



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- Seminar Series

March Seminar: The DSTC sponsored an illuminating and important seminar on the topic of Global Thinking/Local Action presented by environmental advocate Dr. Tineke Thio, PhD. She explored the science and myths surrounding climate change and discussed how individuals and local communities can make a difference. Climate change and extreme weather has been a growing concern whose effects are being seen all around the world. Severe droughts, more powerful storm systems, and rising sea levels are a concern for everyone. She highlighted what we can do as individuals and as part of a local community that can have a positive effect.



Dr. Tineke Thio and DSTC President Ray Slaman



Dr. Tineke Thio and the Shade Tree commissioners | Dr. Tineke has done a great deal of research on the topic of individual contributions to the large issue of climate change communities.

Tom Bender showing off the plants!



April Seminar: Residents and guests were treated to an informative evening— Natural Gardens & Plant Demonstration: Presentation by Tom Bender, of the Thielke Arboretum in Glen Rock www.glenrockarboretum.org. Tom brought several plants and shrubs to the event and explained how native plants can enhance any garden with minimal work and upkeep! NOTE: Attendees of the Seminar Series are eligible to receive Continuing Education Credit Units— CEUs. Ask us how!

Volunteers Wanted

The Shade Tree Commission and the Friends of the Arboretum invite new volunteers to adopt a garden bed along the Arboretum pathway, or to join in with an existing group garden bed. The Friends Garden Committee is creating Public Gardens in our Arboretum, with perennials and annuals under and around the shade trees and rose beds. No money needed... just some creative time to join in to make beautiful places and make like minded friends. Maintaining your garden bed can be done on your own schedule, but Saturday mornings are an informal gathering time at the arboretum at 10am to noon. Please check your ideas in with Anna, our master gardener or Sally, the committee chair, to confirm the viability of the planting or pruning. We are careful about planting invasive species. If you have any questions, you can email Bill Zitelli: bzitelli52@gmail.com, Sally at dumontredbud@gmail.com, or Anna at mastergardener2014@yahoo.com.

Join the Dumont Shade Tree AND Friends of the Shade Tree

DUMONT SHADE TREE COMMISSION 11TH ANNUAL Arbor Day April 30, 2016

2016 Arbor day was a tremendous success - the Dumont Shade Tree Commission is very grateful for the support from everyone in the Borough. Special thanks to: Mayor Kelly for the proclamation and kicking off the ceremony. Sue Connelly for translating our hard work onto the official proclamation. We value your help. Kathy Schaefer for answering our official Borough questions and keeping us on the right track. Mary Winner for being the voice an face of the Commission to the citizens. The value you add in handling the Shade Tree is immeasurable. Councilman Louis DiPaolo for being our advocate within the Borough government. I know you will continue to speak for the trees! Steve Cavadias and Patty Rusch for adding your expertise in handling the Borough ordinance. I am grateful for your advice and council. Chief Faulborn for the great work of the Dumont Police Department - we count on you to protect and serve the citizens and protect the trees! And special thanks to Bill Ebenhack and all our partners in the DPW. We could not have the positive impact on the Borough without your consistent support and good nature. 2016 Arbor Day is in the books, but the work continues throughout the year, "Caring for trees today, planting trees for tomorrow."



Spring Planting tips! Spring is a good time to plant trees and shrubs so they become established before the heat of the summer. It's time to clean your garden and remove all the debris. Get rid of weeds, making sure that you get the roots so they won't grow back. Plant summer annuals after the last frost date. In our area it's after May 15. Dead head spring bulbs, but allow the foliage to remain to nourish the bulbs for next year's display. Trim and thin summer blooming shrubs such as butterfly bush, hydrangea, and most roses. Prune spring blooming shrubs and trees after flowering. Think about adding mulch. One to three inches of mulch helps to prevent weeds and diseases. It also keeps in moisture and maintains the temperature. It's wise to plant your garden or container garden near to the house. For one, the plants are more likely to be seen and cared for and more importantly, grabbing a handful of lettuce or some fresh herbs for tonight's dinner is much easier when it doesn't require walking to the far corner of the yard.

For more tips, go to:

<https://energizepseg.com/2016/04/22/the-best-time-to-plant-a-tree/>

Leafy Projects

PAVING THE WAY TO A GREENER DUMONT

Buy a Brick

ADOPT-A-TREE SUCCESS STORIES

The red bud tree planted in front of the Cantwell family's home is thriving! Other notable trees in our town:

Our first Adopt-A-Tree streetscape project is on McKinley Avenue - you can see how the trees have thrived in the years since the 2009 planting.



