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Opinion

'Tis the Season

While watching News 12 on the morning of New Year's Day there was a segment on how Long Islanders help one another during the holidays. The segment told how students work for charitable causes, how one mother opens her heart to children diagnosed with autism, how Long Island's war veterans are not forgotten and how many people residing on Long Island prepare food and bring toys to those in homeless shelters. I, for one, was touched and moved by this segment. Many Long Islanders need help not only during the holiday season but "every" season.

Then I began to think, and question why Long Islanders, my neighbors, those living in the Town of Oyster Bay are not reaching out and helping the residents of the Syosset Mobile Home Park keep their homes? Yes, it is true we do not own the land but we do "own" our homes, our mobile homes. How can state, local government and the people living in the Town of Oyster Bay sit by and watch this happen to hard working lower and middle class families? When I explain what is happening to "us" most, if not all, will say, "that is a terrible situation you are facing." The sad thing being that no organization, no student body, no local politician will stand with us to help us fight to keep what we own, which is affordable housing in Syosset.

Yes, I have written many a time about the aforementioned situation and I will keep on writing since there is always a chance that "our" prayers will be answered.

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