

# AIRLEE COURT WATCHER

AIRLEE COURT NEIGHBORHOOD WATCH ASSOC. NEWSLETTER

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**Neighborhood Watch Meeting Tuesday, Feb 2nd, 7:00 PM**

There are no dues to pay, come and enjoy helping your neighborhood by being friendly.

## **Neighborhood Watch Annual Potluck Dinner Saturday - February 6th, 2010 at 5:30 pm**

Come celebrate the new year, and meet some new friends.

Bring the extended family, kids and grandkids. Every one welcome!

Each family will need to bring a meat, or vegetable, or dessert dish.

Drinks and paper plates, etc. will be provided by Airlee Court.

We will most likely have some Police, Firemen and EMS to stop in and eat, so bring a little extra food for them.

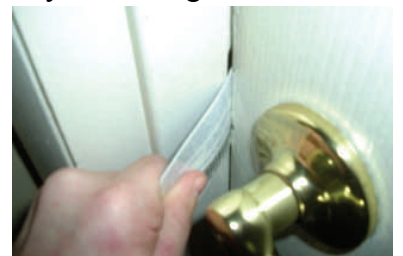
***Snow Date - Feb. 13<sup>h</sup> - Snow Date Defined - if roads are too slippery to drive on! If it's just flurries, or snow on the ground, but the roads are ok, we will have the potluck dinner on Sat. Feb. 6<sup>th</sup>, 2010***

Please call Ben 366-8407 for information or questions.

### ***Break-in on Woodbury Street***

A break-in was reported on Woodbury St. after the first of January. No signs of forced entry were found, Police thought the front door may have been jimmed with a credit card. The owner was staying out of town at the time of the break-in. Some people broke in and stole shirts and other clothes. While they were there, they popped popcorn and helped themselves to a few bottles of beer too. Police also found evidence of marijuana, apparently these burglars felt so much at home that they had a pot party before leaving.

*Please don't let your house become prey to burglars, use a dead-bolt lock that cannot be opened with a credit card as pictured here.*



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*310 West Virginia Ave, Vinton*

**Blueberry Hill Restaurant**

*Williamson Rd*

**The Golf Store**

*Williamson Rd*

**Schewel's Furniture**

*Williamson Rd*

**PLEASE USE OUR  
LOCAL PARTNERING  
BUSINESSES**

**FIRST**

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**THINGS YOUR BURGLAR  
WON'T TELL YOU**

1. Of course I look familiar. I was here just last week cleaning your carpets, painting your shutters, or delivering your new refrigerator.
2. Hey, thanks for letting me use the bathroom when I was working in your yard last week. While I was in there, I unlatched the back window to make my return a little easier.
3. Love those flowers. That tells me you have taste ... And taste means there are nice things inside. Those yard toys your kids leave out always make me wonder what type of gaming system they have.
4. Yes, I really do look for newspapers piled up on the driveway. And I might leave a pizza flyer in your front door to see how long it takes you to remove it.
5. If it snows while you're out of town, get a neighbor to create car and foot tracks into the house. Virgin drifts in the driveway are a dead giveaway.
6. If decorative glass is part of your front entrance, don't let your alarm company install the control pad where I can see if it's set. That makes it too easy.
7. A good security company alarms the window over the sink. And the windows on the second floor, which often access the master bedroom-and your jewelry. It's not a bad idea to put motion detectors up there too.
8. It's raining, you're fumbling with your umbrella, and you forget to lock your door understandable. But understand this: I don't take a day off because of bad weather.
9. I always knock first. If you answer, I'll ask for directions somewhere or offer to clean your gutters. (Don't take me up on it.)
10. Do you really think I won't look in your sock drawer? I always check dresser drawers, the bedside table, and the medicine cabinet.
11. Here's a helpful hint: I almost never go into kids' rooms.
12. You're right: I won't have enough time to break into that safe where you keep your valuables. But if it's not bolted down, I'll take it with me.
13. A loud TV or radio can be a better deterrent than the best alarm system. If you're reluctant to leave your TV on while you're out of town, you can buy a \$35 device that works on a timer and simulates the flickering glow of a real television. (Find it at [faketv.com](http://faketv.com).)
14. Sometimes, I carry a clipboard. Sometimes, I dress like a lawn guy and carry a rake.. I do my best to never, ever, look like a crook.
15. The two things I hate most: loud dogs and nosy neighbors.
16. I'll break a window to get in, even if it makes a little noise. If your neighbor hears one loud sound, he'll stop what he's doing and wait to hear it again. If he doesn't hear it again, he'll just go back to what he was doing. It's human nature.
18. I love looking in your windows. I'm looking for signs that you're home, and for flat screen TVs or gaming systems I'd like. I'll drive or walk through your neighborhood at night, before you close the blinds, just to pick my targets.
19. Avoid announcing your vacation on your Face book page. It's easier than you think to look up your address.

