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We have lived next to the O'Neills for 9 years. We moved to this house 22 years ago and have raised children here. We were thrilled when the previous resident of their home, 2609 Springdale Circle, put up a split rail fence along the school side of their property because it immediately reduced the number of school kids that would cut through our yard. Looking back, that was a big victory for several residents here.

That split rail fence is so open that it only controls foot traffic and doesn't address privacy. The O'Neills have two young children who deserve to play safely in their back yard. There have been several times where we have talked about the traffic at the school and how easy it would be for anyone to watch or even approach Liam, 8, or Aubrey, 6. Separate from the kids' safety, school events sometimes go to nearly midnight, there is an exercise park on the other side of the driveway that is used often, and the school's own lights are always on. It gets tiresome.

Our other neighbor (2601 Springdale) and their four young children also visible from the school side. I think everyone around here considers the privacy fence something that is simply overdue and will directly contribute to safety for the area, not just for the O'Neill family.

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