



To: Fellow Residents of Melwood Oaks
From: Patrick Helmer, CFO
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Subject: Your new neighbors

I first introduced Subterrain Technologies in June, 2015 and assured you of our intent to be good neighbors. It's in that spirit that I write this note to inform you of what we've started doing on our rear property line.

We purchased Woody's and moved in last spring. We are a 24/7/365 plumbing and utility company that does a fair amount of emergency call work. We are aware of how close some of the residents of Melwood Oaks are to us and have been mindful of being good (and quiet) neighbors. I think we've been fairly successful to date. We believe the line of Brazilian pepper trees has been a reasonably adequate noise barrier. We recently undertook a plan to make the barrier even better.

We started cutting back the Brazilian pepper trees on our property a month or so ago and then stopped to assess our options. Our intent is to maintain the noise and visual barrier with a combination of less intrusive landscaping and some fencing. We've decided on "clumping" bamboo trees. We believe this would be more aesthetically pleasing to the Melwood Oaks residents than the pepper trees and would also allow us to recover quite a bit of overgrown land on our property.

We wanted something that was fast-growing. We believe something like Giant Buddha's Belly Bamboo - *Bambusa Ventricosa*; which can grow to a maximum height of 55', or the Multiplex Hedge Bamboo - *Bambusa Multiplex* with a maximum height of 15', or the Silverstripe Bamboo - *Bambusa Multiplex Silverstripe* with a maximum height of 30' in possible combination with some smaller palms and other ground cover plants would be ideal. These trees grow fairly vertically; so there would be minimal encroachment with maximum screening.

While these trees can grow extremely fast (one of the reasons we're looking at them), it may take some time to effectively screen the rear of our property. We'll do our best to purchase plants that are already tall enough to provide some screening. That's where we might put the fence to "jumpstart" the process. We'll make that determination as we go.

We intend on doing this work over the next 30 to 60 days. There will be some burn piles going as we burn the pepper trees so you may see smoke over this period. Please feel free to call me with any questions or concerns at 404-456-8956.

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