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JULY 2025 NEWSLETTER

HI NEIGHBORS!

"We are not put on this earth for ourselves, but are placed here for each other. If you are there always for others, then in time of need, someone will be there for you." ...Jeff Warner

A LITTLE HOUSEKEEPING BEFORE WE BEGIN

Air Conditioning

Folks, if you haven't noticed yet, it is getting really hot out there and it won't ease up until November. So you need to check your central air conditioning unit outside to make sure there is no crud on the screen. Crud will make your air conditioning unit work harder, increasing your electric bill. So just take a hose to it and get as much off as you can without taking it apart.

Furnace Filters

Changing your furnace filters will also help your air conditioning run at maximum efficiency. If you've never changed them, or even know how to change them, send me a text and I'll help you.

Grass Cutting

Whether you are using Mr. Mike's Neighborhood for your grass cutting needs or your own cutter, once you make the appointment clear your grass of any toys, trash, pop cans and rocks. You don't know how mad we get when our mowers are damaged by these objects, especially when they sink deep into the tall grass.

Car Stereos

Those who know Miss Linda and I know that when we're sitting out on the bench, we're listening to the Sold Gold Oldies. To me, there was no greater genre of music. And I understand that everyone will have their own genre of music to enjoy. So first of all, when you come into the park, or leave for work early in the morning, turn your radio down, especially if your music includes words like n__r, s__t, w___e, p__g, b__h. I'd rather not have our children hearing these types of words. You can turn it back up when you leave the park.

THIS NEWSLETTER IS YOUR ONLY COMMUNICATION IN OUR COMMUNITY

Since you've received these newsletters for almost 3 years, it's not hard to see how little Park Management actually communicates with our Neighbors. There's only one reason for this; they don't want us to know anything that's taking place at Lafayette Place. Keep us stupid. And remember that if they "help one of us, then they have to help all of us." But now you have the best communication gift I could give you: **www.mobilehomerresident.com**. I created a website that will answer virtually every question you could have about mobile home living. And if you have a question you can't find, just let me know and I'll upload an article to answer your question in 24 hours. You pay rent here, you deserve to have answers.

I CAN'T GET ANY ANSWERS FROM PARK MANAGEMENT

Ever since I started the Association, I tried to have a friendly, if not civil relationship with Sun Communities and Park Management, but to no avail. I've pretty much become a pariah and that's why I'm treated with such disrespect by the Leaders of our Community. And if they treat me this way, they'll do the same to you. So I emailed Nicolette and asked, "what has Sun directed you to respond to a resident asking about Mr. Mike's Neighborhood? And if Sun hasn't directed you, what have you directed your staff to say?" As usual I received no response. It's amazing how they treat "a resident-in-good-standing".

So I Need Your Help

If anyone has ever asked Nicolette or Marsha (our Office Manager) about either of my Associations, "Lafayette Place Neighborhood Association" or "Mr. Mike's Neighborhood", please send me a text and let me know what they said. You know Mr. Mike's Neighborhood would never divulge personal information between us and our Neighbors. So if you have this information please send me a text.

WHAT DOES THE 4TH OF JULY REALLY MEAN?

The 4th of July, also known as Independence Day, is a significant day in American history that commemorates the adoption of the Declaration of Independence on July 4, 1776. This document declared the thirteen American colonies independent from British rule and laid the foundation for the United States of America.

The 4th of July is a day of celebration, patriotism, and reflection on the values of freedom, democracy, and independence that the country was founded upon. It is a time for Americans to come together to honor the sacrifices made by the founding fathers and all those who have fought for the country's freedom throughout history.

For many, the 4th of July represents a day of unity and pride in being American. It is a time to celebrate the country's diversity, resilience, and spirit of democracy. It is a reminder of the rights and liberties that Americans enjoy, such as freedom of speech, religion, and assembly.

