

Landscaping Webinar 1 – May 18, 2021

Follow-up Q&A – Part 2

1. Have there been any plans to control the invasive *Ailanthus altissima* “princess tree” that have started to show up at various spots around BC? They will become a serious problem if not controlled. The same applies for invasive vines.

While there has not been discussion on this topic specifically, it would be good to talk about putting a protocol in place in the future. There have been discussions regarding invasive weed removal around the ponds and the conversation could continue and include other locations about the neighborhood. For immediate attention, please consider submitting a maintenance request through the homeowner portal on the Briar Chapel Life webpage.

2. Two of the three herbicides applied in Encore are known human carcinogens according to the safety data sheets. These are Monument 75WG herbicide and Quali-Pro MSM Turf herbicide. Is there an effort to use more organic products like the Ecosmart organic herbicide that is also used?

While there has not been discussion on this topic specifically, it would be good to talk about putting a protocol in place in the future. Until that time, please consider one or both of the following: contact the management team using their Contact the Management Form through the homeowner portal on the Briar Chapel Life webpage, and/or consider becoming a neighborhood steward in which you lead an effort to educate our neighbors on the benefits of using EcoBlend, by hand pulling weeds instead, or by filling in turf or open spaces with native perennials, grasses, shrubs, and trees to limit places for weeds to grow.

3. Clover is banned by the HOA in inspection letter. Why do our homes need better care than HOA owned land?

Clover is a weed, and we as an association would like the landscaping that is maintained to be weed free. All homes are maintained, and no one wants to live next to a home that is not. However, the association has areas that are mowed but not maintained and they may have weeds. The common areas are not falling onto or within the same category as the maintenance of homes and really should not be compared as such.