

**City Council Meeting
July 21, 2010**

TXT-37635

**Proposed Amendments to Title 19 and
Title 6 Regarding Community
Residences**

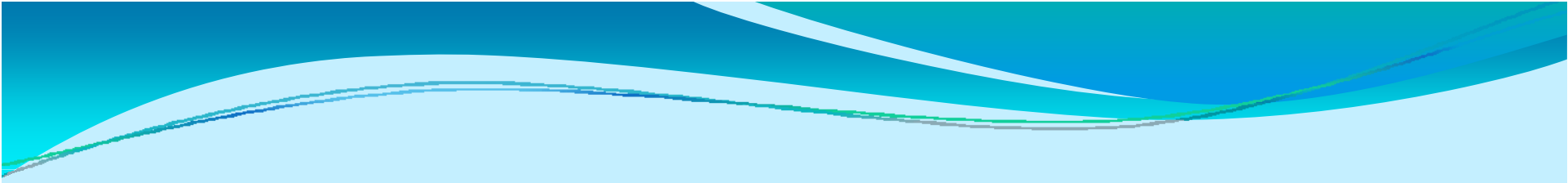
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Where We've Been

- At the last hearing on this ordinance amendment, members of this Council expressed *logical, understandable concerns* about the scope of the amendments provided to the Council by staff.
- It appeared that members of this Council were concerned that *any and all* types of multi-population housing, care or treatment facilities--
 - 1) *would be permitted to encroach into single family neighborhoods; and*
 - 2) *there would be no ability for the City to regulate such facilities.*



Clarification of this Understanding

These Amendments only affect those multi-population single-family dwelling uses that house:

THE DISABLED

These Amendments in no way alter the City's ability to regulate multi-population uses in residential neighborhoods such as a Facility for Transitional Living for Released Offenders or Boarding Houses.

The Proposed Amendments

The proposed amendments specifically clarify that only those residential facilities for *THE DISABLED* may be sited in single family residential communities as required by the limitations of the three relevant FEDERAL ANTI-DISCRIMINATION LAWS:

- The Fair Housing Amendments Act of 1988
- The Americans with Disabilities Act
- The Federal Rehabilitation Act of 1973

Types of Persons Protected by Federal Law

For purposes of Federal Anti-Discrimination Laws, the following afflictions have been found by federal courts *to constitute A DISABILITY*:

- Persons with *Severe Depression*
- Persons with *Alzheimer's* Disease
- Persons with *Autism*
- Persons that *lack mobility*
- Persons *recovering* from drug or alcohol addiction, who are *not currently using drugs or alcohol*.

Types of Persons **NOT** Protected by Federal Law

Who are not disabled and not protected by Federal Anti-Discrimination laws?

ANY PERSONS ***NOT AFFLICTED with a
DISABILITY***

- Ex-Felons
- Sex Offenders seeking treatment and counseling
- Non-Disabled Released Juvenile Offenders
- PERSONS CURRENTLY ABUSING ALCOHOL
OR DRUGS ARE NOT PROTECTED***

Types of Uses *Not Protected*

The following uses are *not permitted to operate pursuant to the proposed Amendments* and are either *prohibited in single-family residential neighborhoods* or are permitted *only upon approval of a Special Use Permit*:

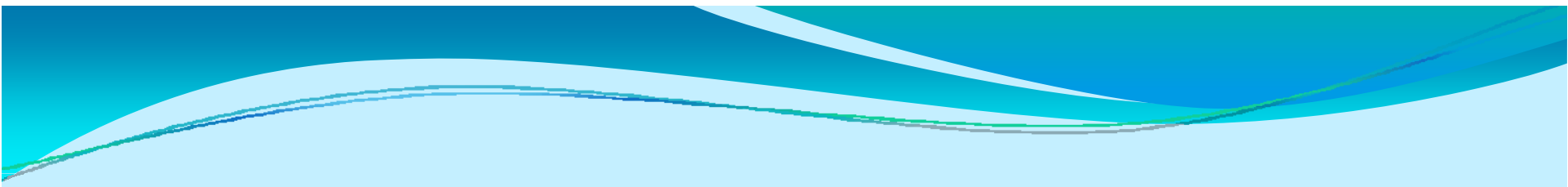
- a. Senior Citizen Apartment
- b. Adult Day Care Center
- c. Nursing Home

Types of Uses *Not Protected*

- d. Facility for Transitional Living for Released Offenders
- e. Facility to Provide Testing, Treatment or Counseling for Drug and Alcohol Abuse
- f. Hospice
- g. Sex Offender Counseling Facility

Types of Uses *Not Protected*

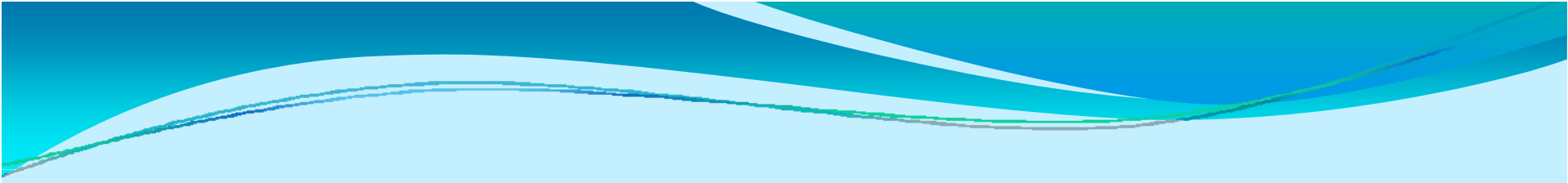
- h. Boarding or Rooming House;
- i. Any other group living arrangement for unrelated individuals who are not disabled;
- j. Any of the following as defined by NRS 449: Facilities for the Treatment of Drug and Alcohol Abuse; Modified Medical Detoxification Facilities; Transitional Living Facilities for Released Offenders; Facility for the Treatment of Narcotics; and Community Triage Center.



Community Residence Conditions

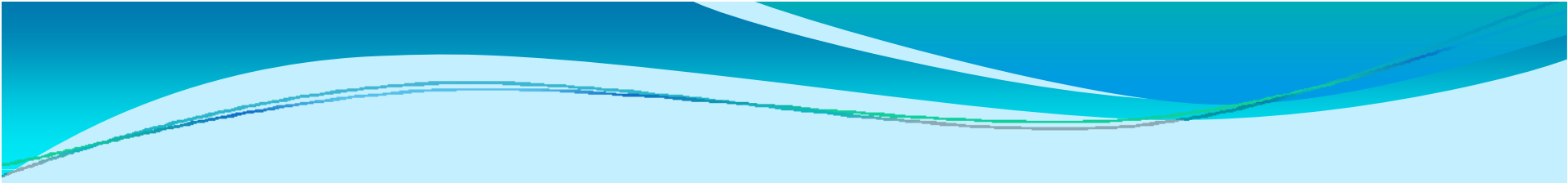
Under the new ordinance, a Community Residence must comply with the following conditions:

1. Except as otherwise provided in Regulations 2 and 3, a Community Residence may not be located closer than 660 feet to any other Community Residence (measured from property line to property line).
2. Where there is a street, freeway or drainage channel at least 100 feet wide between the proposed Community Residence and an existing Community Residence, the minimum separation requirement is reduced to 100 feet from property line to property line.
3. When the population of a proposed Community Residence is of such a nature that its location must be kept confidential for it to function successfully, such as a Community Residence for victims of domestic abuse, the minimum separation requirements set forth in Regulations 1 and 2 above shall not apply.
4. A maximum of 2 persons who function as facility operator or support staff may reside in a Community Residence without being counted toward the 10-resident limit established for that use. Resident operator/support staff in excess of 2 shall be counted toward the 10-person limit.
5. A Community Residence shall comply with all public health and safety requirements including all Building and Fire Code requirements for the dwelling type in question.



Community Residence Conditions

6. If Federal or State law or regulations require the proposed Community Residence to be licensed or certified, then the applicant must obtain that required license or certification before commencing operation of the Community Residence.
7. When located in an O, C-1 or C-2 Zoning District, a Community Residence may not be established unless it is part of a mixed-use development.
8. The operator of a Transitional Community Residence:
 - a. Must require residents to be actively and continuously enrolled in an offsite support program, including without limitation Alcoholics Anonymous or an equivalent program, or a rehabilitation program such as one supervised by a medical professional or recognized treatment;
 - b. Must prohibit the use of alcohol and illegal drugs by residents; and
 - c. Upon request and with reasonable notice, must produce evidence satisfactory to the Director or the Code Enforcement Manager residents are in compliance with this Regulation.
9. Occupancy within a Community Residence shall not be made available to any individual whose tenancy would constitute a direct threat to the health and safety of individuals or would result in substantial physical damage to the property of others. The fact that a person is sentenced or referred to a Transitional Community Residence by a judge does not, without other evidence of a person's actual danger to other persons or property, establish that the person is a direct threat to the health and safety of others.



Community Residence Conditions

10. The Community Residence must be consistent with the scale and architectural character of the neighborhood.
11. The Special Use Permit provisions of LVMC 19.04.040(B) shall not apply to Regulations 5 through 10 above.
12. In the case of a Special Use Permit application that is filed as a consequence of not qualifying for conditional use treatment under Regulations 1 and 2 above, the application must be approved unless the Planning Commission or City Council determines that one or more of the following conditions would occur:
 - a. The building to be occupied as a Community Residence would be established or modified in a manner that would make it inconsistent with the scale and architectural character of the neighborhood;
 - b. The proposed Community Residence, together with existing Community Residences, would alter the residential character of the neighborhood by creating an institutional atmosphere due to the concentration of Community Residences on a block or adjoining blocks; or
 - c. The application or Community Residence does not or would not comply with Regulations 5 through 10 above.

Specific Requests of Staff

This Council made two direct requests for further legal review of two provisions of the proposed ordinance:

- 1) Is there legal justification to increase the proposed distance separation at 660 feet between Community Residences to something greater; and
- 2) Is there legal justification to continue to regulate Community Residences pursuant to a Business License?

Specific Requests of Staff

As to increasing distance separation—

The City Attorney's Office *cannot* legally justify a distance separation between Community Residences of greater than 660 ft from property line to property line.

Specific Requests of Staff

Why?

The Nevada District Court opinion that we spoke about at the last hearing approved a dismissal of the Clark County Group Home lawsuit with a new County distance separation at 660 ft., and that judge indicated in the opinion invalidating the state law requiring a 1500 ft. separation that any distance separation might violate federal anti-discrimination laws.

Specific Requests of Staff

The City Attorney's office believes that a 660 ft. distance separation requirement meets the explicit intent of the FHAA by providing a community-like environment instrumental for the recovery and well-being of the disabled by preventing the clustering of Community Residences on certain streets or cul-de-sacs.

Specific Requests of Staff

As to continuing to regulate Community Residences pursuant to a Business License—

The City Attorney's Office *cannot* legally justify a continuation of regulating Community Residences pursuant to a business license in addition to the State regulatory licensing scheme.

Specific Requests of Staff

Why?

- 1) For purposes of the Federal Anti-Discrimination laws, *a residential facility housing the disabled is not a business, but a single-family home that houses the disabled.* The CAO was unable to find any federal case law that would justify our imposition of a regulatory structure other than our land use permitting process as the State of Nevada has adopted its own licensing scheme for Community Residences.
- 2) The City does not currently require a business license of persons who rent single family homes to the non-disabled, so it could be found to be a *discriminatory practice* to require a business license of those renting single family homes to the disabled.

Specific Requests of Staff

- 3) *The government may not adopt a licensing fee or process that bases the imposition of a fee or process on a property owner based solely on the fact that the owner or operator is leasing or renting a single family residence to the disabled.*
- 4) Clark County does not charge a business license fee or have a separate regulatory process for community residences based upon the adoption on their amendments in December 2008.

Specific Requests of Staff

POINT OF CLARIFICATION

Not having a business license requirement does not mean that the City does not have the legal ability to enforce our Title 19 requirements.

After review of the proposed language during this abeyance, to make absolutely clear that the City's Code Enforcement officers can properly enforce Title 19 rules against violators, the City Attorney's Office is recommending the following additional language to the proposed ordinance:

Specific Requests of Staff

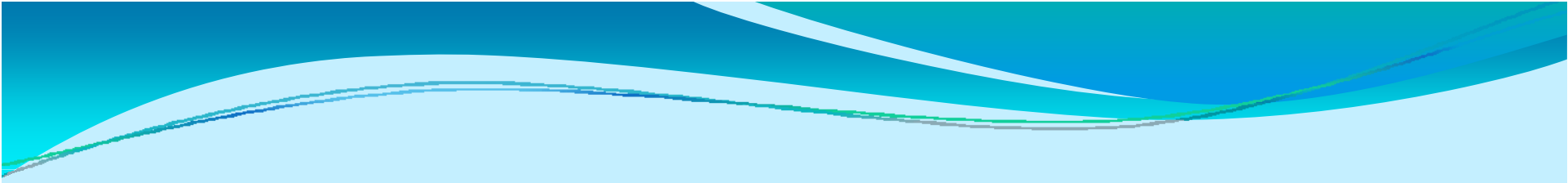
SECTION 12: Title 19, Chapter 00, Section 70, Subsection (C), of the Municipal Code of the City of Las Vegas, Nevada, 1983 Edition, is hereby amended to read as follows:

(C) Violation–Administrative Action. For any violation of this Title, or of any approval granted or condition of approval imposed hereunder, the City may pursue administrative action to:

- (1) [review,] Review, modify, suspend, or revoke a zoning approval or permit issued hereunder[.];
- (2) Require the discontinuance of a use operating as a conditional use under Section 19.04.040; or
- (3) As an alternative to requiring discontinuance under Paragraph (2) above, require that a use operating as a conditional use under Section 19.04.040 comply with additional conditions or limitations.

Enforcement

The most important facet of this new ordinance is the simplification of the City's regulatory process so our Code Enforcement Officers can efficiently and easily understand the difference between the *“protected”* community residences and those multi-population uses of single family homes that are *“not protected”* allowing the City to take action more quickly against those uses that do not follow the state and local rules and regulations.



Enforcement

Enforcement

- Enforcement of unlicensed facilities is based on a complaint driven process.
- Unlicensed facilities are investigated two primary ways:
 - ✓ State Bureau of Health Care Quality and Compliance; and/or
 - ✓ City of Las Vegas Code Enforcement Unit.

Bureau of Health Care Quality and Compliance

- The Bureau of Health Care Quality and Compliance (BHCQC) regulates 27 facility types in accordance with NRS 449.
- NRS 449.210 prohibits the operation of a facility regulated by HCQC without first obtaining a license from the Health Division.
- A person who operates a facility without a license is guilty of a misdemeanor.
- The licensing process is rigorous and the average cost is \$2,020 (initial request) and \$1,050 (annual renewal).
- State Health Facility Locator:
<http://dhhs.nv.gov/Health/hcqc/healthfacilitiesquery>

Current CLV Compliance Process

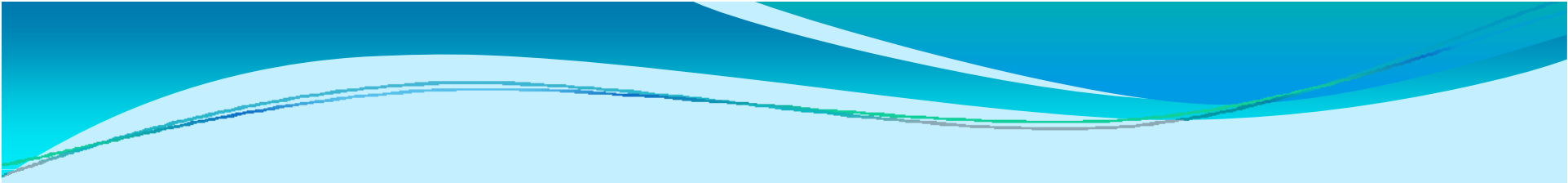
- Involved five different departments with conflicting regulatory practices.
- Is based on Title 19 which at times contained ambiguous language regarding facility types.
- Required unlicensed operations to obtain land use approval, CLV business license and State license.

New Compliance Process

- **“Zero Tolerance”** for non-compliance with State licensing requirements.
- Code Enforcement receives a complaint and sends a complaint letter to the State Bureau of Health Care Quality and Compliance.
- Code Enforcement conducts an initial inspection to verify complaint. A re-inspection may be necessary.
- If reasonable suspicion is found, a Notice to Cease and Desist Operation Without A License is issued. A copy of the substantiating documentation is sent to BHCQC.
- Facility operator has option to reduce occupancy to 4 persons or less.

