



***March 2022 - NEIGHBORHOOD WATCH***

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## **IT'S NOT JUST A CONTRACTOR'S PROBLEM...**

We all know Tellico Village is booming and according to the POA there are over 500 active permits to build right now. Unfortunately, as anyone in the construction business can attest, more opportunity attracts more thieves, and that case is true with just the 2021 statistics. With equipment and material costs soaring, construction sites are prime targets for thieves, and contractors and new homeowners are paying the price.

Per the POA Guidelines – “Exterior construction activities and site work shall only take place between the hours of 7:00am and 8:00pm on Monday through Saturday and shall not take place on Sunday.” There are some exceptions so refer to the POA ACC Handbook for further.

That new home that is being built next to you or across the street is going to be YOUR future neighbor. Do them a favor and keep an eye on their site during off hours. You would certainly appreciate the same if the shoe were on the other foot. Especially keep an eye out for cars and trucks there after the allowed hours. If you see something, call the Sheriff's office to report it. You just might be stopping one of the many constructions thefts that go on throughout the Village. If you are able to, take a photo or write down the tag number of the vehicle you see and pass that on to law enforcement.

Why should I care since I'm not building? Oh, BUT you should. Once one criminal gets away with something in Tellico Village the next one and the next one is right behind. And just because you are not building does not mean you do not have something someone else wants.

A couple of things you should be doing:

- Locking your doors (this includes home and car)
- Closing your garage doors instead of leaving them open during the day
- Do not leave anything of value unattended in the yard or out overnight
- Leaving exterior lights on at night
- Installing motion sensor lights in darker areas of your yard

The list can go on but the one of the best things you can also do is keep an eye out for one another. You know who your neighbors are. You know what kind of cars they drive. If you see something suspicious, report it.

You can also get involved with your Neighborhood Watch program by emailing your name and information to [TellicoVillageNW@gmail.com](mailto:TellicoVillageNW@gmail.com). Please include what neighborhood you live in.