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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.*

Did you know?

- Leaves of some trees such as birches, tulip poplars, redbud and hickory, are always yellow in the fall, never red.
- Leaves of evergreen trees stay green all year but drop some their older leaves, or needles, which can turn bright yellow, in spring. Evergreens never drop all their leaves at one time.
- The shortening of the length of day is the primary event that triggers the changing of colors in leaves Moisture and temperature also are a factor. play a role. A dry summer can delay the changing of the colors in fall.

Dumont Day 2015! *The DSTC proudly participated in Dumont Day.*

A big branchy thank you to everyone for a wonderful Dumont Day experience. The town came out in force to celebrate and share the day with their families. It was a glorious Fall Day! At the Dumont Shade tree table, we spoke with many people, welcomed several new families to town, and talked about the trees in their yards. Children took photos and the gardening club sold many lovely plants. Those who asked will be getting their adopt-a-trees in the next few weeks. If you want a tree, just ask! We were able to enlist new members sharing our positive message. We talked with lots of residents and had universally great interactions. The garden club added color and beauty to the day. Children and adults enjoyed our candy give-a-away! Looking forward to seeing you all again next year!

Volunteers Wanted

- Do you have some extra time to contribute to the Dumont community?
- Do you enjoy the shade trees in our town and want to be sure they are protected for our community?
- Do you enjoy the Dumont Arboretum? Want to help keep it as an amazing space for all who enjoy it?

Join the
Dumont Shade Tree AND Friends of the Shade Tree

DUMONT SHADE TREE
UPCOMING EVENTS CALENDAR

Come Meet People with

A Mutual Love of Shade Trees and Gardening.

Events Include:

Tea/Coffee Social Time…Baked items are welcome, if you're inspired!

DATE	WHERE	EVENTS (All are Free unless noted!)
Wed. 11/4/15	Elks Lodge 15 American Legion Terrace 7:30 to 9:00 PM	***"Birds of Bergen County"*** *Presentation by Don Torino, President of the Bergen County Audubon Society. www.bergencountyaudubon.org*
Wed 12/2/15	Elks Lodge 15 American Legion Terrace 7:30 to 9:00 PM	**"Wreath Crafting & Design"** A Short Presentation on Evergreen Trees for the Home & The 1st Annual Make-Your-Own Wreath-a-thon! Materials Fee at the door $20. Bring 2 coat hangers.
Monday 1/4/16	Senior Center 39 Dumont Ave 7:30 to 9:00 PM	**Friends of the Shade Tree Annual Meeting & Dinner Party** Check www.FOTST.org in December for details & Sign-up for email letter to receive notice.
Monday 2/1/16	Senior Center 39 Dumont Ave 7:30 to 9:00 PM	**Gardens—Topic to be Announced** Check www.FOTST.org in January for details & Sign-up for email letter to receive notice.
Monday 3/7/16	Senior Center 39 Dumont Ave 7:30 to 9:00 PM	**Shade Trees –Topic to be Announced** Event by the Dumont Shade Tree Commission. See www.DumontShadeTree.org for details to come!
Monday 4/4/16	Senior Center 39 Dumont Ave 7:30 to 9:00 PM	**Natural Gardens & Plant Demonstration** *Presentation by Tom Bender, of the Thielke Arboretum in Glen Rock www.glenrockarboretum.org*
Saturday 4/30/16	Arboretum 1:00 to 2:30 PM	**"Dumont Arbor Day!"** 11th Annual Celebration… We are a Tree City USA! Scouts Flag Raising, National Anthem, Contest Awards, Mayoral Proclamation, Award of Merit, and of course Plant our 2016 Tree!
Saturday 5/7/16	Arboretum 9:00 AM to Noon	**"Friends Spring Plant Sale!"** Come support the Arboretum Spring Annuals Order Form will be posted on www.FOTST.org. Bring down your "Home Grown" and "Garden Treasures" donations too… every bit counts!
Saturday 6/4/16	Arboretum 10:00 AM to 2:00 PM	**"Second Annual Riding the Rails"** Train Buffs and Friends, Enjoy over 100 years of trains history, art, photos, model trains, safety presentation by CSX. Volunteers needed!

Leafy Projects

PAVING THE WAY TO A GREENER DUMONT

Buy a Brick

ARBORETUM GARDEN COMMITTEE

Seed Starting, Discussion on Deer Resistant Gardens & Meeting People with A Mutual Love of Gardening.

The Garden Committee is charged with helping in the garden beds in, around, and under the Shade Trees. The Arboretum is about 800' long with many Knock-out Roses, Ilex, Boxwood, Spring Bulbs, Perennials, Grassy Areas. We need your TLC!

For More Info see: www.FOTST.org

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.

Contact:

Sally Tayeb, FOTST Garden Committee Chair at **dumontredbud@gmail.com**

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 Web site www.fotst.org/ for order forms and PayPal information.

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 4 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. Interested in seeing your street become a ***Green Neighborhood*** community?

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

Please subscribe to the YouTube Dumont Shade Tree Channel "It's All About Trees."

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!

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⇒ www.facebook.com/DumontShadeTree
⇒ 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-Parrish
- Michael Kuhn
- Tom Fisichella
- Ray Slaman
- Abbie Slaman
- Sally Tayeb

From the President's desk:

2015 marks the close of the Dumont Shade Tree Commission's 10th year and the beginning or our second decade as advocates for the trees. Although we have many wonderful accomplishments, the one for which we are most proud is the simple act of raising awareness of the importance and beauty of our trees. More and more people are aware of the link between trees and our well being as a community. The notion that we share these resources together, that my neighborhood trees have a direct impact on my quality of life in Dumont, is becoming more obvious. People recognize that open undeveloped spaces makes our town livable. And when those spaces are shaded with trees the benefits are immeasurable. Residents of Dumont don't have to drive to Vermont or upstate New York to enjoy the beauty of autumn foliage; we see spectacular colors and vivid landscapes at every turn. Your trees, your neighbor's trees, and every tree in town adds to our quality of life. For the past 10 years our small merry band of tree huggers has spoken for the trees. And each year there are more of us. We are in good company.

Ray Slaman, President | Dumont Shade Tree Commission | 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.

Where have you seen your Shade Tree Commission?

- Dumont Day
- Halloween Parade
- Arbor Day
- Memorial Day Parade
- Winter Festival– Memorial Park
- Winter Seminar
- Arboretum Events
- Library showcase
- DPW Valentines Day Lunch
- Riding The Rails

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.