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Opinion

Life in a 10x70 Mobile Home

When I purchased my mobile home in the spring of 2006 it never entered my mind that I would now be fighting for the right to keep it. It was my plan to live my life, happily, in my 10 x 70.

The economy is not in the best of shape, unemployment is at the highest it has been in 4 years, Donald Trump is bailing out Ed McMahon, Mayor Bloomberg wants to re-develop Willets Point and re-locate the businesses which are now there, we are still fighting a war in Iraq, the stock market has been one huge rollercoaster ride and gun violence continues to exist on our streets. Why, when all of these disturbing occurrences surround us, are wealthy land developers "allowed" to purchase an occupied mobile home park, making its residents not only homeless but having each and every mobile home owner lose their equity?

The answer to the aforementioned question might just be "because they can." Morally isn't it wrong? Why are wealthy developers allowed to do this to hard-working middle class Americans? Why is it when local, state and even federal politicians are asked to become involved in saving the homes of its citizens, do they turn the other way? How can people say "it is a shame what is happening to families in the mobile home park," and yet sit by and allow it to happen? The Town of Oyster Bay's Landmark Preservation Committee might landmark a cemetery, but when it comes to saving a piece of history, an over 80 year old mobile home park with "living" residents do we find the town unreachable.

I am but one resident who will lose tens of thousands of dollars, plus her home, is this fair and equitable? Is it humane? Or has the mighty dollar taken over peoples' lives at the expense of others?

Think about it my neighbors, if you were in my shoes, wouldn't you be the least bit disheartened at the lack of compassion surrounding your "fixable" predicament? If your answer is yes, then contact your local politicians and help make our voice heard.

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