

Hello there! I found email attached to the LFP article about the derelict buildings and the problem that has been plaguing OEV. I wanted let whomever know that since the November fire where the 689 king st building caught fire, it has caught fire 2 times afterwards. There was a fence put around the property, but that hardly deters the "residents" as you can simply lift the fence and open it up. Even before the building caught fire, there were doors blocking the windows, plywood blocking the windows and that was the condition of the exterior I can't imagine what the interior looked like.

The issue here is that there were lights on, these weren't derelict houses. How would a derelict building be receiving power, or water? They wouldn't, the landlord clearly continued to pay for the utilities. The landlord was still getting paid by the occupants as there were 3 units. Oddly enough these "residents" were likely in the drug business and its easy to imagine that they were able to produce money, and even though the landlord was being fined he was still not doing anything about the tenants or the building so he didn't care. That is what would refered to as a "slum landlord" and I highly doubt he shed a tear for that women's injury. That building needs to be demolished, plain and simple.

It would be great if that was the only house on King with this problem. Between there an the Western Fair even there are a few houses, one of which had about 10+ bikes at the front porch, oddly enough here at 400 Lyle St, one of our supers had his bike stolen from the 2nd floor.

OEV is supposed has a lot of charm, and since I've been here its been quite hard to see that, with the "locals" yelling at each other from across the street, and breaking into my car twice now. I can't count the amount of time I've been asked if I have any "ice" because they wanna get a "lil high". Their words, not mine.

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