



HENRICO COUNTY

NEIGHBORHOOD WATCH

Neighborhood Watch Mission

The mission of the Henrico Police Neighborhood Watch is to build a safe, informed, and connected community through a strong partnership between residents, community stakeholders, and the Henrico Police Division.

The Henrico Police Division is committed to preventing crime, enhancing public safety, and strengthening neighborhood awareness through crime prevention education and cooperation with Neighborhood Watch members.

Together, we make our neighborhoods safer!

As the fall season approaches, changing weather, shorter daylight hours, and increased community activity can create new opportunities for crime. The Henrico Police Division encourages residents to take a few simple precautions to help protect themselves, their families, and their property.

Protecting your Home:

- Lock doors, windows, garages, and vehicles even when you are home.
- Use exterior lighting around entrances driveways, and walkways.
- Trim shrubs and trees that may provide hiding places.
- Don't leave spare keys outside your home.
- Consider using timers for interior lights when you are away.



Protecting your Vehicle:

- Remove valuables, electronics, weapons, and other items from your vehicle.
- Always lock your doors and close your windows.
- Park in well-lit areas whenever possible.
- Never leave your vehicle running or unattended.
- Report suspicious activity around parked vehicles to the police.





Halloween Safety:

- Children should travel in groups with adults and use sidewalks and crosswalks.
- Carry Flashlights or use reflective clothing or accessories.
- Parents should inspect treats before children consume any candy.
- Drivers should use extra caution in residential neighborhoods.
- Keep walkways, porches, and entrances well-lit and free of obstacles



Fall & Holiday Safety

- As the holiday season approaches, residents should be mindful of package theft. Bring in packages promptly and consider using delivery alerts, secure package locations, or cameras.
- While out shopping, be alert and aware of your surroundings.
- If possible, shop with a friend.
- Lock all packages in your trunk out of sight.
- If traveling, avoid, publicly announcing vacation plans or posting that your home is unoccupied.
- Ask a trusted neighbor to watch your home and collect mail or packages.



Residential Crime Alert

CRIME ALERT: South American Theft Group Burglary Trend in Henrico

The Henrico County Police Division is investigating several burglaries that appear to be connected to a national crime trend involving the South American Theft Group (SATG).

Nationwide, the trend shows the thieves who are part of this group typically target wealthy individuals, athletes, and/or business owners. Please note, most of these burglaries occur when no one is home. These individuals use a variety of methods to track down where the victims live.

In Henrico, the recent burglaries happened anywhere between 4 and 10 p.m. Most have been concentrated in the Three Chopt Magisterial District, however, there have been victims in the other districts as well. The thieves, typically a group of 3-5 people, are forcing their way into the home through the back door or window. The home is then ransacked for cash and other high-value items including high-end jewelry, designer



handbags and precious metals. Detectives within the Henrico Police Criminal Investigations Section continue to investigate these cases and follow up on leads.

Detectives continue to meet with community members and business owners to provide them with information about this crime trend and safety tips. Additionally, personnel within our Patrol Bureau and Community Policing Unit continue to patrol areas where these crimes have occurred and share information about best crime prevention tips. Anyone who may be a victim, but has not filed a report, is strongly encouraged to contact Henrico Police at (804) 501-5000.

The Henrico County Police Division urges homeowners to practice the following safety tips:

- Consider purchasing a tamper resistant outdoor camera (consider stand-alone cameras that record on an SD card and don't depend on WiFi);
- Consider investing in a monitored alarm system that is connected to the household power directly (loss of power will notify the alarm company);
- Consider safety glass for doors/windows that are more difficult to enter through if broken;
- Store any valuables in a safe or safe deposit box;
- If traveling out-of-town for an extended period, stop mail and newspaper deliveries and put your lights on timers so there is an appearance of occupancy;
- Include exterior lighting on the timer cycle.

As with any potential crime, please be on the lookout for:

- Two (2) or more perpetrators;
- Suspicious Solicitors: They may arrive in larger groups in a cul-de-sac, with the aim of obtaining information on home occupants, pets, security cameras, alarms and valuables;
- Individuals who may travel in SUVs and/or high-end vehicles;
- Individuals who may drop off a group and then leave.

