

The Watch

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Vandals Strike Cypress Point North

Car windows smashed, tires slashed, theft reported


On October 4, 2003, a vandal (or vandals) struck Cypress Point North, slashing tires, smashing a car window, and stealing property.

The perpetrator(s) slashed tires on three vehicles on Heatherwood Drive. All three vehicles were parked in the owners' driveways. Two residents were affected. One had a tire slashed on two vehicles. The other had all four tires slashed on one vehicle.

Meadow Grove Trail residents reported a car window smashed and property stolen. A Hickory Ridge resident reported property stolen from a car.

According to the Virginia Beach Police Department, the following incidents were reported in Cypress Point North for Jan. 1, 2003-Nov. 14, 2003:

VBPD Rpt Date	Description	Location
10/7/2003	Larceny, All Others	1000 Blk Meadow Grove Tr
10/6/2003	Larceny, From Motor Vehicle	5300 Blk Hickory Ridge
10/5/2003	Destruction Private Property	1000 Blk Heatherwood Dr
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10/5/2003	Destruction Private Property	1000 Blk Meadow Grove Tr
10/3/2003	Larceny, From Motor Vehicle	1000 Blk Heatherwood Dr
8/21/2003	Destruction Private Property	1000 Blk Heatherwood Dr
5/20/2003	Assault, Simple, Domestic	5300 Blk Hickory Ridge
5/13/2003	Destruction Private Property	1000 Blk Heatherwood Dr
4/23/2003	Embezzlement	1000 Blk Fallbrook Bd
3/26/2003	Assault, Simple	1000 Blk Heatherwood Dr
3/26/2003	Assault, Simple	1000 Blk Heatherwood Dr
2/6/2003	Larceny, From Building	1000 Blk Fallbrook Bd
2/6/2003	Burglary/B & E, Residential	5300 Blk Hickory Ridge Ct

Anyone with information about these or other incidents is encouraged to contact the Virginia Beach Police Department. 

Don't Let Your Car Window Be the Next One Smashed

Volunteer now to defend against theft, vandalism

To obtain recognition by the Virginia Beach Police Department (VBPD), a Neighborhood Watch program must show that 80% of residents in the neighborhood have agreed to look out for each other.

So far, thanks to the volunteer efforts of Ana Bodale, Cora Delacruz, Greg and Barb Trice, Pilar Sanchez, Patty Whitmore, and Tim and Amy McConville, 115 residents in Cypress Point North have signed up. To reach the 80% mark, we need to sign up approximately 35 more residents.

Success depends on *active* support

Please help. Please call or e-mail Cypress Point North Neighborhood Watch Coordinator Tim McConville at 456-2772 or mconville@cox.net and let him know you want to:

1. Volunteer to knock on neighbors' doors to enlist their support. It's easy to do. All the materials will be provided. All that's required is a few minutes of your time.
2. Ensure you're listed as a resident in support of the establishing the Neighborhood Watch. Make sure you're not left off the list to receive timely crime reports for the Cypress Point North neighborhood. Please provide your name, address, phone number, and e-mail address.

Once our program is accredited by the VBPD, we'll get many benefits to minimize crime in Cypress Point North, including signs posted at neighborhood

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Tips for Safe and Happy Holidays

The holidays provide opportunities for crime

This holiday season, don't let the spirit of giving lull you into giving burglars, muggers, and pickpockets a better chance to do their dirty work. Here are some tips on how to celebrate safely this holiday season:


If You're Traveling

- Get an automatic timer for your lights.
- Ask a neighbor to watch your home, shovel snow, and park in the driveway.
- Don't forget to have mail and newspaper delivery stopped. If it piles up, it's a sure sign you're gone.

If You're Out for the Evening

- Turn on lights and a radio or TV so it looks like someone's home.
- Be extra cautious about locking doors and windows when you leave, even if it's just for a few minutes.
- Don't display gifts where they can be seen from the outside.

If You're Shopping


- Stay alert and be aware of what's going on around you.
- Park in a well-lighted space, and be sure to lock the car, close the windows, and hide shopping bags and gifts in the trunk.
- Avoid carrying large amounts of cash; pay with a check or credit card whenever possible.
- Deter pickpockets and purse-snatchers. Don't overburden yourself with packages. Carry a purse close to your body, not dangling by the straps. Put a wallet in an inside coat or front pants pocket.
- Shopping with kids? Teach them to go to a store clerk or security guard if you get separated. 

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entrances, incident reports from the VBPD, and an effective communication link with the VBPD.

In recent years, neighborhoods have experienced rapid change. The old, well-established neighborhood has been replaced by a high transient, growing community where people seek more and more privacy. This life style tends to promote unfamiliarity with neighbors and a corresponding lack of concern.

Unfortunately, this enhances the opportunities for the criminal element and increases the community's vulnerability to crime.

That's why a Neighborhood Watch program, which boosts communication among neighbors, can be so effective. But success depends on each resident taking an active role in both security improvement and observation. Please volunteer a little of your time to increase the safety of Cypress Point North. 


Police Dep't to Meet with Cypress Point North Residents

Organizational meeting expected to be set in January

The Virginia Beach Police Department wants to set up a meeting to coordinate Neighborhood Watch activities with Cypress Point North residents.

Crime Prevention Officer Tony Ortiz has asked to schedule a meeting with Cypress Point North residents for January 2004.

The Boy Scouts of America Tidewater Council, located at 1032 Heatherwood Drive, has agreed to allow residents to use the Council's meeting room.

The date and time of the meeting will be announced. All Cypress Point North residents are encouraged to attend. 

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