

## TREE ADVISORY BOARD APPOINTMENT BALLOT

**Openings:** Two (2) Openings – (City Residency Not Required)  
**Applications:** Four (4) Applications

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NAME OF APPLICANT	Comm. Chase	Comm. Wells	Comm. Goston	Mayor Braddy	Comm. Budd	Comm. Carter	Comm. Warren
Patrick (Joe) Wolf (4/7/16 – 1/1/19)							
Russell S. Adams (4/7/16 – 1/1/19)							
Erick D. Smith (4/7/16 – 1/1/19)							
Meg A. Niederhofer (4/7/16 – 1/1/19) *seeking reappointment							
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## Boards/Committees List: TREE ADVISORY BOARD

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<b>Title</b>	TREE ADVISORY BOARD
<b>Abbreviation</b>	TAB
<b>Contact</b>	Mark D. Siburt
<b>Phone</b>	(352) 393-8187
<b>Description</b>	<p>(5-members; three (3) year terms; 4 members should have knowledge of urban forestry. Terms shall expire on January 1st of the year the terms expire. Appointments shall be made for three (3) year terms or for unexpired terms.) Reference Ordinance No. 3592, January 22, 1990.</p> <p>The Board shall act as the technical information collector; clarify tree regulations; act on referrals; guide the creation of a Master Tree Plan; assist in the development of the goals and objectives for the City's Comprehensive Plan with respect to trees; advise all departments of the City on tree issues; communicate general tree information; and develop tree projects; serve on the Tree Board of Appeals.</p>

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City Commission Advisory Board/Committee   
Student Advisory Board/Committee   
What is the name of the board/committee you are applying for? **Tree Advisory Board**

Contact Information

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Occupation Forester

Location/Residence Information

Do you reside within the corporate limits of the City of Gainesville?

Yes   
No

Race

African American   
Asian American   
Caucasian   
Hispanic   
Other  Not answered

Gender

Male

Female

Are you a City of Gainesville employee?

Yes

No

If yes, what department do you work for? GRU - GRU Energy Delivery - Forester

Are you a City of Gainesville intern?

Yes

No

If yes, what department do you work for? Not answered

Are you currently on a City Advisory Board/Committee?

Yes

No

If yes, which Advisory Board/Committee? Not answered

Training/Experience related to Board(s)/Committee(s) to which appointment is being sought  
To whom it may concern, my name is Joe Wolf and I am applying for membership in the Tree Advisory Board. I have 20 years of experience working with Gainesville Regional Utilities in the capacity of Forester. I have assisted the Tree Advisory Board in the past as an ad-hoc member and have attended many meetings over the years. Topics covered included a review of the current Tree Ordinance, spatial separation requirements with trees and utilities and an understanding of utility and urban infrastructure. I have enjoyed the interaction with past board members and the opportunity to attend many meetings over the years. It felt good to participate, provide expertise and be a part of the process. I also enjoyed the dialogue which educated me and furthered my professional development. These experiences provide the base for my application request. I have a working knowledge of City Government, have worked with former Commissioners and Mayors, presented at Commission meetings and more importantly know our citizens of this community. From interacting with them in the field, I have heard their voices in the years I have worked in this city and know their concerns. When Gainesville's urban forest was threatened by an insect outbreak in 1997 (the Southern Pine Beetle), I served on a technical committee and worked to eradicate this tree destroying pest. I have also seen the effects of hurricanes on the forests and trees of this community and worked to restore power to our citizens. I have a passion for trees and want to make this city better. It is imperative we plan now for a healthy, safe and diverse urban forest. I live in the City of Gainesville, use its urban forest, its parks, restaurants and businesses. I have observed the tree canopy over time, watched as specific trees have declined and others take their place. I can bring this historic perspective and my experiences to the Tree Advisory Board. I am proud to be a citizen and call Gainesville home. Membership on the Tree Advisory Board will allow me to assist others, bring a sound, scientific background to the Board, and benefit the tree canopy of Gainesville now and into the future. Thank you for your consideration, Joe Wolf

Educational Background

Bachelor of Science in Forest Resource Management - University of Florida

Certificate of Urban Forestry - University of Florida

**Professional Organizations**

Society of American Foresters

State of Florida Licensed Pesticide Applicator

Certified Prescribed Fire Applicator (prior)

**References (include full name and telephone number)**

Mark Siburt, City of Gainesville Arborist - 393-8187

Richard Doty, Urban Planner - 352-246-8028

Ryan Sims, Forester - 772-559-5511

Dave Conser, Florida Forest Service Alachua County Forester - 955-2005

Heather Martin, Alachua County Horticulturist - 352-214-7702

**City Commission Relation / Contact Information**

Are you a relative\* of a member of the City Commission?

