

Letter of the Day

You might be a bad neighbor, if ...

Editor, Daily News:

Some people haven't got a clue what it takes to live harmoniously in a gated community. They have never read their documents, and never will.

If you are one of these people, you may have "outgrown" your community if:

- Your kids have an ATV and your property is 55' x 120.'

- You have more cars than you have parking spaces.

- You never park cars in your garage because that's where your family watches TV.

- You think you should be allowed to park on sidewalks *and* lawns.

- You think letting kids play outside means they can lie down in the street.

- You believe "socializing" means sitting on folding chairs in your driveway, drinking beer and shouting at cars to slow down because your child is lying in

the street.

- You believe setting off fireworks in front of your house is a God-given right.

- You make vulgar gestures at security cameras, and then are surprised when the tapes are shown at community meetings.

- You think forgetting your gate code is someone else's fault.

- You believe your teenager has the right to drive past neighbors' homes blasting his sound system.

- You think your children should be able to skateboard anywhere, including the tennis courts.

- You think it's okay to let your Rottweiler run without a leash to do his business, while you hum "Born Free."

- You think your front yard is the place for the free expression of every weird belief, stupid idea or lawn ornament you have ever had.

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