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From: **Nancy Ricker** <[nricker@maine.rr.com](mailto:nricker@maine.rr.com)>  
Date: Tue, Sep 20, 2011 at 9:55 PM  
Subject: Rental properties  
To: Neil Williams <[neil.williams@capeelizabeth.org](mailto:neil.williams@capeelizabeth.org)>

Dear Chief Williams - per our phone conversation of Monday 9/19 - I'm writing my complaints hoping you will take them to the ordinance committee meeting on Wed. morning.

The property at 2 Keyes has become exclusively a vacation rental property. It is rented weekly during late Spring and all summer. As the season winds down, it becomes a weekend rental, very often, for people coming in for weddings. Apparently vacation time means party time. We have been awakened from a sound sleep in the wee hours of the morning on countless occasions, with loud music and noise (as recently as Sunday morning, Sept. 19 at 2:30 a.m until 4:00 a.m.) We have had our beach chairs taken from our property by the renters for their use at the beach, and have had people using our side yard to unload their coolers, bring luggage into the house and run back and forth through our yard until they are settled in. We have gone out to our side yard to have lunch, only to find the renters having lunch there. I was nearly knocked down by two Weimaraner's as there owner came running through our property to take the dogs for a walk. Finally, we have had to spend money on having a fence installed in the front yard, and a rope fence on the other side of the house with a sign that reads, PLEASE, PRIVATE PROPERTY BEYOND

THIS POINT. The fence has had some effect for boundaries but none of course, for noise . In HOMEAWAY the property is listed as having 5 bedrooms, sleeps 10, etc, and rents for \$450.00 per night and weekly for \$3,150.00 and in this particular add mentions NOTHING about parking leaving the renter to assume that of course there is plenty of parking when in reality there is only parking for TWO cars. Several of the neighbors have had to ask repeatedly for the renters to please move the cars from their lawns. A few weeks ago, the house held 12 adults, 6 kids and two dogs. The people and cars spill out over the entire neighborhood with no regard for how it effects the homeowners on Surf Rd. The quiet, wonderful neighborhood is being threatened by a transient summer population. I would urge the ordinance committee to revisit the issue and hear and consider our plea for a return to quietness on Surf.

Thank you,

Nancy and Jim Ricker  
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