

LETTER: Rental complex 'family friendly'

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Dear Editor:

Re: [Evictions Feared at Emery Village \(http://www.nsnews.com/news/evictions-feared-at-north-vancouver-s-emery-village-1.2227628\)](http://www.nsnews.com/news/evictions-feared-at-north-vancouver-s-emery-village-1.2227628), April 10 story.

Like many other renters who live in North Vancouver, every time I hear a story like the one regarding Emery Village it sends shivers of fear up my spine. It also makes me sad because I lived for several years at Mountain Village Garden apartments which is adjacent to Mountain Court and I am sure is on the demolition list.

The district has several of these wonderful developments, some of which are two levels and have four bedrooms, two bathrooms and a family room; they also have playgrounds and a swimming pool.

Clearly there was once a time when we had "family friendly" councils that ensured that families could have a place to raise their families with equal amenities as those who could afford a home and they considered renters of equal value.

One can only wonder why the mayor and council of today can't wait to tear these valuable and much loved homes down, forcing hundreds of people out of their homes and with little concern as to what might happen to them. All they can see is massive density with shoe box size units that families are also going to love?

I lived in an apartment when I had my first baby and I remember the panic I felt every time she cried because I was so concerned she would annoy the neighbours. Now in the present apartment building where I live I watch the production that takes place when the family down the hall have to find a place for their son to ride his bike — certainly not on the streets around here.

Then on the other side of the coin the district is allowing the teardown of perfectly good homes along with every tree and shrub and allowing monster homes that cover nearly every square inch of land.

What a double standard.

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