



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.*

Dumont Shade Tree Commission at Dumont Day!

The Dumont Shade Tree commission had an amazing turnout for the 2016 Dumont Day!



Despite the heat, it was a bright sunny day, we were thrilled to meet so many new faces from town. The DSTC continued to spread the word to old friends and familiar faces about all the good work your Shade Tree Commission does for Dumont. We had our usual spot under the trees next to the Caspare Pavilion, giving us ample shade from the beautiful trees that grace Memorial Park. Dumont residents were able to discuss and learn about the many programs available to them including the Adopt-A-Tree and Heritage Tree Programs. Residents learned about the benefits of trees. They learned and how to care for their existing trees



and plant new ones following our mantra "Right Tree Right Place." Thanks to everyone and especially the Friends of the Shade Tree Garden Club. The plants and display were a wonderful addition to our tent. Residents were thrilled to buy beautiful plants to add to their garden including a gorgeous display of mums for the fall. The Shade Tree handed out hundreds of Wildflower seed packets. We look forward to Dumont blooming in the Spring.



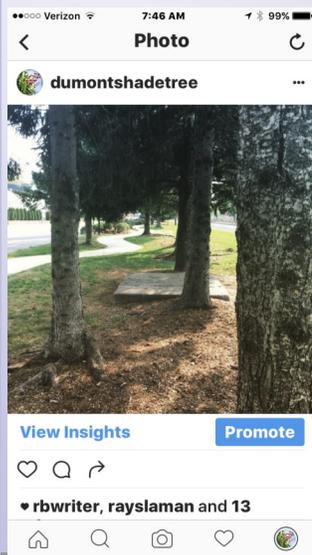
Planting with the Scouts

Tiger Cubs from Pack 131 in Dumont had a wonderful day at the Dumont Arboretum planting bulbs for the whole community to enjoy. A special shout-out to Sandra Scaiano and Anna Fisichella who helped with this wonderful event. The boys learned how to plant and did an amazing job! They donated Tulip bulbs and made milk carton bird feeders. These scouts will be back in the spring to see the benefits of their hard work.



Dumont Shade Tree on Instagram!

Find us and follow us!



DUMONT SHADE TREE COMMISSION

The 2017 dates are now reserved by the DSTC and the FOST Garden Club for meetings held at the Senior Center 39 Dumont Ave for the year. Check out the Dumont.gov website and the Dumont-ShadeTree website for details. All meetings are scheduled for Mondays unless otherwise noted (Jan 18th and Sep 6th) from 7:30pm to 9:00 pm Special Event: March 6, 2017 Winter Seminar.

Drones Overhead | We have been fortunate to have Dumont Resident Mr. Bill Van Glahn and his amazing drone to take fabulous birds-eye view photos of the Dumont Arboretum. Take a look!

Dumont Friends of the Shade Tree Garden Club Fall Demonstrations and Lectures!

Wonderful free events for the community.

Check the calendar for next year's lecture topic!

On November 7th 2016, Mr. Patrick Harrison gave a talk and demonstration on the importance of bees, "A Taste Of Honey".

He displayed and explained a working observation hive, it's operation, structure, and production of honey. All attendees were treated to a taste of the delicious honey that came out of Patrick's hives! All in attendance learned the value of bees, the importance of healthy hives and the fun of being a beekeeper!



New words learned:

A beekeeper is also called an apiarist. Hives produce products including beeswax, propolis, pollen, and royal jelly.



On October 3, 2016 Mr. Michael T. Wronski, the Exhibition's Gardener from the New York Botanical Gardens, gave a lecture and presentation on "Making More Plants" demonstrating plant

propagation and teaching attendees how easy it is to grow perennials and house plants. Plant cuttings were available for all attendees.



Volunteers Wanted: Join the Dumont Shade Tree AND Friends of the Shade Tree

Join your neighborhood volunteers and adopt-a-garden bed along the Arboretum pathway, Join in with an existing group garden bed. You can help create and enjoy public gardens in our Arboretum by planting and caring for perennials and annuals under and around the shade trees and rose beds. No money needed, just your creative time to make beautiful places and meet like-minded friends. For Information:

Bill Zitelli: bzitelli52@gmail.com Sally: dumontredbud@gmail.com Ana: mastergardener2014@yahoo.com

FOTST open positions: We will train you! Do you want to volunteer for your town and don't quite know how to begin? Want to make new friends in town? Join the Shade Tree. NO experience or tree knowledge is necessary... you only give the time you can! Join us! Help keep Dumont green!

Friends Secretary– Position is a calendar year position– no tree knowledge necessary | | **Brick Installer**– No knowledge necessary– help install bricks on the arboretum walkway.

