

For in the true nature of things, if we rightly consider, every green tree is far more glorious than if it were made of gold and silver.

*—Martin Luther (1483-1546), German theologian* 

# **Upcoming Events**

treeplanting/

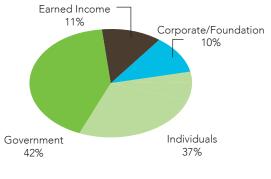
see www.fuf.net/sidewalkgarden/

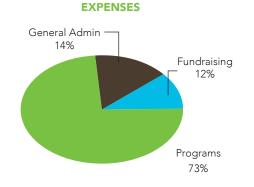
January 25—Tree Tour, March 6, 13, 20 & 27—No Frown Tree Pruning Workshop, Potrero Hill

## Summary of Audited Financials as of June 30, 2014

Following is an independently-audited financial summary of our most recent fiscal year, July 1, 2013 through June 30, 2014. Each year, it takes several months to compile our financial information and undergo independent auditing. We hope this diligence provides you with the most comprehensive understanding of Friends of the Urban Forest's operations.

### INCOME





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Corporate/Foundation	\$180,950	10%
Individuals	\$645,056	37%
Government	\$732,370	42%
Earned Income	\$197,708	11%
TOTAL INCOME	\$1,756,084	100%

### **EXPENSES**

TOTAL EXPENSES	\$1,726,525	100%
Fundraising	\$215,745	12%
General Admin	\$248,048	14%
Programs	\$1,262,732	73%

### **BALANCE SHEET SUMMARY**

NET ASSETS	\$599,952
Liabilities	\$110,724
Assets	\$710,676

# The Biophile

## Tree basins can be tiny parks

Tree basins—the portions of sidewalk that have been removed to accommodate street trees—can be like tiny parks. But when neglected, they can be eyesores.

If you have a street tree in front of your home or business, here's how to ensure that its basin is more like a park:

- Regularly clear out trash and debris.
- Mulch the basin to reduce the growth of weeds and retain moisture for your tree (but avoid piling mulch against the base of the tree, which can cause rot).
- If you're tempted to plant other greenery in the basin, choose small succulents. Other kinds of greenery can harm your tree by competing with it for water and nutrients.
- Place a sign in the basin asking dog owners to steer their dogs away from the basins (dog urine can burn the tree), or at least to clean up after them.
- You can deter some (smaller) dogs by installing edging around your tree basin, but it must meet certain requirements; see www.fuf.net/basins for details.



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