

To Whom It May Concern

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Greetings on behalf of the Homeowners Association, I wanted to formally welcome you to the neighborhood, as well as express a few concerns. I'm wondering if you missed the specific guidelines for home maintenance in keeping with the spirit of the neighborhood. I am hoping that you received your Neighborhood Information Packet and took the time to look over the guidelines. I'm not sure how things were handled where you come from, but we hold our properties to slightly different standards than the ones you have been keeping. If you have any questions, feel free to send me a response to this letter.

Sincerely,

Pam Founder, President of the Homeowners Association

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RE: Pam of Founder

I'm afraid things might be quite different in this neighborhood than they're done in the Fae Realm. I was willing to overlook the strangeness of my neighbor's yards, but not how the neighborhood has regulated animal life—or worse, eradicated it! I had wanted to discuss these bylaws with you, so this may be the perfect introduction for such a dialogue.

So far as I know, I haven't violated any specific aspects of your Neighborhood Information Packet. I read through it, but I'm not sure what specific violations you are indicating. Could you please elaborate?

Please do stop by sometime and I'll be more than happy to discuss my concerns about the rules in this Neighborhood Information Packet.

Sincerely,

Berio Amastacia, Circle of the New Moon, First Class Druid

Dear Mr. Amastacia,

We need to discuss your lawn. Driving by your house, it's clear that your lawn is suffering from a distinct lack of care. Weeds are sprouting everywhere and your grass is far too long. Furthermore, the garden in your front lawn is not being well-cared for, leading to more weeds and untidiness. Furthermore, I've noticed a beehive forming under the eave of your front roof. I am concerned that this is a danger to the neighborhood and anyone who passes by your home.

Please let me know if you need recommendations to resolve these problems.

Sincerely,

Pam Founder, President of the Homeowners Association

Dear Pam of Founder,

I'm not sure how any of these are bad things. I want to make these accommodations, but I see some flaws in your logic and would like to argue the facts you've listed above.

About my lawn: I disagree completely. The lawn is the healthiest it's been in years. I've spoken with the lawn and it's recalled horrifying instances of a monstrous machine trampling it and cutting it down, disrupting the progress of its growth. I've noticed a few of my neighbors using these machine and they have cited the Neighborhood Information Guidelines as well. I have to say this is absurd! Why have the plant if we won't let it grow?

As for your complaints about the "weeds" and the beehive, those are both parts of the same situation. You see, the bumblebees have told me that they haven't been able to find the same haven anywhere else. A number of them had started building a nest on Paul's property (I hope I'm correct. Bee language is difficult to understand at times). The bees were building a home for themselves and Paul sprayed some very potent poison on their home, killing many of them! Thankfully, the queen hadn't moved yet, but the bumblebees explained that they were effectively homeless.

Now, this is the kind of treatment I may accept for the more hostile hornets or

wasps, but bumblebees? I'm quite surprised at Paul's behavior and hope you may introduce us so I can broach the matter. In the meantime, it seemed only proper to give the humble bumblebees space beneath the roof of my own home. I left the wildflowers to grow there so they wouldn't have to travel far for a fresh source of pollen. Bumblebees are capable of flight, but doing so tuckers them out quite easily. I hoped that they may thrive better in my yard without risking Paul's yard. The queen has moved in and is doing quite well as I understand it.

I had hoped you would come by so we could discuss this, but you don't seem to be responding to my bird messages. Are you unfamiliar with their language?

Sincerely,

Berio Amastacia, Circle of the New Moon, First Class Druid

Dear Mr. Amastacia,

I went to talk to you about the state of your yard when the largest dog I've ever seen chased me from your yard! It charged out of your backyard, snarling and growling as I tried to run from it! There was no leash, no fence, no possible way to control the beast! I was under the impression you only kept a few small animals, so please explain the presence of this beast! I don't want to get animal control involved again.

Furthermore, I had the chance to examine your house in regards to the previous notes I'd made on your home. Your roof is in an absolute state of disgust, if I may frank. There is a thick coating of green moss that's covering your roof. I'm concerned about the capacity for rot and other damage that might affect the resale of your home in the future. There is also an abundance of mildew on the west-facing wall of your house and what looks like several birds nests in your gutters.

