



**Lafayette Place
Neighborhood Association**

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AUGUST NEWSLETTER

HI NEIGHBORS,

**“I alone cannot change the world,
but I can cast a stone across the waters to create many ripples.” Mother Teresa
(This is my new montra)**

NO APOLOGIES TODAY

Thank goodness. I was hoping this wasn't going to become a habit. But everything with the Association is moving along in a positive pace. We're receiving outpours of love from our Neighbors, and trust me, with what I have to go through with Management and Sun, your support and kind words are well worth our efforts.

REMEMBERING ALICE

If you've lived here for at least 5 years, then you knew Alice, and chances are, she knew you. There has not been a Park Manager who cared more for her residents since her passing. I don't have any evidence on how she did her corporate duties, but I know she loved us, and I saw first hand how she loved my Mother, who was a resident here for over 30 years. With her husband Bobby, who did the maintenance until his body couldn't handle it, Neighbors like myself and Rich were always there for any help she needed. I did the snow removal in the front of the park, and Rich helped keep the park clean. It was a great relationship between our Neighbors and Park Management. I wish we had that type of Management again, but knowing Sun, they'll likely keep putting in these young people who care nothing more than collecting rent. Don't look down on us now Alice, because you'll be totally disappointed how they're ruining all the good Neighborly work you did.

WHY DOES THE ASSOCIATION GET NO LOVE FROM MANAGEMENT AND SUN?

I'm still having a hard time understanding this. We are an Association that does nothing but help our Neighbors, provide them with information that's pertinent to their well-being, to listen to their concerns, and try to develop a culture of community involvement and promote better Neighbors. **Can somebody please tell me why there is no love?** The disrespect I've experienced since August of last year has been so great, Neighbors are surprised I haven't just closed down the Association. But that's not going to happen. I, and the Association will continue to stand with and behind our Neighbors for as long as I'm here. And I'll continue to voice my opinion when I find decisions they make that negatively affects our Community.

NEW REGIONAL VICE PRESIDENT (RVP)

I briefly spoke to our new Regional Vice President who is responsible for this property from Corporate. He said he is interested in learning of issues that need to be addressed. His name is Joel Shekell. If you are having an issue that isn't being resolved, you can email him directly at jshkell@suncommunities.com.

GRASS CUTTING DEBACLE

I was done cutting one of our Neighbors grass, when she calls me up and said I didn't finish. I couldn't believe that, so I walked over to her home. OK. When I cut grass, I go from my house to the house next to me. What she was saying is Management also wants her to cut a section of the grass (12") on the other side of her house, on her Neighbors property. I know I don't want anyone coming on my property to touch my grass that I invest my money into making it look so good. So, if you don't want to do it, and your are fined, bring that fine over to the

Association and we'll pay it for you. I'm sure you don't have a lot of extra money to be paying fines. But it brought back a memory when a new Neighbor moved in next door to me, came over and said, "Hey, thanks for weeding my garden!" I just got it now. :)

PORCH PIRATES

I was visiting with a Neighbor and we saw a car stop, someone got out and stole a package off a porch and drove away. I immediately spoke with Management and asked if an email can be sent out to everyone letting them know to be aware. Instead they sent out a mass email for a lost dog and cat. I'm glad they were found, but don't you think that would have been an important piece of news that would benefit our Neighbors?

This is just another reason why you need to know your Neighbors. Just last week, one of my Neighbors was informed a package was delivered, so she called me and I went and brought it to my place. That's the way it's supposed to work. So at least meet your Neighbors on both sides of you, exchange your contact information, and call them if you need. I can't imagine anyone not wanting to help.

ANOTHER ACCIDENT

Folks, let's learn from this one that speeding in this Park is dangerous. A car leaving the park hit two vehicles, a house, and demolished a shed. This will be the last time I mention speeding since it doesn't seem to make any difference. My side of the park with 2 big curves watched a car going about 40 miles an hour come around the first curve, then passed another car on the second curve almost on two wheels. If you're speeding, or one of your guests is speeding, let's all work to stopping this dangerous activity.

YOU NEED TO START READING THE EXPANDED VERSION ON THE WEBSITE - IT'S IMPORTANT!

Some of you think that the paper version of the Newsletter is all there is. But it's not. Because I can't fit everything I need you to know on two sides of the page. Last month's newsletter had 3 times more information. I know that many of you are on Facebooks or other social media sites, so I assume you have access to the internet. The website can be accessed by a phone, tablet or computer. So visit it several times a month to view updated information that benefits all of our Neighbors.

WHY DO THE "COURS" HAVE THEIR ADDRESSES ON THE WRONG SIDE OF THE HOME?

Another brilliant decision by Sun Communities. If you live on a Cour and your home is facing Lafayette Blvd, why is the address on that side of the home, when every GPS sends delivery people to the parking area where the address should be? It must cost Sun too much of their profits to have two addresses on a home, which would make it easier for everyone. But then again, why should they do it when they can get you to pay for it?

WHY DON'T HOME OWNERS FEEL PART OF THE COMMUNITY?

If a home owner needed some help, we can't go to Management because they'll just tell us "It's not their responsibility" and "If we help one, we have to help them all." They make us feel like we're all on our own here. But you're not. The Association has helped several home owners since we started, and we'll be here for you too.

FINAL THOUGHTS

Sun Communities professes this on their Lafayette Place Mobile Home Park website:

"As the nation's premier owner and operator, we pride ourselves in our commitment to our residents and guests, bringing them outstanding amenities, value and customer service consistent with the Sun Communities experience. Residents are never bored because we offer community events and activities to retain an engaged neighborhood community experience. Take advantage of our numerous on-site amenities!"

The way they treat you, myself and the Association, do you really think they believe this rhetoric? Do you know what Amenities they're speaking of? Do you know what value they provide with their exorbitant rents? Are you never bored with all the events and activities they provide? And as far as customer service, c'mon!

Rely on the Association. We're the ones who provide you value and outstanding customer service. We don't have to lie about it, we show it every day!

BTW: Thank you for all the grass cutting. Donations for our Association have increased with your support.