New Compliance Process cont.

- Compliance time- Immediate to 10 days depending on the circumstances.
- If an unlicensed establishment fails to comply with the Cease and Desist Notice, staff will with the City Attorney's Office to take the appropriate action.
- New process is simplified and upholds state requirements.
- Complaints can be reported to Neighborhood Response Hotline at 229-6615.



Questions?

July 19, 2010

Councilman Ross,

Thank you for your support regarding the group home issue at the July 16, City Council meeting.

Attached is documentation/information/insight regarding the group home issue in our NARA neighborhood association area. Perhaps you may find something use full in the 6 page letter.

Also attached is a copy of the ongoing 45 page ongoing documentation/journal of the "problematic" group home behavior observations at 3708 Waterhole Street for you to do with whatever you care to. It also makes reference to Boy's Hope , Westcare and the Bradley Road group home.

Mayor Goodman, Councilman Reese, and Councilwoman Tarkanian also expressed an obvious "special interest" in this issue during the two hour discussion. I took the liberty to give them a copy to use at their discretion.

I hope you find this information useful in your efforts to deal with this troubling issue. There is something wrong with a system that allows group homes to operate with relative impunity.

Thank you,

Lex Anderson

Carl L. (Lex) Anderson

Submitted at City Council

Date 7/21/10 Item 57

by Councilman Ross

3709 Waterhole Street
Las Vegas, Nevada 89130
July 19, 2010 (Monday)

Councilman Ross,

Thank you so much for your community support regarding the group home situation in our city. As you are well aware, NARA has been involved in this issue ever since the group home at 3633 Bradley Rd. was built from the ground up for this purpose in 1995, and with our past dealings with Westcare at Decatur and Bradley when they first came on the scene. When Item 72 finally came up at the City Council meeting on June 16th, we really did not know what to expect. But I have to say that especially with Councilman Reese's initial statement, combined with Mayor Goodman's total unacceptance to the federal involvement, and your pointed ending remarks, it is clear to us that the City Council has a good understanding of the situation at the operational level.

NARA is intimately familiar with the material presented by city attorney Jim Lewis. On July 22, 2009 at 0900 we attended his first "Community Meeting Regarding Group and Recovery Homes" meeting at the city council auditorium. Marilyn Kirkpatrick was also present. Jim advised us that he was tasked by the mayor to have these meetings, and to bring input from the community to the mayor for action. He had previously met with "the industry" representatives, separate from the general community. We thought this was odd. (?) Basically at this meeting we got "the slide show" profiling how the three federal laws, (Federal Housing Amendments Act, Americans with Disabilities Act, and the Federal Rehabilitation Act) dictate to the states guideline/directives for general group home management under the threat of withholding funding and/or lawsuit. Of particular note was how the federal government now redefines "handicap", and even more interesting is their extensive/comprehensive definition of "family", with obvious intent to incorporate discrimination guidelines for the "social engineering agenda" (my perception). This redefinition of "family" may be of concern to many in our community as they become aware of it.

February 4, 2010, NARA attended Jim Lewis's second presentation. It was basically a rerun of the first meeting, only shorter. With few in attendance I asked him about how he got the word out to residents who would have an interest in this meeting, and he reinforced that it was through the neighborhood and home owners associations that he had contacted. I asked if a community representative could be on his cadre for the "Community Meeting Regarding Group and Recovery Homes", and he advised that he was our representative. Jim wanted to expedite the meeting so I gave him a copy of the 3 ½ page presentation that I had intended to read of my perception of our community concerns based on our history with problematic group homes. He promised that the next meeting would be better advertised. Probably the only thing that came out of this meeting was reinforcement of the reality of the difficulty it was going to be in dealing with the federal guidelines/directives.

The "next meeting" was at the June 16th City Council meeting. We were under the impression that it was going to be the third follow up progress meeting with input to our concerns and efforts to deal with the federal non funded mandates through the three laws

he had previously focused on. NARA had spoken to Jim about getting the word out, and he said that he was restricted by set guidelines and funding. When we suggested paying for an RJ notice through our own funds he gave us his blessing. NARA is NOT a "rich" home owners association. We are a volunteer neighborhood association with values that you are well aware of. But on Monday, June 14th, NARA spent \$1,100 out of our own "kitty" (perhaps in our case it should be lowered to "kitten" status!) to promote Jim's third meeting with a large 5" X 5" notice in the RJ (copy attached). That is how important this issue is, not only to NARA, but to the entire city. We hoped to start up a network of concerned neighbors throughout the valley through this meeting. However, it turned out to be the City Council meeting instead, which in itself was well worth the time to attend, but we failed to get the networking that needed to be done and that we paid the "big bucks" for. I have to say that the two hours the council spent on this issue was incredibly supportive to know that all members are familiar with the issue, and some had a "hands on" history that they could relate to.

The task given to Jim Lewis by Mayor Goodman, to find a way to deal with these federal "mandates" so that we can in turn deal with the realities of group homes in our community with a common sense approach, is essential. The alternative is a bureaucratic "lawlessness" on our neighborhoods and community culture. And we are looking forward to more of Marilyn Kirkpatrick's relentless efforts with Carson City next year.

But... NOT ONCE during the two hour City Council hearing on June 16th was the word "teens" mentioned, except when Mary Kremer and I spoke very briefly. It was all about adult addiction rehab and an occasional mention of elder care. Of the five group homes in our community (including Westcare), four of them are marketed to the teen population. Which brings me to NARA's concerns, and concerns I have heard at Marilyn Kirkpatrick's Nevada Legislature Group Home Las Vegas/Carson City Teleconferences. Just as elder care needs are generally in a functionally different management category independent of the other adult support systems; teen management is in a unique category of its own. Teens are NOT adults. They are NOT legally responsible for what adults are held accountable for. Teens think differently. Biologically they are physically, intellectually and psychologically undergoing dynamic changes. Often they feel immune to consequences and do not relate to community parameters. The law draws the boundary between adulthood and adolescence at age 18, when you can vote, go to war, sign a legal document and any number of other benefits with equal accountability. Below that age requires a different set of rules to deal with a different profile of BEHAVIOR. This is where we have our NARA group home problems, with the BEHAVIOR, and the SUPERVISION there of. With the exception of Boys Hope, which was a completely different and unique teen target population, our other three teen group homes have a history of being problematic with a neighborhood impact at various times.

We understand that the Boys Hope facility at 4901 Gowan Road, built in 1997, has been purchased by an out of state source and will be bringing in group home occupants soon. Their new resident population, behavior and management remains to be seen.

When Westcare moved into the Rancho Road facility (technically 5659 Duncan Rd.) with for the most part teen moms that could be in residence for a year or longer we had problems with groups of the girls walking the neighborhood in the general area between Funnys, and the Patriot Park area. They were reported to display “unseemly behavior”, and allegedly checking out mailboxes. This was compounded by Westcare’s effort to convert the 5 acres they owned adjacent to their facility into semi permanent housing for the same population which would have not only entrenched the root problem but also compounded the problematic factor. However, with the support of the city council, and ongoing meetings with Westcare, this was turned down. And with subsequent discussions Westcare management seems to have effectively thwarted client behavior to the benefit of the immediate neighborhood and corporate interests.

In 1995 Mr. Peters built the group home facility on the vacant parcel at 3633 Bradley Rd. from the ground up specifically for that purpose. The inside has more of an institutional than residential design. Approximately a year later the entire 1500 gallon septic system failed, and the empty back yard was entirely dug up (photos taken) and a new one put in. Since the beginning of this group home residence, there has been a turnover of staff, and a cross section of clients with some exhibiting aberrant behavior that spilled over into the neighborhood. Linda Young next door has actually had older special education children enter her house while she was home! Linda maintains a history of behavior problems from this business. BAMP Inc. has recently purchased the facility and we are advised that teen boys will be moving in. A concrete basketball court has been poured on top of the back yard leech field. It is possible that the new owners are not aware that the initial septic system failed, or that the residence is even on a septic system. There is no record of the original septic system being upgraded with the Health Department or permit for the concrete slab, which most likely would have been denied being built on top of a leech field. Attached are photos of the original septic system being replaced, and damage to Linda’s block wall from the leech field flooding. With the foster care teen girls facility only 158 feet away on Waterhole Street (!) we will be noting how well this new owner conducts supervision and management with the girls and boys only a “stones throw” away. This situation has all the elements of “an event waiting to happen” and reason says it should not be allowed to exist.

The two story residence at 3708 Waterhole Street was built for Stacy and Brett Bactchelor by her father back in 1988. After Brett died Cindy and Dwight Burch across the street bought it in 2003. But with the activity going on at Westcare and the Bradley Rd. group home, they “saw the handwriting on the wall”, sold it to a contractor and moved north of St. George feeling that things would only get worse in the neighborhood. Little could they have known that the contractor ended up selling it to Trudy Parks who bought it with the specific purpose of turning it into a foster home for teen girls Originally she was considering up to 10 girls in this 4 bedroom home. The city council limited her to 6. The rest is “history”. NARA has a 40+ page documentary of behavior and commentary on the facility (copy attached). It has become our “poster child” for what a group home should NOT be modeled after. Mark and Katie Maurer had built their home at 3701 Bradley Road behind the girls foster care facility with the intention of staying in the neighborhood

"forever". However, with young daughters, they left their house. They could not use their back yard because of the behavior and language coming from the teen foster girls. The Beebes at 3701 Waterhole Street moved to Idaho partially because of the teen foster home. Arnee Beebe grew up through a foster care system and she essentially "prophesied" behaviors that would come about from the facility based on her first hand experience. She turned out to be correct. We are advised that Trudy Parks has had her license reinstated for all of her group home facilities after it was taken away for about about six (?) months because of administrative, supervisory and client care infractions, and she will be operational again soon. We are not "in the loop" for social services and licensure intervention. All we can do is document.

Our problem with group homes is the same problem that other neighborhoods have. There is NO ACCOUNTABILITY to the effect of group homes on NEIGHBORHOOD VALUES, and CULTURE, and they create an instant negative factor on adjacent PROPERTY VALUES. Everything is directed to what goes on inside the home, and being in compliance with county social services, state and federal directives. The focus is identified as being there for the "welfare of the children" and for reinforcing administrative protocol.

We know through Jim Lewis's presentations that the federal government has dictated that these facilities are NOT to be considered a "business", and they are to be considered as a "normal family unit". The federal redefinition of "family" to enforce this orientation is fascinating. Yet these facilities are largely federally funded, with paid shift work supervisory staff, often out of state ownership, and often present absolutely no behavior that projects ownership of community or "family" values.

Problematic facilities do not communicate with the residents. They insulate themselves by ignoring resident efforts to discuss problems, and use established bureaucratic leverage and department fragmentation to make community complaints almost a lost cause. They know they have "the system" on their side.

Efforts to act on unacceptable community behavior often results in a perceived "wall of professional teflon" for accountability. Between the various social services, and county and state agencies directly or indirectly involved, it is like dealing with the proverbial multi headed dragon! And there is always the catchall parameter of "looking out for the children" and "confidentiality" that provides the justification and end all for whatever intervention or outcome (if any) that evolves.

Which bring us to the primary objective of this letter. There is NO functional system to deal with legitimate BEHAVIOR complaints against group home "businesses" when they present conflict to immediate neighborhood and community values and culture. And there is no user friendly functional chain of command system for accountability in this regard. It is a black hole in which complaints are funneled into the professional abyss with no follow up to the complaint source. This is the complaint that Mariyln Kirkpatrick hears from public input at her Grant Sawyer Building Nevada Legislature Group Home Teleconferences with Carson City. Social service and licensure staff complain at these meetings that they are under staffed, and admit that the very minimal guidelines they use to insure group home compliance is inadequate, and that they depend on the eyes and ears of the neighbor-

hood to report problems. But, without an accountable chain of command user friendly system that can support departmental manpower shortfalls and report both acute and chronic situations, it is business as usual.

At Captain Csaba Maczala's monthly First Tuesday Northwest Area Police Command Center, he and his officers reinforce time and time again that they need and appreciate the public's eyes and ears. They too are understaffed, and with current budget constraints additional field staffing is not promising. He promotes the use of their hot line resources, and monthly programs that offer insight as to what to look for in regards to stopping crime. This should be an example for the group home issue to build on.

If the state and local social service departments are sincere in promoting residential group homes that promote a "family" profile, and do not create a behavioral stigma that undermines community values it is time they take a proactive approach rather than hide behind bureaucratic walls. The general public is becoming more and more aware that their individual neighborhood group home problem is not isolated, and that it is a reflection of an inept system. As incidents occur, with increased public awareness and media coverage it is going to be more difficult to hide behind "need to know" and "client confidentiality" when it is NOT THE CLIENT that is the problem, but THE MANAGEMENT there of! And the reluctance to include the public as part of the solution instead of a potential job description or work performance liability.

The public is not stupid. Group home neighbors can be byproducts of a foster care system, retired or previously employed social service area professionals, nurses, police and any number of other areas of related expertise. And, of course, there is also the obvious...that by the standard of the community the behavior exhibited from a problematic group is untoward, and that it may very well reflect unprofessional supervisory/management inside and beyond the sight and hearing of its neighbors.

NARA actually misses Boy's Hope. Although we had some reservations about it at the beginning with our Westcare and Bradley Road experiences as a history lesson, it turned out to be a quintessential model of what a group home could be like. Again, it was a different target teen population. Never the less teen culture is what it is, and it was dwelt with accordingly. With LIVE IN "parents" (not turnover shift workers) a real effort was made to promote a family like environment, with academic and behavioral accountability, assigned chores, and photos on the wall of past residents and their accomplishments! Management was always open to NARA, and Lisa Lubeck who lives behind the home became a Boys Hope advocate! That's a hard act to follow. Boy's Hope became our "poster child" for how a group home could/should be managed.

Again, thank you for your ongoing community support regarding this issue. Clearly it is not going to go away soon. Jim Lewis has his work cut out for him. Marilyn Kirkpatrick will have many dragons to fight. And officials need all the document and support they can get from the public to make it happen. This situation is a bizarre oxymoron with three factors resulting:

Tax payers, many of them who have their life work invested into their home, have often saved and managed to work their way into a neighborhood that they would like to raise their family in, are having problematic group homes legally established across the street and next door basically with impunity.

Neighbors find themselves relatively impotent in dealing with these tax paid businesses when behavior problems affect the neighborhood culture with no recourse.

And to add insult to injury, the value of their home is immediately diminished by the fact of having a group home for a neighbor. With the possible (and clearly temporary) exception of Boys Hope, there is NO such thing as home values increasing as a result of a group home coming into an established neighborhood. This is like stealing. At least with emanate domain you get a fair hearing and usually reasonable compensation. This has been compared to simply bureaucratic theft on steroids because not only are you getting something taken from you without your approval, you are actually funding the entity that is stealing your property! And there is no recourse! This is truly bizarre!

This is not “prejudice”. This is not “discrimination”. If there is any “discrimination” here it is against established valued neighborhood culture. This is BEHAVIOR! This is simply a call to accountability for the group home industry to get its act together beyond window dressing, and for the local and state group home agencies to stop ignoring the hand that feeds them. If we had a neighbor who was undermining our immediate neighborhood, and showing no signs of resolution, you can bet that we would get together and “encourage” a constructive change for the betterment of our community lifestyle through reinforcing established city laws, documentation of face to face discussions with the resident, calling the police when appropriate, etc. In regards to group homes, our hands are tied. And we very much appreciate your awareness of this ongoing situation and efforts to deal with it. It is certainly a challenge. And it is not going to be easy.

With a genuine network to group home neighborhoods to help facilitate social service and state agency management of problematic facilities we have a win/win situation, for the neighborhood, the clients that are largely paid for by the tax payer, and as a secondary gain ultimately to the group home business industry. But without an accountable and user friendly chain of command of the group home, social service and state bureaucracy the vehicle has no wheels. Neighborhoods will stagnate and decline to a lower common denominator. We will continue to spin our wheels until the vehicle becomes imbedded as a dysfunctional bureaucracy, unrecognizable as a therapeutic program, and a monument to a progressive vacuum of leadership, accountability and basic American values.