**Sources: Convicted burglars in North Carolina , Oregon , California , and Kentucky ; security consultant Chris McGoey, who runs [crimedoctor.com](http://crimedoctor.com); and Richard T. Wright, a criminology professor at the University of Missouri-St. Louis, who interviewed 105 burglars for his book *Burglars on the Job*.**



**CITY OF ROANOKE  
CODE ENFORCEMENT  
COURT DOCKET**

DECEMBER 17, 2009

DEFENDANT NAME	ADDRESS	VIOLATION	DISPOSITION	CONTINUED TO:	PREVIOUS COURT DATE
Gillespie, Bobbie P	1519 Hanover Ave NW	Prop. Maint.		02/04/2010	10/15/2009
Ginn, Jerrie L	422 Rutherford Ave NW	Prop. Maint.		01/07/2010	10/15/2009
Ginn, John	422 Rutherford Ave NW	Prop. Maint.		01/07/2010	10/15/2009
Speedbump Properties LLC	2617 Derwent Dr SW	Prop. Maint.	Complied		10/15/2009
Watson, Luther Jr	1925 Loudon Ave SW	Prop. Maint.		03/04/2010	10/15/2009
Dearing Property Management	909 Ferdinand Ave SW	Prop. Maint.	Complied		10/15/2009
God's House Baptist Church	3601 Melrose Ave NW	Zoning		02/04/2010	11/19/2009
Smith, Robert W	4706 Grandin Rd SW	Inop		01/21/2010	11/19/2009
Damewood, Donna	2562 Round Top NW	Zoning	Complied		
Jayrand Investments LLC	611 -8th St SW	Prop. Maint.		02/18/2010	
Mckenzie, Carol E & Dawn N	423 -7th St SW	Prop. Maint.	Complied		
Motley, Juan D & Rosalie S	2835 Cove Rd NW	Zoning		01/21/2010	
Elberry, Nabil	3695 Thirdane Rd. NW	Prop. Maint.		01/07/2010	
Pape, Arthur F Jr	508 Jannette Ave SW	Prop. Maint.	Complied		
Pape, Arthur F Jr	515 Jannette Ave SW	Prop. Maint.	Complied		
PS Investments Inc	719 Marshall Ave SW	Prop. Maint.		01/07/2010	

The primary goal of the Code Enforcement Office is to obtain voluntary compliance to our City's nuisance code and/or zoning ordinances. However, in cases where property owners choose not to comply voluntarily to the city's zoning and nuisance ordinances, a code inspector is left no choice but to summon them to appear in General District Court. If the property owner chooses to voluntarily comply to a cited violation prior to their appearance in court, the case is dismissed..

In most of the cases, you will notice that several property owners quickly came into compliance after being notified of a violation. However, you will also notice there are several property owners who, for one reason or another, did not voluntarily comply to the citation, and are thus summoned to court following attempts to achieve their voluntary compliance. Many times, their cases will be continued to allow them additional time to come into compliance; whereas, you will notice other cases where they were found guilty and a fine levied for not coming into compliance.