Suspicious persons/vehicles should be reported to Henrico Police at (804) 501-5000, or by use of the [online reporting system \(DORS\)](#). Find more information on a variety of crime prevention and public safety tips [here](#).

If you know of a neighborhood interested in starting a Neighborhood Watch, please share this newsletter. The QR code to the right will direct you to the Henrico Police Neighborhood Watch [webpage for more information](#) on starting a Neighborhood Watch.

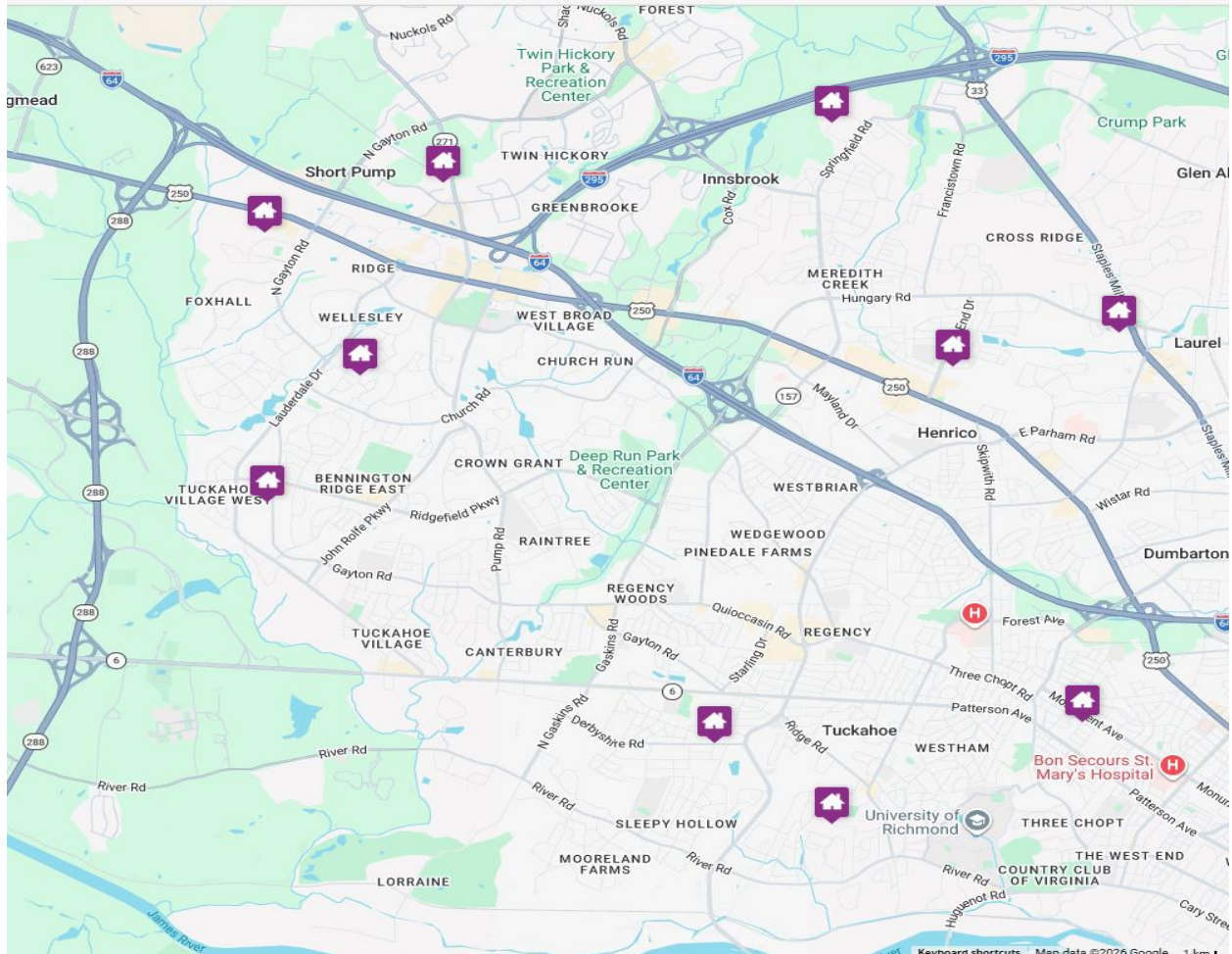




90 Day Residential Crime Map

June 28, 2026 to September 28, 2026

WEST-BURGLARY RESIDENTAL



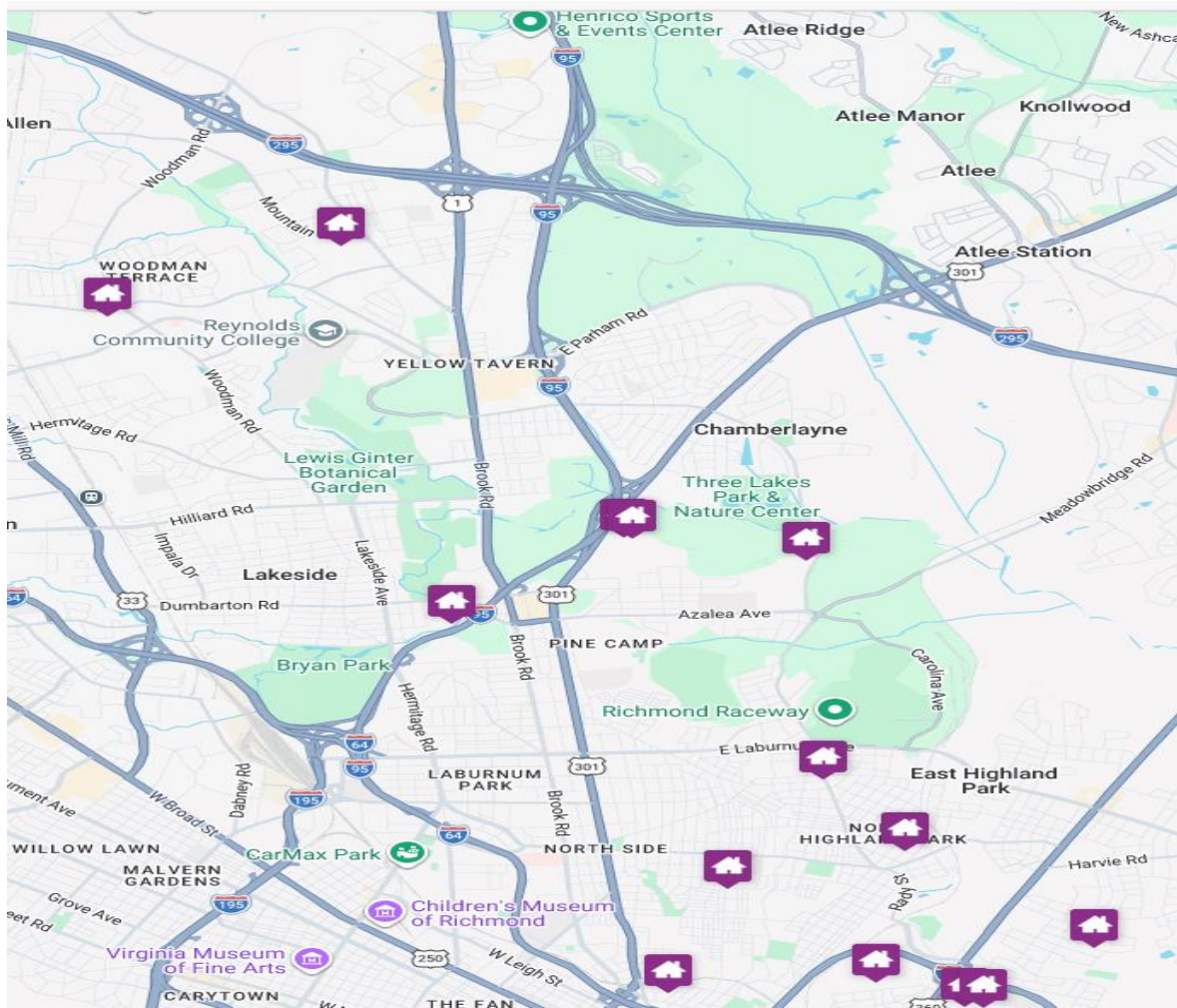
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CENTRAL-BURGLARY RESIDENTIAL