Additionally, there are concerns that the trees you planted in your yard will grow too large for the neighborhood standards. The trees could grow to a size that would threaten the surrounding area by falling in a big storm and block the view of your neighbors.

Please resolve these issues as soon as possible!

Sincerely,

Pam Founder, President of the Homeowners Association

Dear Pam of Founder,

I think there's some confusion. I don't have a dog.

There are some rabbits on the property and a handful of chickens, but there are no other animals apart from the stray cats who come by for table scraps.

Though I imagine you could mean Barrel. He's not a dog. He's a bear.

It's hard to remember him sometimes. He feels more like a roommate than an animal. He's helpful around the house, helping keep the others in line with a low roar when my stern words are difficult to get them in line. The chickens will usually listen to careful instruction, but the rabbits can get more rebellious without a firm presence to set them in line.

I imagine Barrel was attempting to introduce himself, but this was handled poorly. If you stop by again, please don't run. It's best to let Barrel get a good scent of you and introduce himself. Don't say I told you, but he's quite fond of ear scratches.

The moss and mildew, I must admit, are more of an aesthetic choice. The greenery feels familiar and reminds me of the Fae Realm. My previous home was much greener. You'll find that the moss works well as an insulator against the elements. It also offers a more comfortable refuge for the birds. They've been complaining about the hot tiles of the other roofs, but enjoy the greenery. It holds water better than the tile does. I suppose, if it's in the best interest of the neighborhood, I could provide some to the other homes. It would take time to spread since Fae Moss can be particular about the homes they spread on, but I'd be happy to show the others how to do it.

And the trees are my contribution to the neighborhood. If you're concerned about them falling as saplings, I encourage you to imagine them when they're fully grown and clearing up the air in the neighborhood. I don't know how you can stand

the foul taint of exhaust in the air and I imagined the trees will help make things easier for everyone involved.

I will make sure that they are taken care of. I didn't think that they would cause much of a problem. I made sure that they would only obscure the skyline of the skyscrapers and office buildings in the distance (which were the true eyesore of the neighborhood in my opinion). I'll ask them to move and see if they're willing, but trees are sometimes exhausting to shuffle around when they don't want to. I might be able to convince them to move to the back yard, but it might be easier for everyone to leave them. They won't be falling for a very long time.

Sincerely,

Berio Amastacia, Circle of the New Moon, First Class Druid

Dear Mr. Amastacia,

This is getting absurd. Not only has your home not been brought up to specifications, but I have people asking permission to alter their homes in similar manners to yours. The Winters family has started asking for permission to let their lawn grow wild. The Robinsons want a moss roof. And the Albertson's young children have been saying you let them play in your trees and pet your bear! Do you have any idea how much of a liability this is?

We've been carefully manicuring this neighborhood for years. Long before either of us started living here, people agreed to the Homeowner's Association Agreement, and in less than a month you've torn the Homeowner's Guidelines to pieces!

I'm worried about this neighborhood

Sincerely,

Pam Founder, President of the Homeowners Association

Dear Pam of Founder,

Why follow the rules if they aren't working? People seem more than happy when it comes to the trees. Some of the kids told me they've never climbed one and I had

to show them how! They've never skipped in a meadow and none of them had even seen a bear that wasn't in a zoo. Can you imagine?

I've talked with the Winter's family and given them a long list of local plants that would do well on their lawn. They aren't as eager to have bees living so close to their home, but they're starting to understand that if the bees have space to work, everyone involved will be happier for it.

The Robinsons would be a fine choice for a moss roof if they're interested. I'll have to stop by and give them a square of moss. They'll need to take care of it, but the birds would certainly appreciate the additional resting space and they can help. A few migrating geese stopped on my roof yesterday and they seemed to enjoy it quite a bit.

I ask you, Pam of Founder, how am I endangering the neighborhood? Everyone seems enthusiastic in my yard. They play with the animals, they climb trees, they don't try to poison the bees or the bugs. Things seem at harmony...a harmony I haven't seen since leaving the Fae Realm. Perhaps, this agreement written before either of us could stand for some revision. It's not as if we need to explain ourselves to people who used to live here, correct?

Sincerely,

Berio Amastacia, Circle of the New Moon, First Class Druid

Dear Mr. Amastacia,

I give up. This is my formal resignation.

Sincerely,

Pam Founder, Former President of the Homeowners Association