

Flood control district, community complete fencing

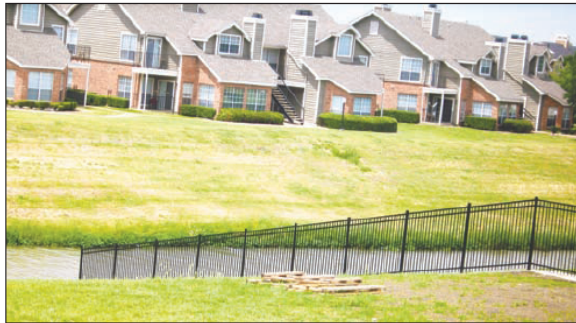
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Irving Flood Control District Section III recently completed the installation of new fencing.

The district replaced about three miles of chain link and wood fencing with wrought iron perimeter fencing. The new six-foot fencing extends along the inside perimeter of the levee from the Lakes subdivision north and west to connect with MacArthur Boulevard. Beyond securing the area, the fencing provides distinction between flood district assets and residential property.

The district originally developed plans to replace the old fencing with 4-foot wrought iron fencing and requested input and feedback from the Valley Ranch Association. Early in the process, the district learned that the VRA also had interest in replacing the fencing, opening the door for a collaborative effort between the two organizations.

At the VRA's request, the district agreed to



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increase the height of the fencing to 6 feet. In exchange, the VRA paid the cost difference.

"The VRA wanted a slightly higher fence to provide better security for our residents," said Owen DeWitt, president of the Valley Ranch Master Board of Directors. "The resulting installation of 6-foot fencing along the northeast side of Valley Ranch is a great example of a win-win situation for both organizations."

Flood district president Kim Andres praised the cooperation of the two entities.

"This project is another great example of how the district is dedicated to teaming with the VRA for the betterment of our community," Andres said. "The new fencing provides an aesthetically pleasing means of defining and protecting the unique system of canals and waterways that make Valley Ranch an attractive community in which to

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live and work."

In response to feedback from the community, the district installed gates to facilitate residents' continued access to the green space while providing a barrier between developed and undeveloped properties.

The district, which has marked trucks and lawn maintenance vehicles accessing the levee to perform routine maintenance and repairs, will also use some of the gates. To preserve district assets and for resident safety, unauthorized vehicles are not allowed to access the levee and other district property.

Passenger cars, motorcycles, four-wheelers and other vehicles are prohibited under regulations governing the maintenance of the levee. The district works with the Irving Police Department and the Irving parks department to monitor the levee for unauthorized vehicular traffic.

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