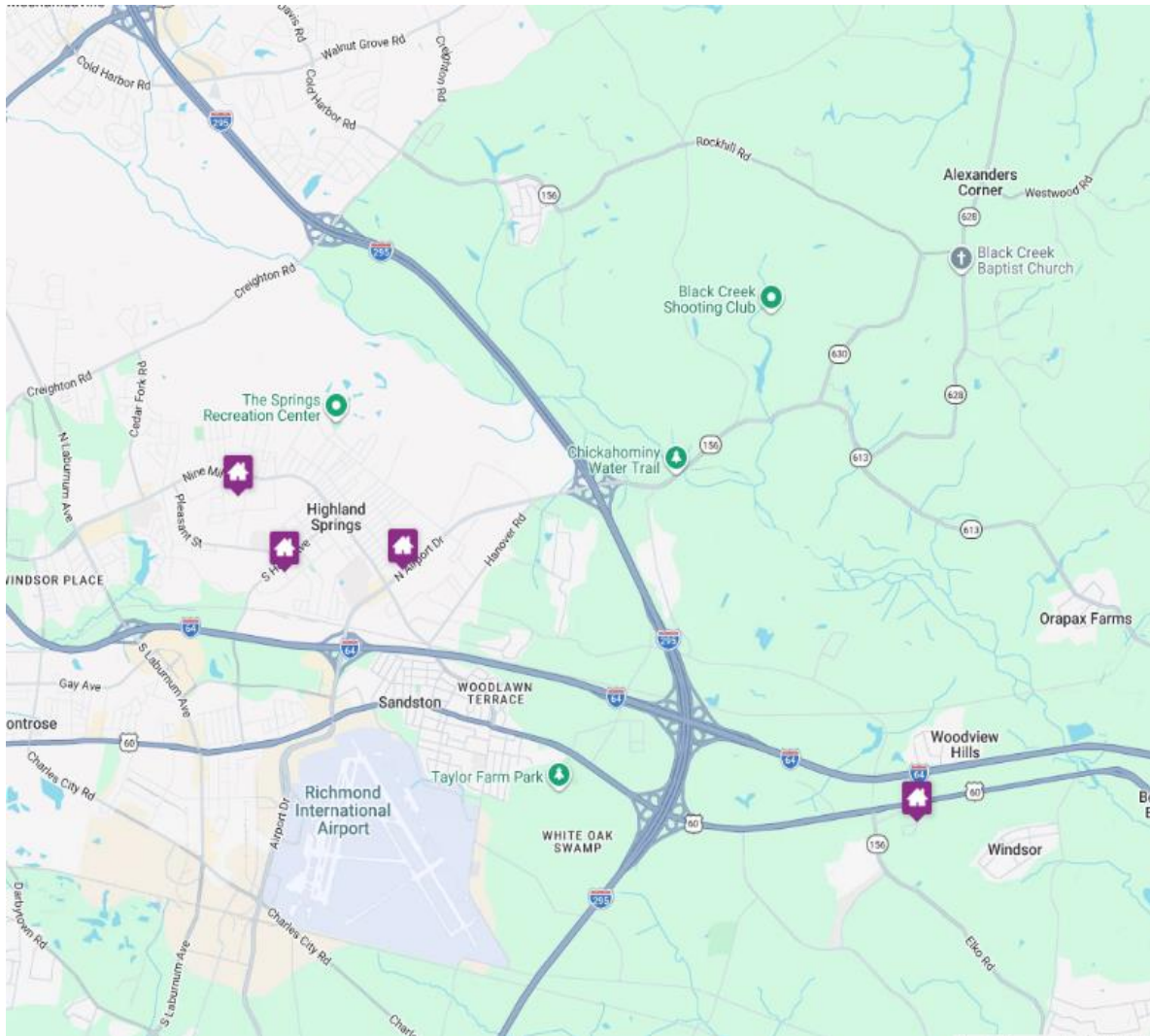
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