

I live in a manufactured home community in Macomb County and I want to tell you something about living in such a community.

First off the community is new and very well kept up. It is out in the country and I love the area.

Now for the things that we don't like. First off we are in what you might call a concentration camp. The management I think took lessons from Hitler or Stalin. There are so many rights that were taken away from us when we moved into this community that I think the US Civil Rights Commission would love to hear about it. We have been told that since we live on privately owned land we have to do exactly as the management says. Children cannot skateboard, they cannot ride bikes in the street yet they give them no where to ride them. They are not allowed to use the rest rooms in the club house if they are playing near it, they are told to go home you live close enough.

If the manager finds that they don't like you for some reason... the harassment starts. Notices are sent to your home for anything and everything. No parking in street yet they only give us one extra spot for our company to park. So we have to make sure we don't have more than one car of company. We are issued notices (little reminders as they call them, but if we are taken to court they are used against us as violations of community rules) But if you are friends of management you won't be targeted as much.

If you happen to have a vehicle that you use for work, that was supplied by your employer and it has the company logo on it, you cannot park that vehicle in your driveway. A resident has just that problem. He must park it down the road in a factory parking lot and have his wife has to wake up her children at 5 am to drive him to the truck. In the winter it is a sad sight to see a little 5 year old get up that early and go out in the freezing cold, just to get her dad to his vehicle that provides his lively hood.

Nothing is private; our lot which we pay rent for means nothing. Privacy was forsaken when we moved in. The manager will come on the property at all hours and find things that she can write you up for. A cigarette butt, a missed pile of dog mess whatever. The other day a resident bought a new used car and parked it in his driveway, before he could get up and out the next morning and check the vehicle a notice was placed on the windshield because the vehicle had a flat tire. So the tire went flat during the night some time and he just hadn't had time to open his door to look and fix it.

Getting to see your family and friends is a privilege not a right or freedom. They say that if a guest stays at your home for more than 30 days in a 12 month period that guest must register as a resident. So that means if my granddaughter spends her summer vacation with me I have to register her as a resident, even though she does not live with me but her parents in Warren. They can dictate who comes on their property. A mother cannot see her son because of false accusations of violence and civil disturbances; they have banned him from entering the property. They have no real proof yet they control his visiting his family.

If you are friends with the manager you don't have to fear eviction or constant harassment. By being friends with management I mean that if you watch other residents and children playing and report each incident to the manager so she can issue her little warnings.

We have no privacy. Between the management spying and stalking us and her friends doing the same We are lucky we have blinds or shades that we can hide behind. Management was seen using binoculars from the office looking at residents. She has been seen stalking behind bushes at the play area watching residents and children play.

Rules are not handled equally. The guidelines state no foul language yet I have been witness to foul language by residents and enticing to fight with other residents and nothing has been done. (of course it happened to be one of her spies)

Where can we turn? Legislators drag their feet when it comes to our bill of rights. Our homes are not as mobile as some might believe. Moving our homes would mean a \$5000 to \$6000 expense, maybe more. Then again if we could move the home whose to say that we would not move into another community that

