



The Friends of Boyd Hill organizational bylaws allow for up to 15 directors. Directors serve two-year, staggered terms to ensure continuity of operations. The Nominating Committee recommends the following slate of officers and directors for consideration of the full membership:

#### Officers

**Jennifer Mistretta** has served on the Friends Board since 2016 and is seeking her first term as **President**. Her Board appointment does not expire until 2021. She currently serves as the Board's Vice President and is active on both the Membership and Marketing Committees. Jenn lives within walking distance of the Preserve and spends many evenings and weekends enjoying Boyd Hill with her husband and son. She is a nurse practitioner who teaches in the nursing program at St. Petersburg College.

**Vandi Carmella** joined the Friends Board in 2019 and is seeking her first term as **Vice President**. She is the founder of Sunshine City Kids, an online resource for St. Petersburg area families. She is a 2018 graduate of the Council of Neighborhood Associations Leadership Program and current President of the Historic Uptown Neighborhood Association. When she is not managing the Friends Instagram account and contributing to our Marketing and Communications Committee, you can find her behind the camera, biking around the city, and chasing her two kids around town and the Preserve. Her Board appointment does not expire until 2021.

**Dr. Tom Seiler JD, CPA, CGMA** joined the Friends Board in 2018 and is seeking his third term as **Treasurer**. He is a Lifetime Member of the Friends of Boyd Hill and an avid walker of the Preserve. He is a certified public accountant with 30 years of significant accounting experience and has practiced as an attorney for several years working with contracts and participating in negotiations at a large national bank. Dr. Seiler has worked in higher education as a professor of accounting and recently retired as the Dean of the Ross College of Business at Franklin University. Prior to volunteering with the Friends of Boyd Hill, he served on several professional and community-service boards including the Executive Board of the Ohio Society of CPAs, Central Ohio Chapter of the Institute of Internal Auditors, and the finance committee of the United Way of Central Ohio.

**Caprice Edmond** is a mother, educator, activist and small business owner. Her work is centered on positively impacting the lives of children and the community. She holds a Bachelor's degree in Psychology and a Master's degree in Elementary Education and Educational Leadership from the University of South Florida and works for Pinellas County Schools as a Science Coach/Lab Teacher. Caprice joined the Friends Board in 2019 and is seeking her first term as **Secretary**. Her Board appointment does not expire until 2021.

#### Directors

**Lucinda Johnston** has served on the Friends Board since 2018. She has been an environmentalist for over 40 years and has a particular interest in preserving the native flora and fauna of Florida. She volunteers for a number of organizations and would like to continue to leverage her relationships within the community, time, and talents to further the goals of one of her favorite places.

**Spencer Curtis** is a third generation native to St. Petersburg who has lived within walking distance of Boyd Hill his entire life. He attended many weeks of summer camp at Boyd Hill as a child and has been proud to share that experience with his own children. Spencer holds a Bachelor's degree in Public Policy and Administration, with additional coursework in Sustainability Management. He currently works for Pinellas County Parks and Conservation Resources.

**Peyton Davis** recently moved to St. Petersburg, but grew up on several acres of land in rural Alabama. Her love of learning about the natural world has only deepened as she's had the opportunity to assist with field research on gopher tortoises in Boyd Hill and beyond. Professionally, Peyton has developed skills in implementation, event planning, public speaking, sales, marketing, public relations, and fundraising. She hopes to have a direct role in ensuring that the Preserve continues to thrive through fundraising efforts and volunteer support.

**Brigid Belko Gorton** is a birder and naturalist with a Bachelor's degree in Natural Resources and Ecosystem Assessment. She has volunteered for the Friends of Milam Creek as an AmeriCorps VISTA, where she gained experience with non-profit board development, grant writing, community involvement, and program execution. She is passionate about experiential learning and excited to bring her professional skills to guide the continued growth and improvement of the Friends Board.

**Melanie Rice** is a 13-year resident of Greater Pinellas Point. She and her family have enjoyed and appreciated the proximity to Boyd Hill Nature Preserve and all it has to offer. Her two boys have learned invaluable lessons about nature from attending programs and camps, from Puddle Jumpers to Nature Adventure and Raptor Camp. Volunteering is a high priority for Melanie and she seeks out opportunities to give back to the community whenever possible. She looks forward to sharing her drive and enthusiasm for Boyd Hill with Friends members and Preserve visitors.

**Ashlee Rockhill** is a resident of Greater Pinellas Point with a professional background in the retail industry. She is interested in contributing to meaningful and rewarding efforts to improve the environment and her community. She and her family enjoy the boardwalks, animals, and playground at Boyd Hill, and they are particularly fond of our RaptorFest event. She is enthusiastic about contributing to a place that is close to home and beloved by her family.