

Greening San Francisco

Collective Network Communications

Speaking for the Trees



ReLeaf Network Communication Committee

Origin: Invasive Shot Hole Borer campaign





ReLeaf Network Communication Committee

- Purpose: Leverage the expertise and insights of the network to coordinate shared resources and messaging to empower network members to more effectively communicate about issues of common concern
 - Advocacy toolkit



ReLeaf Network Communication Committee

- Meets: Roughly monthly, open to all
- Next meeting: Wed. June 19, 11 a.m.
- To join: Contact Mariela, MRuacho@californiareleaf.org, 916-497-0037







Mutual Benefit





Social media use?

- Facebook
- Twitter
- Instagram
- Pinterest
- YouTube

- LinkedIn
- Nextdoor
- Flickr
- Other?



Trees mitigate "urban heat island" effect





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 - Shade and evaporative cooling from trees reduces high temps during summer months
 - The cooling effect of tree shade protects vulnerable populations
 - In hot weather, people are more likely to engage in outdoor activities when they're shaded by trees



Urban trees reduce energy costs





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 - When trees shade your home, you're less reliant on air conditioning
 - Where you plant trees makes a difference;
 plant strategically
 - Size matters... mature trees, and larger species, will provide more benefit



Water your trees





- Water your trees
 - Urban trees have a challenge finding water, so remember to water your trees during the dry summer
 - The first 5 years after planting are when your tree most needs you to water it
 - It's not expensive or wasteful to water a tree



Communications challenges

- Scarcity of resources
 - Funds
 - Personnel
- Donor relations & solicitation

- Volunteer recruitment, training & retention
- Public perception
 - Awareness
 - Apathy
 - Trust & credibility



Defining your brand

Mission

 We bring neighbors together to plant and care for San Francisco's ideal urban forest.

Vision

 San Francisco's urban forest is thriving and providing the greatest possible benefits to the environment, people, and future generations.



Defining your brand

- Values
 - Community Engagement
 - Education & Stewardship
 - Quality of Work
 - Inclusion
 - Environmental Justice
- Tagline
 - Greening San Francisco

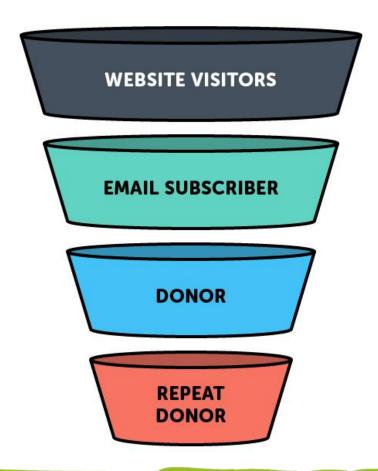


Understanding your audiences

- Who must take action in order for you to fulfill your mission?
 - Donors
 - Volunteers
 - Other?
- What motivates them?
 - Survey



The engagement funnel





Messages that mobilize action

- It can be more effective to appeal to the heart than to the head
- Simple, frequent, audience-centered
- Tell donors & volunteers their impact
- Personal connection: I / you
- Candy vs Vegetables



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Corruption and illegal deforestation go hand in hand. The best way to tackle them is through bolstering community land rights and democracy.





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Stronger democracy means stronger forests

Corruption and illegal deforestation go hand in hand. The best way to...





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The women of Humboldt County sparked the earliest awareness and action for preserving old-growth coast redwoods in Northern California.

Pictured: members of the Women's Save the Redwoods League in 1919. From the Humboldt County Historical Society Collection.







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"I love to green my city."

--Sam Howard







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"He who plants a tree / Plants a hope."

--Lucy Larcom (1824-1893), American poet







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Trees are homes! In a pine tree in Golden Gate Park, great horned owl chicks have recently been spotted exploring the area around their nest. Photo by Kwong Liew.





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Deciduous trees can be hard to identify once they've dropped their leaves for the winter. Here's how to identify the Ginkgo: its buds (or "spur shoots") are cone-shaped and grow out of the branches at almost a right angle in an attractive alternating pattern. See some nice Ginkgoes on 22nd Street between Guerrero and Valencia streets in the Mission.





