

SUFA ENews

Spring 2018



Sunnyvale Urban Forest Advocates

Welcome to the Spring 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.

Recent Events

Arbor Day and Week in Sunnyvale 2018



On Saturday of Arbor Week volunteers from Fremont and Homestead High Schools, the PTA of San Miguel Elementary School, Synopsys, and SUFA met in the San Miguel neighborhood to plant trees in honor of Arbor Week. The City Tree Crew helped volunteers to plant strawberry and birch trees on San Pablo, San Miguel, and Santa Paula Avenues. With the 35 trees planted this year and those planted Arbor Week of 2016, the San Miguel neighborhood now has over 65 new trees. The streets are becoming tree-lined and the neighborhood environment is becoming healthier! Hats off to all volunteers and their efforts to green the City of Sunnyvale!



March 7th, Arbor Day itself, was celebrated this year with a tree planting at Ellis Elementary School. Six first grade classes listened to a presentation about trees, a short message from the Mayor of Sunnyvale, Glenn Hendricks, and then helped to plant three valley oak trees on the school grounds with the help of Sunnyvale's Tree Crew

Tree Mentor Program Kickoff a Success!

SUFA held a kick-off event for our Tree Mentor Program on March 24th. Participants walked through the San Miguel neighborhood to check the health of trees planted over the past two years. Participants were trained in the process and use of the checklist and then set off in groups. These baseline data will be used to track the trees for the first three years after planting, when trees are most vulnerable.



Tree Mentors Needed! If you would like to become a tree mentor in your own neighborhood, please let us know (email info@sunnyvaleurbanforestadvocates.org). SUFA will provide a list of recently planted trees, a checklist, and a brief training. Trees could be checked at regular intervals when convenient for you. This is a great way to help Sunnyvale's urban forest while simply taking a walk and is something the whole family can enjoy.



Upcoming Tree Walks



Civic Center/Library Tree Walks

SUFA invites you on an informative evening stroll to learn about the various species of the more than 700 trees at the Civic Center and Library. Questions during the walk are encouraged! All ages are welcome. Sturdy shoes are advisable ...hat and sunscreen if necessary.

Wednesday, June 20th, 7pm, led by Joe Gonsalves, City Arborist

Thursday, June 28th, 7pm, led by Leonard Dunn, City Urban Landscape Manager

Walks will start in the plaza in front of the Library.

Please come and join us for an enjoyable and informative evening!



Sunnyvale Library Outdoor Expo Tree Walk

Visit SUFA (and other organizations) at the Outdoor Expo on Sunday, June 24 from 2-5 pm at the Sunnyvale Library.

SUFA will offer a tree walk at 3pm.

Additional Tree Walks

Check the SUFA [website](#) for information on additional tree walks as they are added throughout the summer.

Tree Walk Maps Online

If you can't make it to one of the scheduled tree walks, take a self-guided tour. The SUFA Tree Walk maps for Washington Park and the Civic Center are available on the SUFA website - <http://www.sunnyvaltetrees.org/tree-walk-maps>



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Looking for Trees of Distinction

SUFA is in the process of creating a self-guided car/bike tour to encourage people to get outside and interact with nature and also to learn more about Sunnyvale's amazing urban forest. What we need from YOU are suggestions of trees to include.

Is there a Tree of Distinction in your neighborhood? Something especially big, old, or unique? Designated heritage and memorial trees have already been considered and we've already listed many of the well known trees. For example: the heritage oak at the Community Center (see picture at right) and the famous cork oak at the Library...., but what we really want are the interesting, unusual, and unique trees of Sunnyvale.

Submit your nomination to: info@sunnyvaleurbanforestadvocates.org with the following information:

- Your name and address
- The address of the tree you are nominating
- A photo of the tree, if possible



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