

Community Comment

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IF YOU HAD HAVE INVESTED IN A GOOD FENCING COMPANY A FEW YEARS AGO, YOU WOULD BE RICH BY NOW, AT LEAST BY EUREKA, CALIFORNIA STANDARDS. I AM NOT SURE IF YOU ARE NOTICING, AS I, THE NUMBER OF BRAND NEW FENCES THAT ARE GOING UP ALL AROUND EUREKA. BEAUTIFUL IN SOME CASES, THREATING IN OTHERS. PG & E, CAL TRANS TO NAME A COUPLE, HAVE PUT UP FENCING THAT WOULD TAKE A POLL VOLTER TO GET OVER, AND THEN THEY MIGHT HAVE KILLED THEMSELVES WITH A SLITE SLIP AND CAUGHT A BIG BLACK HOOK, OR A NICE PIECE OF RAZOR WIRE IN THEIR ARSS. BROADWAY BULEVARD, AS IT IS RIGHTFULLY CALLED AND JUST HAPPENS TO HOUSE HIGHWAY 101 NORTH AND SOUTH HAVE A NICE COLLECTION OF NEW FENCES AS WELL. SOME ARE A TOUCH DECRATIVE, SOME ARE THE CLASSIC EXAMPLE OF, 'GO AHEAD, TRY POLE VAULTING THIS ONE.

AS YOU ARE AWARE, FENCES ARE MADE TO KEEP PEOPLE OUT AND ONLY IN PRISON ARE THEY MEANT TO KEEP PEOPLE IN. IN MY OWN NEIGHBORHOOD OUR NEIGHBOR PUT UP A FENCE THAT COST IN THE \$7, TO ALMOST \$8,000. A NEW NEIGHBOR DOWN THE STREET JUST PUT UP A FENCE THAT IS SO TALL AND BIG AT THE SAME TIME, IT MOST HAVE VOST HIM \$20,000. WHEW!

I PUT UP A LITTLE 'FRIENDLY FENCE' TO REPLACE AN OLD ONE NEXT TO ONE OF MY NEIGHBORS AND I GOT OFF FOR \$3 THOUSAND BUCKS AND I HAD TO WAIT ALMOST THREE MONTHS FOR A CONTRACTOR BECAUSE HE WAS BUSY BUILDING OTHER FENCES.

WHY, WHY WHEN SO MANY HOUSES IN EUREKA ARE SO BEAUTIFUL DO THEY PUT UP THESE HUGE, SEMI ATTRACTIVE FENCES YOU ASK...WELL, I KNOW YOU ARE WITH ME ON THIS ONE MY FELLOW SNOW FLAKES, IT'S "CRIME"!

IN MY NEIGHBORHOOD ALONE THIS PAST MONTH THE NEIGHBORS ACROSS THE STREET HAD THEIR TRUCKS AND THEIR CAR BROKEN INTO, ^{HAD} ONE OF MY CHILDREN THE SAME SENARIO, AND HAPPY TO REPORT THAT YOUNG MAN OF OUR'S DETAINED THE THEIF IN HIS GARAGE UNTILL FOUR EUREKA PD CAR'S ARRIVED TO DEAL WITH THE SITUATION. HATS OFF TO EPD THERE FOR SURE.

EPD REPORTED THAT THERE WERE 66 CAR BREAKINS IN THE MONTH OF NOVEMBER 2018 AND THERE WAS STILL A WEEK LEFT IN THE MONTH.

RECENTLY ON A LOCAL NEWS OUTLET, WE WERE SADDENED TO READ THAT WE ^{HAVE} ~~HAVE~~ LIVED ^R IN TWO OF THE TOP 10 CRIME CITIES IN CALIFORNIA. OAKLAND AND EUREKA. NOT EXACTLY A NEWS FLASH TO SOME OF YOU,

SO WALL OR NO WALL, THAT IS THE QUESTION. THE ANSWER TO ME WOULD BE A RESOUNDING YES...WHY? IF THE PERSON ON THE OTHER SIDE DOESN'T WANT TO PLAY BY THE RULES, THEN ONE SHOULD MAKE IT MORE DIFFICULT TO POLE VAULT OVER, AND MAYBE, JUST MAYBE, THE RIGHT PARTS OF THE BODY WILL BE HAMMPERED BY THE MISS WHEN THEY LAND. DID I SAY WALL, I MEANT FENCE.

THIS HAS BEEN MIKE JONES FOR COMMUNITY COMMENT