



Mr. Mike's Neighborhood

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MAY 2025 NEWSLETTER

HI NEIGHBORS!

"I am of the opinion that my life belongs to the whole Community and as long as I live, it is my privilege to do for it whatever I can."

— George Bernard Shaw and Mr. Mike's Neighborhood

GRASS CUTTING TIME GETTING CLOSE - I NEED YOUR SUPPORT!

As we've done for the past several years, we will continue to cut grass within our Community. As most of you know, we don't take donations to support Mr. Mike's Neighborhood, not because we can't use more money, but because we know how tight money may be for you. So we use grass cutting to help with our expenses.

If you sign up with the Park's grass cutting program, you will pay \$68 for four cuts per month added on to your rent. Most grass doesn't need to be cut every week, so you could be wasting money. We charge \$20 per cut, which includes cutting, edging and cleaning. We also cut the weeds in your sidewalk which the Park program won't do. So if we cut your grass twice a month, that's \$40, which will save you \$28 per month. Not only that, we have several ways to pay. We take Cash, Credit Cards, CashApp, and most importantly, if you need your grass cut but you don't have the money, you can go on our Honor Program and pay when you can. Let's keep our money in the Park as compared to hiring outside concerns.

To have us cut your grass, all you need to do is text me your first name, house number and how you will pay. If you're already a customer I have your contact information. We don't set permanent times since all grass doesn't grow at the same rate, so we rely on you to let us know when you feel it's time by texting us. But do not let your grass grow high or Park Management will be contacting you. If you get a Thursday or Friday note on your door regarding Force Cut, do take this seriously. If you don't cut it by the next Monday, they will charge you \$55 for them to cut it as a fine.

DONATIONS OF CLOTHES, TOYS, FOOD AND MORE

Mr. Mike's Neighborhood has been so lucky having Neighbors who gladly donate items that our entire Community can use. We actually don't want you throwing anything away without asking whether our Neighbors can use them. So because of the quantity of donations, we will put them on the sidewalk in front of my home only on weekends. Whatever is not taken by then, we will donate to a Charity. Our only requirement is that clothes must be washed and in good condition.

If you have something to donate, you can just leave it on my porch and we'll take care of it. Miss Linda and I would just like to say **"THANKS IN ADVANCE FOR ALL YOUR HELP."**

MY NORTH LAFAYETTE NEIGHBORS

Our Community is split between North and South Lafayette Blvds. Because of where I'm located, I only have the pleasure of seeing and meeting my South Lafayette Neighbors as they pass by my home. With the restrictions Sun Communities places on me, if I step on your property, I'm accused of trespassing. If I knock on your door, I'm accused of resident annoyance. If I ask for donations, I'm accused of running a business in the Park. So Sun Communities has pretty much relegated me to my small part of the Community.

So if you live on North Lafayette, please detour toward my home on weekends to see if I have any donations you can use.

ALL ARTICLES NOW ON MOBILEHOMERESIDENT.COM

The Neighborhood Culture that Mr. Mike's Neighborhood promotes was always meant for bigger things. After living here for over 14 years and experiencing the way mobile home residents are treated, it was important for me to become a self-promoted activist for mobile home residents everywhere. Since our website revolves around issues within Lafayette Place, **mobilehomerresident.com** provides a wealth of information to help any resident, whether they're just beginning their research, or you're already a resident, you can get tons of information on one website.

From now on, **www.mrmikesneighborhood.org** will only be used for Community Business. All my articles, which is now approaching 100, will be on the **www.mobilehomerresident.com** website. Make sure you visit both websites and read to your heart's content. I can pretty much guarantee you that if you have a question regarding mobile home living, the answer will be there. And if it's not, send me your question and I'll have the answer there within 24 hrs.

THIS NEWSLETTER IS YOUR ONLY FORM OF COMMUNICATION

If you notice, Park Management does not provide any form of communication with the Neighbors. This is not by accident. They really don't want our Neighbors knowing anything that happens in our Community, or their plans for how they are going to make our Community better. So this monthly newsletter, which is always on the website and on the post in front of my home, is your only way of feeling like you're actually part of our Community. Unless you also like reading the articles, you only have to read the newsletter once a month. So please read the newsletter every first of the month.

NEW NEIGHBORS

Originally, Mr. Mike's Neighborhood wanted to give all new Neighbors a **"Welcome to the Community"** Plant, but that wasn't allowed to happen. So new Neighbors might not know we exist. If you have a new Neighbor next door, feel free to give them our information. You can pick up a newsletter and business card on the post in front of my home. We want Neighbors to get to know each other, so hopefully, this will help.

FINAL THOUGHT:

It was disappointing to see that I'm the only one who feels like Sun Communities does not use our rent money to promote a better quality of life for our Neighbors. I understand Sun Communities' reasoning for only wanting our rent money to go toward their bottom-line. But I was hoping there were more of us who wanted to see Lafayette Place be treated more like our HOME, then just a slab of concrete to place a house on. After speaking with many of you, I realized that fear and retaliation from Sun Communities was the main reason why you wouldn't speak up. But I'm over it now. Miss Linda and I will continue to promote reading for our children with our Free Children's Library, make sure that anyone who needs food can visit our Free Food Pantry, and continue to repurpose items donated to share with everyone on the weekends.
