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Focus on land deal badly misplaced

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If I owned a home with a large backyard and allowed my neighbor's children to play in it, I would be considered a nice and generous person ("The park in Roland park," editorial notebook, July 12).

If I decided to sell my home and the new owner declined to allow anyone in her yard, my neighbor might be disappointed but would have no right to dictate what happened to the property.

And now some residents of [Roland Park](#) apparently consider themselves "down at the heels" ("A bit 'quirky' in Roland Park," July 11).

Perhaps my definition of wealth is out of date, but with many homes in the Roland Park area selling for more than \$500,000, I'd hardly call the area "down at the heels."

It's a shame the residents of Roland Park couldn't rally their considerable

monetary resources and free time to ensure that all Baltimore's children are fed, educated and kept off the streets.

It's a shame the community hasn't united behind a cause such as decreasing homelessness or domestic violence.

And it's a shame that few people in Roland Park seem to understand that someone who doesn't own a property has no claim to decide what's done with that property.

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