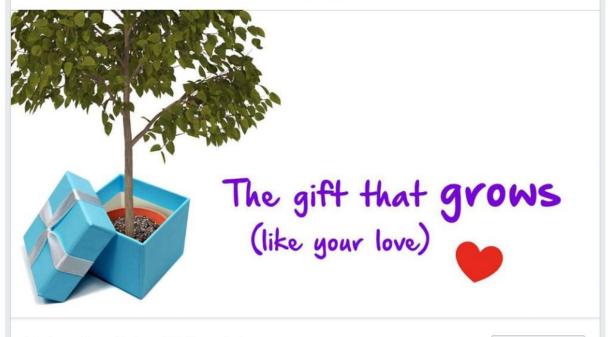




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This Valentine's Day, give the gift that grows.

For a \$50 donation, Friends of the Urban Forest will plant a street tree in San Francisco in honor of a special someone! No gift is more meaningful or lasting. https://secure.donationpay.org/fuf/valentinesday.php



Friends of the Urban Forest

Nonprofit Organization

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Some news IS good news! Sign up for SF Urban Forester, our monthly email with news about your urban forest and events you can participate in.

https://www.fuf.net/subscribe





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Local heroes wanted! Join our two-part training to learn how to lead volunteer planting crews at our community tree planting events and make your city greener.



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Planting Leader Training | April 11 & 13

Friends of the Urban Forest is hosting a Planting Leader...

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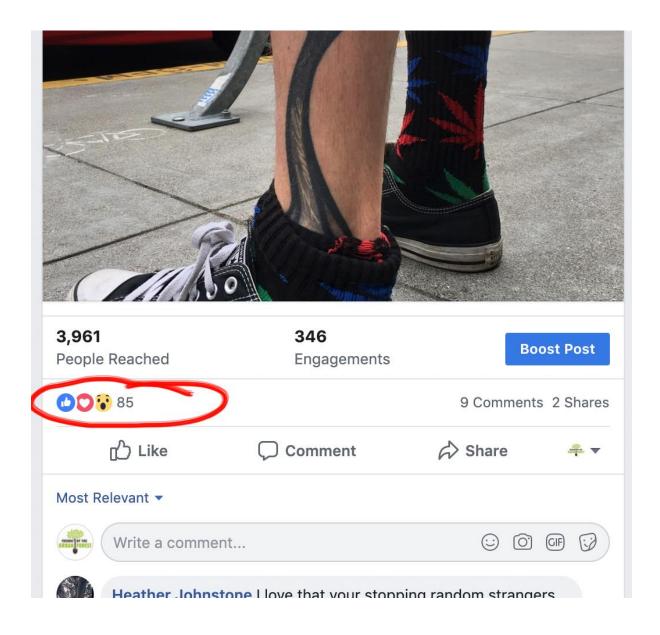
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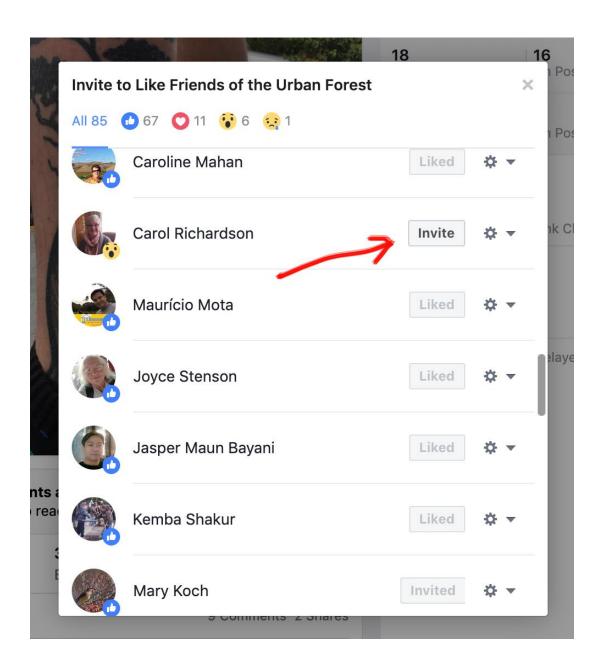








