



## Sunnyvale Urban Forest Advocates

Welcome to the Summer 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

#### The Fall Forest Festival Was "Tree"mendous!

The Fall Forest Festival was again a great success. The second annual event, held this year at Ortega Park, was very well attended and we saw a lot of new faces.

Children enjoyed the interactive story time hosted by the Sunnyvale Library and the lift truck demonstration by the City Trees Department. Leonard Dunn, City Urban Landscape Manager, led two very popular tree walks around Ortega Park. If you missed these walks, the Ortega Park tree walk map is now available on the SUFA website (<http://www.sunnyvaletrees.org/tree-walk-maps/>).

Children moved between tables of face painting, leaf drawings, games, and coloring books. The adults were able to read informative posters to learn more about SUFA, the City Trees Department, the benefits of trees, and ways we can contribute to the urban forest.

To demonstrate one of the ways that trees benefit the community, participants compared the temperature between a sunny spot and a spot under the shade of a tree. The shady location was an average of ten degrees cooler. Trees really do matter!

The event concluded with the planting of a Shumard Oak in Ortega Park. Look for Ortega's newest tree near the creek close to Inverness Way.

SUFA would like to thank all of those who attended the event and all of our enthusiastic student volunteers.



#### "The Benefits of Trees" and City Council Candidate Forum

On September 22<sup>nd</sup> at the Library, Leonard Dunn, Sunnyvale Urban Landscape Manger, presented a talk titled: "Why Trees? Why They Are Important and What They Do for Us." Mr. Dunn's talk focused on the common benefits of trees such as CO2 reduction and aesthetics but also emphasized the less common benefits such as reduced road rage, longer street asphalt life, and better storm water management. Following the talk, six candidates for City Council presented their views of and goals for Sunnyvale's urban forest.

To view the talk about the benefits of trees by Leonard Dunn or the candidate forum you may use the following link:

[https://www.youtube.com/playlist?list=PLnJnmWj8DBtE-fPzI8J8FKiYN\\_TmhYOUe](https://www.youtube.com/playlist?list=PLnJnmWj8DBtE-fPzI8J8FKiYN_TmhYOUe)





## Looking for Neighborhood Tree Planters!

SUFA is looking for Sunnyvale homeowners interested in purchasing and planting a tree on their property. Specifically, we would need a minimum of 10 homeowners in a 1-2 block area. Homeowners and SUFA would then work with Our City Forest (OCF) of San Jose. Our City Forest would help the homeowners in both site

and tree selection. OCF will deliver all the trees to your neighborhood on a given day and provide planting and tree care instructions to all participants. In addition, SUFA will provide \$50 to each homeowner toward the cost of their tree.

This would be a great opportunity for neighbors to get together for fellowship, to beautify their neighborhoods, and to have a positive impact on the environment.

If you would like to work with SUFA to organize this effort in your neighborhood, please contact us at [info@sunnyvaletrees.org](mailto:info@sunnyvaletrees.org).

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## The Trees of Distinction Project

SUFA is in the process of creating a self-guided bicycle or car tour through the streets of Sunnyvale featuring many of our beautiful, notable, and distinctive trees. The tour will also include many interesting facts about Sunnyvale's history.

The "Sunnyvale Trees of Distinction Tour" is expected to be available in Spring 2019, but in the meantime, WE NEED YOUR HELP! Do you have a favorite tree within the city limits? Is there a stately tree on your daily route? Do you know the whereabouts of a majestic, old, or otherwise distinctive tree in Sunnyvale? Email your suggestions of Sunnyvale's best trees and their locations for consideration on the tour (pictures optional but appreciated) to us at [treephotos@sunnyvaletrees.org](mailto:treephotos@sunnyvaletrees.org) or, better yet, go to SUFA's website at [sunnyvaletrees.org](http://sunnyvaletrees.org) and head over to the Trees of Distinction program area, where you will find a link. With option two you can also read about SUFA's exciting tree-related activities while you make your suggestions.



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## New City Park Tree Walk Now Online

Did you miss any of our tree walks this past year? Would you like to bring your kids along and do them at your own pace? Take a self-guided tour! Tree Walk maps for the **Civic Center**, **Washington Park**, **Ponderosa Park** and now **Ortega Park** are available on the SUFA website - <http://www.sunnyvaletrees.org/tree-walk-maps>

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