Thank you,

**Carl L. (Lex) Anderson
NARA Resident**

primary voters understood the importance of holding the seat for the Republican Party.

During the primary campaign, Sandoval matched Gibbons' anti-tax rhetoric with tough talk of his own, including repeated promises that he would not raise taxes to balance a state budget that could be \$3 billion or more in the red by the time the next governor takes office.

But he stopped short of signing his name to an anti-tax pledge, a campaign step primary opponents Gibbons and former North Las Vegas Mayor Mike Montandon used to enhance their conservative bonafides.

Sandoval, who was Nevada's first Hispanic attorney general and now the first Hispanic major-party gubernatorial nominee, has said his support for the law is based on the federal government's failure to deal with the issue and a provision in the law that prohibits racial profiling.

The law is supported by 85 percent of Nevada Republicans, according to a recent statewide poll.

On election night, Sandoval stood by his support of the Arizona law but stopped short of endorsing a similar statute for Nevada.

"What may be good for Arizona may not be for Nevada," he said.

PROTECT YOUR NEIGHBORHOOD GET INVOLVED! GROUP HOME/RECOVERY HOME MEETING (Proposed Community Residence Ordinance Meeting)

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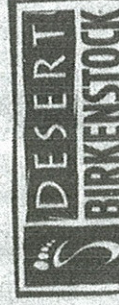
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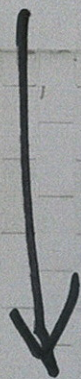
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**3708 WATERHOLE STREET
FOSTER CARE GROUP HOME
JOURNAL / NOTES / OBSERVATIONS**

PREFACE: A few months ago we noticed that someone had apparently bought the home across the street at 3708 Waterhole Street. At first opportunity we introduced ourselves to Trudy and some others at a gathering in their front driveway. We told them that we were very glad that someone had finally bought the property, that the developer who bought the house from Cindy and Dwight in hopes of turning a profit had put a lot of money into it and certainly optimized both its curb appeal and interior. It was very cordial, although the new owners seemed "unusually academic".

A few days after I had seen people outside the home I dropped off my two dollies for them to use to help with moving in. It was appreciated. I noticed a city permit sign posted in front of the home and asked, "What is the permit sign all about. Are you going to add on?" Trudy said that no, that she was a foster parent and she was applying to increase the number of children from 6 to 8, and perhaps as high as 10! I hesitated and asked if she had done her homework about having such a facility in this neighborhood. She said she did. I took my moving dollies and went across the street.

Perhaps a couple weeks after that we had a drop in temperature and one of the male residents/supervisors (?) came over in desperation trying to turn off the main water to the house. I lent him my special wrench for this purpose. He was deeply grateful. We had a good laugh over it. I told him that Home Depot sells them cheap, and about twice a year they come in real handy and "save your life".

A few days later he returned the wrench and he said he went and bought one. We laughed about it, that you only had to use it once and it paid for itself.

I contacted some of the NARA executive board about the permit sign and found out what was going on. I dropped across the street on the first weekend after the sign went up and asked if I could borrow back the dollies to use at an upcoming health fair at work. I noticed that there was still a lot of bedroom furniture still in the north end of the garage. I asked Trudy jokingly if they were ever going to get settled in. She said that the furniture was for the foster care children. This implied that the zoning request was a "done deal".

Apr 08, 07
Sunday
Easter

I dropped off some fliers to neighbors along Waterhole, Bradley, and Cutty Way reminding them of the NARA meeting next Tuesday at 1900. I also taped a flier on the door knob of the pending foster care group home. The ONLY way it could be removed was if someone physically removed it for inspection. Taping fliers to a metal door surface with clear packing tape has evolved to become the "standard operating procedure" for NARA flier distribution over the years to insure that residents get the message.

April 10, 07
Tuesday

I dropped by the City Office and talked to Shelia at Councilman Ross's office about 1330. Good discussion. She was very familiar with the pending foster care group home. She stated that Councilman Ross had told the new owners more that once that he would not hear their request until they had a meeting with the neighborhood (NARA). Shelia advised at this time that the Planning Commission date had been put into abeyance until the next meeting May 10th. She also stated that she knew they were in the process of applying for a Nevada State business license. She stated that the intent was to provide a transitional facility for 8 teen girls between the ages of 16 and 18 with four attending adult supervisors. This is a four bedroom home.

NARA meeting at 1900. Good turnout. No one from 3708 Waterhole Street responded from the flier. Discussion concluded that:

1. The new owners of 3708 Waterhole Street were clearly being clandestine about their intentions.
2. If passed this situation could make the bad special needs group home situation on Bradley & Chloe look small in comparison with 6 (and possibly 10) teen girls residing.
3. It would set a standard for the rest of NARA to be a dumping ground for additional group homes of all types.
4. Resolved that:
 - a. This transitional home must not pass or it will set the standard for inevitable future similar facilities and the entire NARA neighborhood culture will be lost in a short period of time.
 - b. We learned our lesson with the group home on 3633 Bradley. All we got for being "inclusive", and "accommodating" was multiple problems as the resident population changed.
 - c. A review and evaluation of existing group homes needs to be done and follow up as required. We are new at this!

Apr 11, 07
Wednesday I measured 158 feet from the southwest corner of the pending foster care property line to the northeast corner of the Vista group home on Bradley. This is WAY too close by official standards (1000 ft between group homes?). Even if you took the LONG way around walking from front door to front door down Waterhole St., right on Chloe, left on Bradley, and up the sidewalk to the Vista front door it would add perhaps 120 feet. It would require a drastic waiver to justify this noncompliance. If this gets approved, it will set a standard that pulls the rug out from under established regulations and reasonable criteria and practically allows group homes to be next door to each other!

Apr 12, 07
Thursday At 0650 I noticed a CAT bus dropping off a couple of kids at 3708 Waterhole Street. The driver seemed unsure of the address, and the children seemed to be unsure about going up to the house after getting off the bus. The company we had visiting, and Colleen (neighbor) noted that another CAT bus dropped off more kids at 0915.

Apr 13, 07
Friday Dennis Leffner (3633 Waterhole St.) stopped by our house. He said that he talked to a lady at the business license bureau for group homes (486-6515) and he was told the house at 3708 Waterhole Street is NOT licensed. He also said that they will investigate it.

I stopped by the CAT office on Citizen Avenue to research how we could get CAT records of who was being dropped off via paratransit busses at the pending group home. I was advised to call TRC ON 600 Grand Central Pkwy (676-1500). I dropped by the address, and a lady there advised that anyone who was ADA qualified as disabled through the screening process on the West Charleston Campus could use the CAT program, and it was up to the individual to schedule and use the resource. The children getting off the paratransit busses at 0650 and 0915 yesterday:

1. Did NOT appear to be "handicapped".
2. Certainly were not "teen girls" as originally applied for.

I had worked with CAT for some 14 years as a registered nurse in home health care and maternal child health, and I did not understand how these kids qualified. (?)

At 6 PM four cars in a group arrived at 3708 Waterhole, followed by a county Prius car. It looked like at least 5 teens got out. I went to the Prius and asked for the driver's business card. She was Goenda Cruz from the Department Of Family Services on 333 N. Rancho, ste. #130. She said she knew nothing about the group home, and she was only a case worker.

- April 14, 07
Saturday Lots of activity (cars) at the house. I went to the house next door to the group home (3716 Waterhole St) and talked to Sharon. I told her that we noted two CAT busses make drop offs to the group home Friday morning. She said that she had noticed them also making teen drop offs in numbers AFTER dark about 9 PM!
- Apr 15, 07
Sunday The curly haired "scrubby looking" man driving an old black 4 door Saturn with no hubcaps and Pennsylvania plates drove in at 0925 and came out 20 minutes later with one of the teen girls dressed as if she may be going to church. (?) This driver usually dresses "down", unlike most social workers. Speculation - he may be just a "go fur", or one of the pending live in teen supervisors. About 10 minutes later a woman drove up in a four door red car and went in. All this activity seems very inappropriate with zoning still pending. ?
- Apr. 16, 07
Monday I went down to the Bureau Of Licensure & Certification at 4220 South Maryland Parkway to see if the home had a business license. He did a computer search and found that there was no business license listed for it and none was pending. I asked for the location of the department that certifies foster parenting. He directed me to another building close by. I went there, and she directed me to Carrie McIlvaine, the social worker supervisor for Foster Care at 3075 E. Flamingo Road. I was familiar with this address from working with CPS as a public health nurse for the Clark County Health Department for some seven years.
- April 17, 07
Tuesday I dropped by Carrie McIlvaine's office. She received me to her office. I asked how I could find out if Trudy Parks was licensed as a foster parent. She seemed professionally distant and hesitant to come forward with the information. But she said she would give me a call. Five minutes after I left her office I had a message on my work cell phone from a Greg Fimer (sp) who was the licensing worker for her home, and if I had any "concerns" I could reach him at 455-8928. The perception is that this bureaucracy looks out after its own!
- April 23, 07
Monday An "unusual" number of cars coming and going to the group home across the street over the past week, although it seemed to be a quiet weekend. We have noticed that Friday evenings consistently seem to be "busy" with "strange" traffic to the group home. I continue to make myself very visible in the front yard at opportune times (raking up, cleaning car windows, etc.) when I see Trudy and other "official" people present to see if anyone makes a gesture of communication since I asked about the permit signs. The behavior seems clear that they intend to avoid any contact with the neighbors.

Apr 27, 07 Friday night! Some 7 cars parked in the main driveway, circular driveway, and on the street. The couple with the baby is back along with what looked like a late teen boy. Some of the people look like (from my personal experience in the field) they could be social worker related staff. The group behavior projects that this effort to establish this residence as a foster care group home is a "done deal".

May 4, 07 Actually an unusually quiet week and Friday night across the street.
Friday Usually only one or two cars at a time at the home.

May 06, 07 Not much going on Saturday, but today it's back to "normal" with a LOT
Sunday of activity...adults, kids, 5 cars (some I do not recall seeing before). I talked to Sharon (3716 Waterhole) who told me that everyone who comes to the facility overtly ignores her when she is outside. So much for "being part of the neighborhood".

NOTE: The owners are anticipated to be present at the NARA meeting on Tuesday night. Fliers will be delivered in the immediate neighborhood tomorrow. So far the owner (Trudy) has presented herself with absolutely no communication to the neighbors. The "eleventh hour" show at the NARA meeting Tuesday night will be their first contact with the neighborhood. I frequently made myself VERY visible in our front driveway today when people were out front of the home, and I was ignored. We do not ignore our neighbors in this community!

May 07, 07 I stopped by Boys Hope on the way home from work and talked to Pablo
Monday Florez. He said that Trudy Parkes had dropped by Boy's Hope some time ago and asked him to write her a letter of support for their pending foster care teen girls home. Pablo said that he told her that he could not. He said he told her that Boy's Hope was a national institution, an academically oriented program, and went by strict guidelines. He said that Boy's Hope tries to accommodate new neighborhoods, and if they are not going to be welcome they find someplace else. Pablo said that he strongly encouraged Trudy to go to the immediate neighbors and present her case. Mr. Flores seemed to be "very positively reinforced" when I told him of the total alienation they have presented to the neighborhood since the Planning Commission sign went up in their front yard and their intent became overt. This is fascinating. This behavior of Trudy attempting to go behind the back of the community just reinforces the arrogance and kind of "in your face" business this will most likely be if it does get passed. If this behavior is an indication, it just says that they will do whatever they feel like doing, and to hell with the community and neighborhood culture. Pablo gave me a tour through the home. I had not been in it for quite some time. They accommodate 6 boys, two to a room. Each bedroom has its own bathroom, and there is tons of open living area with an abundance

of outside light coming in. The home is some 4700 sq. feet...almost twice that of the pending group home on Waterhole Street.

I made distribution of fliers to everyone on Bradley, Waterhole & Cutty about the NARA meeting tonight. The petition may not be done in time.

- Sep. 30, 07
Sunday Upon arriving back from a week trip to Utah today I noted loud conversations coming from within the foster care group home across the street. At that time I also noted another much larger dent in Trudy Parks black SUV, this time on the driver door. I went next door and talked to Carl and Arnie Beebe. Arnie said that "the other morning" around 6 AM she noted strange cars driving slowly up and down Waterhole Street. She stopped one, and he identified himself as a detective who was looking for 3708 Waterhole Street. Arnie pointed out the foster care group home to him. He asked where she lived and she pointed to 3701 Waterhole Street. The detective immediately asked if it was her 97 Jeep Ranger that was stolen on 8/21/08 and found stripped on 9/7/08. Arnie acknowledged that it was. I asked Arnie if she had noted the new large dent on Trudy's driver side car door. We both agreed that both the small and the new large dent looked like someone had given the areas a good kick or two. (?) Both Arnie and Carl noted an increase of strange (not county) cars driving by the group home slowly, and sometimes "strange looking" people knocking at the door. I agreed.
- Sep 01. 07 A social worker and a county car was at the foster care group home.
- Oct.3, 07
Wednesday No one home at the group home, and the garage door is open all day long. About an hour after dark I went over with Colleen & Dennis to the group home (I wanted a witness) and shut the door with the inside switch (hit the button and run fast out of the garage before it closes). We do not leave our garage doors open all night in this neighborhood.
- Oct. 4, 07 No one home all day.
- Oct. 5, 07
Friday Trudy's black SUV was in the circular driveway for a short time in the early morning, and then no one home for the rest of the day.
- Oct. 6, 07
Saturday I caught Trudy over at the foster home and advised her that I closed the garage door on Wednesday after it had been open all day long. She said one of her residents had moved out and probably left it open. Apparently she was not present when the "resident moved out" no one else there to supervise the exit. (?) This is weird "management".
- Oct. 29, 07
Monday I was working in the front yard and Calvin (3724 Waterhole St) was walking down the street towards his house and stopped over to talk to me.

He said he was coming home from working evening shift at 0200 Saturday (27th) and saw a young girl standing partially concealed under the weeping willow tree at the southeast corner of the foster home circular driveway. Calvin said he asked her what she was doing there. She told him that she was waiting for someone in the group home (at 2 AM!). He asked her if she knew the people who lived there. She said she did. Calvin went home and came back out a short time later to see if she was still there, and she was gone. The 6 pine trees along our front northwest block wall next to the side driveway were an obvious potential for anyone to hide behind and observe the foster home. With this recent incident I decided to start cutting them down this week. Anyone could easily stand behind the pine trees towards the street and clearly observe all activity going on in front of the foster care residence (especially at night) without being seen.

- Nov. 2, 07
Friday Rick Allen (5124 Cutty Way) stopped by in his 4 X 4 on his way home from night shift when he saw me working on the pine trees. He asked why I was cutting them down. I told him about the foster home incident. He volunteered to help pull out the stumps with his big truck if ours couldn't handle it. Rick asked about the foster home status. He said that he saw the paramedics over there once. I asked him "when". He said that he couldn't remember, but "it was some time ago". I went on the Water District tour of the detention basins earlier today. Very educational!
- Nov. 16, 07
Friday A visiting foster care professional (?) parked her BMW sports car in front of our house too close to the mail box. The mailman will not deliver if he can not drive his truck up to the mailbox. Everyone in the community knows this. He will get out and put a notice in your mailbox that you are parked too close for delivery...but he will not drop off the mail. Went over to the foster care home, and Trudy had the lady come out and move her car. This has happened before, and we have gotten failure to deliver notices. I need to paint a yellow "no parking" area to solve this.
- Dec. 2, 07
Sunday Bought some yellow concrete paint and painted a yellow curb area in front of our mailbox from the driveway 14 feet south to the expansion crack. My son (a fireman/paramedic) later on advised me that this was technically illegal because the curb was public property. I need my mail!
- Dec. 4, 07
Tuesday Talked to Sharon (3716 Waterhole) next door to the group home. She liked our yellow curb line and said she would like it in front of her mailbox also. She said that on occasion foster care/county staff had parked in front of her mail box. I told her I had plenty of paint left over, but my son advised me that technically we couldn't do this because it was public property. I suggested we wait a while and see if anyone makes an issue of it. If this happens we can go to the city council and request a waiver. Sharon noted, and I concurred, that the foster care

home is the only residence that frequents parking on the street in this neighborhood, in spite of the fact that they have a circular driveway and a LARGE two car driveway.

