

Neighborhood Watch Upgrades

By Chris Sanders



Over the last few months, I have been working with Linda Garza, our Webmaster and KC Babb, our VP of Technology to make it easier for each of you to find information that you may want or need. Both ladies have worked hard to reorder the website. I hope you'll agree that we have found a start to a good solution. Bear with us as we update the information as a lot of it is still stale.



On TellicoLife you can now find the Neighborhood Watch Logo listed under Community Service Organizations. Click on this logo to find all we have to offer. From the HOA Website (hoatelicovillage.com.) you can go to the Advocacy tab and click on Neighborhood Watch and it will take you to Neighborhood Watch Front Page on TellicoLife.

There are a few links on the front page, including "To View Neighborhood Watch News and Information". If you click on this it will take you to folders of information that has been collected over the past few years including Incident Reports. Much of this information is raw data. It is my goal to use this data as a measuring stick of what we hope to do looking forward. What does that mean?

I have been working with the Chief Deputy, James Davis of the Loudon County Sheriff's Department to provide you with pertinent current information. Chief Deputy Davis is well versed on Loudon County and has been through the ranks of the Loudon County Sheriff's office. He is a high-ranking official within the Sheriff's Department and has met with me on multiple occasions as we try to determine the best way forward for communication and preventative measures the residents might find helpful. We will be starting a monthly article that will be forward thinking in hopes to prevent incidents within Tellico Village – just thoughts of prevention. If we're all mindful of the potential problems, and work to take care of them through constant communication, we could possibly see incidents reports that show only deer mishaps on 444. Who knows, we might even keep the constant reminder on so that we can reduce deer strikes as well. So, an ounce of prevention is worth a pound of cure! That's what I mean – let's get in front of it through communication to reduce or eliminate incident reports.

One current item of interest is reports of theft within the Village over the last month. Chief Deputy Davis is working closely with us on this issue to determine trends, issues, and problems so that we can do our best to provide you with information that will help you protect your property. Again, proactive discussions and communications. More to follow on this topic.

One item of interest that you will find encouraging – Chief Deputy Davis has been able to get the COP's program back operating. He has been able to find resources to provide new uniforms and institute procedures for Covid prevention among other needed measures. I'll let the COP's coordinator tell you more. But look for this valuable program come back on-line soon.

We have a strong working partnership with the Loudon County Sheriff's Office, and we intend to make it better. We are now reaching out to the Monroe County Sheriff's office and hope to be able to provide you with information from them in the future as well.

I'll leave you with these two thoughts until next month: See something – Say something! And most importantly, watch out and take care of your neighbor!