

# SUFA ENews

Spring 2017



## Sunnyvale Urban Forest Advocates

Welcome to the inaugural issue of the Sunnyvale Urban Forest Advocates (SUFA) newsletter. This quarterly newsletter will keep you informed about SUFA's efforts to increase the tree canopy in Sunnyvale through education, tree plantings, advocacy, and how you can participate.

## Upcoming Events

### Washington Park Tree Walk Sunday, May 21, 11 am - 12 pm



Join SUFA and arborist Laura Fanger at Washington Park for a guided Tree Walk. We will discuss the types of trees in our city and their unique characteristics.

The walk will take place within the park boundaries and is appropriate for all ages. Meet at the flagpole in front of the park building at 840 W. Washington Avenue.

The walk will highlight information on 25 different species of trees including natives, non-natives and those suitable for planting as a street or yard tree.



### Fall Forest Festival Saturday, Sept. 16, 10 am - 2 pm



Join SUFA at Washington Park on September 16 for our first annual festival celebrating the urban forest.

There will be a tree walk in the park, a tree-related lecture, and fun games and activities for the young sprouts. Food trucks will be available should you wish to purchase food or drinks.

## Volunteer Opportunities

### Tree Mentors Needed!



SUFA, together with the City of Sunnyvale and other volunteers, recently planted young street trees in the San Miguel neighborhood near San Miguel Elementary School. We are looking for residents who would "mentor" these trees. Mentoring would involve a periodic survey of the health of the young trees and jotting down briefly anything of note. This could be done at your leisure in combination with a morning or afternoon walk. It would be a good way to better one's health and the health of our trees at the same time! Please let us know if you are interested by e-mailing: [deborahmarks5@yahoo.com](mailto:deborahmarks5@yahoo.com)

# News

## San Miguel Neighborhood Tree Planting Arbor Week 2017

On Saturday, March 11<sup>th</sup>, as part of Arbor Week in Sunnyvale, 30 new street trees were added to the San Miguel Neighborhood (east of Fair Oaks and between 101 and Duane Ave.). The area had been surveyed in October of 2016 by SUFA members to determine potential sites for city trees.

Members of SUFA, Green Ops at Homestead High, and employees of Synopsys turned out for the tree planting. At the opening ceremony, Mayor Glenn Hendricks spoke about the importance of Sunnyvale's urban forest.

All thirty trees (western red buds and strawberry trees) were planted that morning with the help of Sunnyvale Parks Department employees. Everyone had a good time and all were happy to help increase the canopy cover in the City of Sunnyvale!



## Arbor Day at San Miguel Elementary



San Miguel Elementary students celebrated Arbor Day (March 17) by learning about the value trees bring to their community while planting a valley oak on their school grounds.

The fourth and fifth grade students in the Student Council, along with Sunnyvale Mayor Glenn Hendricks, Vice Mayor Gustav Larsson, SUFA volunteers, and City Parks Department employees were all on hand to help with the tree planting.

## Upcoming Events

April 30 (Sat) Living Green Fair; 12pm - 4pm, Sunnyvale Public Library

May 4 (Th) SUFA Presentation on the Urban Forest, SNAIL Neighborhood Association, 7pm, Columbia Middle School staff lounge, 739 Morse Ave.

May 21 (Sun) Tree Walk, 11am - 12pm, Washington Park

September 16 (Sat) Fall Forest Festival, 10 am - 2 pm, Washington Park