

Staff Report for October UFC Meeting

Landmark Tree

We have received nominations for three new trees which are all located in the same courtyard of 2040-2060 Sutter Street. The nominations include two Canary Island Date Palms and one Norfolk Island Pine. There will be a hearing for these trees at the UFC's Landmark Tree Committee on Tuesday November 10th, 2009 in City Hall room 421, starting at 4 pm.

UFC LMT committee members and UFC staff reviewed the trees on Monday October 19th.

Notices for this meeting were posted on Monday October 26, 2009 at the following locations:

2040 Sutter Street (two notices posted)

2211 Bush Street

2255-2257 Bush Street

1805 Fillmore

Corner of Bush and Steiner

Corner of Sutter and Fillmore

Corner of Steiner and Bush

Updates to the LMT webpage are underway.

San Francisco Urban Gleaning Project

Work continues on the Gleaning program, including project timeline, curriculum development, data coordination, and partnership outreach.

Green Christmas Program

Green Christmas website updates are in progress. All changes have been reviewed and submitted. All updates should be complete by the end of the week and made live on the site, at which time trees may be ordered.

This year will have a tree lot on both December 5th and 6th from 10am-2pm in Justin Herman Plaza, across from City Hall and directly adjacent to the annual City Hall Christmas tree. Participants may also choose to pick up their trees at the Friends of the Urban Forest office during normal business hours the following week. All tree must be picked up no later than 4 pm on Friday December 11th.

Participants can choose to return their trees to the FUF offices themselves, or pay a small fee for pickup. All trees must be returned no later than January 15th.

All program proceeds benefit Friends of the Urban Forest and, with the exception of the fee to have a tree picked up for return, are tax-deductible donations.

We've been receiving media contacts for this program since June. Though we plan on having more trees this year than in previous years, we are sure to sell out early.

Strategic Planning Session

The strategic planning session is set for the morning of Friday November 20th from either 9 am to noon or 10 am until 1 pm. I am still seeking an appropriate location; please let me know as soon as possible if you know of one.