



## Gated Communities & their Benefits

### Choosing a Home

*“When choosing a home, it’s very important to consider the surrounding neighborhood as well as the home itself. Each neighborhood has its own characteristics including degree of safety, crime and physical appearance”.*

*“While some neighborhoods can cause a home’s value to fall, others, such as gated communities, help homes resist market trends and retain value over time” .....*

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Gated communities are residential neighborhoods planned and designed with security in mind, as they are surrounded by a gate or wall that limits access to residents and their guests only. Living in a gated community offers unique benefits to homeowners that are not often found in open, unsecured neighborhoods, including increased security and lower crime rates, exclusivity of grounds access, greater sense of privacy and enhanced property values. These gated communities often have a lot of in-house facilities such as community centers, gymnasiums, swimming pool, dining and entertainment options.

We humans are social beings. We love interacting with other people and naturally tend to depend on each other for happiness, love and growth. Gated communities seem to have embraced this idea in the real sense. Gated communities bring together individuals with varied skills across different cross sections of the society. Perhaps this is the reason why gated communities have become popular even when compared to individual houses.

Many home makers have turned into entrepreneurs and are successfully earning a substantial income while staying in the comfort of their home by catering to various needs like tuitions, hobby classes, cooking etc. Even senior citizens find staying in gated communities safe and comfortable. Like-minded individuals come together for morning walks, evening talks and even social work. Community get-togethers provide an opportunity for youngsters to develop their organizational and leadership skills,

making them responsible citizens who will be an asset to the nation. Benefits of Gated Communities includes:

1. **Security** – Since the points of entry and exits are controlled, the gated communities become a safe haven for residents. This factor makes the people staying within the community feel extra safe and protected from strangers and intruders.
2. **Privacy** - Due to the gate and fencing all around the gated community, people get a sense of privacy and security protected from the prying eyes of strangers.
3. **Exclusivity** – A gated community provides a sense of affluent lifestyle and secure accommodation. This degree of exclusivity can never be enjoyed by those who live in cramped townhouses or apartments.

Many people who are conscious of providing access to their residential complex only to known people and not to the entire world, will find a lot of potential in living in a gated community.

4. **Tranquility** – The self-sufficient and calm surroundings With a lot of greenery and open spaces, the elderly of the house will find a lot of space to walk along. It also appeals a lot to children who hardly find any open space for their daily play or time out in the fresh air in the open.
5. **Traffic** - You are also protected from traffic noise and general commotion of the world outside the gated community.
6. **Enhanced Property Values** - Because of the wide array of benefits offered by gated communities, home prices are often higher than those in other residential neighborhoods, and value is retained more easily over time.