- Dec. 6, 07
Thursday
15:20
- Went out to check the mail. Noticed two unfamiliar guys standing in the middle of Chloe near the Waterhole intersection looking up the street at the group home. Went in the house and got my car keys. They were getting in their car (white, NV 639UPX) that was parked further down Chloe out of sight of the teens (Melody and her friends) talking in the front of the Wadsworth house. Both appeared in their late 20's, early 30's. One was white, clean cut, and spoke good English. The other looked like a fat American Indian, but he spoke a few words with a Spanish accent. I rolled down my window and told them I lived in the neighborhood and I asked the white guy if I could help him. He said no, that they were "just checking out some of the houses". I defused my inquiry by telling them there were several houses for sale around the corner on Cutty Way. He said they would take a look. I drove to the intersection of Chloe and Bradley, made a U turn and came back past them slowly, made a left on Waterhole, right on Cutty Way, right on Thom, and right on Gowan. As I passed Bradley I could see their car heading south towards me on Bradley. Apparently after I left they drove down Cutty, made a left on Thom, and went west on Gilmore to Bradley. This was a HIGHLY suspicious event. Clearly they were scoping out the group home. And parking their car in that location on Chloe was a clear attempt to be inconspicuous. With no houses for sale in the immediate area it was not likely they were into purchasing real estate! And they acted/looked/behaved suspicious. I think I scared them off. Totally out of character for the location...AND the neighborhood.
- Dec. 24, 07
Monday
- Woke up this morning to find a GMC flat bed gated truck parked in front of our house. The yellow marking paint worked! It was parked just south of the line, allowing room for the mailman.
- Jan. 01, 08
Tuesday
- We took down our outside Christmas decorations. Noted that 3708 had not a single outside Christmas decoration on her "family image" teen foster care property this year. Everybody on our street who had children of any age, and many who had no children, put up their annual decorations.
- Jan. 15, 08
Tuesday
- At 0815 we received a phone call from Ashley Vanson who said she was a representative from Niagara Credit Services. She said she was trying to get in contact with Trudy at 3708 Waterhole Street and does not have her new phone number. She asked if we would have Trudy call her at (716) 631-6816. Our caller ID showed that she was calling from (716) 631-0631.

Jan. 27, 08
Sunday

I was up late watching TV when at 0125 Scooter saw activity out front and barked. I went in the front guest bedroom and saw police cars and an ambulance out front with activity at the foster care house across the street. I went outside. It was raining (!), wet and cold. An AMR ambulance #65 was parked in front of Trudy's mail box facing north. One metro police car NW1579 was parked facing north in the middle of the street next to another metro police car NW1484 parked facing north next to the curb just south of the driveway. I watched for a while and an officer came out. I asked him what was going on. He said it was just a medical problem. I went back in the house to get a water repellent coat. It was cold. Soon after I came out a female black teen appeared to be assisted to the open front door where the paramedics had a litter waiting for her. She was put on the litter and wheeled out to the AMR ambulance. She did not appear to be in any emergency status (I am a registered nurse), was very alert, talking (loudly sometimes) and sitting up on the litter sometimes. As they were about to put her in the ambulance she noticed me standing at our driveway in the rain observing and she yelled out, "What the fuck you looking at? It didn't happen in your house!" I said nothing. The police asked the medics if they were still needed, and they said no. The police left at 01:50. At 0203 Trudy drove in and parked in the circular driveway facing the white 4 door car (license # 449TYZ). Two minutes later the AMR ambulance left in a non emergency transport status. They had stayed parked for about 15 minutes with the patient inside before they left. It is speculation what caused this event at such a late/early time in the night.

We would certainly never had been aware that there was any untoward activity going on at the foster home if Scooter had not alerted us. She often just sits on a bed in one of the front bedrooms and watches out the front window all night long. This morning Trudy's black SUV was still there, and it remained there all day. This is not the first time emergency services (and/or police) have been called to the foster care residence. See previous notes. I hope this does not become part of their standard behavior.

This morning the white car was gone. Trudy's black SUV was there all day long. Unusual. Quiet day.

Jan 29, 08
Tue

At 3:55 PM an "army" of four cars rolled into the foster care home just as I was going over to a neighbor's house. Clearly it was a big meeting. Speculation is that it may be in regards to the event Saturday night. (?) One car, a white Cadillac SUV parked about 3 feet from Wadsworth's mail box. Again, people that do not live here do not understand that if you park in front of the mailbox you will not get mail delivery. The mailman had just left, so it was not a problem today, but if she had been half an

hour earlier Wadsworth would not have gotten mail. She could have parked in Trudy's empty driveway (the garage is not used for vehicles) or in the south end of her circular driveway. One of the Wadsworth's came out about 4:10 and picked up the mail. I noticed that a couple of the cars *had started to park in front of our mailbox and were apparently deterred by the yellow curb marker.* It works! I have not marked Sharon & Crystal's space with yellow curb paint yet because of the weather.

Feb 1, 08
Friday
Wednesday I noticed a live Christmas tree in front of the group home mailbox area ready for trash pick up. Today I asked Sharon if that was her tree. She exclaimed that it wasn't and she had to assume that Trudy did have a Christmas tree inside this year. We were both very surprised because the outside of the house was void of any decorations this Christmas, and with a "family" (Trudy's words) of kids it was totally unprofessional not to project a holiday profile. Maybe next year she will spend a few dollars on the outside and be in line with the rest of the neighborhood.

Feb 21, 08
Wednesday
1745
Trudy and another young woman knocked on our door half way through through the O'Bama/Clinton debate. I greeted her with, "Hey, you should be watching the debate!" She said that someone had broken into her house today and took things, and wanted to know if we had seen anything. We had been to Cashman field part of the day for the Outdoor Recreation Show. I told her I had not. I asked Maralee, and she had not seen anything either. (She would have said something if she had seen anything suspicious going on during the day). I asked Trudy if any adult was home. She said that no one was home during the day because all the girls were at school or other appointments. I asked her if she had an alarm system. She said she did, but it was not turned on. I told her that we (all the immediate neighbors) take note of unusual activity and often take license numbers and other information. I told her that if we see anything we will let her know.

Feb 22, 08
Thursday
1150 AM
Talked to Jay (3632 Waterhole St.). I told him that Trudy stopped over and said someone broke into her house during the day. Jay also was not aware that the house was vacant during the day time. He said that he saw police at the foster home residence last night from about 6 PM until around 8 PM. He said that "the police were there for quite a long time" and parked on my side of the street to the north of our driveway, which is probably why we did not notice the police car.

Feb 23, 08
Friday
Noticed two cars parked in Trudy's driveway. One was an official county car (Prius). There is the appearance that whenever there is an "event" at the group home official county cars show up a day or two after.

Feb 26, 08
Wednesday

I noticed an older brown and tan Chevy 4 x 4 pickup truck with Nevada tags NR8481 parked in front of the foster care home all morning. It was suspicious, especially after the breakin Trudy reported to us on the evening of the 21st. The pickup bed appeared to be set up for hauling a 5th wheel. A bumper sticker in the back said the truck was not for hire. Definitely not part of the usual neighborhood traffic. About noon Maralee was outside and saw Trudy across the street and asked her if the car belonged to any of her business staff. She said she had noticed it, and she did not know who it belonged to. At that time Trudy told Maralee that the person who broke into the foster care home turned out to be one of their past residents who broke in and took items from the other girls. We had assumed that whoever did it knew what they were doing, and knew when and how to do it. Case solved.

I went across the street, looking inside the truck cab for evidence that it might have been just dropped off. It was locked. Trudy told me it was there when she drove in at 0530 this morning. I told her I was going to call the police and see if it was stolen. At 1220, while I was on hold in our computer room calling 311 and looking out the front window I noticed a strange tall well groomed white man, perhaps in his middle/late 20's, with a black T shirt on casually walking across Wadsworth's front yard, carrying a plastic grocery store bag in one hand. I watched him stop at the pickup truck. I hung up the phone and went outside to get a closer look and present a conversation with him. By the time I got half way down the driveway he was driving off. Trudy was unloading supplies out of the back of her SUV perhaps 30 feet from the truck. I asked her if she saw him. She said she did. I didn't pursue it any farther. I would have thought she would have pursued the opportunity and ask him if he "needed any help" (or anything) just to get a better look at him and profile of the situation. This would be our "normal" community involvement. I let it go and came home to document.

I noticed a couple hours later on, after the mailman drove by he was coming up the west side of Waterhole Street, Trudy had her Republic Services trash can in front of her mailbox, and the mailman was pushing it out of the way with his right front bumper. She should set trash on the south side of her driveway away from the mailbox. All the residents know this. With good weather I will be painting the yellow curb in front of the mailboxes for Sharon and Crystal soon.

Mar. 10, 08
Monday
1630

Big meeting this evening at foster care group home. Four strange cars parked at the residence. One of the cars that parked on the street was half way into Trudy's drive way, instead of parking in the driveway, or on the street out of the way of ingress and egress. This type of behavior with these "out of neighborhood professionals" is common. Weird.

Mar. 11, 08 The strange Chevy 4 X 4 pick up truck was parked in front of Sharon's
Tuesday house (3716 Waterhole Street) from early this morning until sometime this
 afternoon.

Mar. 12, 08 I noted the strange truck was parked in Wadsworth's driveway this morn-
Wednesday ing. Very strange parking behavior. So far it has been observed parked in
 front of the group home, Sharon's house, and now in the Wadsworth's
 driveway.

Mar. 14 08 I noted Wadsworth's garage door was open. Went over and talked to
Friday Crystal's brother. We figured out that the truck belongs to one of Crystal's
 daughter's boy friends. This explains why I saw him coming across their
 front yard back on the 26th. We both agreed that his parking behavior ap-
 peared as if he didn't want someone to know that he was at the Wadsworth
 residence. Case solved!

This evening I dropped over to Trudy's at the foster care home to tell her
what I had found out. She was busy upstairs, and asked the girls to have
me come up. Trudy was in the SW upstairs room at a large desk, coaching
two of the girls with their studies using a large screen TV...I assumed for
home schooling. I explained what I had learned. She appreciated the
information. There appeared to be 5 girls in the home at this time.

Apr 13, 08 In the period of half an hour, one ambulance, five police cars, a fire truck
Sunday and the former bishop of the Wadsworth's church were parked in front of
 the Wadsworth residence. No sirens or lights. Advised that one of the
 girls had "slit her wrist". No one seemed to be in any kind of a hurry. The
 emergency vehicles left in about 45 minutes. This was NOT a foster care
 group home incident.

Apr 18, 08 Three unfamiliar very late model cars, a white Lexus, black Cadillac, a
Saturday gray BMW convertible came rolling down Waterhole Street "like a train",
1715 circled around and parked in front of the foster home. The convertible
 parked in front in front of the foster home and Sharon's mailbox. The
 mailman had come earlier. No other cars were parked on the street, and
 Trudy's two car garage driveway was empty. About half an hour later a
 late model compact car arrived and parked in the driveway off the street.

Two hours later (1920) I was watching TV in our living room and heard
loud "booming" sounds and could feel the vibrations while sitting on the
couch. I walked out front and saw another visitor to the group home
sitting in a bright orange two door raised up custom car playing very loud
(probably CD) noise out of his radio. I had seen this car before in "north
town". The Cadillac and BMW had left, and he could have parked in front

of the house, but he chose to park in front of the driveway totally obstructing the two car driveway access! I saw Mat come out of his/ Sharon's house (3716) and look to see what was going on. The guy turned off his motor and went inside the group home.

- Apr. 31, 08
Wednesday The group home side gate remains open. I walked across the street. The metal catch is no longer attached to the cinder block wall. And there is no way to secure it otherwise. I'll wait until we come back from vacation (May 1 - 13) and see if it is fixed.
- May 14, 08
Wednesday Trudy's gate is still open. I checked it out. It has not been fixed. I will offer to fix it for her if she still has the metal latch part. You would think with the security she requires for the facility, and the problem(s) she's had in the past this would be a priority.
- May 28, 08
Wednesday Trudy was just getting out of her black SUV along with some of the teen residents. I went across the street and told her I noticed her side gate latch had been broken off for quite some time, and if she had the part I had the tools and would be happy to fix it for her. She said, "Okay, I'll fix it." I reinforced that I had the time and wouldn't mind doing it. I reinforced that people cruise areas looking for obvious vulnerable theft opportunities, and this would certainly get someone's attention. She said again that she would fix it. Clearly she was projecting not to interfere with her business.
- June 1, 08
Sunday CORRECTION to the incident of April 13! It was documented that this was NOT a group home incident. However the group home is certainly at least indirectly involved. Maralee advised me that she had been talking to Crystal today (3700 Waterhole St, the house on the corner to the south next door to Trudys) and learned that the girl who "slit her wrists" on April 13 was her daughter, Melody. She previously had a drug problem, but was clean. However recently she got some drugs from a man visiting at the group home, and was now on drugs again. She was depressed, and slit her wrist. So, if this is true, we know now that the group home has at least one drug source.
- June 5, 08
Thursday I was in my garage with the door open. One of the girls in the foster home across the street in the north east upstairs porch was talking LOUDLY to a friend on her cell phone in what seemed to be a "friendly" conversation. The "F" word was used profusely, in what seemed to be every 3rd or 4th sentence. This is inappropriate in this neighborhood and culture.
- June 9, 08 I was in my garage with the door open. Trudy drove in and dropped off

Monday
1350

one or more of her kids. They were loud coming out of the car, which is routine behavior for this foster community. Someone opened the door, and the loud "normal" talking continued. Trudy drove off in a minute or two. One of the girls was left outside and the front door was locked. The loud talking continued. She began to rant on for some time repeating to "Open the fucking door!" Some of the neighbor kids were playing out front next door. If I could plainly hear her from across the street, the kids certainly could. This continued on for a while. This is not the first time this behavior has been noted. It seems to be a "game" to catch one or more of the girls outside and lock them out, causing a ruckus until they get let in. The irony of this situation is the north side gate is still wide open for anyone to enter the back yard, and she could have most likely just walked around to the back door or to the upstairs patio door! At least she would not be carrying on in front of "god and everybody".

June 12, 08
Thursday

Eleajar Fajardo (406-5674 / 386-4999) came today with his partner Fernando (Poncho) to finish the two small tile places in our house. During the work day he mentioned that when he was here yesterday to look at what had to be done, he dropped by across the street to the foster home to see the status on the beautiful tile work he did on the upstairs shower. We had hired him to do our tile work after we saw what he did across the street before it went up for sale. He said the house was a mess inside. The carpet was dirty, trashed stained and discolored a lot of places, clothes were all over the place, and the upstairs strongly smelled of cigarette smoke. He made faces as he described the scene. I told him that I did home health care and public health for some 14 years here in Las Vegas after I retired from the Air Force, and you almost never see Mexican homes like that. I told him that no matter how poor they were, "Those Mexican mammas made sure the babies were clean, and the house was clean, and when poppa came home he had to take his shoes off at the door". Jose laughed, and said that his wife often makes him go around in back and almost strip before he comes in the house after work. He also goes in a lot of homes in Las Vegas, and we discussed commonly observed cultural behaviors. He said that Mexicans have too many babies, and he was quitting at three. We had a good laugh over that with me working maternal child health and relating to it first hand.

Jun 6, 08
Friday

The foster home walk in front garage door was open all day yesterday, and all night. The side gate to the back yard also continues to be left open. Security continues to have the appearance of a "non issue" at the house.

Jul 1, 08
Tuesday

Yesterday the city repaved Waterhole Street with new asphalt. This morning, while working in the garage I noticed 9 people walking out of the group home. They walked carefully along the west side of the new asphalt

and cut across Wadsworth's front lawn, probably going to one or more vehicles parked on Chloe or Bradley. Clearly one of the 9 was in charge, but it was not obvious that there were any other "leaders". Even assuming that there were two leaders, for two cars to accommodate the 9, that left more than the legal 6 residents. We have suspected from time to time that there may be more than the legal 6 residents, however we do not have access to records.

At exactly noon a "nepharious" individual with his head covered with a bandana (looked like a north town gang member) knocked on the door, and was allowed to go in. I had not seen the "morning nine" return yet, so someone else was still inside. He left 20 minutes later, walking south, across Wadsworth's front lawn to a 4 door tan car and drove off.

The foster care group home north side gate remains WIDE open, with an invitation to anyone for access to the home through the back yard.