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**Block Volunteers**

**Need volunteer  
For Airport Rd**

**Amy Hinty**

4900 Block of Fralin Rd

**Carolyn Burch**

900 block of Curtis Ave  
 1000 block of Curtis Ave

**Carmen Khokhar**

800, 900, 1000 blocks of  
 Hershberger Rd

**Christian Tolbert**

400, 500, 600, blocks of  
 Hershberger Rd.

**Betty Cundiff**

5100 block of Hazelridge Rd. &  
 Vincent St.

**Ron Easley** 4900, 5100,  
 blocks Florist Rd.

**Jesse Fulk**

Hubert Road & Hildebrand Rd

**Larrie Holland**

Whitney Ave.

**Ronnie England &**

**Tim Huffman** Hollyhock Rd

**John Sutor** Bonhill Dr.

**Dan Nunn**

800, 700, 600 blocks of  
 Hershberger Rd.

**Becky Goode**

5300, 5200, 5100, 5000 blocks  
 of Hearthstone Rd.

**Louellen Nichols** - 4900,  
 5000 blocks of Hazelridge Rd.

**2009 Officers**

**President - Ben Burch**  
**366-8407**

**V-Pres - Steve Colwell**

**Sec. - Carolyn Burch**

**Treasurer. - Dianna**  
**Cleveland**

**Association  
Calendar**

**FEB. 2nd, 2010  
at 7:00 PM**

**Neighborhood Watch  
Meeting**

Planning for potluck dinner the following Saturday, Feb. 6th

**FEB. 6th, 2010  
at 5:30 PM**

**Neighborhood  
Potluck Dinner  
Everyone welcome**

**March 2nd, 2010  
at 7:00 PM**

**Neighborhood Watch  
Meeting**

**April 6th, 2010  
at 7:00 PM**

**Neighborhood Watch  
Meeting**

**24 Block  
Yard Sale  
May 8th**

Meetings are held at St. Thomas of Canterbury, Anglican Church, 4910 Hubert Road in the Community Room.

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**Proposed Roanoke Storm  
Water Utility Tabled**

Darlene L. Burcham, City Manager requested the city of Roanoke to consider creating a Storm Water Utility at the public hearing.

The City wanted to split off the Engineering Division as a Storm Water Utility. Storm water drains traditionally come under the Engineering Division and are a basic service of the City. The City wanted us to pay for a basic service that is already covered by the taxes we pay.

Many people spoke against this idea to the city council and Mayor Bowers. Most everyone was wearing the "No Storm Water Utility" stickers (as seen above). Many people from Airlee Court Neighborhood Watch came out to support those who spoke against the idea. There were speakers representing area churches, the Airport, and businesses as well. The City Council tabled the matter for now. The Mayor said that it could be brought up again, but there would be plenty of notice given before any vote.



**Help Haiti**

**Hearts of Roanoke** in Partnership with Spirit - FM Radio and Valley Metro will be collecting donations of bottled water and canned foods at 17 Campbell Court W. Campbell Ave in downtown Roanoke (Valley Metro is providing a room in the bus terminal for collection) Call for more info 563-1962

**Community Safety Notice**

This week the Botetourt County Sheriff's Department received a safety notice to beware of child seats with what appears to be a baby abandoned on the side of a road. This is a gang activity set to trap victims.

If you see anything like this, call 911 and do not stop your vehicle.

**Free Fruit Tree Pruning Presentation**

For those of you who may have fruit trees in your yard, Virginia Tech and the Virginia Cooperative Extension are conducting a FREE presentation on fruit tree pruning on Wednesday February 10, 2010, 6:00 - 7:30 P.M. at the Brambleton Center, Room 16, located at 3738 Brambleton Ave. SW in Roanoke.

Although the program is free, re-registration is required by calling 772-7524.

From - Bob Clement, Neighborhood Services Coordinator