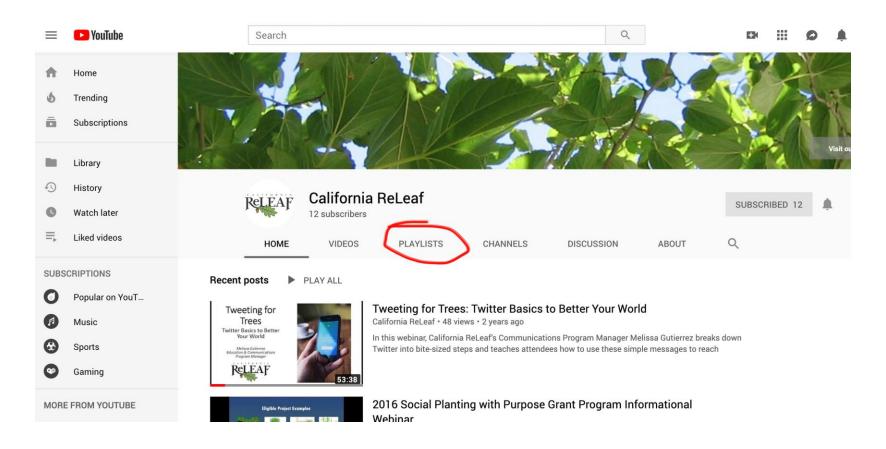






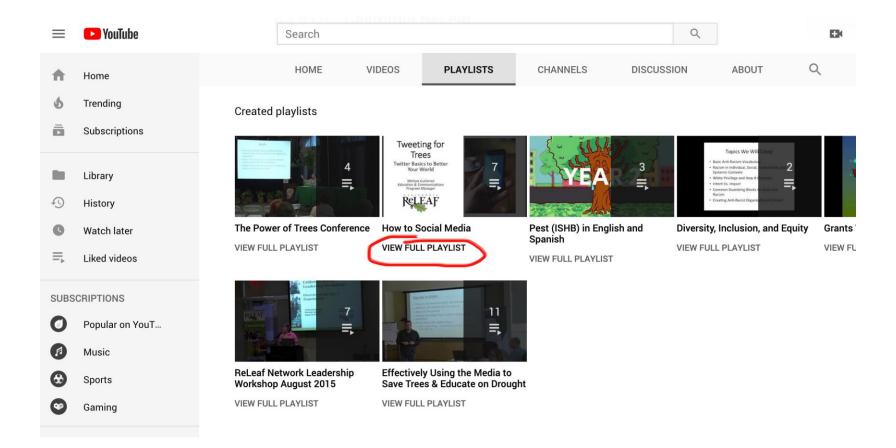


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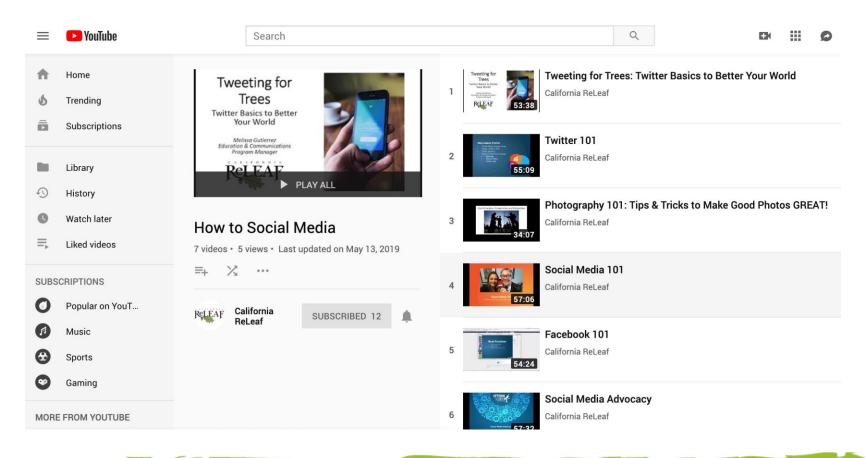


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