Contact | | dstc@gmail.com | |

Leafy Projects

PAVING THE WAY TO A GREENER DUMONT

Buy a Brick

ADOPT-A-TREE SUCCESS STORIES

Zitelli Family of Dumont NJ:

The benefits to having a tree planted in front of my home is of course the obvious ones, shade, beauty, increased home value. Plus it's free! Just a small time commitment from me to water it. But, an unexpected delight is seeing how beneficial the tree is to the wildlife in Dumont.



A few years ago my street lost a few mature trees and was looking sad and too sunny. I contacted the Shade Tree Commission and they came to my house and assessed the area where I wanted a tree planted. It was decided that a hawthorne would be a good fit. Now two years later it's starting to mature and provide a little shade to the front of my house.



The hawthorne produces beautiful red berries that birds love! One March afternoon I caught a

flock of robins dining in my tree. Such a wonderful and unexpected sight!

Adopt-a-Tree 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. Once the trees are planted the homeowner must agree to water and watch over the new trees.

Donate a brick~~

- ❖ in honor of someone
- ❖ as a graduation gift
- ❖ in memory of someone special
- ❖ to remember a special event



Bricks will be installed by the gazebo in the Arboretum walkway.

Bricks cost \$75. Scan the code to find out more information!

For details, go to the Friends of the Shade Tree website www.fotst.org/ for order forms and PayPal information.

Friends of the Shade Tree is a 501(c)3, NJ Not-for-Profit Corporation, Founded in support of the Dumont Shade Tree Arboretum West Shore Avenue, Dumont, NJ.



Call us or send an email to let us know you want a tree.

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. Program administered by DSTC while supplies last.

HERITAGE TREES IN DUMONT

Trees provide a valuable service: oxygen, shade, water and soil management, beauty, increased property values. But the largest ones also inspire us. Big old trees connect us to our past and carry stories through the years. As part of its ongoing work to protect the health of the Dumont urban forest, the Dumont Shade Tree Commission (DSTC) sponsored a search for the biggest and oldest trees in Dumont; our HERITAGE TREES. Donald Wagner, a sixth grader at Selzer School identified the largest and oldest tree in Dumont; an Eastern Black Oak (*quercus velutina*) measuring 77.71 inches in diameter and 97 feet tall. It's estimated to be over 200 years old! Look for Heritage Tree plaques around town identifying our Heritage Trees and the connection to our past.



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www.fotst.org/

www.dumontnj.gov/boards/shade-tree-commission

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Follow us on Instagram: [@DumontShadeTree](https://www.instagram.com/DumontShadeTree)

Residents Welcome!



DSTC Meetings on third Monday each month in the Dumont Senior Center: 39 Dumont Avenue

7:30pm — 9pm **Check the Dumont Recycling calendar to be sure!**

The DSTC Commissioners appointed by the Mayor are:

- ◆ Kathleen Sheridan
- ◆ Michael Kuhn
- ◆ Tom Fisichella
- ◆ Ray Slaman
- ◆ Abbie Slaman
- ◆ Sally Tayeb
- ◆ Rachel Bunin

- ◆ Council Liaison: Louis DiPaolo

From the President's desk:

One of the reasons that has drawn me to trees, to love trees, is the way they are witnesses to our shared history. Trees measure time in years, in decades, and in centuries. Trees all around us have taken root in difficult circumstances and a host of threats, from uncertain rainfall to indifferent caretakers, buffeted by winds and bugs and snowplows. But trees are tough, and the toughest ones grow tall and majestic. I can look at a tree and see the community that grew up around its trunk, the people that enjoyed its shade. I can imagine the kids looking to swing up into its branches that are now grandparents. I can see the horse drawn wagons, long given way to cars, once tied to its trunk. Trees are living breathing witnesses to the struggles and joys of our community. We can take some comfort knowing that no matter the hurricane or hailstorm, no matter the drought or flood, our trees have survived to join us in the beginning of the 21st century. And if we are to survive in the years ahead we will have to do it together.



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

Dumont Tree Ordinance:



In continuing the effort to protect the trees in our town, the Borough of Dumont has an amended Shade Tree ordinance; Ordinance 1503 6/21/16.

By law, any resident must apply for a permit—\$25.00 fee—through the Building Department before ANY tree greater than 6 inches in caliper or 10 feet in height can be removed within the Bor-

ough of Dumont. This ordinance applies to trees on private property and to town trees. 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. Failure to apply for a permit prior to removing a tree will result in a fine. Removing or damaging a borough tree will result in penalties. Our goal is to preserve the canopy in Dumont. The canopy which protects all Dumont homes during winter and summer by providing shade and absorbing water. For further information on the ordinance contact the Dumont Building Department or the Shade Tree Commission.

Where have you seen your Shade Tree Commission?

- ◆ Dumont Day
- ◆ Halloween Parade
- ◆ Arbor Day
- ◆ Memorial Day Parade
- ◆ Winter Festival— Memorial Park
- ◆ Seminar Series
- ◆ Arboretum Events
- ◆ DPW Valentine's Day Lunch



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