WHAT TO DO WITH YOUR KIDS WHEN YOU CAN'T LEAVE THE PARK

When you're stuck in Lafayette Place and can't leave, there are still plenty of fun activities you can do with your kids to keep them entertained and engaged. Here are some ideas to make the most of your time:

1. Have a picnic: Set up a picnic in a common area or even in your own yard. Pack some sandwiches, snacks, and drinks, and enjoy a meal together outdoors.
 2. Play outdoor games: Bring out some outdoor games like frisbee, soccer, or tag to get some fresh air and exercise.
 3. Have a movie marathon: Set up a mini movie theater in your mobile home and have a movie marathon with your kids. Pop some popcorn and enjoy some family-friendly films.
 4. Do some arts and crafts: Get creative with some arts and crafts projects. You can make homemade cards, paint rocks, or create your own jewelry.
 5. Have a scavenger hunt: Create a scavenger hunt around the mobile home park with a list of items for your kids to find. It's a fun and interactive way to explore your surroundings.
 6. Bake some treats: Spend some time in the kitchen baking cookies, cupcakes, or brownies with your kids. It's a delicious way to bond and create something together.
 7. Have a dance party: Put on some music and have a dance party in your mobile home. Let loose and have fun dancing with your kids.
 8. Plant a garden: Start a small garden in your yard or in pots on your porch. Teach your kids about gardening and watch as your plants grow.
 9. Build a fort: Use blankets, pillows, and furniture to build a fort inside your mobile home. It's a cozy and
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fun way to spend time together.

10. Have a game night: Break out some board games or card games and have a game night with your kids. It's a great way to bond and have some friendly competition.

Overall, there are plenty of ways to have fun with your kids when you can't leave a mobile home park. Get creative, try new activities, and make the most of your time together.

BACK BY POPULAR DEMAND

I really tried to shut down Mr. Mike's Neighborhood but my Neighbors wouldn't let me. I tried to shut down the Book Library and Food Pantry, but my Neighbors kept leaving food and books on my porch. I wanted to stop taking clothing that I'd let my Neighbors take for free outside my home, but my Neighbors kept bringing me clothes. I wanted to shut all of this down because I felt like my Community, whom I've supported for almost three years, wasn't supporting me. Though I couldn't service the whole Community like I wanted because of Sun Communities rules, my Neighbors were telling me that Mr. Mike and Miss Linda were making a huge difference in our Community even though we may have not felt it directly. We did find out by many of our Neighbors that they were afraid to associate with Mr. Mike's Neighborhood in fear of retaliation from Park Management, which we now know to be true. This is why I need to find out what Park Management is saying about us behind our backs. So, since I've received so much positive feedback, though better late than never, I'm bringing back some of the services we provide that doesn't cost me a lot of money.

Food Pantry and Book Library

With everything I do around here, I just don't have time to visit the Food Banks, so I rely on those who actually do. Premium food like Chili, Beef Stew, Canned Chicken and Canned Salmon go really fast. We have tons of Canned Vegetables and the such. Drinks like Tea, Grape and Apple Juice also go quickly. So, if you or your friends are going to the food banks, when they ask "how many in your family" just add one more please.

Beautiful Garden and Holiday Certificates

Over the past several years, we have been so proud of our Neighbors who take the time and effort to create beautiful gardens, and grace our Community with seasonal decorations. You should be honored and commended for your beautification efforts. So, I'll be handing out the Beautiful Garden Certificate in August, and the seasonal Certificates definitely for Christmas, but also for Halloween and Thanksgiving if I see some Neighbor participation. The cost is for ink and paper, but that's a small price to pay for Community.

Clothing

Our Neighbors love free clothes. And they should. From the beginning I wanted keep what we can within the Community instead of going outside the Park. The problem was my home became a warehouse and it was getting a little overwhelming. We will now try to put out the tables only on the Weekend, and whatever isn't taken, we'll take it to the Charity. Make sure everything is washed and folded. We'll give it another try.

Final Thought:

I won't be trying to do events for the Neighbors any longer. I've been wanting to find ways to bring all of the children in our Community together, to meet other kids, to have others to play with. So I wanted to have a Sidewalk Chalk Drawing Contest. I said I needed to raise \$600 for chalk, flyers, and prizes and asked my Community for donations. If you know me, I don't ask for donations from my Neighbors. So this was new for me. In one month I received \$0.00 donations. I guess my Community doesn't want to do anything, even if it's for the kids. That's ok, it's just less work for me.