



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.*

The Dumont Shade Tree Commission

What we do, why it's so important for a community to have an active Shade Tree Commission... **Fact** or **Fiction**...

- ♦ "Dumont lost less tree in recent storms than surrounding towns" **FACT:** Because the Shade Tree commission monitors and protects all trees, the trees in Dumont are healthier and therefor less likely to fall in a storm.
- ♦ "The Town wants to control my Trees" **Fiction.** The Shade Tree commission has jurisdiction over borough trees, we are an advisory board for trees on private property.
- ♦ "Trees increase property values" **FACT:** Communities with urban canopy have higher property values than those without trees.
- ♦ "I need a permit to trim my tree" **Fiction:** You need a permit to remove a tree, not to trim trees; an essential activity to keep trees healthy.
- ♦ "I need a permit to remove the bushes in my yard" **Fiction:** bushes are not trees.
- ♦ "Trees enter my house through the waste pipes" **Fiction:** while trees seek water, roots cannot penetrate a pipe. Pipes must be rotted already for roots to enter the pipes.
- ♦ "The emerald ash borer is a real threat to our trees" **FACT:** killed 100 million trees across 15 states in the US in 2016.

THE DUMONT ARBORETUM IS BLOOMING AND ZOOMING!



The Dumont Shade Tree Commission is honored to report the Arboretum is blooming. Recent sighting of many residents enjoying the space during the summer are commonplace. Join your residents at the Arboretum. Bring a book, bring a friend, walk your dog (and please cleanup after), get

a cool drink at the local pizza or sandwich shop, put in a load of laundry, and then sit for a while to get to know the trees, bushes, and flowers that grace this space.

The Arboretum is a great host! Boy Scout Troop 1345 had their successful Classic Car show along the arboretum on July 15, 2017. Attended by many car enthusiasts, our friends and neighbors enjoyed classic, custom, and muscle cars.



FRIENDS OF THE SHADE TREE SCHOLARSHIP

Congratulations to Dumont High School 2017 graduating Seniors Zsofia Balog and Stefanie Moncayo, Recipients of the 2017 Friends of the Shade Tree Scholarship. This scholarship fund is established for the purpose of fostering education or contributions related to shade trees. Applicant must be accepted to an eligible institution as a candidate for degree, or be pursuing a career, in forestry, agriculture, landscape architecture, environmental sciences, earth



sciences, biology, botany or any other field of study related to shade trees. We were impressed with their qualifications and their aspirations after graduation as they intend to work towards caring for and protecting the trees in our communities. We wish them well in their future endeavors.

Twilight at the Gazebo :: July 2017:: Wednesday evenings in July ::

The Dumont Shade Tree hosted a series of concerts at the Arboretum in Dumont

The Dumont Shade Tree Commission gratefully acknowledges the participants in this amazing event:

Expressing thanks and gratitude to the musicians, performers, organizers, and all contributors who made the Wednesday evenings in July at the Gazebo so special.

Singers and musical performers: Robert Quiles, Ace Lipuma, Sofia Marchese, Emma Brennan, Rheal Balajadia, Michele Labetti, Daisy Zamar, Charlie Greenberg, Jon Greenberg, Betsy Barone, Beth Synnott, Jojo DiPietra, Anna Calev, Dylan Lynch, Dave Lang, Tony Laino, Margi Derosso, Alex Bontia.

Poetry and dramatic readings from Abbie Slaman, Rebecca Slaman, Lauren Tineo, Sofia Marchese, and Carole Stewart.

Folks that helped make it happen: Phil Sosinsky for audio expertise and professional gear; Rebecca Slaman the Emcee and host for the event; and Beth Synnott for coordinating and organizing all the amazing talent.

Thanks to the Shade Tree Garden Committee who have helped to transform the Arboretum into the beautiful space it has become. We'll see you all again in July 2018~ 🎵 🎵 🎵



Leafy Projects

Check out the new bench at the Arboretum!

Crafted from a 90+ year old Taxas Yew taken from the estate of Joseph Curtin on Walnut Street in Englewood, NJ.

The wood for the bench was donated by Joyce Monges after the death of her friend and partner



Joseph Curtin on 07/31/2016. Mr. Curtin was an Artist and Scholar who lived at the estate for over 60 years surrounded by



rare antiques and works of art.

The estate was originally owned by Mr. Jones, the successful Wall Street Investment Broker— you may have heard of the “Dow Jones Industrial Average” bearing his name. The bench was crafted by our very own Bill Zitelli and Tom Fisichella.

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.



Your brick here!
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Adopt-a-Tree Program

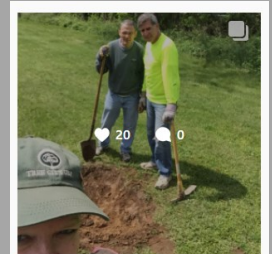
Dumont Shade Tree Commission is accepting applications from specific neighborhoods to participate in the Adopt-A-Tree program. If accepted, certain homes within



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.

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.



What Type
of
Tree
is This?

DUMONT SHADE TREE COMMISSION ON YOUTUBE AND FOLLOW US ON INSTAGRAM

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. Explore the topics that we broadcast on our channel. **YouTube series:** Dumont, NJ, “It's all about Trees” is for you!

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www.facebook.com/DumontShadeTree

www.fotst.org/

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

NEW! [@DumontShadeTree](https://twitter.com/DumontShadeTree) is on Twitter!

Residents Welcome!



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

7:30pm — 9pm Check the Dumont Borough calendar!

From the President's desk:

The members and supporters of Dumont Shade Tree Commission are proud of our label as "tree huggers." Tree huggers care about trees because they are valuable and they enhance people's lives. It is well documented that trees are essential for oxygen production, flood control during rainy season, and heat reduction in summertime. But of equal importance is what trees represent. Look at any description of a desirable community and somewhere in the first few sentences will be the phrase "tree-lined streets." Look at pictures of a healthy neighborhood and trees are incorporated into nearly every setting. It was with this in mind that we built the Dumont Arboretum. We wanted a place to showcase a variety trees and how they can be incorporated into the community. This past July showcased the Arboretum by hosting a concert series "Twilight at the Gazebo." We invited local musicians and performers to present their art to an appreciative audience while enjoying the Arboretum. By all measures the event was a wonderful success. I want to thank everyone involved in the event and the community for coming out to enjoy four wonderful summer evenings with us. The Shade Tree Commission cares about trees precisely because we care about our community.



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

The DSTC Commissioners appointed by the Mayor are:

- ♦ Michael Kuhn
- ♦ Tom Fisichella
- ♦ Ray Slaman
- ♦ Abbie Slaman
- ♦ Sally Tayeb
- ♦ Rachel Bunin
- ♦ Tanya Zimmerman

- ♦ Council Liaison: Louis DiPaolo

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 Borough 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?

- ♦ Twilight at the Gazebo in July
- ♦ Dumont Day
- ♦ Halloween Parade
- ♦ Arbor Day
- ♦ Memorial Day Parade
- ♦ Winter Festival – Memorial Park
- ♦ Spring Seminar Series
- ♦ DPW Valentine's Day Lunch



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