Yes

No

**Dist. 3 Commissioner Carter**

Appointment

Telephone

Email

Other

**Dist. 4 Commissioner Wells**

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**Mayor Braddy**

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Dist. 2 Commissioner Chase

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City Commission Advisory Board/Committee

Student Advisory Board/Committee

What is the name of the board/committee you are applying for? **Tree Advisory Board**

## Contact Information

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State FL

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Occupation Sr Landscape Inspector

## Location/Residence Information

Do you reside within the corporate limits of the City of Gainesville?

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Not answered

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I have been in the landscaping industry for over 30 years, and owner of the Gainesville Tree Farm since 1989. I am a former member of the Alachua County Horticultural Advisory Committee and Honorary Lifetime Member of the North Florida Botanical Society. I have served as an advisor to the Executive Committee of The Florida Urban Forestry Council, a statewide non-profit organization supported by federal funds to promote sound urban forestry policies and practices by educating citizens and communities throughout the state. I have extensive experience coordinating with public, governmental institutions, and local officials including collaboration between New York Botanical Gardens, The University of Panama, and the Montgomery Botanical Center to collect critically endangered plant species in Panama and the Bahamas under CITES (the Convention on International Trade in Endangered Species of Wild Fauna and Flora) jurisdiction. For the last 11 years I have been a consultant to the FDOT and have been involved in the construction and establishment phases of well over 100 projects throughout the State of Florida from The Sawgrass Expressway Miami, to the Suncoast Parkway in Tampa to The Florida Welcome Center on I-75, and east to the Bridge of Lions on St Augustine. I have also maintained my FDEP Green Industry-BMP Certification. I currently serve on the Palm Committee for the 2016 revision of the Florida Department of Agriculture's Grades and Standards for Nursery Plants, and have presented these new standards throughout the state in ISA sponsored workshops. I am a certified arborist as recognized by The International Society of Arboriculture with a Tree Risk Assessment Qualification and training completion in Tree and Plant Appraisals.

Educational Background

Bachelor of Science from the University of Florida in Environmental Horticulture

Sigma Delta Honor Society



**Professional Organizations**

International Society of Arboriculture

Florida Urban Forestry Council

Landscape Inspectors Association of Florida.

**References (include full name and telephone number)**

Dr. Ed Gilman (352) 262-9165

EJ Bolduc (352) 222-0218

Joe Durando (386) 462-5455

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## Contact Information

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Occupation Ecologist

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Not answered

Training/Experience related to Board(s)/Committee(s) to which appointment is being sought

ISA Certified Arborist FL-5376A

25 years Urban forestry consulting experience

Educational Background

B.S. Forestry

Professional Organizations

International Society of Arboriculture

Florida Exotic Pest Plant Council

Florida Native Plant Society

References (include full name and telephone number)

Tom Workman 352-727-8347

EJ Bolduc 352-222-0218

Michael Meisenburg 352-337-0701

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**From:** depclerk@cityofgainesville.org  
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### Contact Information

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Occupation Retired City Arborist

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Tree Advisory Board

Training/Experience related to Board(s)/Committee(s) to which appointment is being sought I was employed for 23 years as Gainesville's City Arborist, a position which at that time supervised 11 employees (5 tree surgeons, horticulturist, urban forestry inspector, 2 maintenance workers) and was liaison to the Tree Advisory and Tree Appeals Boards. After retiring in 2010, I was appointed to the Tree Advisory Board and have served as secretary for five years. Previously I was employed as a Plant Pathologist at the University of Florida and as Manager of Education Programs and Specialized Gardens (Herb, Wildflower, Poisonous Plants) and Natural Areas at Cornell University Plantations.

Educational Background

B.A. with High Honors, Denison University, Granville, Ohio

Post Baccalaureate Course Work, 2 years, Cornell University, Ithaca, NY

M.S. Environmental Horticulture, University of Florida, Gainesville, FL

Certified Arborist, International Society of Arboriculture

Professional Organizations

I was a founding member of the Florida Urban Forestry

Council Executive Committee and served 9 years. Likewise I was on the initial Executive Committee of the Florida Chapter of the International Society of Arboriculture (8 years). And I was on the first Executive Board of the Matheson Historical Society and served 9 years. I am a member of the Florida Native Plant Society and many Alachua County organizations.

References(include full name and telephone number)

Doug Hornbeck, 2477 SE 30th Pl, Gainesville

32641. (352-214-3684)

Edward F. Gilman, Professor, Urban Trees and Land Landscape Plants

UFLA, 100 Mehrhof Hall. (352-262-9165)  
Eleanor Blair, 1105 NE 3rd St., Gainesville 32601. (352-373-5444)

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