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AUGUST NEWSLETTER

HI NEIGHBORS,

"Imagine what our neighborhoods would be like if each of us offered . . . just one kind word to another person." ...Fred Rogers (Mr. Roger's Neighborhood)

THE COMMUNITY HAS SPOKEN

Well, I must admit that I was a little disappointed, if not a little hurt, that after almost two years of Mr. Mike's Neighborhood helping our Community, only 26 Neighbors replied that they would attend the picnic/meeting at Shaw Park out of a possible 500. I mean, who doesn't like a picnic? Maybe you were a little scared off when I wanted to have Sun and Management attend so you can voice your concerns. Even though we've been around for several years, maybe you still don't know who Mr. Mike's Neighborhood actually is and how we cater to our Neighbors needs. Or maybe you're afraid of retribution since you know how much Sun and Management fight against Mr. Mike. I don't doubt this one bit since Sun has restrained us from reaching out to our entire Community. But since we didn't have the event where I would explain how we can help you, I'm having to spend more money getting this information to you.

SO HOW DOES MR. MIKE'S NEIGHBORHOOD HELP YOU?

I can't spend this newsletter re-explaining things we've accomplished in the past, so if you're interested in learning more, read the article on the website entitled, **"How Mr. Mike's Neighborhood Works to Change the Culture in Mobile Home Parks."** So here's just a few things you should know:

Phone Number

Every Neighbor in this Community has my phone number. Whether you need some help, some advice, or just a chat, you have the confidence of knowing you have someone to call whenever you need.

Website

Our website has tons of valuable information that benefit our Community, like Resources, Rules & Regulations, Newsletters, Articles and more. The address is on our logo at the top. Visit it on the first of every month to read the Newsletter, check for Food Banks, Rental Assistance and more.

Newsletter

I'm the author of over a dozen books and tons of articles, so I think I'm an excellent writer. Even if you never need our help, reading the Newsletter will inform you of important issues of the day, and thought-provoking topics that will make you think. You can read the Newsletter in three ways:

- Read it on your phone, tablet or computer.
 - Pick it up on the post in front of my home #828.
 - Text me and I'll walk it to your home every month.
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Porch Pirate Pickup Program

This has become one of our most successful services. Management won't communicate about crime within our Community. And I actually viewed a car stopping in the middle of the street, jump out, steal a package and drive off. I asked Sun Communities if they would send an email to everyone telling you about this program but they refused. I asked if they would have our Management perform this program and they refused. So, if you have a package delivered to your home, all you need to do is text me your first name and address and I'll pick it up, bring it to my home and you can retrieve it when you can. We also have cars broken into as well as home windows broken. If you are aware of any crime within our Community, please call the police, Management, and let us know so we can inform other Neighbors.

Tool Loan Program

Many of you don't have sheds to keep your equipment safe, and you may need some tools to help you with maintaining your home. I have many tools to include: hand tools like screw drivers, pliers, wrenches, etc. • table saw, mitre saw • garden tools, hand carts • ladders • drills, sawzall, power saws, brad nailer and more. These are all loaned free of charge. If you have a need for any tools, don't hesitate to ask.

Sidewalk Weed Cutting

As Miss Linda and I walk around the park, we noticed that many lawn cutters in our Community don't cut the weeds from our Neighbors walkways and patios. There are some huge weeds, and many of our Neighbors don't have the equipment to get rid of them. If you'll just text me your first name and house number, I'll come over and cut them for free.

AUGUST IS BEAUTIFUL GARDEN CERTIFICATE TIME

Every year Mr. Mike's Neighborhood awards three Certificates: Beautiful Property, Beautiful Garden, and Christmas Decorations. Around the second week of August we'll be taking pictures of your garden and awarding the coveted Beautiful Garden Certificates. So make sure your grass is cut and your garden is weedless. We have some beautiful gardens this year so get ready.

WHY DO WE CARE SO MUCH?

Anthony D'Angelo said, "Without a sense of caring, there can be no Community." Sun looks at Lafayette Place as a Community of Renters. We look at Lafayette Place as a Community of Neighbors. It becomes a whole different way of how we approach our view of the Community. The fact is, we don't need you to care about us, our Mission is to care about you. It's like when we Smile and Wave at every Neighbor who passes by my house. And it's not a whimpy-ass wave. It's a straight arm, flexed elbow, hinged wrist, slapping back and forth wave. And the reason is, you deserve it. I received several texts the other day from Neighbors who said, "I haven't seen you and Miss Linda out on the bench lately. Are you ok?" If this doesn't answer the question of why we care so much, you've read just one of them. We care so much because Miss Linda and I are planning on spending the rest of our lives here. It's our way of giving to our Neighbors a Neighborhood Culture that you deserve. The answer, it was just too hot to sit out.

FINAL THOUGHT:

Since Miss Linda and I started Mr. Mike's Neighborhood, we have made more friends than we could have ever made otherwise. We actually have a lot of fans that appreciate everything we attempt to accomplish. It's important for us to stay visible within our Community, to remind you that there's someone here you can trust, someone you can rely on, someone who actually cares about you more than just rent. This is why we walk the Community daily and sit on the bench to Smile & Wave. It's to let you know we're here for you. It's to let you know you're not alone. It's to let you know we're glad you're here.

YOU CAN HELP ME HELP YOU BY READING THE NEWSLETTERS THE FIRST OF EVERY MONTH.

I'll be putting more articles on the web for you to enjoy.
