens, a doorbell camera can provide evidence of a burglary. It might be enough to help the police catch the offender and recover your belongings before they're sold. Even if that's not possible, having camera footage could be enough for your insurer to approve your claim and pay out more quickly.

- Avoiding delivery waits

At best, Murphy's law says that if you leave the house for even a moment in a delivery window, you'll miss the call. At worst, the delivery person will either show up late or never even arrive, then claim you didn't answer the door. Having a camera will settle any argument about when they actually arrived. It's even useful for unattended deliveries. By checking the camera remotely, you can get home and bring the package indoors and away from opportunistic thieves.

- Screening your visitors

Whether you're watching TV downstairs, busy in the kitchen or enjoying a relaxing nap, answering the front door can be annoying, particularly when it's someone trying to sell you something. Having a doorbell camera, particularly one that connects in real time to your phone or tablet, means you can safely ignore strangers without the risk of missing out on visits from friends or family.

## CONTACT INFORMATION

### **Loudon County Sheriff's Office**

12680 Hwy 11 W Suite 1  
Lenoir City, TN 37771

### **EMERGENCY – 911**

Non-Emergency: 865-986-4823  
Fax: 865-986-3621

### **Monroe County Sheriff's Office**

319 Hickory Street  
Madisonville, TN 37354

### **EMERGENCY – 911**

Non-Emergency: 423-442-3911  
Fax: 423-442-2227

## SUGGESTIONS ON HOW TO BURGLAR-PROOF YOUR DOORS



Burglars break into your home when they believe no one is around so they can take your most valuable possessions. They look for houses that appear to be easy to get inside, either through a window or a door. That makes it imperative for every person to make sure their doors are as secure as possible. There are several ways to do this.

### Keep Your Door In Plain Sight

A burglar won't care if they break in through the front or back of the house, but if they feel the front door is well hidden it becomes an easy target. A house with overgrown trees and bushes can block the view of the front door, giving criminals a perfect spot to hide behind while they make their way inside. Keep any type of plant life trimmed back so thieves cannot use them as a hiding place.

### Check Your Door

Before adding any security devices to your door, examine it to see if it hangs properly and was installed correctly. Make sure there are screws in every hole for each hinge. The more securely a door is attached to the wall, the harder it will be to break down. If the hinges are loose or partially empty, it is important to fix them right away. Create new holes if the wood is rotted out and the screws are barely hanging on. Once the door is on as tightly as possible, you can include new locks and bolts.

### Door Locks and Bolts

Some basic door locks are easy to get through. The lock can be pried back with a small instrument, allowing a burglar to open the door and get inside. You can add a Dead Latch door lock quickly and easily to make the entry way far more secure. These locks cannot be pried open, so they are an inexpensive and very effective security device. A rim lock can be installed on the inside portion of a door in just a few minutes. It includes a heavy duty dead bolt to make sure criminals cannot pry it open. The top and bottom of any door can be reinforced with flush bolts. These are bolts that make it impossible for a burglar to open the door for easy entrance. When installing any type of bolt, make sure everyone in the house knows how to lock and unlock them quickly. While they work well for keeping intruders out, they can also lock people inside during an emergency situation if everyone does not know how to operate them. Your front and back doors are common and easy targets for burglars who may try to get inside your home. Don't let them - take precautions to reinforce every door in your house and make sure they do not provide easy access for criminals.



*Tellico Village Neighborhood Watch is a crime prevention program that stresses education and common sense. It teaches citizens how to help themselves by identifying and reporting suspicious activity in their neighborhoods. In addition, it provides citizens with the opportunity to make their community safer and improve the overall quality of life.*