



CHARLES COUNTY
SHERIFF'S OFFICE

WATCH WORKS

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NOVEMBER 2019

November

3: Daylight
Saving Time
ends

November

5:
Election Day

November

11th: Veter-
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November

12: Full Moon

November

28th:
Thanksgiving
Day



Holiday Time!



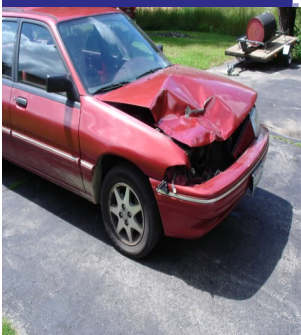
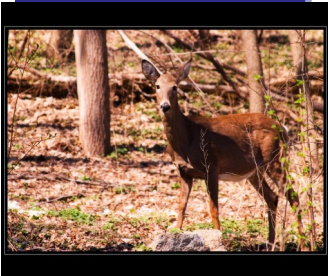
Yes, you read that right. Halloween, Thanksgiving, Christmas and then New Years. They come the same time every year and yes they are here. Wow! 2019 sure flew by. I hope you enjoy family and friend time during Thanksgiving and Christmas. I know I myself have so much to be thankful for. Please remember there are people out there with no family. You may work with them, see them at church or have them as neighbors. How wonderful it would be to invite them over for dinner, or just take them a plate and spend a few minutes of your time talking with them. If you don't know anyone that may be alone I'm sure your local church, school or civic group could use

your help providing meals for lonely or homeless people.

Christmas is a wonderful time of the year for most. Decorations, music, shopping and the excitement of children visiting Santa Claus. Christmas shopping can wear you out or be a joyous experience. Memories of Christmas past can be heartwarming or a bad memory. Just remember not everyone will have the holiday spirit. You don't know what their situation is or what they have been through so don't take it personally. Smile, wish them a Merry Christmas and go and enjoy your time celebrating the holiday. Sometimes a smile is all they need.

While you are out shopping, here are a few safety tips:

- * Shop during the daylight.
- * Stay alert and be aware of what is going on around you.
- * Don't overburden yourself with packages. Have your keys ready in your hand.
- * Lock your vehicle. Put all packages and shopping bags in the trunk. If you don't have a trunk cover items with a blanket.
- * Carry your purse close to your body. Don't let it dangle on your arm.
- * Avoid carrying large amounts of cash. Use a check or credit card whenever possible.



Caution: Deer Crossing

They might be beautiful near a babbling brook. They might be cute on movies such as Bambi, but deer can total your vehicle or cause you to end up in the woods or crashed into another vehicle.

Stay alert, pay attention. Deer will run out not only from wooded areas but also in neighborhoods. When you see one, there are usually more close by.

Deer travel in herds. Use high beams when you can so you might see their eyes ahead. Brake as necessary. If you can avoid hitting the animal, reduce your speed, honk your horn and tap your brakes to warn other

drivers. Don't swerve. This can put you in the path of oncoming vehicles or trees. Don't veer off the road, you may end up in a ditch and over correct. If an animal-car crash is inevitable, maintain control of your vehicle.

Remember it is mating and hunting season.

Don't rely on a whistle. No scientific evidence supports that car-mounted deer whistles work. Obey all traffic laws and wear seatbelts.

If you strike a deer, pull to the side of the road if you are able. If the deer isn't dead, don't approach it. Dial 911 and let them know

if you are alright and if the animal needs to be put down. If you are injured let them know you need medical attention.

Deer aren't the only furry friends crossing the road. You know the tag-team squirrels on the GEICO commercial. I think they live in my neighborhood. Night time driving I see opossum, raccoons and skunks wanting to share the road. Just be careful and know they are out there. I think a deer could do the most damage though.

Drive safe!

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Citizens Advisory Council Meeting

We will hold a Citizens Advisory Council meeting on November 20th at 7:00. This will be at the American Legion in La Plata. We divide the room into 4

parts which allows each citizen to sit with their area in which they live. They will be seated with officers and their supervisors so that they may tell

them what is going on in their area. This will allow these officers to take notes and get back to each individual or neighborhood. Hope to see you there

This Really Happened.



thieves had used the GPS to guide them to the house. They used the garage remote control to open

the garage door and gain entry to the house. The thieves knew the owners were at the football game, they know what time the game was scheduled to finish so they knew how much time they had to clean out the house.

1. While a couple left their car in the long-term parking while they took a flight out of town, someone broke into their car. Using the information on the car's registration in the glove compartment, they drove the car to the people's home and robbed it. They used the remote garage door opener to get into the house.
2. A family had their car broken into while they were at a football game. Their car was parked in the stadium parking lot. Things stolen from the car included a garage door remote control, some money and a GPS which had been mounted on the dashboard. When they arrived home they found that their house had been ransacked and just about everything worth anything had been stolen. The

3. A ladies hand bag was stolen. It contained her cell phone, credit card, wallet etc. 20 minutes later when she called her husband says "I received your text asking about our Pin number and I sent it to you." By the time they made it to the bank the thief had already withdrawn all their money.
4. A lady grocery-shopping left her purse sitting in the children's seat of the cart while she reached something off a shelf (which I see all the time). She reported it to the store

personnel. After arriving home she received a call from the store manager to say that they had her wallet and that although there was no money in it, it did still hold her personal papers. She immediately went to pick it up only to be told by the manager that no one called her. By the time she returned home again, her home had been broken into.

Although these stories were not local they can happen in any town or city.

Don't leave your registration, insurance cards or garage door opener in a vehicle you are leaving for any amount of time.

Don't put your home address in your GPS, instead put the address of the nearest Walmart or other store near you.

Never list your relationship between you and people in your cell phone.

Don't send sensitive information by text, call instead.





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