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Where Good Fences Make Good Neighbors

A peek inside Lamorinda's gated communities

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Although Baywood lies in unincorporated Contra Costa County land, its houses bear a Lafayette address and its children attend Lafayette schools.

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Lamorinda residents often and easily cross civic boundaries for errands, schools, meals and shopping but there are still a few residential areas where access is limited. These are Lamorinda's gated communities. For those on the outside looking in, here's a neighborhood primer:

Baywood lies just north and outside Lafayette city limits off Reliez Valley

Road, abutting Briones Regional Park land. Resident Ron Rothenberg describes the homes as "traditional East Coast style." Rothenberg and his wife, Susan, both realtors, moved to Baywood 20 years ago to raise their two sons. The couple was drawn there because they sensed "a real closeness" among its residents. Both generations have since developed best friends inside Baywood gates. ...continued on page E4