

Spotlight: Nighthawk Alarm Services

If you've driven through Carver, you've seen Nighthawk Alarm Services' headquarters. Especially if you've driven through Carver during the holidays. Heck, the exuberant seasonal display can probably be seen from space!

The annual lighting display began as a fun project for the owners' oldest child...and it has grown and continued ever since. It has become a community tradition local residents (and even those a little farther away) look forward to.

Paradoxically, Nighthawk does not even sell Christmas lights. Nor do they offer installation or design services for holiday displays. Their core business is exactly what the name implies — high quality electronic security systems and monitoring to keep residences and businesses safe and secure.

They are a locally owned business, providing state-of-the-art security systems in the Portland, Vancouver and Salem areas since 1982.



From burglar alarms and cameras to fire systems and 24-hour local monitoring, the business is owned and operated by Tamie and Shawn Wilks.

The family-run business advises, sells and installs both top-notch security and automation systems to control your home remotely by arming security features, dimming lighting and adjusting thermostats from afar.

A key differentiator that sets them apart from competitors is their willingness to help their customers incorporate existing components they already have, blending old and new elements when possible to update or expand coverage.



Owned and operated by the Wilks Family since 1982, Nighthawk Alarm Services offers the latest technology, installation and monitoring for residential and commercial security, video surveillance, security and safety products, and medical panic devices. And a truly fabulous holiday display that brightens even a rainy night.

Additionally, several customer reviews note that local 24-hour monitoring is a true benefit. This makes Nighthawk's response times exceptional. Out-of-area monitoring centers can have a harder time dealing with small jurisdictions they don't know well, so don't always dispatch from the right precinct.

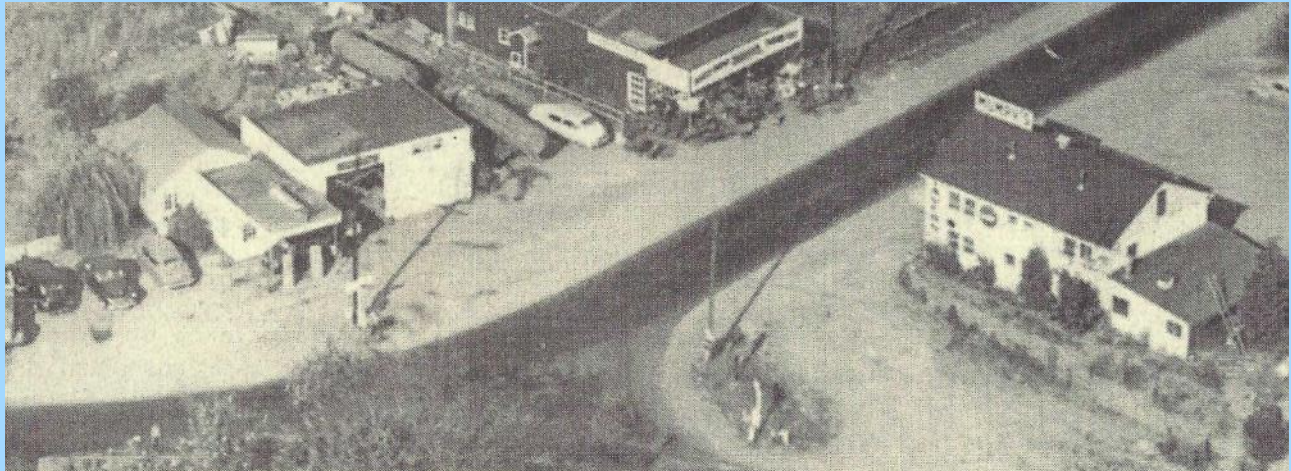
Nighthawk customers are located throughout the Pacific Northwest. While the bulk of their accounts are in the Portland-Salem area, larger accounts can be located anywhere from the Oregon Coast to Seattle and Eugene.



Significantly, the team at Nighthawk has been very successful in establishing strong connections to their satisfied customers — so much so that referrals are

their leading source for new sales. Word of mouth is their best advertising.

Nighthawk is also a big supporter of the local community. In addition to the beloved Christmas light display, they provide security for community services (including the Baker Cabin Historic Site), and facilitate donations for the Portland Sunshine Division.



This 1947 photograph shows the intersection where the main road through Carver splits off toward the Carver Bridge. The leftmost building above is Clifton's Service Station (Nighthawk Alarm Systems today). Next door to that is Baker's Bridge Trading Post. Across the highway is the former Carver State Bank/Mumpy's Tavern (now the Carver Hangar).

The service station continued to sell gas for many years. In fact, local residents recall pulling in there during the 1970s oil embargo, waiting in line for a turn to pump gas, and purchasing the 10-gallon maximum for all of

\$3.00. Remember the days of odd- or even-numbered license plates determining which day you could buy gas?

The Clifton Service Station was used as a rafting rental shop before being remodeled to become The Trails End Gallery, which is now the home of the security company.

Today, this intersection is regulated by a traffic signal that controls traffic through Carver and over the bridge. The signal light is right in front of the Nighthawk building — if you stop there during the holidays, take a picture!