

Trend of 'Neighborly' and 'Privacy' Wood Fence Designs Across Southeast Louisiana

New residential design trend in Southeast Louisiana highlights fences as both functional boundaries and lifestyle features.

COVINGTON, LA, UNITED STATES, October 6, 2025 /EINPresswire.com/ -- As residential communities evolve across Southeast Louisiana, more homeowners are seeking custom wood fence designs that reflect both personality and privacy preferences. [Tony's Fencing and Iron Works](#), a Covington-based fencing contractor with over 30 years of experience, reports steady growth in two distinct categories of wood fencing: neighborly fences that encourage openness and connection, and privacy-focused fences designed for solitude and security.



A creative side-by-side display showing an open wood fence with a swing-down table for friendly neighbors, and a tall cedar privacy fence with a horizontal extension for solitude.

According to company representatives, property owners increasingly view fences as architectural extensions of their homes rather than simple boundary markers. Designs now emphasize aesthetics, function, and durability, especially in Louisiana's humid climate.

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Some homeowners enjoy open designs that foster community, while others value privacy and quiet. The goal is to create fences that match how people live.”

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Fences That Reflect Lifestyle

“Some homeowners want to build bridges, others want to build boundaries — Tony's Fencing builds both,” says Tony Ostrowski, owner of Tony's Fencing and Iron Works. “The focus is on crafting fences that match how people live.”

Tony's categorizes its wood fencing options into two primary design types: neighborly fences and privacy-first fences, each customizable for appearance, height, and purpose.

Neighborly Wood Fence Designs

For homeowners in close-knit neighborhoods, neighborly fences define property lines without obstructing views or airflow. These designs are particularly popular for front yards and community-friendly settings.

Common Styles Include:

Picket Fences – Classic and decorative, suited for visible boundaries with charm. Available in cedar or pine with custom post caps or finishes.

Shadowbox Fences – Alternating boards on each side allow airflow and a symmetrical appearance for shared property lines.

Horizontal Slat Fences – Modern layouts with spacing that balances visibility and design.

Split Rail Fences – Rustic options for larger or rural properties where openness is preferred.

Decorative Hybrid Fences – Combinations of wood and ornamental iron for style with moderate security.

A recent innovation, the “Friendship Fence”, incorporates a swing-down panel that converts into a shared table, providing a creative solution for social interaction between neighbors.

Privacy-Oriented Wood Fences

For homeowners prioritizing privacy, Tony’s constructs solid wood fences that reduce visibility and outside noise. These designs transform backyards into personal retreats, offering safety for children and pets while adding value to residential properties.

Common Privacy Options:

Board-on-Board Fences – Overlapping boards provide full coverage and enhanced sound reduction.

Stockade Fences – Traditional vertical boards for a solid, budget-friendly enclosure.

Cedar Fences – Naturally resistant to moisture and insects, ideal for Louisiana’s environment.

Pressure-Treated Pine Fences – Economical and durable, designed for high humidity and rainfall.

Shadowbox Privacy Designs – Balanced airflow with minimal line-of-sight exposure.

Tony's also offers horizontal privacy extensions for existing fences, allowing property owners to increase height and seclusion without complete replacement.

Benefits of Wood Fencing

Wood continues to be one of the most popular fencing materials across Louisiana due to its natural aesthetic, customization potential, and compatibility with regional architecture. Advantages include:

Adaptability to diverse home styles

Ease of repair and modification

Environmentally renewable sourcing

Ability to incorporate decorative features such as lattice tops or post caps

When paired with professional-grade stains and sealants, cedar and pressure-treated pine fences offer decades of durability against moisture, UV exposure, and temperature shifts.

Maintenance and Finishing

Proper finishing is critical to longevity. Stains — whether transparent, semi-transparent, or solid-color — safeguard against fading, cracking, and warping. Regular inspection, cleaning, and re-staining every few years ensures continued structural integrity and visual appeal.

More information on finishing methods is available at: <https://tonysfencingandiron.com>

About Tony's Fencing and Iron Works

Established more than three decades ago, Tony's Fencing and Iron Works designs and installs custom wood, vinyl, and ornamental iron fencing, automatic gates, and handrails across Southeast Louisiana. The company is recognized for combining craftsmanship with durable materials suited to the Gulf South climate.

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