Message from the Board

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As we reflect on the beauty and diversity of our urban forest throughout the year, we are reminded of the joys each season brings and the vital role our community plays in preserving this natural treasure.

Each season brings its own unique wonders, and we are grateful for all the volunteers and the community's dedication to nurturing and protecting our urban forest. Together, let us continue to celebrate and preserve the natural beauty that enriches our lives year-round.

Warm wishes for the holidays and we will see you in the next season!

Spring Awakening: This past spring, our urban forest came to life with the vibrant energy of renewal. We delighted in toddler story time in partnership with the Sunnyvale library, supported a tree planting event, presented information about the urban forest to a local school, and celebrated Earth Day with a renewed commitment to sustainability.

The burst of new growth and the chirping of birds returning to their seasonal homes reminded us of the interconnectedness of

all living things.



Autumn Beauty: As the leaves turned brilliant shades of red, orange, and yellow, we gathered for the State of the City celebration, reveling in the splendor of autumn. Our final tree walk of the year at Resurrection School provided a serene backdrop to reflect on the accomplishments of our community and the continued stewardship of our urban forest.



Top: Arbor day tree planting at Braly Park Below: Earth Day tree walk at Civic Center





State of the City tabling



## Greetings of the Season!

## Celebrating Nature's Seasonal Wonders

Embrace the beauty of the outdoors with creative projects using materials from our parks and forests. Turn acorns, flowers, helicopter seeds, moss, pinecones, sticks, twigs, nuts, seeds, and more into stunning seasonal wreaths, bird feeders, or captivating leaf art. Let's celebrate the magic of nature with hands-on activities that bring joy and creativity to our hearts.

Summer Splendor: Summer offered us the opportunity to fully enjoy the lush greenery and canopy of our urban forest. Our tree walks, including the edible tree walk, allowed us to explore and appreciate the variety of species that make up our verdant landscape. We gathered under the shade, learning about the ecology and history of our trees, identifying edible plants, and strengthening our bond with nature and each other.



Edible tree walk in the SNAIL neighborhood

Winter Tranquility: Now, as winter sets in and deciduous trees begin their slumber, we invite you to join us in celebrating the quiet beauty of this season. While our trees rest, let us take this time to plan for the future, ensuring that our urban forest remains a thriving haven for generations to come. Engage in winter walks, appreciate the serene landscapes, and prepare for the rejuvenation that spring will bring.



**Year-Round Advocacy:** Throughout the year we've also been busy advocating for our urban forest. We met with City Council members to discuss crucial issues, spearheaded a petition to support planting more trees in Sunnyvale, and provided guidance and support in Heritage neighborhood tree planting efforts. Additionally, we are exploring the possibility of designating a magnificent live oak tree as a heritage tree, ensuring its protection for future generations.



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