

Agenda for FHIA Annual Meeting, October 22, 2019

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7:30 Conservation Challenges for Forest Home's Forests

Todd Bittner, Director of Natural Areas at Cornell Botanic Gardens will join us for a discussion about local forest conservation threats and actions, including local efforts to manage the urban deer population, as well as other emerging forest issues, such as the emerald ash borer and Japanese knotweed. Todd will include information on what home-owners can do on their own property.

8:15-9:00 Annual meeting business

1. President's Report
2. Treasurer's Report
3. Election of Officers for 2019-2020 (Michael Bend, Nominating Committee)
4. Adjournment

Below is a bit of background provided by the officer candidates.

Jeff Holden, standing for Vice President

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Jeff Holden moved to Forest Home at 11 The Byway in 2017 with his wife Maggie Gardner. Together they have two children Augie (5.5) and Willa (1.5). Jeff works for Agilent Technologies as a product manager and enjoys DIY projects and cooking.

Background provided in 2018 for officers standing for re-election for 2019-2020

Caroline Arms, for President

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My husband Bill and I bought 235 Forest Home Drive in 1999 and moved to 200 Forest Home Drive in 2011. The move was in part to have a house that would accommodate a growing number of visiting grandchildren. For many years we were officially residents of Maryland but are now based here. I am retired, but do some work remotely for the Library of Congress, my former employer. I have been FHIA Treasurer for the last two years and over the years have participated in many FHIA activities, such as Spring Clean-up day, planting and picnics in the park, migration of content to the new website, and hosting the Holiday Party.

Heather Beasley, for Treasurer

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My family and I are thrilled to be new members of the Forest Home community as of July 2018. Pete and I lived in Ithaca when he was a graduate student at Cornell, so moving back feels like coming home...although we are returning with our 4.5-year-old son, Avery, and 2-year-old daughter, Willa, this time around. I taught high school math in Lansing, NY, when we lived here before, and am returning as a research specialist with TeachingWorks, an organization housed within the University of Michigan School of Education, where I primarily facilitate professional development for math teacher educators and elementary math teachers. We love our proximity to Cornell (Pete is new faculty in the Department of Natural Resources) and the arboretum here in Forest Home.

Connie Sterling-Engman, for Secretary

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Connie lives on Warren Road with her husband, Herb Engman. She has been FHIA secretary for the past several years and has been one of the people responsible for maintenance of the Forest Home Park. She and Herb love to travel.