

LETTER TO THE EDITOR: Modular, manufactured homes not the same thing

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How sad that the residents of Allendale Township are so resistant to something different that they would belly-ache about a resident having his home built of modular construction.

Whether they know it or not, a modular home is 'stick-built' just as much as the homes they now live in. The only difference is that they were built under the roof of a factory, on a flat surface, where it didn't get rained or snowed on, and with no wind storms that could rip Tyvek off the exterior walls and shingles off the roof.

The term 'modular home' cannot be confused with the term 'manufactured homes.' A manufactured home is a mobile home; built on a steel trailer frame that several axles of wheels and a towing tongue can be attached. The floor joists span that steel frame and consequently are smaller than the joists of a 'normal' home because the span is shorter.

A modular home is built on a flat surface indoors with the same size joists as a stick-built home because they need to adhere to the same building codes as those in this same neighborhood. They are delivered on trailers, slid or lifted onto the foundation and the delivery trailers brought back to be used again. They are not left under the home as part of its flooring support.

C'mon Allendale, join the modern age.

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