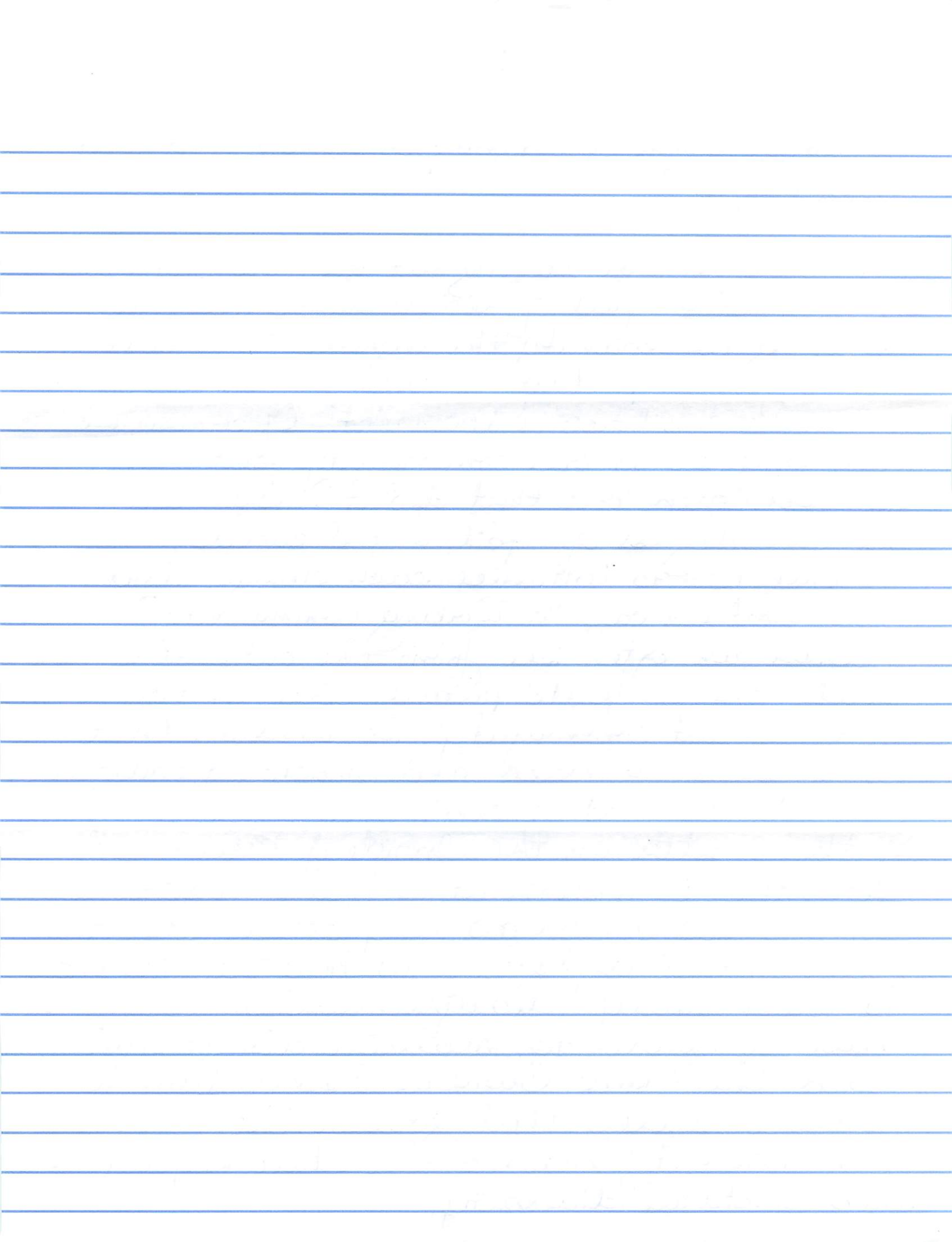


Now Do We Create Community in Spaces that tend to Destroy it?

From the inside looking out we view our space as destructive, full of resistance to allow a nurturing community the ingredients to exist and flourish. Yet, it appears our expectations of our capabilities is incorrect. Of course, we have struggles in our community, but have you ever seen one that didn't? There are various degrees of failure and success, and caretakers to influence each change. Isn't this what we call a Working Community?

What we often see from the outside is also rarely the complete picture. When we view a retirement community, we envision that it's a well-rounded and structured environment created by mature seniors. However, the fact of the matter is, the inside of their neatly situated environment is full of discourse, almost as much as any other. The only substantial difference is how they respond to their daily disagreements. They have a board to mediate disagreements, and the Home Owners Association to create rules that govern the various community standards while keeping in mind cultural diversity.



The fact is, whether it's Prison, The Projects, A Retirement Community, or Brentwood, the problems and expectations are the same.

By living in our Community and taking part in the Balance of its movements, we become an intricate part of a working collective community that's united and growing.

Simply being where we are at that particular time is a source of ^{Collective} community in progress and growth. It may not be viewed as our ^{own} idea of what a community looks like, but that doesn't make it any less successful than the next.

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