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## From Neighborhood Watch: Keep Those Volunteers Coming!

**W**ith heightened crime in York County – so close to our homes – it is extremely important that our Neighborhood Watch Program not only get off the ground but become a success. According to the Sheriff's Department, a good Neighborhood Watch requires 75% participation from residents. With close to 400 homes in Tabb Lakes, we need many more volunteers. Driving around and patrolling our streets on weekends

is just one part of an active program. We need volunteers to be Block Captains, and everyone needs to be aware of and report suspicious behavior. We also will plan a community-wide meeting with the Sheriff's Department. Let's all meet this challenge with a positive attitude and help make sure our families live in the safest neighborhood possible. To get involved, e-mail Rob and Sandra Shaffer at [sanwa402002@yahoo.com](mailto:sanwa402002@yahoo.com) or call 223-7315.

## Crime Watch: Keeping Your Home Safe

Burglaries, one common problem, happen most often when residents are not home. The York County Sheriff's Office offers these tips:

- Get to know your neighbors. They will know what's normal at your house and are most likely to spot suspicious activity.
- Let your neighbors know when you're away on vacation so they can keep an eye on your house.
- Lock all doors and windows.
- Use timers to turn on lights periodically.

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- Stop your mail and newspapers, or ask a neighbor to collect them for you so they don't pile up outside.
- If you're going away on vacation, notify the sheriff's office and a deputy will drive by your home regularly to make sure it looks OK.
- If you're home alone, don't answer the door to a stranger if you feel uncomfortable. Or answer with a phone to your ear so the person thinks you're in contact with someone and not totally alone.

## Home Improvement: Fighting Roof Algae

You've probably seen the ugly, green and black stains on the roofs and exteriors of many homes in Tabb Lakes – maybe even on yours.

It's roof algae.

Algae need four things to grow: moisture, heat, nutrients and shade. While the organisms are seen in more than 80 percent of the United States, they are more widespread in the Southeast because of high humidity. Stains typically begin forming on the north side or shaded areas of homes, where moisture collects.

Scientists have identified the most common blue-green type of algae as

*Gloeocapsa Magma*. This particular strain has become hardier in recent years, which means stains are showing up earlier on homes and tend to be more severe.

The dark streaks lead to rot and can absorb heat from the sun, causing premature deterioration of roofs and siding. A roof that should last 25 years, for example, might last just 10 to 12 years if nothing is done.

Once your roof or siding begins to stain, the damage can spread rapidly. Algae also can lead to health problems such as allergic and respiratory reactions, higher utility bills and heavier air-

conditioning use because of an increase in roof temperatures.

The key to avoiding expensive repairs is preventive maintenance and regular power washing. Trim trees and bushes away from your home to get rid of damp, shaded areas where algae grow. Keep your gutters clean to ensure good drainage. In addition, stores such as Home Depot sell products to remove algae and mildew. One example is Behr No. 62 Multi-Surface Deck Prep Cleaner & Mildew Stain Removal.

For more information on fighting the problem, go to [www.arbroof.com](http://www.arbroof.com).

## INSIDE and OUT

Have a recipe or gardening tip to share? E-mail items to [ali9231@cox.net](mailto:ali9231@cox.net). We'd also welcome stories about good deeds by your neighbors.

**Recipe of the issue**, from the kitchen of Alison Johnson:

### MOM'S BANANA BREAD

2 cups flour (sifted)  
1 teaspoon baking soda  
½ teaspoon salt  
½ cup butter  
1 cup sugar  
2 eggs  
1 cup mashed bananas (three medium)  
1/3 cup milk

Preheat oven to 350

In a small bowl, stir flour with baking soda and salt

In a large bowl, cream butter and gradually add sugar. Mix eggs and mashed bananas and blend, add milk

Slowly add flour mixture to large bowl

Pour batter into buttered bread pan

Bake for 60 minutes

Pop bread out of pan and onto a rack immediately. The bread will get soggy if it cools in the pan.

Enjoy!

### Annual Yard Sale

The Tabb Lakes Yard Sale is scheduled for Saturday, May 1, from 8 a.m. until noon. Clear out your garage and closets and pull out those items you no longer need!

## Outside: Mosquito Control

It's never too early to start fighting the pests. Here are some tips from the York County Division of Drainage and Mosquito Control:

- Eliminate all cans, bottles, plastic containers and old tires from your yard.

- Change the water in birdbaths and potted plant trays at least once a week.

- Turn over wading pools, small boats, wheelbarrows, buckets, toys

and wagons so they won't collect water.

- Shake out the tarps that cover grills, firewood, boats, swimming pools and yard equipment at least once a week.

- Keep garbage cans and recycling containers closed.

For more information or to get a copy of the "Fight the Bite" pamphlet, call Mosquito Control at 890-3790.

## From the Neighbor Relations Committee: Respect Your Neighbor's Grass ... and Keep Your Car Safe

One of the quickest ways to ruin a good relationship with your neighbors is to drive or park on their grass. The wheels on cars and even bicycles can damage lawns that people work hard to keep green and healthy. Throughout Tabb Lakes, homeowners have had to put up marker flags, reflectors, rope and other materials to keep people off their property.

If you absolutely have to park on

the street instead of in your own garage or driveway, please keep your wheels on the pavement.

However, do your best to limit the time you park on the street, especially after dark. Cars left on the street interfere with safe traffic flow and they also are more likely to be vandalized, especially if you live on a main artery such as Tabb Lakes, Gardenville or Bridge Wood drives.

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