



October 26, 2023

Hunt Military Communities
Attn: Brent Norvik, Senior Director of Operations
1710 Cavin Drive, Building 8100
Great Lakes, IL 60088

Mr. Norvik,

We are writing to express our concern regarding the physical condition of the Halsey Village area of Military Family Housing at Naval Station Great Lakes.

There is not a neighborhood in all of Lake County that is in worse condition than Halsey Village. It is an insult to Great Lakes, the City of North Chicago, and Lake County overall that it has been allowed to fall into such an outrageous state of disrepair. The condition of the entire neighborhood is unacceptable and has taken on the moniker of "Zombie Village" given the great number of homes in various states of neglect. The first thing one sees when passing or entering Halsey Village from Green Bay Road are the boarded-up homes on the north side of the street, and the rusty chain link fence on the south side. Note that this entrance is directly across the street from the entrance to the Commissary, making it clear to anyone who uses it what the rest of the development looks like. I have included photos for your reference.

The recent addition of black plywood over windows and doors of dilapidated homes throughout the subdivision are not "improvements" but rather a cheap addition to these rundown houses. Hunt's apparent disregard for the quality of life of the residents is terrible in and of itself but given that Hunt is a partner of the United States Government, it makes it particularly egregious.

The approximately twenty-acre section in the southwest corner that is surrounded by a chain link fence is a serious issue. The gaps in the fencing in at least two locations make this area accessible, creating an obvious dangerous situation. We assume that the houses are in even worse condition than the rest of Halsey Village and that the area is cordoned off for environmental and safety reasons.

Hunt must make immediate, wide scale improvements across this entire neighborhood. I request that Hunt Military Communities send us plans outlining what will be done, and when. The residents of Halsey Village, the Navy, the City of North Chicago, and all of Lake County deserve better.

We look forward to hearing from you at your earliest convenience.

Sincerely,

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Sandy Hart
Chair, Lake County Board

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Leon Rockingham, Jr.", written in a cursive style.

Leon Rockingham, Jr.
Mayor, City of North Chicago

cc: Captain Steve Yargosz, Commanding Officer, Naval Station Great Lakes
Senator Dick Durbin
Senator Tammy Duckworth
Congressman Brad Schneider















