



FROM THE PRESIDENT’S DESK:

The end of autumn means shorter days and colder nights. When the winter solstice arrives (December 21 this year) the last stubborn trees will have given up their leaves and have found their way to the backyard mulch pile or to the municipal recycling center. While it may seem that trees with barren branches don't provide much value; they have lost their colorful leaves, they are not as pretty as when in full bloom, and they seem to be one heavy snowfall away from losing limbs. But trees are beautiful even in the winter. And valuable. In the cold winter months when every precious ray of sunlight is important, trees have shed their leaves to allow sunshine to reach the front door. When the cold winds blow trees provide a windbreak to soften the harsh winds. When the most important thing is to relax and retreat from the cold snows there is nothing more comforting than the warm embrace of a log fire in the fireplace. And when we need a special reminder that winter is not an end but rather a step in the cycle of life we bring into our homes the evergreen tree, its green limbs full of life and promise. So, embrace the season, enjoy a cup of hot chocolate, and throw another log on the fire.

Ray Slaman, President Dumont Shade Tree | 201-220-1994

Where have you seen the DSTC?

- ◆ Dumont Day
- ◆ Halloween Parade
- ◆ Arbor Day
- ◆ Memorial Day Parade
- ◆ Winter Festival
- ◆ January Seminar
- ◆ Arboretum Events
- ◆ Library showcase

On the Web:

www.dumontshadetree.org
www.facebook.com/DumontShadeTree
www.dumontnj.gov/boards/shade-tree-commission.php

Did You Know...

DSTC planted 29 trees in 2014! And over the past 2 years, the DSTC planted over more than 250 trees in Dumont!

Dumont Arboretum:

Spring bulbs were planted by Girl Scout Troop 183 out of Selzer School.



Four new bricks have joined the walkway

by the gazebo!

New members wanted—Residents welcome:

Monthly meetings are held in the Dumont Senior Center: 39 Dumont Avenue

(across from the President’s Square parking lot) DSTC meetings are held the third Monday each month at 7:30pm — see the Dumont Recycling calendar to be sure!

JANUARY Seminar Series 2015 Mark your calendars:

The DSTC is proud to announce our annual January Shade Tree Seminar. This is a wonderful event, free to the community at large. Learn how to plant trees and use landscaping to improve the value of your home. Tree experts and local landscapers will share their wisdom and answer questions.

MONEY DOES GROW ON TREES: Speakers will include:

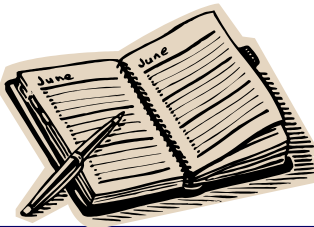
- ◆ *Real estate expert to discuss the role trees play in the value of your home and simple steps you can take to increase its value.*
- ◆ *PSE&G community liaison to discuss planting the right tree in the right place and the effect that trees have on decreasing energy costs.*
- ◆ *Landscape experts who will provide simple tips for properly maintained landscapes and the impact on home value .*

Topic: Money Does Grow on Trees!

Date: Monday January 26, 2015

*Where: Dumont Senior Center—
37 Dumont Ave*

Refreshments will be served.



The mission: *To promote a sustainable and productive community forest and shade tree resource that will subsequently improve the quality of life for the residents of the Borough of Dumont NJ.*

The Dumont Shade Tree Commission was proud to participate in the Halloween Parade at Memorial Park in October of 2014. Many enthusiastic residents visited the DSTC table to learn about the value of trees in our community. Several residents signed up for the Green Neighbors program and will be getting trees for their block or home!



Budding Poets, Artists, and Writers— Tree Fun

Why does Santa have three gardens?
So he can 'ho ho ho'!

Why are Christmas trees so bad at sewing?
They always drop their needles!

Why was the cat afraid of the tree?
Because of its bark.


If fruit comes from a fruit tree, where does chicken come from?
A poul-tree!

What has no fingers, but many rings?
A tree!


Pine Cone Crafts!

Evergreen trees have dropped their pine cones to the ground. Did you know that pine cones are the woody fruit of a pine tree, with scales that open to release the seeds? You can use these for many wintery crafts!

Consider pine cones for home decorating through the winter or craft activities during the long cold winter days. Go to www.pinterest.com and search on the phrase 'pine cone' for excellent ideas!



Dumont Tree Ordinance




In continuing the effort to protect the trees in our town, the Borough of Dumont has passed an amendment to the Shade Tree ordinance. A permit is now required before ANY tree greater than 6 inches in caliper or 10 feet in height can be removed within the Borough of Dumont. This ordinance applies to trees on private property and to town trees. Before any tree can be removed, the homeowner or contractor needs to get a permit from the Building Department.


There is a fee of \$25.00. Following the application for a permit, the Dumont Shade Tree Commission will inspect the tree to certify the jurisdiction of the tree and determine if the tree is on private property and therefore can proceed. The application process will be completed within 5 days of the application request.

Please contact the Shade Tree Commission with any questions or concerns.

Leafy Projects



Take a walk at the Arboretum! Go to www.youtube.com/watch?v=m7KtkqgBg6A And...Please subscribe to the YouTube Dumont Shade Tree Channel "It's All About Trees."



<https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCvqsRHZlylwDJ2mK1u4DGIQ>

Adopt-a-Tree Green Neighborhood Program

Dumont Shade Tree Commission is accepting applications from specific neighborhoods to participate in the Adopt-A-Tree program. If accepted, certain homes within a chosen neighborhood will receive a new healthy 8-12' tree. The Shade Tree commission will purchase and plant these trees at no cost to the homeowner. There is a catch, however; a minimum of four homes in the neighborhood must apply for the trees in order to be considered for the program. Once the trees are planted the homeowner must agree to water and watch over the new trees. *Simple as that!*

Limitations and restrictions may apply. Planting trees in the Borough Right of Way is the sole responsibility of the DSTC. Planting subject to available nursery stock. Green Neighborhood program administered by DSTC while supplies last. Interested in seeing your street become a **Green Neighborhood** ?

PAVING THE WAY TO A GREENER DUMONT

Donate a brick~~

- ❖ in honor of someone
- ❖ in memory of someone special
- ❖ to remember a special event
- ❖ As a gift!



Scan the code to find out more

Bricks will be placed in the Arboretum walkway. For details and an order form, go to the Friends of the Shade Tree Web site www.fotst.org/

The cost for an engraved brick is \$75.



Call us or send an email to let us know you want to be a **Green Neighbor.**



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