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HI NEIGHBORS!

"One cannot simply stand by and watch their community crumble without taking action; it is a shared duty to care for the place we call HOME." — Anthony J. D'Angelo

RAINY SEASON IS COMING - BEWARE OF FLOODING



This picture represents what Cour Marie looks like during a torrential rain storm. You can see more pictures on the website. Since I have been here, we have flooded 4 times, all of them with disasterous effects to vehicles. Though this issue may not affect you if you're on higher ground, and since I'm not sure which areas within our Community are affected, here are some tips to keep you and your vehicle safe for those in low areas:

- When we start experiencing the torrential rains, I mean rain that is so hard and lasts at least 30 minutes, start paying close attention to the water on the streets and the flowing of the sewers.
 - Keep an eye on the sewers. If you see them bubbling water back onto the street, you know they're becoming full and you need to take action by moving your vehicle to higher ground. If you see them bubbling, this is not sewage so there's no need to worry. The sewers are just water reservoir runoffs, so there is no sewage in them. But to keep our Community safe, if you have a sewer drain near your
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or in the parking area, please make sure there are no leaves or trash blocking them. I'm not positive this is done, so we can take the lead in keeping our Community safe.

What To Do If the Water Rises Half Way Up Your Tire

If the water reaches halfway up your parked car tires, do not attempt to start the engine. Before it reaches that level, immediately move your vehicle to higher ground if it's safe to do so, and contact your insurance company as the water could have caused significant damage to your car's electrical system and engine. Starting the engine with water in it could cause severe damage and potentially ruin your vehicle.

SAFETY IS OUR MAIN CONCERN

Between Sun Communities, Park Management and Mr. Mike's Neighborhood, we are the only ones who have shown a sincere concern regarding the safety of our Community. Recently I filed a 4-page complaint against Sun Communities and Park Management with the Warren City Commissioner regarding the safety violations within our Community. You can view the whole letter on the website included in the March Newsletter.

THIS IS MY HOME

If you've ever wondered why I do what I do for my Community? It's for one main reason; this is my **HOME**. You see, I care what happens here, I care what happens to my Neighbors, I care that my Community is safe, and I care since I pay so much rent for a slab of concrete, that at least part of my rent money is used for the betterment of my Neighbors.

For Sun Communities and Park Management, this is not their HOME, this is their job. So they don't look at Lafayette Place the way I do. For my rent, I want to live in a safe Community where criminals don't steal our packages and I don't want to live in a Community that is littered with trash. The powers that be don't have the same reasons for how they view this property. Since it's main function is to collect rent and make a profit, part of the process for making profit is to spend less money here, and for Management, do as little work as possible. We know this by how often they don't answer the phone. And let them have trash around their communities and see if they feel the same way.

Let's do some math. It won't be accurate but it will prove my points. Say we have 230 homes paying an average of \$900 per month. This means they take in around \$210,000 per month in rent, or 2.5 million dollars a year. Now I know they have plenty of expenses. But for an entire year, they didn't fix any potholes, and the only money they spent on the property was to hire a weed killing company to kill the weeds by the curbs. What could that have cost, a couple thousand dollars? And because of these potholes, we have so much gravel on the streets it's embarrassing to have friends see where I live.

Everytime the tractor brings a home in, they destroy our curbs and our streets. And yet they're not made to pay for the destruction to our Community. Sun Communities said that every April they walk the park with Management and fix the curbs. Really?

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FINAL THOUGHT:

I know that many Neighbors might not like to complain to Management, even about issues you feel strong about. You may fear retaliation and a sense of powerlessness due to not owning the land you live on, and of course, the belief that your complaints won't be taken seriously. That's what Mr. Mike is for. Let me help. I can take the heat for you and keep you anonymous. Remember: the squeaky wheel gets the oil.

I now have over 80 articles on my new website, mobilehomeliving.us. Please visit it often.
