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Arboriculture 101 Student:

Welcome to the course! Let me start with an apology for the general introduction. I do look forward to getting to know each of you as we progress through the 13 individual classes of Arboriculture 101. As we go through the course, please do not hesitate to reach out, to me or to any of the individual instructors. We will be more than happy to help you as you seek to get the most out of this course.

As you can see, we have sent you this box of books along with some individual copied materials. Look through these materials until you find the Class Syllabus. This syllabus lets you know the order of the classes. The course is organized around there being a different topic covered each week, with a different instructor for each topic. Also, for each class, we provide a reference to the readings we recommend for that class. The idea is that you do the readings for each class before that class. This will help you get more out of each class.

Many of the references are to *Pirone's Tree Maintenance*. This is a reference to the book, *Pirone's Tree Maintenance, Edition 7*, written by John R. Hartman, Thomas P. Pirone and Mary Ann Sall. We do not provide this book but we do suggest you purchase your own copy. It costs about \$65. 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.

The classes will be given by Zoom, although we may have the opportunity for an in-person tree walk at the end of the course. We are enclosing a 'how to' on using Zoom. If you have any concerns or problems with the use of Zoom, please do not hesitate to get in touch with me. I am including my contact information at the end of this note.

While our classes will begin at 6:15 on each class night, I do encourage you to log on a few minutes early, especially on the first night. I will try to open the on-line classroom by 6 on the class nights, which should give you a few minutes to settle in, make sure your connection is working, etc.

I do look forward to seeing you once the classes begin and hope I get to know a little bit more about during the progress of the course.

Let's make it a great class!

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