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Fun Facts

- In the aftermath of Hurricane Sandy the Borough of Dumont lost fewer trees, as a percent of total trees, than any other town in Bergen County
- The DSTC planted over 260 trees in 2013

Dumont Friends of the Shade Tree



Shade Tree News

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.*

Welcome New Members

The Dumont Shade Tree Commission is always happy to meet members of the community.

Bring you ideas and concerns to our monthly meetings. See the back of this newsletter for the schedule.

We always are happy to accept your donations to enhance the trees in town!

Friends of the Shade Tree (FST) is a not-for-profit organization sponsored by the Dumont Shade Tree Commission. The mission of FST is to preserve, beautify, and maintain the town trees and their canopy making for a healthier and more environmentally stable community.



Who are your commissioners?

The following Commissioners have been appointed by the Mayor:

- Kathleen Sheridan-Parrish
- Michael Kuhn
- Tom Fisichella
- Abbie Slaman
- Ray Slaman
- Sally Tayeb
- Lawrence Tobias

About the Organization: DSTC Dumont Shade Tree Commission

So what do we do?

The FST provide community educational programs regarding shade trees and the environment. The FST fosters the planting of shade trees in the community and even other communities in New Jersey.

We provide materials to help community members master gardening in, near, and under shade trees in the community. We understand the importance of protecting and preserving the environment of the community.

The DSTC has developed the Dumont Shade Tree Arboretum on West Shore Avenue in Dumont for the enjoyment of the community.

We plan to work to provide additional projects to further protecting the trees.

Budding poets—

We had wonderful entries from our community for the Dumont Arbor Day 2013 Art and Poetry contest. Here are two poems from budding poets in our community:



Trees provide a beautiful canopy

Saving Trees

Trees add beauty to our space.
Rescue them from being replaced.
Each time a tree is felled by folks
Earth loses a birch, an elm or an oak.
Save our trees, won't you?

**Acrostic poem by Kayla Villareal,
5th grade**

Trees

In the spring, the leaves are green, in the summer too.

Some trees have flowers, some have fruits.

In the fall, leaves change colors.

In the winter, trees go to sleep.

I love trees because they help me to breath.

Rosse Cabrera, 5th grade

DSTC YouTube Channel



Do you want to learn more about how to care for your trees? Or even what type of tree is growing in your yard? Watch the "Mulch?"

video to learn that mulch is a layer of material applied to the soil around the base of a tree.

Its purpose is to conserve moisture, improve health of the soil, reduce weed growth and enhance the visual appeal of the area.

Want to learn more?

Here are the topics first to broadcast on our channel.

YouTube series: Dumont, NJ, "It's all about Trees:"

1. Mulch?
2. Is this my tree?
3. Reasons we need trees?
4. What type of tree is this?
5. Will this harm my tree?
6. How do you tell the age of a tree?

We are always eager to expand the library. Feel free to email the DSTC any suggestions with your own ideas!

Leafy Projects



Healthy trees have full leaves through the summer

HERITAGE TREE REGISTRATION

As part of its ongoing work to protect the health of the Dumont urban forest, the Dumont Shade Tree Commission (DSTC) will be cataloging and registering Dumont HERITAGE TREES. These trees are big, old, tall, or unique trees that add to the character and beauty of our town. To nominate your tree contact the DSTC through the Web form on our Web site or call 201-344-3920.

CONGRATULATIONS:

To Jonathan Suppes on his Eagle Scout project for planting and landscaping at McGaw Park, which is also known as Bedford Park. In addition to benches and cleaning up the park, Jonathan will be planting two trees to beautify our town!

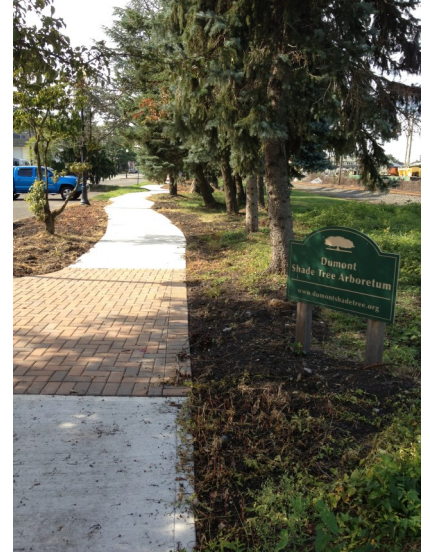
Stumpy



I guess you are wondering what or who is Stumpy! Thanks to Tom, Stumpy can be found around town collecting money to help save the trees and spread the word about caring for trees. Wherever you see a stump, there was once a tree providing shade to keep you cool in the summer. Trees help your lawns from burning, and drink lots of water to

keep your basements dry! The benefits of trees are many and Stumpy is helping to spread the word!

- ❖ Help plant trees in Dumont
- ❖ Make a donation
- ❖ Join the “Friends of the Shade Tree”
- ❖ Lets keep our roots planted firmly and well watered.



Visit the Arboretum! Enjoy the trees.

Tree Rescue Program

Do you have a tree growing where you don't want it? Would you like it to find a new home?

Do you want a tree but don't feel like paying for it?

The FST/DSTC has a

tree rescue team, matching homeless trees to new homes.

Young saplings only, please, we cannot work with the big fellows!

Homeowner trees only!

That means on your

property not town property. Are you unsure as to who's property the tree is on?

Watch the video “Is this my Tree?” on the Shade Tree Web site.

“I enjoy the trees in town and wanted to contribute to their health and continuity..”

News from the Trees

It's summertime— what you can expect from your trees...?

Gator bags... have you been wondering what those green bags are hugging our trees? Trees get thirsty in the summer and

when you first plant a tree, you need to be sure the tree gets a steady stream of water. You also don't want to overwater....

Gator bags provide the perfect solution. The

DSTC has a supply to use for town trees.. How do they work?

Fill it up with a hose or bucket, and be sure to check to see the bags have water in them once a week.



Gator bags are an excellent way to irrigate new trees

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From the President's Desk:

This year we concluded our 7th season as stewards of the Dumont forest. We started as an ad-hoc committee of concerned citizens and have grown to see a full fledged Commission active in many areas of the community.

DSTC is visible in the new trees planted in town, the pruning and removing of damaged trees, and the very prominent ARBORETUM and Gazebo on West Shore Avenue. We have made strides but have much more work to do. The committee is only 7 years old, but the work we do will last for years; maybe for as long as the oldest trees.

Residents Welcome:

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

Arboretum

Dedication of the Arboretum Walkway

Please join us for the official ribbon cutting and dedication ceremony for the newly installed West Shore Walkway project!

When: Sunday, September 22, 2013 at 6:00pm

Where: Dumont Shade Tree Arboretum, West Shore Avenue

Everyone is welcome!

The Arboretum was established in May 2009 to display over 15 varieties of trees available to our town residents for free through the Adopt-A-Tree Program.

The Arboretum is located between Madison Avenue and New Milford Avenue on West Shore Avenue on the east side of the train tracks. The Arbore-

tum, open to the public, has a walking path, benches, gardens, a gazebo, and tranquil surroundings. It is a place you can come to sit, relax, learn about various trees varieties, or just enjoy the surroundings.



Buy a Brick Campaign



Donate a brick in honor of someone special, in memory of someone special or to remember a special event. Bricks will be placed in the Arboretum walkway. Go to www.dumontshadetree.org for details.

Adopt a Tree Program

Need a new tree in front of your home? If it's town property, the DSTC can plant a beautiful flowering tree for free! Just ask and get on the list! All you have to do is ask and water.

