

Neighborhood Watch E-Letter January 2012

There have been many Robberies this past month. Please call 911 if you see suspicious cars or people. DO NOT let people you don't know do work around your house. There have been several robberies (mainly by men) driving around, asking for work.

(Type) Theft/Larceny
(Address) 500 BLOCK WILLIVEE DR
(Details) 16-8-2 THEFT BY TAKING
(Reported On) 2/23/2012 7:15:00 PM

FEB-22-12 Today around 4 p.m., a new black truck with 3 or 4 men in it claimed to ring the front door bell of an 80 year old man on Harrington. When there was no answer, they went around to his carport door, which he keeps propped wide open with his interior door open and entered his kitchen. The owner was in the back, came out into the carport to confront one of the men in his kitchen. The man stated he had rung the bell, then came to look for him to see if he wanted them to clean his gutters. Eventually he agreed they could. They offered to do it for \$40. They asked him for a hose, a nozzle, then told him they needed many containers of boiling water. (It seems to me that they were keeping him looking for stuff and keeping him busy and not noticing that they were scouting out his house and its contents) Once they got him boiling the water, the one man said they had to go get some more of the special cleaner they use and they all got back in the truck and never came back. The owner went back to his bedroom where he tossed his wallet on the dresser and it was gone along with other valuables. He can't describe the men except to say he thinks they were Hispanic, but they spoke English well. He says he didn't spend a lot of time looking directly at them. The homeowner is not hurt and a police report should be filed soon.

Be aware of people that you do not know, asking to do work, including solicitors and do not let strangers in your home. Keep your doors locked at all times and please inform your seniors about these issues.

Feb 18, 2011 Notice from Country Squire Block Captain:

There have been two robberies this week, and both occurred during daylight hours on Tolbert Drive just off Frazier Road. The first was several days ago and the second one was today. In today's robbery two African American males were dropped off by someone driving a small white car and apparently picked up later. In the robbery a few days ago the pair stole old guns. It is not known what was taken today. The license tag of the small white car was reported to the police, so maybe they will be caught. Be alert for any unusual activity.

FEB 18, 2011 See notice below from CS Block Captain with description of persons & car. I also read notice of a recent daytime burglary involving a white Honda - in neighborhood between LaVista & Briarcliff.

Feb 17, 2011 Patch article

An Oak Grove man chased a pair of intruders out of his Timberland Road home Monday morning, DeKalb County police said. The 54-year-old man told police two men kicked in his carport door shortly after 11am and walked into the house in the 1600 block of Timberland Road, the police report said. The man yelled at them, demanding they leave and the men ran out of the house and fled in a small, light-colored vehicle. Nothing was taken from the home. Another witness told police he saw two men speeding from the area in a white Honda with a damaged trunk at the time of the break-in, the report said. The trunk's right side had a vertical dent, the witness said.

Do you know who is the Email Coordinator is for your area? The Medlock Neighborhood has been divides into 60 grids, each with an email coordinator. This system helps us to keep each other informed about suspicious activity or crimes. Email manawatch@gmail.com for information.

Case Number: 12-012236

Date: 1/31/2012 8:00 AM

Location: 800 BLOCK N SUPERIOR AVE

Description: 16-7-1 BURGLARY - FORCED ENTRY - RESIDENCE

JAN 30, 2011 I noticed a 4-door silver sedan, newish looking, driving slowly up Willivee Dr. just north of Druid Hills Rd. The driver was in his late 20s-early 30s, black male, using earphones. I seem to remember from a MANA newsletter that a silver vehicle had caught someone's eye before. When he saw me in my yard, he made a U-turn and left in the opposite direction.

Always call 911 if you see suspicious people or activity

Jan 30, 2011 - Laurel Ridge. The home had an alarm and it went off and the perp took off. He took nothing. The perp was a black male driving a maroon Chevy Impala and no tag. He had a stocking hat on. He sped away and almost hit someone walking down the street, who called 911 before the alarm company. "Cheers to a neighborhood hero! A neighbor on our street was outside when the incident occurred, and the perpetrator almost ran over them getting away. They immediately called the police (actually ahead of the security company from what I hear). "

Please report crimes, suspicious cars or people to ManaWatch@gmail.com

JAN 25, 2011 Some good news for a change. This morning a little before 9AM I spotted an older black male pushing his bicycle down Willivee in the direction of N. Druid Hills. He fit the description of the suspect responsible for previous home break-ins in the neighborhood. I called 911 to report him and for good measure I got in the car and followed him down Willivee a few minutes after making the 911 call. When I saw him he was half-way up someone's driveway at a home where there were no cars in the driveway. The guy came back down the driveway once he saw me giving him the "evil eye". About 15 minutes later I received a call from the police to say they picked him up and arrested him. Apparently he has outstanding burglary warrants in Dekalb and Henry counties.

JAN 16, 2011 A guy in a blue jacket just knocked on my door on Willivee at 8pm. Without opening the door I asked who it was, he said he needed me to sign something to fight the major oil companies, after saying no thanks he ran down to the street and disappeared. I called the police to patrol, I have never seen or heard of anyone wanting a petition signed at 8pm at night and I did not see him going to any other neighbor's yards.

JAN-16-12 On Willivee - had mail stolen from her mailbox resulting in unauthorized checks being written. DO NOT place anything of importance in your mailboxes for pickup.

The same thing happened to my parents on Vistamont Drive.

JAN 16, 2011 Both my wife and I saw a suspicious white pickup today (Jan 16, 2012) outside our house on Harrington, either cruising slowly or parked. When I was at work, my wife noticed the truck and went outside. The truck sped off around the corner, so that she could not get the license plate number. We notified our neighbors, to keep a look-out.

On Saturday 01-14-12 A guy calling himself Greg Daniels showed me his ID and offered to take a bunch of pine straw I had piled up in the yard. Said he did landscaping work for a house up the street. I asked where his truck was and he asked for a ride to the gas station. I said no. He never came back for the pine straw, and the house # he referred to doesn't exist. He was a black man with dreadlocks in a heavy windbreaker and beanie cap, maybe in his late 20s or so. Unless anyone else here can vouch for him I'm calling the police if I ever see him around again.

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