July 29, 08
Tuesday

Article in the Centennial View on how New Vista is opening "two new homes for youths" in the northwest area. Each home (one for girls and one for boys) is to house only FOUR youths with an "upscale home-like environment. I wonder what the local residents think of this?

Aug 25, 08
Monday

For the past couple of weeks the group home has had considerable work going on in the back yard. Large diameter PVC pipe removed and landscaping involved. The side gate continued to remain open 24/7 during this period with NUMEROUS what appeared to be "lowest bid" workman coming and going, and often just "hanging out" in vehicles parked on the street in front of the house. The situation projected a profile suggesting a need for increased security based on previous neighborhood experience, and because there was no suggestion that the work was being monitored by the owner. (?) As neighbors, we all are familiar with activities going on with our immediate residential properties, give each other "heads up", and often refer quality workmanship to each other. The group foster care BUSINESS is independent of our neighborhood culture, and their activities continue to be worthy of ongoing documentation.

Aug 27, 08
Wed
1930

Troy stopped by to see the "new" 1960 Chevy Impala that we got out after 11 months in restoration. He noted one of the residents/supervisors walking into the foster home across the street and remarked that he had just seen her walking down the middle of Bradley as if daring cars to hit her. I answered that I had seen an increased occurrence of the occupants doing similar behavior...walking in the middle of the street instead of along the side. We agreed that this is a "cultural behavior". People who walk their dogs in this neighborhood (no sidewalks...this is a rural preservation neighborhood) tend to walk them over towards the edge of

the road and facing oncoming traffic so as to avoid an incident.

- Aug 29, 08
Friday
Interesting article in the Las Vegas Weekly, (Aug 21-27) "Matching Homeowners Who Have Empty Houses With Homeless Folks Who Need Shelter" adds another potential real estate property liability to nongated communities like ours.
- Aug 30, 08
Saturday
1230
Coming back from the store Maralee and I turned east on Chloe from Bradley Rd, and had to almost stop for two foster home staff (?) standing in the middle of Chloe wrapped around each other. As we slowed down to a crawl they slowly moved towards the north side of the street. This "pedestrian street ownership" is typical cultural behavior in NLV, and other similar pockets of like culture in town.
- Sep 26, 08
Friday
1600
Maralee had mentioned that she thought Mark & Katie Maurer (3701 Bradley) had found a new house because she saw a large van by their garage a couple days ago. On the way back home from the store we saw Katie outside and stopped to talk to her. They had found a house north west of town near Centennial High School and were in the process of moving. Although Mark and Katie both had expressed why they wanted to move before, I sensed that this was a good time to ask the specifics. It was for the children. Cheyenne High School was deteriorating fast with gangs from out of our neighborhood, and other problems. This could be solved with a school transfer out of our neighborhood. But the foster care group home behind them was becoming unbearable. I asked her the specifics about the group home. She said especially in the summer time when the girls are socializing and swimming in the back yard the routine volume of "conversation" was always yelling, and the language was totally unacceptable. I asked Katie to elaborate. It was the constant use of the "F" word (fuck), "B" word (bitch), and "N" word (nigger) and other four letter words that you could hear as if someone was standing right next to you. And her girls did not need to grow up thinking this was acceptable language and behavior. She said that this is the same kind dialogue being used at Cheyenne High School as "normal language" by some students. I told her how I could sometimes hear the same language from girls talking on a cell phone on the upstairs bedroom front porch and from talking on the phone in front of the closed front door of the house all the way across the street inside my garage. Katie said it would be no use to complain because the social service bureaucracy would accuse her of racism and even if the girls were given direction by Trudy, it would be short lived because relative to a 24 hour day she is only there periodically and only enforced as well as whoever she had playing "house mother" for the day. I agreed with her that the bureaucratic powers that be seem to have no compassion when it comes to "cultural discrimination". The operative word these days seems to be "cultural diversity" at any cost.

And that racism is often used when those responsible for inappropriate actions (or the management of those involved) choose to take the easy way out instead of taking accountability for inappropriate behavior. Times have changed. The norm is graduating towards the lowest common denominator. I told her how I had noted that Trudy's side gate was not locked, and had been left wide open for several weeks, and I went over and told her that we all try to keep our property secure in the area because drive bys look for this kind of behavior, and I volunteered to fix it for her myself. Trudy blew me off and said she would take care of it. To this day the gate is still left open much of the time. Katie commented that she often would see 2 or 3 of the group home residents walking down Chloe towards Funnys and wondered how this could be possible if they had to be supervised all the time. It would mean that there was more than one supervisor in the residence, which was highly unlikely as this is a business venture, or there were liberties being taken. I agreed that I and others have noted the same behavior, and thought the same thing. But as residents we have no input to the daily management of the "business". And direct complaint observations would be identified as "insensitivity", and "racism", and "uncaring". I mentioned that there have been NO complaints of Boys Hope on Gowan since it was established. Clearly it is cultural behavior.

I mentioned that one of my biggest "beefs" was that with 6 girls in the house they pay to have a pool service to clean and manage the back yard swimming pool. Our pool is twice the size, and my wife who is three times their age manages it by herself including cleaning the filters (I do help her when I am home). Also, Trudy has a guy come by usually on Sundays for an hour or so to clean up the front yard. I told Katie that if I had teenagers still at home they would be cleaning the pool as required or they wouldn't be using it, and they would have assigned duties for yard work or they would not have "extracurricular" privileges. This should be basic guidance regarding respect for property and "occupancy/ownership". I do see them bring the trash out to the front occasionally. But, this is the only residence in the area where they leave trash bags and containers out for pick up sometimes only hours after Republic Services comes, and it sits there until the next trash pick up date. Residents are NOT suppose to leave trash out front until the pick up date, or at least the evening before. Just more incompatible behavior with the community culture. Katie said that they love the house they built here on Bradley, and they love the neighborhood, but with the cultural changes brought in by the foster care group home they had no choice but to leave. She and Mark were both active in the Neighborhood Association from it's onset also, and it will be a loss for NARA. She said that she was sorry that we had to put up with it. I told her that we bought here 27 years ago, and expected to be here for "the duration", and that all we could do is document so that when an "overt felony" occurred we could go in with a history. I told her how

Crystal Wadsworth next door to the south of the foster home, who initially was ambivalent about the home now felt totally violated because of the drug incident with her daughter, and Carl and Arnie Bebe (Arnie was raised in foster homes and knows the foster system intimately) are still trying to move to Montana in spite of the terrible economy.

Sep 28, 08
Sunday

I noted the same man by today to clean up the front yard. I recalled my conversation with Katie about this, and that the kids should be doing this "normal" residence maintenance. For a moment I was tempted to say something, but the realities of the topic presented better judgment. (!)

Oct 3, 08
Friday

Bob and I drove over to Pahrump to pick up a classic motorcycle that had been in storage for decades that I was to box up for transport back east. During the trip Bob elaborated at length how he and his brother were abandoned by his father when he was very small, and later as a child they were sent through a system of foster homes until he was eighteen when he joined the military. He said in the military for the first time in his life he got quality guidance and was held accountable for his actions. He said that if it wasn't for the military he certainly would not have had a successful career, and would probably have spent most of his time in jail. I concurred that my first hitch in the Air Force was the best thing that could have happened to me for a transition into the "adult world". We talked about "my" situation with the foster care home. He laughed a lot and shook his head (in sympathy). We both agreed that the military for those 18 years old and the threat of the military for those foster residents under 18 if they did not demonstrate compliance could be a good thing! We laughed how in "the old days" judges would often give kids the choice of military service or "juvie". We joked that the judges probably had a red phone to the local recruiting office and probably got a kick back for every kid that chose the military over "juvie"! Certainly a big win/win for the tax payer. But with today's "progressive" bureaucracy there was no chance anything "constructive" like this would fly.

Oct 14, 08
Tuesday

At the neighborhood association meeting this evening I was asked if anything was going on with the foster care group home. I related routine behavior observed, and reported that Mark and Kathie had found a new house in the far NW part of the valley, and their leaving would be a loss for the NARA organization. I related why they are leaving. XXXXXXXX who was present at the NARA meeting reported that she was at a social function at a members home last night, and XXX XXXXXXXXXX who was present said that he saw one of the residents having sex with her "boyfriend" (?) in a parked car in front of the home. I will follow up with him the next time I catch him in the area. I related that when I was a teenager I had a Washington Post paper route in suburban Washington DC

(Maryland) for five years, and I can personally attest that and if you want to know what is going on in the community, routine delivery people and the like can be a good primary source!

Nov 3, 08
Tuesday

A maroon 4 door Lexis with dealer plates 56138 was parked at the foster care residence in front of the Wadsworth mail box. There was plenty of room on the street in front of the residence, in the circular driveway, and next to the white van in the driveway. I missed the mailman today. He may not deliver the mail with a vehicle obstructing delivery. With good weather I need to get out and finish yellow painting Crystal and Sharon's curbing as requested. I keep saying that...I need to DO it.

Nov 9, 08
Sunday

I was out front cleaning up the yard. Four of the foster care teens walked by. I waved and said "hello". No response. After a while they walked back on to Waterhole from Chloe as if it was just a walk around the block down Cutty, and then west down Gilmore to Bradley and Chloe. It looks like Trudy has acquired a new Chevy 9 passenger van for group transport and "business operations". (?)

Nov 10, 08
Monday

I was out in the front yard this morning, finishing up what was left over from yesterday. Several cars were parked in front of the foster care group home like one of their "Friday meeting". I saw seven of the group home residents (I assume one of them was a supervisor) came walking down Waterhole Street from Chloe (perhaps on a walk over to the Funnys convenience store) to the group home, spread out over several hundred feet and loudly calling out to each other. It looked "like" a scene from "West Side Story". Certainly out of character for the neighborhood. I have to give the girls credit. I have not seen them "short cutting" across Crystal Wadsworth corner front yard lately. The "visitors" (social workers, case workers,) started to leave soon after the girls came back to the home. Speculation is that they were sent out for a walk while the meeting went on.

Dec 2, 08
Tuesday

A new "generic" white nine passenger GMC van from Centennial has been parked at the group home recently, and it appears to be a purchase for the use of group home activities. It makes sense. You really have to take two vehicles if you take everybody somewhere at once, especially if there are additional suitcases, etc., and in the case of moving residents in and out. This is probably a great time to buy with car dealers staving for customers. It makes you wonder if it was a purchase, or if the dealer "donated" it somehow under a charitable contribution formality, just to unload inventory. (?)

Dec 20, 08

Noticed that Westcare picked up two white nine passenger Chevrolet vans

- Saturday (same as the group home) over the past weeks. My "theory" that this similar purchase is more than just a coincidence and may have some base in fact. (?) Trudy by her own admission has a historic relationship with West Care, and most likely still does. If they were smart they should have bought Dodge/Mercedes Sprinters! (My preference!)
- Dec 22, 08
Monday
2030 I was in the computer room, and heard talking from outside. I looked out the window and saw a car parked under the street light with people all around it. I stepped outside our front door and stood there for about ten minutes listening to the gathering and loud conversation under the street light. It looked like something out of a movie. It did NOT look like what you would consider "normal" behavior for our community culture.
- Dec 23, 08
Tuesday I was in the computer room (again) and heard a loud booming sound from outside and felt the vibrations from our window and the computer desk. I looked out the window, and there was a car parked under the street light (like yesterday) with a gathering around it. All four doors were open, and the loud base stereo booming. I stepped out the front door to observe. Our dog took after the car, and I called her back. After a few minutes they closed the doors, some of the people went back inside the group home, and the car took off.
- Dec 31, 08
Wednesday Article in the RN (nursing magazine) this date "Influx of Black Renters Raises Tension In Suburb" in Antioch, California profiles and reinforces again that the difference is NOT race, it's CULTURE, highlighting BEHAVIOR such as loud parties, blaring car radios, drugs, increase in crime, etc. The "culprit" is HUD, Section 8 housing, and other government programs allowing people who could not afford upscale homes to move into higher income neighborhoods, and bringing their culture with them with no consideration of the established neighborhood. I should see about getting copies of the articles.
- Jan 06, 09
Tuesday I noticed the group home had a Christmas tree out by the mailbox for trash pick up this Thursday. They also had a lighted decoration on the front door this year! Nice!
- Jan 1, 09
Tuesday Executive officers were elected at the NARA meeting tonight. Linda Young (3625 Bradley) had another confrontation with the New Vista special needs group home next door to her (3733 Bradley). One of the male patients beat up a staff member requiring the police and paramedics to be called. She asked one of the staff what was going on and he told her to mind her own business. This is the same type of "non communication" I got from the builder, When the Bradley home was being built it looked

out of character for the neighborhood, and when I went over to talk to the owner who was present one day standing on Chloe watching the construction it was like talking to a telephone pole! It was obvious that something was "not normal". Now that Linda is retired and spending more time at home she will have more "opportunity" to make observations on this business.

Linda brought up at the meeting that this group home discrimination and infestation on communities that are non gated, and not home owners associations, has to stop. I had brought a copy of this 20+ page (so far) documentation to the meeting tonight. Carl and Arnie Beebe (3701 Waterhole St.) have their house up for sale in this bad real estate market and have already shipped their teenage boy off to Montana with relatives. Mark and Katie Maurer have already moved, and Crystal Wadsworth to the south of the group home would like to. We agree that the other "person's rights stop when their fist hits our nose". It is time for a concerted and definitive effort to make both the system and the individual home/business management accountable through appropriate authority. And it seems that the only "authority" is the legislative body that sets up the guidelines and standards.

- Jan 14, 09
Wednesday Big meeting at the group home today. Five cars plus a motor scooter. One car parked right in front of Sharon's mailbox! The meeting broke up at 12:30 with a mass exodus of vehicles.
- Jan 31, 09
Saturday While making rounds taking the 2009 NARA census I stopped by Boys Hope group home. I had a stack of 3D glasses to pass out for the Super Bowl 3D advertisement and Monday 3D show. I was told there would only be 3 boys there Sunday. I left 6 pair of glasses. Dropped by the Waterhole Street foster home. The shift supervisor said there may be as many as 11 for the game. I left 12 pair with here. She was appreciative.
- Feb 22, 09
Sunday Four cars in the Waterhole Street foster care home driveway, plus the white van, over night Sunday until about 0900 this morning. That made a minimum of 10 people unless the foster care number is down.
- Apr 13, 09
Monday
Afternoon Male parked in small car in the group home circular driveway in front of of the house door. He had one of the girls from inside sitting in the front seat "socializing". They were LOUD. With my garage door open you could hear them from inside our kitchen inside our house carrying on. This went on for over an hour, and he finally left. Not the kind of behavior you see in our community. It just looks and sounds "tacky" and out of character for out neighborhood.

- Apr 15, 09
Wed
Noted that the group home mailbox was out of the ground, and leaning up next to the Republic Services trash box! I have no idea how this happened. I went over and looked at it. The metal pole was not bent. It looked broken off at the base as if it was pushed from the top. I do not think the mailman will deliver mail to a box that is not secured.
- Apr 16, 09
Thursday
The mailbox is today half way lying down next to the curb on an empty trash can! This should be a basic priority item! Anyone can dig a hole and put the pole back in the ground!
- Apr 17, 09
Friday
1510
I saw the mailman coming a few doors down the street, and waited for him to drop off the mail, and noted that the group home mailbox was today in the dirt beside the curb. I asked him about the group home mail box. He said he had not delivered there in three days because it was down. We surmised that it was not a residential priority.
- Apr 20, 09
Monday
1530
I was out front when the mailman came by again. The group home mail box had been lying down in the dirt by the curb all weekend, but today it was precariously propped up with some stones. I pointed out to the mailman that it was upright today, but he couldn't get to it because they had three trash barrels stacked around it for tomorrows Republic Services pick up. He said he had to deliver today because he had too much accumulated since last week. I noted that he got out of his truck and made his way to the mailbox for delivery.
- Apr 21, 09
Tuesday
I was correct. The group home mailbox had fallen down. There was no way it was going to be held up by the stones. Their "maintainence man" (?) with the little red pickup truck came by with a couple Mexicans in an old American pickup truck later on. I thought they had been hired to stick the mailbox pole back in the ground, but apparently it was for some job in the back yard.
- Apr 22, 09
Wed
The mailman left the group home mail in our mailbox. I took it over and gave it to one of the teen residents.
- Apr 24, 09
Friday
1815
Our son dropped by to show off his trailer and we noticed at this time there were two Las Vegas Police cars parked in front of Crystal's house. It was soon evident that they were for the group home. One police car moved to the circular driveway. The police officers brought two of the girls outside, and had them sitting on a bench and the block wall out in front by the circular driveway. The police left about 8 PM.

