

Don't Fence Me In!

By John Sisker

(The following in my personal opinion only, may or may not reflect the opinion of others, but however is based on the current facts of the situation)

As everyone knows, or should by now, we are all getting new fences as part of the renovations. In fact, the one's going up as we speak look pretty good; with already lots of positive comments and feedbacks.

Look around, you still have time; most of our old fences were in pretty sad shape - however, not all. Some, at least in part, had already been replaced through the years simply out of necessity. They were basically falling apart and could wait no longer wait.

With new fences, could come new hardware, this is your opportunity. The first requirement is the bronze color, which is emphasized at each Resident Phase meeting as we move along. We each have a date, most still coming up, to learn the facts, and to ask questions.

Already, we have had some related questions, but not much different than from some of the other changes taking place. As upgrades come along, some question the difference in looks that may take place as new codes and new better thinking prevail.

A few however, did express some concerns that while upgrading, could their fence now be taller or shorter than before, or at least keep it the same as it originally was. That all depends on how one wants to define privacy and security. Do they want to keep others from looking in? Or do they feel security is actually having the ability to look out themselves that much easier, thus possibility feeling a thief would be less likely to break in their car, if things were actually more open.

As one can see, this is a subjective issue. Yet, with most residents opting for both privacy and security so others can't see in as easily, the standard is now a 6 foot fence, with lattice attached to the top of that. However, from new phases for now on, others will now have an option of either a 5' 5" or 5' foot fence instead. Lattice will still be attached to the top as well; so overall, all fences will be the same height.

In addition, even the same basic size fences can look and actually be a bit different because our houses/garages are stair-stepped, and some compensation is necessary for aesthetics.

Thanks,
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