

VANCROFT NEIGHBORHOOD DIGITAL NEWSLETTER

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COVID-19 (CORONAVIRUS)

North Carolina watchfully prepares for spread of coronavirus

Last week; cases of the coronavirus were confirmed by North Carolina state officials. COVID-19 continues to spread across the country.

Gov. Roy Cooper announced that the N.C. State Laboratory of Public Health [can test for the virus](#). Cooper also stated that the state has been [“preparing diligently”](#) for a potential outbreak before it identified its first case. As the state waits for additional test kits from the Centers for Disease Control (CDC), several universities and research labs across North Carolina are creating [testing kits](#) and are [researching cures](#) to combat the virus.

- North Carolina resources can be found on the Division of Public Health website at ncdhhs.gov/coronavirus.



Symptoms of COVID-19

(coronavirus disease 2019)

Systemic:

- Fever
- Fatigue

Kidneys:

- Decreased function

Intestines:

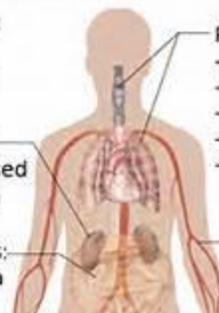
- Diarrhea

Respiratory:

- Sneezing
- Runny nose
- Sore throat
- Dry cough
- Shortness of breath

Circulatory system:

- Decreased white blood cells



- For information on [how to protect students and children, faculty and staff from the spread of respiratory illnesses](#).
- For information on how [businesses and employers](#) should reinforce [good hand hygiene tips and other common-sense precautions](#) with employees and patrons.
- CDC information on how to get [your household ready for COVID-19](#).

Additional information about COVID-19 can be found on the CDC's website at [cdc.gov/coronavirus](https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus).

VANCROFT NOW BANKS WITH UNION BANK

Vancroft now banks with Union Bank which allows you as homeowners multiple ways to pay your yearly dues. As always you can mail your payment using a check or money order payable to Vancroft HOA at 3107 Evans St. Ste B, Greenville, NC 27834.



You can now go to our website (www.hoamgtcompany.com) and make your payments online. All you need is your last name and account id number (that is found on your membership statement). There is a third-party service fee that the processing company uses. You can also set up a monthly draft to begin payments for 2021 or if you haven't paid 2020.

KEEP YOUR VEHICLES SAFE IN VANCROFT

Make sure you keep your car doors locked. Vancroft has experienced some strange occurrences of people walking into neighbor's yards and checking car doors to determine if they are locked. A recent neighbor who was victim on Dunbrook Drive uploaded the video of the suspect to the RING app that captures video of a peripheral view in front of your home. The video was helpful but do to the suspect wearing a hood, he could not be identified. As a community let's make sure we are on the lookout for strange behavior around our homes. Below are a few measures we can take to keep our property safe.

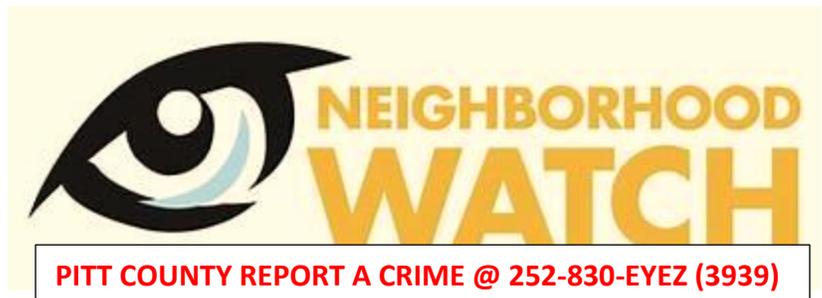


The Basic Prevention Policy:

- Never leave your car running or the keys in the ignition when you're away from it, even for "just a minute."
- Always roll up the windows and lock the car, even if it's in front of your home.
- Never leave valuables in plain view, even if your car is locked. Put them in the trunk or at least out of sight.
- Remove portable electronic devices such as smart phones and GPS navigation systems, including suction cup or bean bag type mounts. (Even the visible appearance of a suction cup ring on the glass windshield can be an enticement to a thief to break in and look for the GPS system.)
- Park in busy, well-lighted area.
- Carry the registration and insurance card with you. Don't leave personal identification documents or credit cards in your vehicle.
- When you pay to park in a lot or garage, leave just the ignition or valet key with the attendant. Make sure no personal information is attached. Do the same when you take your car for repairs.

Add Extra Protection:

- Install a mechanical locking device — commonly called clubs, collars, or j-bars — that lock to the steering wheel, column, or brake to prevent the wheel from being turned more than a few degrees. Use it!
- Investigate security systems if you live in a high-theft area or drive an automobile that's an attractive target for thieves. You may get a discount on your auto insurance.



What is a Community Watch?

A Community Watch is an organized group of citizens devoted to crime prevention within a neighborhood. Citizens volunteer to become extra eyes for the Sheriff's Office, reporting crime and suspicious behavior. Citizens learn to anticipate, recognize, and appraise the crime risks in their neighborhoods and how to take action that removes or reduces those risks.

Watch organizations will sometimes explore additional means to inform and involve the community to increase participation and foster discussions, such as private Facebook Groups, private Nextdoor groups, and related products.

You Can Start a Community Watch in 5 Easy Steps:

1. **Recruit and organize as many neighbors as possible.**
2. **Contact your Sheriff's Office [Community Impact Unit](#) to schedule a meeting (see note on the right side with the action button).**
3. **Discuss community concerns and develop an action plan.**
4. **Hold regular meetings and train yourselves.**
5. **Implement a phone tree, web presence, or other means based on your needs and means.**

Current programs in the county have had varying levels of success based on the people involved and how they choose to operate. Great successes have been seen with noted drops in crime levels and other non-safety improvements that were bonuses. We want our communities to know the deputies who protect them! Our Community Impact Unit and Patrol Deputies will be active and attend your meetings to offer answers and feedback. Link here: <https://www.pittcountysheriff.com/community-watch-programs>