

Dear Bonura Family,

I hope you will excuse the anonymity of this letter, but I am sure you will understand our reasons for doing so. We were so disappointed to see your choice of paint color for your beautiful home. Perhaps you are already planning to re-paint it, as it may not have turned out exactly as you had envisioned. We hope this is the case. It's difficult to know what it will look like until you see the finished product. But if, however, you are satisfied with the result, may I try to persuade you to reconsider? The violet trim color is a bit harsh on the eyes, and it clashes with the surrounding neighborhood. We've had several friends and neighbors make similar comments, so this is not a solitary opinion. I am sure you were just wanting something pretty and uplifting, which we can appreciate, but the result is a little bit hard to look at. Perhaps you could start a GoFundMe page to raise funds to have it redone?

Sincerely,

Your neighbors

April 16, 2023

Dear Mr. and Mrs. Bonura,

*I hope this letter finds you well and enjoying the springtime in Lawrence. I also hope you're starting to feel more settled in your new home after all the work you've put into it. From the look of it, it appears that you've been busy with lots and lots of projects, including the new paint job.*

*We wanted to reach out to you regarding your choice of paint color. Obviously, it's your home and your money, so the choice of paint color belongs to you, and not your neighbors (unless, of course, there are limitations spelled out in the HOA rules... I haven't bothered to look into that yet.) That being said, we just wanted to reach out to let you know that many of us in the neighborhood aren't thrilled with the lavender and purple. (Even as a Kansas State alum, I'm not sure those colors are meant to be on a house!) While we can certainly appreciate the desire to choose a paint color that isn't another boring earth tone or stark white, the colors you've chosen seem to be just a little too inharmonious with the rest of the neighborhood. One of the things we love about West Hills is that the homes aren't a bunch of cookie cutters like in many new housing developments. So we absolutely appreciate uniqueness, but at the same time it just seems that the colors you've chosen cross the line a little too far, unfortunately clashing with the surrounding neighborhood.*

*After speaking with several others in the neighborhood, I know it would ease a lot of tension if you were to repaint it with colors that offer a little more curb appeal. I hope you will take this into serious consideration!*

Warmest regards,

Your neighbors

DEAR MR. AND MRS. BONURA,

I JUST WANTED TO REACH OUT TO LET YOU KNOW THAT THERE ARE A LOT OF NEIGHBORS WHO ARE UPSET WITH YOUR RECENT PAINT JOB ON YOUR HOUSE. MANY PEOPLE, MYSELF INCLUDED, JUST FEEL IT LOOKS A LITTLE TACKY. I'M SURE THAT WASN'T YOUR INTENT, AND MAYBE YOU'RE THRILLED WITH HOW IT LOOKS, BUT I CAN TELL YOU THAT THE CONSENSUS AMONG THE NEIGHBORHOOD (AND EVERY OTHER FRIEND AND FAMILY MEMBER WHO HAS SEEN IT) IS THAT THE COLOR CHOICE IS PRETTY GARISH. LAVENDER AND PURPLE MIGHT WORK IN FLORIDA OR CALIFORNIA, OR MAYBE ON AN OLD VICTORIAN HOUSE, BUT IN LAWRENCE, KS I'M AFRAID IT JUST LOOKS TACKY AND OUT OF PLACE, AND IT DOESN'T MATCH THE STYLE OF YOUR HOUSE'S ARCHITECTURE.

I CAN TELL YOU WITH 100% CERTAINTY THAT IT WOULD MAKE THE REST OF THE NEIGHBORHOOD HAPPY IF YOU WOULD TRY AGAIN WITH DIFFERENT COLORS, SOMETHING MORE PLEASANT AND LESS UNCHARACTERISTIC OF THE SURROUNDINGS. I'M REALLY SORRY TO BE SO BLUNT. PLEASE KNOW THAT I'M NOT TRYING TO BE RUDE OR OFFENSIVE. I JUST WANTED TO LET YOU KNOW WHAT OTHERS HAVE BEEN SAYING SO YOU HAVE SOME AWARENESS OF THE SITUATION. I HOPE YOU WILL CONSIDER REPAINTING.

ALL THE BEST!

My intent is not to be rude or hurt your feelings, but I am compelled to let you know that everyone in the neighborhood that I've spoken to is not pleased with the paint job on your house (myself included). Reactions are ranging from eye-rolling to outright anger, and I have to say that I can't blame them. I think it's possible to paint your house in a way that's not bland and blah without making it look objectionable. Would it be possible to try again with colors that are more agreeable? I think it's widely agreed upon that purple just doesn't work well on a house. Thanks for your consideration!

# Neighbors say 'Barney' the purple house lowers property values

By Diane Urbani de la Paz

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DUNGENESS — Lavender light fills Andi Taylor's living room each morning — not from a nearby field of herbs, but from a building she's come to call Barney.

Next door to Taylor is a large lavender garage — topped with a violet apartment — built late last year and painted in January. It reminds the neighbors of the eponymous purple dinosaur in public television's "Barney and Friends," Taylor said.

She lives just off Anderson Road, so she said the morning sun washes her white interior walls a purple glow.

From her front porch, Taylor said she can see the building's lavender, fuchsia-trimmed facade.

Other residents in the neighborhood say Taylor is the one in the

But two dozen neighbors have signed a petition requesting relief from their property taxes from Clallam County Assessor Pam Rushton.

Their homes' values have been undercut by the tall building in their midst, the cover letter asserts.

"I call it the purple people-eater," quipped Brianna Juel, a neighbor who circulated the petition.

Rushton said last week that she's never seen a request for tax relief based on bright colors, and added that she knows of at least two other purple houses, on Mount Pleasant Road near Port Angeles.

*This could all be so much easier if you would just get rid of the purple and avoid becoming a headline! Being a good neighbor is much more enjoyable than being a despised neighbor! You are the talk of the neighborhood right now. I don't think you will enjoy being the talk of the town! You are hurting our property values! It is irresponsible and selfish!*