

# SUFA ENews

## Winter 2018



## Sunnyvale Urban Forest Advocates

Welcome to the Winter 2018 issue of the Sunnyvale Urban Forest Advocates (SUFA) newsletter. This quarterly newsletter will keep you informed about how you can participate in SUFA's efforts to increase the tree canopy in Sunnyvale through education, tree plantings, and advocacy.

### Upcoming Events



#### **Arbor Week Tree Planting** **Saturday, March 10th, 9am - 12pm** **Meet at San Miguel Elementary School** **777 San Miguel Ave., Sunnyvale**

Arbor Day (March 7<sup>th</sup> in California) is almost upon us again! SUFA, together with the City of Sunnyvale, will be holding tree plantings to increase the canopy cover in the City during the week of March 7<sup>th</sup> - 14<sup>th</sup>. Last year's tree plantings were a great success (see pictures to left). With more volunteers we'll be able to plant more trees, so your help is needed.

On March 10<sup>th</sup> (Saturday) from 9 a.m. to noon, tree plantings will take place in the San Miguel neighborhood. We welcome all residents of Sunnyvale to volunteer with us. Children accompanied by parents are welcome. Over 50 trees will be planted in the parking strips in the neighborhood. Please wear sturdy shoes and a hat. Bring water, garden gloves and sunscreen. The City will provide the trees and expertise. We'll plant rain or shine!



### **We Can Do It!**

#### **Advocate for Trees in Sunnyvale by May 25th**

The Sunnyvale City Council is currently working on the next budget and the Budget Workshop will be held on May 25th. If you would like to see more trees in Sunnyvale, now is the time to let your voice be heard. Please request that more money be budgeted for tree plantings!

Email your council members either individually or as a group. Also email the City Manager to let him know that the residents of Sunnyvale are interested in an increase in our urban forest. Trees remove carbon from the air, cool our streets and neighborhoods, and provide multiple health benefits.

The e-mail addresses are as follows:

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# Tree Mentor Program Kick-off

## Saturday, March 24th, 10 am - 1 pm

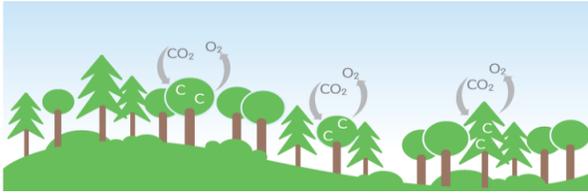
### San Miguel Neighborhood



SUFA is implementing a Tree Mentor Program this Spring. Using a standardized survey sheet, Tree Mentors will determine the health of newly planted street trees and report this information to the City's Street Trees Division. Trees that need care will be noted and City staff will investigate.

Street trees that are properly cared for and watered during the first three years after planting are much more likely to survive to maturity than trees that are neglected. Replacing trees is very costly and disheartening. To help minimize the risks to newly planted trees, SUFA volunteers will help monitor tree health. Problem areas can be identified and remedied before it is too late. Trees will be surveyed regularly for three years after planting.

Our first Tree Mentor event will take place in the San Miguel neighborhood. The program will then be rolled out to other areas over time. Lend a hand to learn more about the program and find out how to become a tree mentor in your own neighborhood.



## Support Trees. Fight Climate Change.

### Be at the Climate Action Plan (CAP) 2.0 Workshop

#### Saturday, March 3<sup>rd</sup>, 9am - 3pm

Trees are an essential component in the fight against global warming because of their ability to capture carbon dioxide, store the carbon, and emit pure oxygen. But did you know....?

- Well-shaded streets can reduce the ambient temperature 6-10 degrees, reducing the heat-island effect and corresponding energy needs.
- Tree-shaded parking lots keep vehicles cooler, reducing emissions from fuel tanks and engines.

If you believe that trees should be an integral part of Sunnyvale's Climate Action Plan (CAP), then SUFA invites you to join in a day-long workshop where you can share your ideas about trees (and other energy-related issues) and the future of CAP. Your ideas will shape Sunnyvale's CAP 2.0. The workshop is Saturday, March 3, 9 a.m. - 3 p.m. at the Sunnyvale Senior Center (550 E. Remington). Lunch and refreshments will be provided. The event is FREE but please register your participation at [innovateclimateaction@eventbrite.com](mailto:innovateclimateaction@eventbrite.com)

## Recommended Reading

This book is a fascinatingly detailed look at issues concerning trees in America. Learn the history of the urban forestry movement, the origins of Arbor Day, the story of the great Chestnut Blight (or "Why no one really roasts chestnuts over an open fire any more."). Ever wonder why trees have different names in America versus the rest of the world or what happened to the gigantic, enchanted elm trees that adorned yesteryear?

This book is a historical romp through the world of urban trees, examining both amazing occurrences (such as the discovery of a forest of presumed extinct dawn redwoods in remote China) and urban forestry failures (the Tree of Heaven's fall from grace). It's also full of colorful characters and anecdotes. Highly recommended!

