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## Syosset mobile home owners have 6 months til eviction

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Residents of the Syosset Mobile Home Park now have six months before they will be evicted from their homes, and although they've bought some time they still don't want to leave.

STP Associates, the Syosset-based developer that owns the five-acre property behind Jericho Turnpike, just west of Underhill Boulevard, began sending out eviction notices last week as part of a settlement with residents, said Michael Mason, the Garden City attorney representing STP.



But Elliot Schlissel, the Lynbrook attorney for the residents, said the residents are not giving up.

"They're not moving," said Schlissel. "These people will chain themselves to their homes."

Since STP purchased the property last year, residents have been fighting evictions, which stemmed from a rent strike used to protest rents that doubled to \$1,000 per month.

Residents had been in the process of appealing a March ruling by a State Supreme Court judge in Nassau County that said STP does have the right to evict tenants who had not paid their rent. The residents had argued that they were entitled to six months' notice instead of 30 days.

But the developer reached a settlement with residents, Mason said, because the appeal may have taken more than the six-month window they were seeking.

Though residents own their mobile homes, they do not own the land they sit on. If

evicted, Schlissel said, many will lose their investments because, contrary to what the name indicates, the homes are not mobile. Some people also owe money for their homes, he said.

While eviction proceedings are scheduled to begin in January, Mason said litigation could delay the property's being vacated unless both sides reach an agreement.

"We could be months into 2009 before people are evicted," he said.

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