



# SUFA E-News Spring 2026



Welcome to the Spring 2025 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.

## Budget Workshop and Tree Funding – Contact City Council by May 18

The Street Trees Program of the Department of Public Works needs financial support to be able to continue expansion of our city's urban forest. Sunnyvale will hold its Budget Workshop on May 19 where funding issues are decided.

Contact the City Council and City Manager to encourage funding of the Street Trees Program of the Department of Public Works before May 18. To reach the mayor and city council by email go

to: <https://www.sunnyvale.ca.gov/your-government/governance/city-council>



The tree canopy of Sunnyvale is declining. Dying and downed trees continually need to be replaced. In addition, there are currently 5000 empty street tree locations. Among the financial and societal benefits of trees, tree canopy raises property values and increases traffic to neighborhood businesses. Investment in tree planting is a valuable use of funds. Additionally, the absorption of CO2 and the reduction of the urban heat island effect by additional tree cover will help Sunnyvale meet its climate action goals.

More trees are a win-win for the City and for its residents. Raise your voice in support of trees today!

**Budget Workshop:** Tuesday, May 19 at 11am; In-person: Bay Conference Room, City Hall, 456 W. Olive Ave.; Meeting Zoom link: <https://sunnyvale-ca-gov.zoom.us/j/82122648544>

Looking for a fun and engaging way to explore the natural beauty of Sunnyvale? How about a no-cost, private tree walk with your friends or organization?

The Sunnyvale Urban Forest Advocates (SUFA) are thrilled to offer exclusive tree walks for groups at many of our beautiful parks. Whether you are a nature enthusiast, a curious soul, or simply looking for a unique adventure, our tree walks are perfect for you!

## Discover the Wonder of Sunnyvale's Trees with a Private Group Tree Walk!

### •Why Join a Tree Walk?

- Connect with Nature: Experience the serene beauty of our parks and learn fascinating facts about the diverse tree species in Sunnyvale.
- Interactive Learning: Our knowledgeable guides will lead you on an educational journey that's both fun and informative.
- Bond with Your Group: Spend quality time with friends, family, or fellow organization members in a refreshing outdoor setting.

**How to Get Started:** Gather your group of up to twenty people (minimum of five participants) and reach out to us at [info@sunnyvaltetrees.org](mailto:info@sunnyvaltetrees.org) to schedule your tree walk. Tree walks are available from May through September.



### Tree Walk Parks



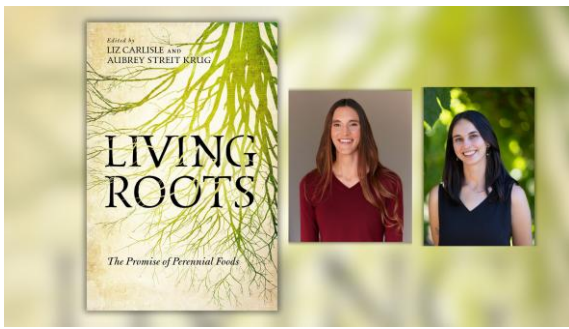
Ponderosa, Ortega, Serra, De Anza, Murphy, Lakewood, Washington, and the Sunnyvale Civic Center are all available for tree walks. Don't miss out on this opportunity to explore and appreciate the natural treasures of Sunnyvale. Contact us today to set up your walk.

The Sunnyvale Urban Forest Advocates (SUFA) invite you to join an Edible Tree Walk on Saturday, June 6 at 10am. Learn about more than 40 trees and bushes that produce something edible on this permaculture-inspired walk. The walk will be approximately one mile in length. Edible tree walks are a great way to learn about different types of trees and plants that have edible fruits or other plant parts that may be eaten. Following the walk, enjoy tea and cookies in an urban food forest.

Reservations are required for this walk. The meeting location will be provided to the registrants. The number of participants is limited so register today at [Edible Tree Walk Registration](#).

**Join Us for Our Fourth Annual  
Edible Tree Walk!**





**Thursday, May 14, 6pm - 7pm  
Library Program Room; 665 W.  
Olive Ave.  
Registration Required**

As a part of the Sunnyvale Public Library's ongoing [Community & Climate](#) lecture series, you are invited to an in-person author talk May 14 by Liz Carlisle, professor in the Environmental Studies Program at UC Santa Barbara, speaking on her new book, [Living Roots: The Promise of Perennial Foods](#). Following the talk, there will be a discussion moderated by Santa Clara University Sustainable Food Systems Program Manager, Becca Nelson.

For more information and to register: go to <https://sunnyvale.libcal.com/event/16457486>

**Watch for the Upcoming Tree Walk at the  
Newly-Renovated Community Center**

Following an extensive remodel, the Community Center grounds will be reopening with a special ribbon cutting ceremony at 10am on Thursday, May 21st at the Community Center: 550 E. Remington, Dr. Major renovations to the grounds include a new pond, landscaping, paths, and a



playground. Sunnyvale's iconic Heritage Coast Live Oak has been protected and will continue to be a focal point of the Community Center.

Travis Rios, Sunnyvale's city arborist, will lead a tree walk through the grounds after the dust settles. Date and time will be listed on the SUFA website when available

**Orchard Heritage Park Update**



The Orchard Heritage Park Study Issue is moving slowly through the system. Three options were presented that will expand the boundaries of the museum grounds. Presentations by city staff to the Parks and Recreation Commission and the City Council have been postponed until August. Meeting dates and updated information will be posted on the SUFA website.

## FUHSD Climate Collective

SUFA hosted a table at the Fremont Union High School District (FUHSD) Climate Collective event on April 22nd. The Climate Collective is a student-led effort with participants from all five of the FUHSD high schools. Students presented their findings on topics of environmental impact, justice, education, research, technology, art, and applications. Dozens of students visited the SUFA table to learn about our programs and share their love of and concern for trees. The environmental knowledge and enthusiasm of the students was both impressive and hopeful.



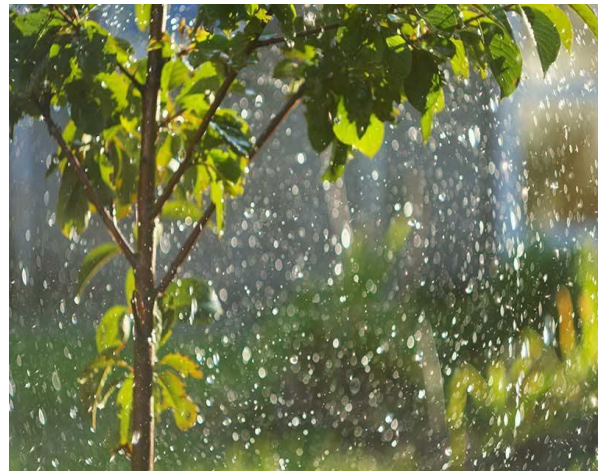
## SUFA Wants to Hear from YOU!

SUFA will be conducting a short survey to better understand our membership. We'd like to know more about your interests as we plan upcoming activities. The survey will be sent in a separate email. We hope you'll take a few minutes to respond.

## Rained Out!

SUFA was very disappointed that the Sunnyvale Earth Day Festival on April 11th was cancelled because of rain. Ten days later the Arbor Day tree planting at Braly Park was postponed, again because of rain, but SUFA is looking forward to a rescheduling of this annual event.

Of course, there is the silver lining for our urban forest, as all our trees need the rain and will be more beautiful and healthier because of our spring showers.



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