Another dramatic example of the success of the program are the trees along Garden Street on the east side of Honiss School. This is a wonderful example of the transformative power of trees on the environment.

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.



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.

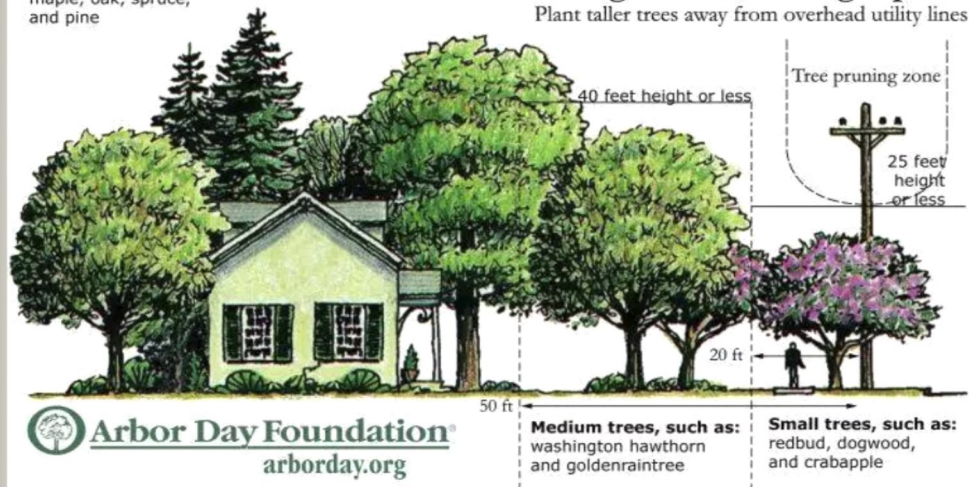
The Shade Tree commission will purchase and plant these trees at no cost to the homeowner. Once the trees are planted the homeowner must agree to water and watch over the new trees. Call us or send an email to let us know you want a tree.



Tall trees, such as:
maple, oak, spruce,
and pine

Plant the right tree in the right place

Plant taller trees away from overhead utility lines



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 TREE CONTEST

The Dumont Shade Tree Commission has a HERITAGE TREE! As part of the ongoing effort to catalog all the heritage trees in Dumont we conducted a contest involving the 6th grade science classes in Honiss and Selzer School. The challenge was to find Dumont's Champion Trees. Prizes were awarded for the discovery of the largest trees of a particular species; silver maple (Ralph Williams), white pine (Courtney Wagner), cottonwood (Theodore H. Salgado) and mulberry (Marilyn Hashway). We are proud to announce that the CHAMPION HERITAGE TREE, a black oak on Seminole Ave, was identified by Selzer School sixth grader Donald Wagner. For his great detective work Donald received a \$100 prize.



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- ⇒ www.dumontnj.gov/boards/shade-tree-commission.php
- ⇒ www.fotst.org/

Residents Welcome!

DSTC Meetings are held the 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

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

From the President's desk:

Despite our rushed and harried lives it is just as possible to have a positive impact on our communities today as it ever has been. As improbable as it might seem that the orphan Alexander Hamilton, who was dropped in the forgotten spot in the Caribbean 240 years ago, could rise up to be a founding father; how improbable is it that this year a second-generation Puerto Rican immigrant could win a Pulitzer Prize and be nominated for 16 Tony Awards for telling that founding father's hip-hop story? In comparison, I guess it's not that improbable that a handful of people who knew very little about trees or the workings of municipal government could plant nearly 500 trees, energize a town to embrace the environment, and create Dumont's beautiful arboretum. The Dumont Arboretum tells OUR story; a place for everyone to see how an idea can be transformed into a reality. The Arboretum is a place to come sit under your own vine, under your own fig tree, find peace, reflect, and no one shall be afraid. As we care for it, it grows with us. It will be there for our children and their children when we are gone.

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

The Arboretum Walkway

Take a walk from Madison to New Milford Avenues and admire the peace and beauty that now occupies a space that was once a virtual wasteland on the side of the tracks. The Dumont Shade Tree Arboretum is about 800' long with over 60 Tree Species, many Knock-out Roses, Ilex, Boxwood, Spring Bulbs, Perennials & Butterfly Garden. Thanks to all who have donated hours to create the space for all residents to enjoy. This is a public space, you can plan a public event with your group at this wonderful space or just come, read a book, have a coffee, sit and enjoy the trees now flowers, thanks to the Garden Committee. Please do not litter, take nothing but pictures, leave nothing but footprints.

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.