- May 9, 09
Saturday Lots of company at the group home today. Noticed the mail box was now in an upright position held by a number of small rocks. One car is parked in front of Sharon's mailbox. I've GOT to get out and paint the yellow curb lines. The line in front of my mailbox is now fading also. It seems to do the job keeping visitors and deliveries away from parking so the mailman can not get to the box. It will be interesting to paint yellow at Sharon's and Crystal's mailbox and see if it makes a difference. I still wonder if the reason their mailbox was cleanly broke off at the base was because someone ran into it. (?)
- May 10, 09
Mothers Day The mailbox is back down in the dirt and lying over into the street. We had some good winds. Possibly the wind blew it over. (?)
- May 12, 09
Tuesday I arrived home from the monthly NARA meeting at dusk, and there were five women circled around the mailbox (still daylight) apparently trying to figure how to put it upright! This is good. It demonstrates that they are aware that the mailbox indeed needs to be there, and they are trying to do something about it. The pole is clearly way to short. They simply need a new pole, or get a five foot piece of 4X4 to use for a post, and bolt what remains of the original pole on to it with U bolts. This isn't rocket science! I was tempted to go over there and offer my help, but by now I think it best to just stay out of it. It will be interesting to see what four minds can come up with!
- May 13, 09
Wednesday The four foot mail box pole which had been broken off a the base is now broke in half (!) so there is the 2 ft. section that the mailbox is attached to and the other 2 ft. section lying next to it. This is beyond bizarre! And it has been going on way too long. Our mailman must be going nuts! If it isn't fixed by Tuesday when we come back from our trip I'll ask if they would like me to fix it. It was noted by members at the last NARA meeting, and it's the laugh of the neighborhood! Totally out of culture! It really looks "tacky" for a house with good curb appeal in a good neighborhood and a crappie looking mailbox lying in the dirt week after week.
- Jun 18, 09
Thursday I was talking to Carl and Arnie next door (3701 Waterhole St). They are in the process of moving to Montana, and loading up two more trailers to haul up to Hamilton. Arnie said that after they got settled in she would be happy to send a letter to he NARA executive board documenting why the group home at across the street is a major factor in their decision to move from their house.
- June 22, 09 I was talking to Greg Fields in front of his house (3724 Waterhole Street).

- Monday He asked me what we were going to do about the recent group home activity. I didn't know what he was talking about. He said that in the past couple of weeks boys had been occasionally congregating at the corner of Chloe and Waterhole Street in the day time under the shade of Jay's pine tree, waiting for girls to come out of the group home, and then they would walk south on Waterhole Street. Greg said that sometimes he would be awake late at night on the weekend and see them after midnight waiting for the girls, and they would walk south on Waterhole Street, and then come back again in a while. I told him I would document this on the log, and asked him to call me at any time day or night so that I can verify this with him. Greg said that Jay also had witnessed this.
- June 23, 09
Tuesday Stopped down to Republic Services on E. Sahara regarding the group leaving trash pick up at the curb side all week long. The clerk, Paulette, advised me that the rules to leave pick up no earlier than the night before were part of the customer contract. She made me a copy of the contract. Paulette said that although Republic Services makes the rules, they can not enforce them, and I need to advise the Health Department of the contractual violation.
- June 24, 09
Wednesday Dropped off a letter to the Southern Nevada Public Health Department Solid Waste & Compliance Section relaying the same information as written to Republic Services. The clerk put the information into their computer as case #SW09-986 and assigned it to Donna Huston. She will follow up with the group home for trash compliance.
- June 25, 09
Thursday Talked to Jay in front of his house this morning, and asked him about what Greg had told me regarding group home people gathering in front of his under the pine tree. Jay said he had only seen it once. He said it looked like there was some kind of an argument between staff and one or more of the girls, or staff or girls having an argument with someone outside the group home environment. Jay mentioned that he seldom saw Trudy at the house there anymore. I agreed that the perception is that she is leaving the hands on management to her hired staff. That is not how it was suppose to be as it was initially presented to us. We were given the idea that she would be in charge most of the time and she would be the predominate "house mother" in charge for educating the kids and their general management. Clearly this is not how it is going to be. Jay was also dismayed that there was probably nothing we could do about the group home being there now. I told him that we were continuing with the ongoing log of events observed at the home, and the hope was that when a felony event eventually occurred we could get this parasite out of our neighborhood. He said he couldn't believe that the mailbox was still down, leaning against the cinder block wall. I told him that both Sharon and Crystal wanted yellow painted on the curb next to their mailboxes to

keep group home traffic away from effecting mail delivery, but it had been raining.

Republic Services made pick up about noon today. At 6 PM the group homes rented 96 gallon mobile cart was still at the curb, with two large plastic bags of trash sitting beside it. This exemplifies precisely what the complaint is all about! If the bags were there when trash pick up came by, they would have been removed. If the two bags were dropped off after trash pick up came by they should have at least put them in the mobile cart that they rent from Republic Services and then removed the mobile cart from the curb. This defies logic!

June 29, 09
Monday I had to laugh. One of the group home supervisors (I assume) was standing outside the front door of the house "talking" to someone on a cell phone. This is a frequent occurrence. It appears that they go outside to talk on the cell phone for privacy. But you can often hear them "talking" all the way over to our front porch! So much for "privacy". The funny thing was that she was complaining on the phone to someone about someone who had been yelling at her! And here she is yelling into the cell phone where I hear much of the conversation all the way across the street! Sharon often complains about how loud they all are. It's not just "teens". It's a different culture.

June 30, 09
Tuesday I finally got around to painting the curb yellow in front of Crystals mailbox (3700 Waterhole Street) and Sharon's mailbox (3716 Waterhole Street). I stopped painting about an inch from the curb property survey marker. I couldn't help but notice how faded the yellow line is in front of our mailbox now compared to the new paint.

July 2, 09
Thursday Trash pick up was this morning. At 3PM the group home had a black bag full of trash sitting at their curb side next to the broken mailbox. I will check with the health department next week to see if they made any contact with the group home. A professional carpet cleaner was at the home a good part of the day.

July 3, 09
Friday Driving home from distributing NARA fireworks fliers a black four door was parked literally in the middle of Waterhole Street in front of the group home. A black SUV was parked in front of the group home next to the curb, and a conversation was taking place over a distance of several feet. Eight, what appeared to be late teens, six of them males, were congregated in the middle of Waterhole Street engaged in other socializing. I hugged the curb on my side of the street to get by and abruptly swung left in front and past the car parked in the middle of the street to gain access to my driveway. I got out and went in our house. The car in the middle of the

street remained there for another five minutes or so. Throughout the day, the black 4 door car came and went from the girls group home, with males going in and out.

July 4, 09
Saturday
Independence Day

A crew spent much of the day yesterday and today trimming trees and palm leaves. A HUGE pile of cuttings was piled up in front of the group home mailbox area, overflowing some six feet into the street. I asked one worker if they were going to haul it away, and he said yes. The pile actually obstructs half of the southbound driving lane. My guess is that they expect Republic to pick up the entire pile at the curb!

I spoke to an on duty Las Vegas police officer up at the Funny's convenience store about the pile obstructing the flow of traffic. When I described the location he immediately knew it was the group home. He said that all the officers who patrol this area are very familiar with the foster care group home. I told him that I was maintaining a running journal on what events the immediate neighbors have noted, and anticipate contributing this information when there is a felony event at the home. He said that the call they received last Thanksgiving at the home was a knife stabbing by a boy who they finally found in another part of town. And this should qualify as a felony event. I asked him how the neighborhood association could get data on police calls. He referred me to the station, and said that at least we should be able to get time and date of all calls to a specific address. The officer drove past the pile of limbs in the street and went on.

July 6, 09
Monday

I was out front when Republic Services made their pick up today. I talked to them when they stopped in front of Sharon's house. The driver said they were only required to make a pick up of 3 trash cans, or the equivalent there of, and that the people that were hired to do the job should also haul it away. The two staff emptied the rental can, another plastic trash can, put 5 large black plastic bags in the truck. And then after looking at the pile for a while put on gloves and continued to put about the top two feet of the pile in the truck. This was above and beyond the call of duty. The pile still obstructs the road, but at least it isn't as high. Actually, now this makes it less obvious coming around the corner heading south, and you can be on top of the pile sooner before it is noticed. I took photos.

I was called by Marilyn Kirkpatrick this evening. She advised me of the upcoming safety meeting at the North Las Vegas Airport. She talked at length about her efforts to be a voice for the community regarding both established group homes and appropriate legislation. She informed me that the effect of a group home on the immediate culture and neighborhood profile is not a legislative consideration! They do not care about our

quality of life. The focus is on the patients/group home residents, and compliance with money issues. This verifies our suspicions.

- July 9, 09
Thursday Republic Services actually took the rest of the pile of palm cuttings in the street in front of the group home today. Well beyond the call of duty! I took another photo of the remaining pile before they came around.
- July 13, 09
Monday Very busy at the foster care home all day long. Strange cars coming and going. A county Prius car parked in front of our mailbox took one of the girls away. At one time I saw adults come out, teens come out, a small boy come out, and a girl with a baby in a carry on. That just about covers the spectrum of all ages! I was out front on my way over to help Calvin with his yard I took a trash can over to the group home trash mess and started picking up some of it that was just thrown on the road...just to see if anyone would say "hello". Some of the group looked, but said nothing. A lot of the residual cuttings from the pile of palm leaves have blown over onto Sharon's front yard. Messy!
- July 14, 09
Tuesday The large black birds are having a grand time on Sharon's front yard today pecking at the foot long palm cuttings looking for bugs! VERY busy day at the group home. Lots of cars coming and going. Lots of strange people both adults and kids. Unusually busy! Scooter spent much of the day looking out the front window and barking when new activity as it took place. Around 1730 a lot of activity came to the front yard and out into the street. Lots of boys...NOT girls...and several of them "play fighting" out in the middle of the street and over to our side of the road where one of the cars was parked in front of our mailbox. I need to repaint our yellow line, although one of the SUVs today was parked in front of Trudy's mailbox space and over into the yellow area I had painted for Sharon. I'm afraid to open the garage door when there is activity like this going on because of the restored red 1960 two door Chevy Impala inside, and will not take it out to drive when there are "strange" people outside in front of the group home. This a very unique high value car in certain circles for modification from the original to "hip hop" and hydraulic street show cars. I waited 47 years for this car (It was the year I graduated from high school, when I was "poor") and now I have to hide it because of a group home business that has moved into our neighborhood!

PERSONAL NOTE: We do not deserve this. I worked 50-70 hours a week for some 40+ years, sometimes getting four or five hours sleep each day for weeks at a time. I spent 6 years away from our home on Waterhole Street on unaccompanied tours in the Air Force so we could keep our house and the kids would have a stable home life with school and church and friends. I ALWAYS worked two jobs, or had one job plus going

to school, to get ahead. And I paid my own way, not some handout. In the early years we slept on a mattress on the floor when I was in school, and my wife cleaned apartments and stairwells to help pay the bills. I also did jobs "flipping hamburgers", cleaning elevators, doing nursing aid work in a nursing home, etc. My wife held down the fort like a rock when I wasn't home, and held down a career with the school district teaching special education kids. Like they say, "The most difficult job in the military is being a military wife". Now, when retirement finally comes around, we get this sxxx to deal with. Other residents have their story to tell. By any reasonable definition, this is beaurocratic stealing. It is theft. When you take something of value from someone without their consent it is stealing. I have never heard of a home increasing in value because there is a group home next to it. Even with Boys Hope, the address still has the zoning, and the resident profile could change drastically. Even with emanate domain you at least get a hearing, and in most cases fair compensation. This not only takes away the value of your home, it degrades the community lifestyle that you and the others around you have worked for and have EARNED. There is something wrong with a system that allows overt stealing from the taxpayers that support the programs that allow it to happen. I know the Las Vegas valley well from field nursing for 14 years. There are LOTS of places to put group home facilities where they will NOT negatively impact the community both through property values and quality of life. There is something very wrong with this system that needs to be corrected. Something is going on. It is not in the best interest of the facility patients/clients or the community. Behavior indicates that it has to be simply power and profit at the expense of patients/clients and community. And this needs to be fixed.

As I was getting out of my car coming home from the NARA meeting Sharon came across the street and thanked me for taking her old big screen TV down to recycle. Calvin had one that I took down also. Sharon said, "Did you see that mob that was out here yesterday?! And look at my front yard from the pile they left out here last week! She's too cheap to pay the workers to carry it away!" Sharon was hot. I told her that this was nothing. On the way to the NARA meeting I noticed that a black SUV was parked partially into the front landscaping on the south end, and some of the older boys were changing a tire on the right rear. Instead of just backing it up a few feet on to the firm asphalt, they had it jacked up in a DANGERIOUS position on the dirt landscaping. My instinct was to offer my big jack, and some safety 6X6 wood pieces...but second thought told me to just keep out of it, for any number of defensive reasons. (Isn't this sad?) Now the SW corner of the landscaping is all tore up. I showed it to Sharon, and she just gave me "the look" and shook her head. Trudy could get the girls out there some morning EARLY (like we do in this community before it gets too hot) and probably patch it up in a couple/few hours. Lets see how long it will take to get this fixed up! I told Sharon about the up coming "Community Meeting Regarding Group And Recovery Homes" being held at the Council Chambers July 22, 9-11am. She said she had to work but would write a letter about her experience. I

told her we really were not sure of the specific nature of the meeting, but we suspected it was business and profit oriented.

July 14, 09
Wednesday I see this morning Sharon paid to have her lawn care company cleaning up the on her front lawn. The riding lawnmower vacuumed it all up in quick time! Very impressive! I dropped across the street and inspected the tore up landscaping site. Pathetic. I took a photo. The thought crossed my mind again, as it does frequently, about with all the inappropriate behavior we see, you have to wonder how much more has gone on that no one was around to witness (ambulances, police, interpersonal conflicts outside) and what goes on inside that is below professionalism for a teen foster home environment.

July 22, 09
Wednesday Linda Young, Lamar Briley and I attended the first "Group And Recovery Homes Community Meeting" sponsored by Jim Lewis, the city attorney, and Lisa Hibbler the deputy director for Neighborhood Services. Most of us thought this would be a routine recorded city council meeting. It was not. It was an ad hoc "meeting per the direction of the mayor". Jim said they had a meeting with the group home "industry" and this was a follow up with the community per directive of the mayor. Out of the whole city, less than 20 community members were present! It was clearly "poorly" advertised. Marilyn Kirkpatrick was also present. She had a working relationship with Jim. Jim gave a power point and answered questions. The major points made were that:

The official definition of a group home does not differentiate between the various types (geriatric, foster, rehab, etc.)

All group homes are considered a family unit and are to be identified as such irrespective of the facility population.

The group home "industry" is NOT considered a business!

State and local governments are at the mercy of federal laws and guidelines, basically through the Federal Housing Amendments Act, Americans With Disabilities Act, and Federal Rehabilitation Act. State efforts to thwart direction from these sources can end up in court, and can have federal tax payer funds withdrawn. It's all about the money, and the threat of lawsuit! It has nothing to do with the effect on established community culture

I gave Jim a copy of the presentation I had typed up to make for him to read and "file". I held off giving him a 30 page copy of the 3708 Water-hole Street group home documentation. They said the next meeting would be advertised better. I wondered how much the "industry" meeting was advertised, and how many showed up?

