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To the Fall 2021 Arboriculture 101 Student:

Welcome to the course!

The course begins with our first class on Wednesday, September 1 at 6 pm. The classes will be held weekly thereafter, until December 1. Most classes are on a Wednesday, although 2 are not. The Class Syllabus is enclosed with this letter.

We will be holding classes this fall at the Jones Auditorium in New Haven and not at our usual location in Wallingford. The Jones Auditorium is one of the facilities of the CT Agricultural Experiment Station. Moving the class is one of several adjustments we are making as we all deal with COVID. The Jones Auditorium is a larger room, which allows for us to spread out more in the class. Also, since the Auditorium is located within the City of New Haven, we will be required to wear masks while in the classroom. No one likes these restrictions, of course, but we must do what we can to get through this pandemic. CTPA is very concerned about safety in general, as an important part of arboriculture. This is something we hope will come through strongly during the course.

Directions to the Jones Auditorium are included with this letter.

For the first class, we encourage you to arrive a little early, so that we can get you checked in and so that we can hand out the box of class materials that each of you will be receiving. As you look at the enclosed Syllabus, you will notice that there are readings assigned for each of the classes. Many of these readings are included in the materials that we will be giving to each of you.

Many of the references are to *Pirone's Tree Maintenance*. This refers to *Pirone's Tree Maintenance, Edition 7*, written by John R. Hartman, Thomas P. Pirone and Mary Ann Sall. We do not provide this book. Instead, we suggest you purchase your own copy. It costs about \$65. Although this book is not normally found in bookstores, you should be able to order on-line. While the book is not absolutely necessary for the course, you will likely find it very helpful as a back-up resource and as a future reference. We do encourage you to have a copy of the book to make use of, both during and after the course.

I look forward to a great class and the opportunity to get to meet each one of you. On September 1, please bring your interest and enthusiasm for trees and arboriculture, your questions and your commitment. That will provide a great beginning to the course.

Here is to the Fall 2021 Arboriculture 101!

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