

SUFA E-News

Summer 2019



Sunnyvale Urban Forest Advocates

Welcome to the Summer 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.

Upcoming Events

Murphy Park History and Tree Walk



SUFA is delighted to collaborate with the Sunnyvale Historical Society in two joint history and tree walks in Murphy Park, the site of the original Murphy family home. The walks will feature a talk on the history of the Murphy family and its influence on Sunnyvale followed by a stroll through the park to learn about some of the trees there that make up the urban forest in Sunnyvale - including seven trees from the original Murphy homestead. In addition there will be an opportunity to see and hear about the history of one of the original Hendy stamp mills and the plaque commemorating the De Anza expedition. The event should last about one and a half hours. Children are welcome.

Murphy Park History/Tree Walks

Saturday, August 17th: 10am - 11:30am
Thursday, August 22nd: 7pm - 8:30pm
Murphy Park; 260 N. Sunnyvale Ave.
Meet at the amphitheater.



Ponderosa Park Tree Walks

SUFA will be hosting two more tree walks this summer at Ponderosa Park. Please join us for a stroll through one of our loveliest parks to learn more about the trees that comprise Sunnyvale's urban forest.

Tuesday, September 10th; 7pm - 8pm
Saturday, September 14th; 11am - 12pm
Ponderosa Park: 811 Henderson Ave.
Meet at the flagpole



Online Tree Walk Maps

Maps for the tree walks at the Civic Center/Library, Washington, Ortega, Murphy, and Ponderosa Parks are also available online at sunnyvaletrees.org/tree-walk-maps

Action Alerts

Looking for Volunteers to Post SUFA Events on Nextdoor

Would you like to help spread the word about improving the urban forest in Sunnyvale? Do you post on a Nextdoor neighborhood site? SUFA is looking for volunteers to help post our upcoming events and activities in neighborhoods presently not covered by current volunteers. Posting would be occasional and you would be provided with a prepared post and picture to copy and paste. Currently we need "posters" in the following eight neighborhoods:

**Adobe Wells/Casa de Amigos/
Lakewood Village/Morse Park/
Plaza del Re/San Miguel/
SNAIL/Tasman Crossing**



If you would be interested in helping with this activity or have any questions please contact us at info@sunnyvaletrees.org



Adopt-a-Tree Program Needs Volunteers

SUFA implemented the Adopt-a-Tree Program this Spring and is looking for more volunteers. Tree Adopters will check the health of a select group of newly planted trees and report this information to the Sunnyvale Street Trees Division. Trees that need care will be noted and City staff will investigate. Trees that are properly cared for and watered the first three years have a very high success rate and are much more likely to survive into adulthood 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.

Email: info@sunnyvaletrees.org to adopt a tree(s).

Sunnyvale Trees of Distinction

The Library Cork Oak

The next time you visit the Sunnyvale Library take a look at the beautiful tree on the way to the entrance from the parking lot on Olive Ave. It's framed in four low walls of red brick. This tree, a cork oak (*Quercus suber*), with its spacious green crown and stately trunk, is about 60 years old. Because of its tolerance to drought, the cork oak is often planted along with native oaks in our urban forest. In the Mediterranean area the spongy bark on the trunk and lower limbs of the tree is stripped off the tree once per decade for the making of corks for wine bottles and, more recently, for cork flooring. The tree is not harmed in the process and the bark does regrow to be harvested again. In Sunnyvale the bark on the trees is not harvested. At the Civic Center there is a second beautiful, large cork oak. It can be found on the south side Of the City Hall entrance next to the South Annex. Take a look next time at these two beautiful trees when you are at the Civic Center or visiting the Library.



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