- July 23, 09
Thursday I was downtown visiting political offices for information to update our NARA directory, and stopped by the city attorney's office and dropped off the copy of the 3708 Waterhole Street documentation for Jim for a number of reasons. The girl at the desk said the next community meeting would be better advertised.
- July 27, 09
Monday Talked to Jay in front of our house. He was asking about what happened at the meeting. I told him. He expressed his feelings about the group home managements not putting their mailbox back up. It was lying beside the curb next to the wheeled container, and 7 full large black trash bags that had been lying there since hours after pick up last Thursday. I'll have to make a follow up complaint with the health department on behalf of Republic Services.
- July 28, 09
Tuesday Took a follow up letter, along with previous documentation down to the Health Department. Since it already had a case number they will give it the same person for follow up.
- July 31, 09
Friday The group home across the street has their mail box up (!). From a distance it looks like there are some stones around the bottom of the steel pole. We'll see how long it lasts. About eight Friday large black bags of trash were also out there yesterday. I assume Republic Services took them all.
- Aug 01, 09
Saturday Jay stopped by this morning. Advised me that Wednesday night about 10 PM two skinny teens held up a Papa Johns Pizza delivery guy in front of his house. Apparently they were using Jays address and phone number, were waiting for the pizza delivery, and both teens held him up with] knives. Jay said they took off running past our house. He said that he had seen them earlier down by our house. The police were called, and] about five cars came. I told Jay I remember seeing the police helicopter that night, but it was one of those rare nights when Scooter didn't see anything going on.
- Aug 10, 09
Monday I was out front this evening getting the car ready for a trip to Utah when a couple of the group home teen girls, and a boy came out front and were bouncing a basket ball around in the street to the "matra" of "Give me the money, give me the money, give me the cars. Give me the cars, give me give me the cars, give me the clothes. Give me the clothes, give me the clothes, give me the clothes, give me the money." I am not ignorant of the history of kids having "mantras" that they do jump rope with, etc., but it was the constant "give me" that pissed me off. I noticed that their mailbox was turned some. I suspect it will not be standing long. Five large black bags of trash/brush had been out by the mailbox since the last pick

up day, and Republic Services picked them up today. Got an e-mail from Clark County Health Department wanting more information for a follow up. I'll have to do that when I come back from Utah.

- Aug 15, 09
Saturday
- Talked to Maralee on the cell phone after the conference meeting today. She said the group home put out trash Friday morning, and with the wind they had it blew trash all over. She said that some of the girls did pick up some of it. I stopped by a Utah Foster Care office in Salt Lake City yesterday during lunch break. And when I took a ride up above Brigham City to see my in-laws after the Thursday meeting I noticed a bill board advertising foster care AND hourly income! But...we all know that it is not a business.
- Aug 17, 09
Monday
- Lots of trash out by the group home mailbox. Besides the Republic Service wheeled card there were other additional plastic containers, black bags of stuff, and a pile of boxes! I took a photo of it. Republic Services didn't go beyond the call of duty today, and only picked up what they were contracted for, leaving a big pile for Thursday. I talked to Sharon Bollinger (3716 Waterhole St). She is livid about their trashy "curb appeal". I told her I was going back down to the Health Department. I told her I was putting my name on the trash complaint. She wants her name on the complaint also. There were at least two older teen boys there today. We are noticing more and more older (?) teen boys at the home.
- Aug 18, 09
Tuesday
- History told me that nothing was going to be done about the pile of trash left at the curb side. At 11:30 I went over to the group home. Trudy was not there. I asked for the and told the "house mother of the day" I told her that Republic Services was not going to pick more than what they contracted for. I told her that Carl's dumpster next door to us is empty, and she could have some of the girls carry the trash over there and be done with it. She seemed very accommodating. Sometime later on in the afternoon everything was gone, except a full plastic container with trash bags hanging out of the top. This is progress.
- Aug 19, 09
Wednesday
- I went back down to the Health Department and talked to Donna Houston. She said she had been by the group home, but there was no trash at the curb when she made the visit. I gave her photos of the recent trash event, and later on e-mailed the palm tree pile episode of July 4th to her. I also told her that the complaint did not have to be anonymous, and that both Sharon Bollinger and I could be used as complainants. Donna was appreciative of the photos.
- Aug 22, 09
Saturday
- Maralee noticed this morning that several slats from the north end front window indoor shutters in the group home across the street were broken. It looks tacky. This was part of the upgrade the developer added on to the house.

- Sep 15, 09
Tuesday Left on my long road trip. Maralee, Jay, Coleen & Dennis, Sharon Calvin said they'd "take notes" for our documentation.
- Oct 13, 09
Tuesday Back from an 8,223 mile road trip. On October 9th Maralee called and advised me that Trudy was going to be at the next NARA meeting on the 13th. The meeting would be "taped" per our new NARA protocol, but this was too important to miss. I considered just leaving the car with friends in the DC area and flying back just for the meeting, and then fly back to finish up the last three weeks or so of the trip. Instead I decided to just head west, making a quick stop in Buena Vista, Virginia, and Evansville, Illinois, covering 2,549 miles in 4 days. I made it home two hours before the NARA meeting. Trudy was a no show. (!) I'll drive back and pick up where I left off on the rest of the trip in late spring of next year. I'd like to give her a piece of my mind. I modified my entire trip based on her word. So much for professionalism.
- Oct 19, 09
Monday Company left yesterday. I talked to Jay today. He said that while I was away, on October 5th, about 9 pm, something big" went down at the group home with the fire department, police cars, ambulances and a helicopter lighting up the whole neighborhood. He said the helicopter flying overhead with the search light on woke up his kids. His best guess was that it was some kind of a physical altercation between residents, and they took one girl out in handcuffs (?) although it seems overkill to have a helicopter with flood lights for a domestic situation. I discussed the possibility of getting a quality police scanner to use for these group home events to help find out what is going on in our neighborhood when these periodic group home police/paramedic events happen.
- Oct 20, 09
Tuesday I talked to Jeff Hightower (3713 Thom, corner of Thom & Cutty). He said that he heard the helicopter flying over with its spotlight on, and went to his Truck to drive around the neighborhood and find out what was going on. Immediately ran into the situation in front of the group home. He asked a female (non fire dept.) EMT what was going on, she told him it was none of his business. Jeff said the police took out one girl from the group home in handcuffs.
- Jeff went on to advise me of the BEHAVIOR of group home girls that walk past his corner property with the two fenced in grass areas for horses that also provide a home for resident rabbits. He said that only once when he was out front and a group came by they were "civil". At that time he talked to them for a while, and they went on about how they are trying to get ahead at the home so that when they are 18 they can get on

with their lives. Jeff said it was a pleasant discussion and nice to see that there were some girls there who seem to have direction. But with other occurrences they walk by in groups of 4 to 10, often with boyfriends, and often taunting the horses, and physically trying to catch the rabbits who reside in his grassy areas. Jeff said that the reason shopping carts are found abandoned in this area is because they will walk down to Albertsons and use shopping carts to bring food back, but abandon them before they turn down Cutty street. This answered where the shopping cart I found today at Waterhole and Cutty today came from since it was totally out of character for our neighborhood. Jeff told stories about how he'd spoken to the girls & guys before about abandoning shopping carts near the intersection it, and all he got was bad mouthing and "the finger".

Oct 31, 09
Saturday
Halloween
Eve

I am going to have to drop off another letter to the health department regarding group home staff using the curb for a perpetual trash dump. The 20th they left a pile of oleander clippings at the curb side only hours after trash was picked up. The 23rd, the day after trash pick up, they left 5 large black plastic bags at the curb side along with the empty Republic Services container all weekend, and it was left lying down on its side for several days after the big wind we had during the week of the 25th. The side gate is left open frequently, and you can see a pile of large black plastic bags stacked along side the house ready for curb side pick up. For the past few weeks they have been leaving pick up trash at the curb side every day. Eight vehicles at the group home this afternoon. Three parked on the street. By dark all but the van were gone, and the house was dark. No Halloween decorations.

Nov 3, 09
Tuesday

I had to fly back to Dover AFB to reenlist JR for his last six year tour of duty in the Air Force. He needed an officer to reenlist him, and thought it would be neat if we could make it a family affair. Couldn't turn him down. Maralee will watch for activity across the street.

Nov 11, 09
Wednesday
Veterans
Day

Returned from swearing in JR before he goes to Quait for six months. Maralee reports it has been generally quiet across the street, however they persist in using the front curb 24/7 for trash. The next time I see Trudy I need to tell her about the tile falling off her roof at the south end of her house over into Crystal's yard. Also if that "weed tree" in that small space at the south end of her house is not removed, and the line of oleanders along her south wall is not radically thinned out she is going to be paying big bucks for roof repairs and for major block wall repair! I do Crystal's yard work for her and noted these problems during the yard work.

Dec 21, 09
Tuesday

Activity at the Foster Care Home over the past weeks has been remarkably quiet to the extent that it appears almost abandoned. The white nine pas-

First Day Of winter	sanger van is usually parked there. Occasionally another vehicle takes its place. No Christmas directions. Last year they put up a wreath on the front door, and a live Christmas tree was put out to trash in January.
Dec 22, 09 Wednesday	I dropped down see Jim Lewis, our Deputy City Attorney up on the 9 th floor at 400 Stewart Ave this morning to ask on the outcome status from the Community Meeting Regarding Group And Recovery Homes meeting held back on July 22 at 0900. We were suppose to have another meeting in September/October. He was out on a meeting. I left him my phone number. By the time I got home he had left a message and I called him back (321-0773). He said that it was a lengthy process and there was a draft being circulated among the appropriate city departments, and a meeting scheduled for January 26 with both the "industry" and home owners associations/neighborhood associations. I asked how the meeting would be promoted. He said that all neighborhood and homeowners associations on the city list and those who attended the July 22 meeting would be notified. I advised him of what little I knew about the status of the foster care group home across the street. I need to make an appointment with Sharon Hidveghy down at 333 N. Rancho for a better profile.
Dec 28, 09 Monday	Dropped off a letter to Sharon Hidveghy this afternoon at the reception desk on the first floor stating who I was, NARA's history with the Trudy Parks teen girls foster care home, and requesting a short meeting to be briefed on the status of the facility.
Dec 30, 09 Wednesday	No response from Sharon Hidveghy by today. If nothing tomorrow I will follow up Monday after the holiday weekend. Trudy Parks showed up at her group home across the street this afternoon, followed by a van from Hawthorne Plumbing/Heating/Cooling, and another company Air One Heating & Air Conditioning. About 2 PM what looked like a county or state representative arrived, coming out of her car with clip board and
Jan 4, 09 Monday	Dropped off a follow up letter to Sharon Hidveghy to the receptionist at 333 Rancho. Receptionist said he'd be sure to get it to her. He also advised that they will be moving to a building across from COSCO on MLK starting next week.
Jan 5, 09 Tuesday	Went to the monthly "First Tuesday" meeting up at the LVMPD police station. Interesting "factoid". Out of some 370,000 people in the area that they cover, perhaps there were 120 people there. Most of them senior citizens. Good discussion about protecting your property against home invasion and the like, and getting rid of shrubs and the like that people can hide behind. Reinforced that I did the right thing cutting down our pine trees along the north front wall to thwart group home "stalkers" (see note of October 29, 2007). I should cut down the pine tree which is now some

59 inches in circumference (grown from a 3' potted Christmas tree) and provides good cover for an "observer", although it does give some shade to the garage, there would be a secondary gain of getting rid of the pine needles it sheds! I talked to Capt Csaba Maczala, Captain of the Northwest Area Command, about the 3708 teen girl foster care home that all the local police are very familiar with, and that we are trying to research to what degree can we find out what events took place after police are called to the residence. I told him I'd write him about it, and he could follow up in due time. Agreed.

Jan 6, 10
Wednesday Received a phone call from Pat Peal, Assistant Manager for Foster Care Care Licensure (455-5971). She advised that Sharon Hidveghy passed my letter on to her. She said she could make time to accommodate a short meeting during the move, and that the group home is up for some kind of evaluation. (?) I told her I'd write up something for her and drop it off so she could have time to respond to my/our inquiries.

Jan 9, 10
Tuesday Advised executive board at the NARA meeting that I was in progress with arranging a meeting with Pat Peal for foster care communication direction, and it would probably occur after their move to a new location this week. Marilyn Firzpatrick was at the meeting and gave me heads up on a state Foster care meeting to be held January 20 at 1400. I also added that I had a letter pending to Capt. Maczala of the Northwest Area Command regarding acquisition of police documentation on calls to the 3708 Waterhole St. facility. Also noted a large hole in the block wall on Cutty on the north wall of the 3733 Bradley special needs group home. Somebody drove into/through it.

Jan 14, 10 Dropped off the letter to Capt. Maczala at the Northwest Area Command.

Jan 19, 10
Tuesday County Social Services were closed yesterday for MLK day. Dropped down to 333 Rancho to hand carry a copy of Pat Peal's letter and was advised by the receptionist that she works at the 701 N. Pecos facility. Drove to the Pecos address and was advised that she had moved to the new facility on MLK across from COSCO. Drove to the MLK address. The receptionist finally located Pat Peal's office, on the second floor via e-mail. (!) Pat advised the receptionist that she did not recognize my name. The receptionist e-mailed her back. No response. I dropped off the letter with the receptionist who promised she would get it to her.

Jan 22, 10
Friday Received a phone call from Pat Peal. She said she would respond to the questions I sent her in a letter forthcoming. Cordial/good conversation. She reinforced that Trudy's group home was shut down, and that there was a process in place where she could reapply. No specifics. She referred me to several regulations (?) that she will bring up in the letter. Pat seems to have a history of good hands on, in the field, years of

experience dealing with group home issues. However, I did not sense any window of opportunity for special insight regarding rights of residents in relating to group home issues. I offered to send her a copy of our 40 page ongoing documentation of Trudy's business. Pat reinforced that I could send it if I wanted to, but the case/issue was closed.

Jan 26, 10
Tuesday Received a phone call from Officer George Martin from the Northwest Area Command regarding my letter to Captain Maczla of the 14th. He will meet at our house next Tuesday at 10 AM

Jan 27, 10
Wednesday Received a brief letter from Pat Peal as promised in response to my letter to Sharon Hidveghy. She basically referred me to other departments, state statutes and local agencies. What we really need is SPECIFIC names and phone numbers of SPECIFIC offices and "OPR's" we can report to regarding SPECIFIC behaviors by the foster care group home that are unanimously incompatible with our neighborhood. I will need to follow up with her. We need "one on one" contact with appropriate bureaucracies and responsible department heads.

Attended the Nevada Legislature Group Home teleconference meeting with Carson City at the Grant Sawyer Building chaired by Marilyn Kirkpatrick from 2 - 5 PM. Marilyn did a good job bringing the topic of group home accountability to the neighborhood that it operates in to the table. All other presentations basically focused on license compliance and the "civil rights" of the group home patients/residents. Lip service was occasionally given that complaints by neighbors of legitimate problems regarding the welfare of the group home residents is essential because the system does not provide funding to do an ongoing comprehensive facility assessment, however, no specifics were offered (SOP's, chain of command, OPR's with names and phone numbers, etc.) to facilitate any kind of a genuine networking program. I need to write a letter prior to the February 4th meeting with specific resolution input. A couple residents spoke at the end profiling their classic encounter with group homes.

Feb 02, 10
Tuesday In response to my letter to Capt. Maczala, Officer Jeorge Martin and Kathy Perkins had a meeting at my house at noon (time change). In attendance was Lamar, Briley, Don Frazier, Calvin Lockhart, Colleen Walsh, Maralee & Lex Anderson, and Al Duchane. They thoroughly understood the behavior problems brought on by problematic group homes. Officer Martin encouraged us to attend the meeting this Thursday for changes. Kathy pushed Neighborhood Watch, attending First Tuesday, and utilization of the crime website for information.

- Feb 4, 10
Thursday
- Linda Young and I attended the second/follow up meeting of Jim Lewis's "Community Meeting Regarding Recovery and Recovery Homes from July 22, 2009. Jim has said that these meetings are for input from all parties concerned by directive of Mayor Goodman for his insight. Attendance appeared similar to the previous meeting. He basically showed the same slides and gave out the same handouts as he did almost six months ago. I asked about having a cadre of community group home residents being part of the interim meetings. Jim said that he was our representative. In polite terms, the "meeting" was "nonproductive". I will bring it up with our NARA organization to foot the bill for an RJ public announcement for the next meeting, inviting all residents interested in group home issues to attend on a first come first serve basis limited to the fire code seating capacity of the City Council. Jim was pressed for time to allow comprehensive input from the audience. Both Linda and I had ours written up. I gave Jim a copy of my 3 ½ page input on the way out.
- Feb 17, 10
Ash Wed
- Little activity going on at the group home across the street lately, but using the curb as a 24/7 trash area continues. Hand carried a third letter with photo to the Southern Nevada Health Department Solid Waste & Compliance Section of Environmental Health. We suspect that the house for whatever reason may not be foster care operational at this time.
- The side gate continues to remain open much of the time. This is an encouragement for people to break in. It continues to be the only one of two that I have noticed in our NARA area that does not maintain a secure access to a back yard, and the other one is the group home at 3733 Bradley, which NEVER had one. Lawn service comes periodically. The mail box continues to defy gravity and remains in an upright position! It may not actually meet federal regulations? I will stop at the post office and get documentation on the official guidelines. It looks so bizarre for a house that has a generally upscale curb appeal to have a ghetto appearance mailbox.
- Mar 9, 10
Tuesday
- I brought up last meeting of the city attorney's "Community Meeting of Recovery and Group Homes" to the executive board. Linda Young and I requested the executive board to foot the bill for an appropriate RJ ad for the next scheduled meeting. This will not be cheap, but NARA understands the situation, and it was approved. This should not be a problem when the time comes. I had mentioned this option at a discussion with him in the lobby of his office once before, and that it would not come out of the city budget. And he agreed that it would be a good idea. This using the list of previous attendees, and licensed group home providers does not represent the community. Definitely not "proactive". With "X" number of group and recovery homes in the city, there are AT LEAST "X" x 4 residents that live next door/across the street/behind the

facilities, that may have input and deserve awareness of this "community meeting".

