

SUFA E-News Spring 2019



Sunnyvale Urban Forest Advocates

Welcome to the Spring 2019 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 and Upcoming Events



Online Tree Walk Maps

Maps for the tree walks at all four sites are also available online at sunnyvaletrees.org/tree-walk-maps



2019 Summer Tree Walks

SUFA is offering a series of free tree walks this summer. Join us for a relaxing stroll to learn about our local trees and their role in our urban forest. If you haven't made it to a tree walk, this is your chance.

Pick your favorite spot, or join a walk at all four parks.

Sunnyvale Civic Center

665 W. Olive Avenue
(meet in front of library)
Thurs, May 23, 7-8pm
Thurs, July 18, 7-8pm

Ortega Park

636 Harrow Way
(meet at the flagpole)
Tues, Aug. 6, 7-8pm
Sat, Aug. 10, 11am-12pm

Washington Park

840 W. Washington Avenue
(meet at the flagpole)
Tues, July 16, 7-8pm
Sat, July 20, 11am-12pm

Ponderosa Park

811 Henderson Avenue
(meet at the flagpole)
Tues, Sept. 10, 7-8pm
Sat, Sept. 14, 11am-12pm

Arbor Week Tree Plantings

San Miguel Neighborhood and Elementary Schools

For the third year in a row, Arbor Week in Sunnyvale was celebrated by planting street trees in the San Miguel neighborhood. This year another 50 trees were planted making a total of 115 trees which have been incorporated into the neighborhood the past three years. Volunteers from Fremont High School, Scout Pack # 457, members of the Sunnyvale Urban Forest Advocates, as well as Sunnyvale Mayor, Larry Klein, all lent a hand to the work. Special thanks and kudos to the great City crew who saw that all the sites were prepared in advance and cheerfully lent the volunteers both advice and extra pairs of hands. In addition to the neighborhood planting, students at Cumberland Elementary planted three valley oaks and three saucer magnolias while Ellis Elementary students planted four new valley oaks to celebrate Arbor Day.



Thanks to all who participated for making Sunnyvale a greener, shadier, and healthier place to live!

Action Alerts



Volunteers Needed for Art & Wine Festival Tabling

Share your love of trees with the public!

If you can help, please contact SUFA at info@sunnyvaletrees.org. Please state your preferred day and shift (or shifts).

Saturday, June 1: 10am-12pm, 12-2pm, 2-4pm, 4-6pm
Sunday, June 2: 10am-12pm, 12-2pm, 2-4pm, 4-6pm

SUFA will be hosting a table at the Sunnyvale Art and Wine Festival and we need help with the staffing. The event is Saturday, June 1 and Sunday, June 2, and runs from 10am-6pm. We will have a table with informational signs and brochures about trees and SUFA. Volunteers will help engage the public and answer questions. Limited training is needed and will be provided at the event by an experienced SUFA member. We will have a canopy to provide shade. Volunteer shifts are two hours long. If you are planning to attend the Art and Wine Festival, please consider adding a few hours to your visit to help with the SUFA table. If you were looking for a reason to go to the Art and Wine Festival, staffing the SUFA table is a great one and you'll still have time to explore if you like.

Help Needed for the Adopt-a-Tree Program

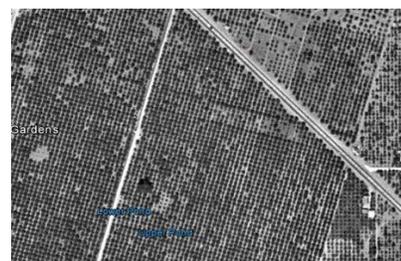
Support the urban forest in Sunnyvale with a minimal time contribution by adopting a street tree. You will merely keep an eye on the tree's condition. All street trees within Sunnyvale's boundaries are eligible, but younger, less established, and, therefore, more vulnerable trees, urgently need people to keep an eye on their well-being. The only requirement for participation is a willingness to check in on your tree once or twice a month - perhaps on your daily walk or while taking your child to school. Volunteers are also encouraged to adopt groups of trees or even whole neighborhoods. If you are interested in volunteering for the Adopt-a-Tree Program, send us a note at info@sunnyvaletrees.org.



Sunnyvale Trees of Distinction

The Community Center Heritage Oak

Later this year, SUFA will be offering a self-guided car or bike tour through Sunnyvale, titled "Trees of Distinction." This tour highlights many of the beautiful, unique, or otherwise distinctive trees in our community. The tour both begins and ends at the Sunnyvale Community Center, home of one of the most revered trees in Sunnyvale, the Heritage Oak. At least 250 years old, this stately Coast Live Oak has served generation upon generation of Sunnyvaleans - even before Sunnyvale existed! It is visible in some of the earliest aerial photos of the area (the oak is visible in the 1948 image in the upper right), offering workers a bit of shade as it lorded over the orchard trees. Before that, it offered the native Ohlone shade, wood, acorns, and a habitat for animals. In the present day, it serves as an impressive example of the force and resilience of nature, even in suburbia.



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