- Mar 24, 10
Wednesday Missed the Nevada Legislature Group Home Teleconference Meeting today! Got days mixed up! Nuts!
- Mar 25, 10
Thursday Met with Pat Peal in the lobby of the Department Of Family Services new location across from COSCO on Martin Luther King Blvd. in response to a call from her regarding my request(s) to the Health Dept. and the group home curb waste deposits. She reinforced what Marilyn Kirkpatrick advised us, that Trudy's license had been at least temporarily pulled for "licensure infractions". We had heard through the "grape vine" that Trudy was bouncing around residents from facility to facility out of licensure compliance, and perhaps there was some supervisory infractions also involved. Pat advised that Trudy's appeal to reopen at least one of her foster care homes had been approved. Pat requested a copy of this documentation, and documentation of the letters to the Health Department. I told her I would expedite them to her. We have learned from experience that "officials" need to be considered "part of the solution" until otherwise noted. I voiced our frustration with the difficulty in having specific OPR's to go to in regards to our specific group home BEHAVIORAL issues due to the complexity of the foster care bureaucracy. She acknowledged that it was a multifaceted program, and the issue of "confidentiality" was always at the forefront. Pat seems right on top of foster care group home issues. I advised her that the group home on 3733 Bradley next to Linda Young's home is under new management and now houses teen boys. And Dr. Young is starting to see some of the cultural behavior that comes with it. I will report at the next NARA meeting that we now have one quality contact with the Department of Family Services that may be a resource within her limited scope of operations.
- Mar 26, 10
Friday Dropped off a copy of the 3708 Waterhole group home documentation, along with copies of the letters and photos to the health department on the group homes use of the curb as a 24/7 trash depository. The receptionist at the front desk said he would be sure to give it to her.
- Went to the post office and finally got a copy of the PS FORM 4056, and the 21 page USPA-STD-7B U.S. POSTAL SERVICE STANDARD MAILBOXES, CURBSIDE. Later today I compared the standard to the obviously "out of standard" mailbox at the group home. It failed miserably and gave bureaucratic support to the eyesore.
- Mar 28, 10
Sunday I went to put recycle out at 1830 PM, and Trudy's black SUV was parked over in her driveway. She, with at least one helper, were unloading boxes into the garage. It looked like administrative stuff. (?) Pat Peal had said that Trudy had been authorized to open one of her group homes. When

I heard this I KNEW that if it was going to happen Trudy would be back to Waterhole Street. She "loves this house", and openly stated that she "fell in love with it" at the initial City Council meeting. And given the opportunity I KNEW she would be right back here. After carrying the third recycle load out to the curb, Sharon and her boyfriend rode in on their motorcycles from a ride to Red Rock. On purpose, to see if Trudy would make an effort to be social, I walked over to Sharon's garage, some 20 feet past Trudy as she stooped down to look in her mailbox, and she ignored me. I told Sharon about my meeting with Pat Peal, and that Trudy coming back was the apparent outcome of her temporary suspension. Sharon gave me "the look", and exclaimed on how it had been so quiet and civilized here over the past months. By 7 PM Trudy was gone. This is almost a guarantee that one day next week there will be county and other cars rolling in here for her reinstatement.

- Mar 29, 10
Monday Trudy was back again early this morning for a short time with her black SUV backed up to the garage, and they were unloading items. Maralee said that this morning when she was walking the dog Trudy waved at her. We cleaned up the front yard today. The two palm trees that we grew from \$5 plants decades ago are going to have to be cut way back again for security reasons previously related. With foster care teen girls across the street, and now 6 teen boys at the 3733 Bradley Road group home 158 feet away, it will be interesting to see how long it will be before we are documenting interaction between the two. I wonder if licensure took this fact into any consideration at all. It should be a no brainer! Denial that this is a factor to consider should be professionally incompetent.
- Mar 30, 10
Tuesday Maralee said she was out walking the dog today when Trudy was over at the house, and she waved at Maralee. This is good.
- April 22, 10
Thursday Dropped off all my paperwork to continue my RN license today. Totally by chance today I met a health care worker who, through small talk, knew a lot about Trudy's events that lead to her licensure being removed. She/he reinforced 100% the behavior we saw here and with my contribution to the conversation expanded on her knowledge. Trudy was apparently among the worst of objective licensure infractions, among which were the lack of supervision, general licensure noncompliance and lack of facility maintenance in all of her group homes. I told her about our 40 page documentation, her historically arrogant behavior to any kind of a NARA community or neighborhood connection, and the lack of maintenance we see outside the home (roof, trees, bushes). She/he knew about the stabbing in the group home. Fascinating conversation.

Over the past three weeks there has been essentially no activity at the home. A few times there were what appeared to be "maintance" pick up

trucks there for a short time (AC, lawn, etc.). One day last week there were lights on late at night. I still can not imagine her not being back in her Waterhole facility knowing how she feels about the house from the onset. In this case I (and the neighbors) are pleased to be wrong!

- May 13, 10
Thursday
- Gone out of state for a couple weeks. Several yards of "sand" in a pile in the driveway when I got back yesterday, and people working in the back yard apparently associated with a pool maintenance truck that showed up. No residence activity.
- Jun 01, 10
Tuesday
- Drove down to City Hall today and spend a few minutes with Jim Lewis to verify what he had told me at our last meeting that it was okay for NARA to run an ad in the RJ for the next City Hall "Proposed Community Residence Ordinance" (group/recovery home) meeting. The next and possibly the last meeting will be June 16th at 0900. Jim stated today that he was depending on home owners and neighborhood organizations to get the word out because he was bound by policy as to what he could do and also he did not have funds authorized to pay for an RJ advertisement. He said that he supported the proposal to make the 600 foot distance between group/recovery homes from boundary to boundary as we had suggested, and that it made sense. I went directly to the RJ to price out an advertisement. The NARA executive board had already endorsed spending the money for an ad, but I need to double check.
- Went to "First Tuesday" up at the Northwest Area Metro Police Command this evening. Captain Maczala made a big deal and reinforced that people should keep their garage doors closed when not in use as thieves scan better neighborhoods for accesses. I asked about side gates thinking of our two group homes, and he said the same applied there also. I knew this, but I just needed to hear it from "the authority". Also with the theme on gang crime tonight we were advised that with budget cut backs, the traditional apartment areas where gangs use to cluster, they are spreading out into the community and becoming more defuse, and just as with the closure of some group facilities we can expect to see more and more diverse types of group homes showing up in communities that never had them before.
- Jun 9, 10
Wed
- Last night NARA approved spending \$1,089 on a 5" x 5" notice to be put in the RJ next Monday to promote Jim Lewis's upcoming "Proposed Community Residence Ordinance" (Formerly referred to as Group/Recovery homes) meeting at 0900 June 16th (with his blessing). Trudy's black SUV was observed at the residence across the street several times today along with numerous other vehicles later on in the afternoon. Way too many cars for this to be anything other than some kind of an initiative. The dogs have been very good at alerting us to strange cars being parked on the street in front of the address. There has been sporadic visits by

small cars over the past couple of weeks. Nothing has been done with the pile of "sand" on the concrete driveway. I need to trip up the two pineapple palm trees in the front yard for better vision, and for increased security.

Jun 11, 10
Friday
11:00

Observed a middle aged woman in a late model 4 dr. Jaguar sedan at park in the group home driveway across the street, and walk into the back yard through the unlocked side gate while on a cell phone. About an hour later she came out. I walked across the street and introduced myself to her. She said she was Melody, a friend of Trudy's. I told her I would like to show her some maintenance items on the house that Trudy should be aware of. I took her over to the south end of the house, pointing out the mulberry tree and oleanders that are threatening the integrity of the block wall that she owns, and the tiles falling off the roof. She appreciated it and commented on the nice neighborhood. She said that Trudy was moving back in soon with "only 4 or 5 foster care children". Melody said that her other two facilities were running well at this time. This validated our suspicions. Lisa Lubeck advised me this morning that management from Boys Hope called her and said the house had been sold to someone who will be continuing it as a group home. She will keep us up to date on it. Mary forwarded on the proof from the RN on the upcoming meeting at the city council. It looks good.

June 14, 10
Monday

Our NARA 5" X 5" "Group Home Recovery Home Meeting" notification was printed in the Nevada section of the RJ this morning on page 3B.

June 16, 10
Wednesday

Mary Kremer, Al Ducharme and Lex Anderson attended the City Council meeting this morning. Bill No. 2010-22, Item #72 was last on the morning agenda. We thought this was going to be another casual meeting like his previous meetings, but we were wrong. Jim Lewis presented the group home issue to the council explaining first how the primary three federal laws redefine the states capacity to effectively deal with group home problems and second how federal lawsuits and the threat of withholding funding are the big clubs that facilitate these statutes. The council could not accept the irrationality of these two federal "big guns", and gave Jim 30 days to come up with more creative ways to thwart the problem. Councilman Reese gave a great initial statement on the group home problem. Mayor Goodman was generically livid over the general status in dealing with the issue, and our Councilman Ross gave an excellent summary at the end. Clearly the council members all understand the problem at the operational level. Now they have to internalize the problem at the federal level!!! Mary and Lex both made comments to the council. This is taped for our archives. Trudy seems to be "moving back in". Her black SUV was there much of yesterday, and today.

June 17, 10

Trudy is back "moving in" (?) today. Three large black trash bags were

- Thursday put out on the curb next to their noncompliant mailbox today AFTER trash collection pick up. They will be there until Monday afternoon. Here we go again! Nothing is changing. I will submit another complaint with the health department tomorrow morning for the record.
- June 18, 10
Friday Dropped of a fourth complaint at 0900 to the Health Department early this morning along with a photograph of the 3708 trash non compliance. Trash pick up is after 1300 on Monday, so the inspector should have time to see the source of the complaint. Also dropped off a letter to the post office regarding the federal non compliance of their mailbox (for well over a year). Again, the only way to "work" with Trudy is through the established bureaucratic systems that apply to her. Historically she has no commit-
Tent to any kind of community accountability, and recently with her License revoked apparently little regard for state and federal accountability.
- June 19, 10
Saturday met the mailman delivering at our address today. I told him that I had hand delivered a complaint about the 3701 mailbox along with a photograph and referencing specific federal guidelines to the post office yesterday. He said that he found it on his desk this morning. I asked him what the heck he was supposed to do with it, and that this should be a supervisory job with appropriate authority. He said he didn't know. He said that there were also letters about the mailbox being down in the dirt last year (from about May 10 - July 30...see notes) with basically no response. I pointed towards the three bags of trash out next to the curb and told him I also hoped to hear from the Health Department next week Regarding ANOTHER complaint I sent them under the same case number.
- July 1, 10
Thursday Very quiet across the street. Trudy's black SUV is parked there almost all the time, as if she was living there. Rarely any other vehicles present.

A concrete slab has been poured over the last couple of weeks at the Bradley Rd. teen boys group home. It doesn't line up well enough with the open north wall to be a garage. My guess is that it is going to be a recreational area of some sort. This is built right on top of the septic tank and leech field that was replaced about a year after the house was built because it was flooding over into Linda's yard from over use.
- July 4, 10
Sunday
9 PM Trudy's black SUV has been gone the last couple of days. Perhaps she is replacing some of her staff at her other facilities so they can have the holiday off and she doesn't have to pay holiday rates. (?) But tonight II went out front at 9 PM to watch the fireworks in the sky beyond the neighborhood, and she was over at the house with a vehicle backed in to

the open two car garage door. This is VERY weird. Almost as if it is a "stealth operation" to do this on the 4th of July night as fireworks are going off! I saw one tall teenage (?) boy out front. There was also another car present.

I stopped over at Jay's house where the family was out front with legal fire works. Dana confirmed that the concrete slab poured in the back yard of the Bradley teen boys group home was indeed going to be a basket ball court. There is a metal tube sticking up on the north side of the slab for the basket ball backboard stand. They are going to have to finally put a gate on the north wall opening to keep the basket ball from going into the street when it misses the back board. I am going to suggest to Linda that she request them to have three basketballs, so that when one goes over into her yard (and it WILL happen) they will have at least one reserve, and won't have to climb the wall. They can call her when she is home and have the ball thrown over the block wall. Mark and Katie moved from their home on 3733 Bradley behind the girls teen group home because they could not use the back yard from the foul language when the girls were in the back yard socializing. It will be interesting to see how this basketball court/congregation area will pan out.

July 5, 10
Monday

No one appears to be at home at 3708 this morning. The trash is appropriately placed at the curb this morning for pick up! Perhaps the health department got through after all. (?) I have to go down to the health dept. tomorrow to hand in my blood pressure sheet from volunteering at the COX homeless event, and I will stop by "waste" and follow up.

July 6, 10
Tuesday

The person assigned to the 3708 case not there. I will follow up. Talked to Linda Young today about the basketball court built over the new septic leech field at the Bradley group home next door. She agrees on photos and appropriate follow up.

July 8, 10
Thursday

Cox communications is hooking up cable for the 3708 Waterhole Street group home. A sure sign that activity will restart. Took photos of the 3633 Bradley group home basket ball court from the road. You can see where there is block wall damage from the original leech field failure. I got a report from a health care professional about an elder group home in north LV that called 911 last night. The facility is well known to paramedics. An elder patient had essentially no blood pressure, the staff had no idea what meds she was on, and could not find her chart. Transported. She will survive.

July 9, 10
Friday

Stopped by the Health Department at 0830 to follow up with Bonnie Archie on her follow up with my trash collection letter of June 18th. Found out that they have no control over Republic Services guidelines with trash that is bagged! Only trash that is not secured (!) and can be

blown free to other yards, etc.! I have to complain to Neighborhood Services for bagged and secured trash violations. Isn't this "typical" bureaucratic "SNAFU"? You really need to know the idiosyncrasies. She copied off the City of Las Vegas Codes on Waste Disposal 9.08.040 for us to use as a reference and authority for their department, and 9.08.100 which is the responsibility for Neighborhood Services.

Also stopped by the Health Department for documentation on the 3633 Bradley Rd. group home septic history. Given a copy of the original application to construct Individual Sewage Disposal System" documentation for a 1500 gal septic system along with a photo for June 9, 1994. Authorization states at the bottom that "No paving or vehicular traffic allowed over individual sewage disposal system". The Health Department has NO documentation regarding the failure of this system and total upgrade about a year later.

- July 11, 10
Sunday Very busy in the garage at Waterhole St. group home after dark. Several cars at the residence much of the day, and over the weekend.
- July 13, 10
Tuesday Missed the NARA meeting...wedding anniversary. Mary Kramer advised that Jim's follow up will be at the next City Council meeting on the 21st. I need to get a letter out to Councilman Ross by next Monday .
- July 18, 10
Sunday Lots of activity across the street over the last several days. Often more than two cars there. Looks like stuff being moved in. We had to laugh. That pile of sand/dirt that was dumped in the "middle" of the driveway since before May 13 is still there. Their 9 passenger van is being parked at an angle behind it for access to the garage, and they are driving over the edges of the pile. It's been there for over two months. Greg said he might be interested in taking it off their hands for use in his yard. I told him to go and talk to Trudy about it. She's writing it off as a business expense anyway. Need to check tomorrow on who isn't working and/or can get away for the city council meeting on Wednesday the 21st.

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