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### The Arboretum is growing!

1. Copper signs are at Dumont Arboretum to help you identify the trees and flowers.
2. A corkscrew willow has been planted at the south end of the Arboretum. Come and take a look!
3. Follow the history trail along the Arboretum walkway. Can you find the bulkhead for the tunnel that used to go under the tracks?
4. Can you find the foundation for the old cinder block factory that once was where the Arboretum is now?
5. Thank you to the New York Botanical society for the amazing and elegant flowers that were donated to our walkway.

## Dumont Shade Tree Commission



**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 was proud to participate in Dumont Day 2014. Many enthusiastic residents visited the DSTC booth to learn about the value of trees in our community. Activities in the booth included reading about trees, signing up for volunteer projects in the town, and viewing the art projects all relating to trees that our Dumont students completed for Arbor Day 2014. We were thrilled with the positive feedback we received for the success of Dumont Day and our booth.



Thank you for the Meditation Monuments donation —natural wood chips from a tree that was struck by lightning mounted on decorative boards.



The Shade Tree Kids Corner was a success as the children completed word search games all related to trees. Once they found the answers and completed the puzzle, they were awarded with a prize!

## Budding Poets, Artists, and Writers—Tree fun

Trees play an important role in our arts, music, and culture. Send art, jokes, or poetry to contribute to our next newsletter, via email.



Seeds in the compost used to plant the Space Shuttle Tree at the north end of the Arboretum germinated and grew into a lovely pumpkin vine. This pumpkin grew at the base of the tree. It weighs 12.5 lbs.



### Fall Craft Project

With the beautiful colors coming to our trees this Fall, consider leaf pressing! A few simple steps to a great way to have a fun and educational family day and decorate your home!

- 1) Enjoy a safe walk through the woods and find leaves on the ground that don't have tears or insect damage.
- 2) Take a tree guidebook along to help you identify the trees and leaves.
- 3) You can buy or create a press using plywood, or you can even use an old dictionary book or old telephone book!
- 4) Place each leaf flat on each board, or between the pages. Add weight to the stack.
- 5) Store pressed leaves in a cool, dry place for 1-2 weeks. Avoid sunlight to avoid fading, and away from moisture to prevent mold.
- 6) Dried leaves can be placed in picture frames for display. Leaves can also be laminated for bookmarks.



Student art on display at Dumont Day 2014

For more projects to engage your kids in tree projects go to:  
[www.fs.fed.us/kids/](http://www.fs.fed.us/kids/)

## 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. Want to see what other towns are doing? Visit:

[www.admin.newjerseymls.com/library/treeord.htm](http://www.admin.newjerseymls.com/library/treeord.htm)

## *Leafy Projects—*

All of the Dumont Shade Tree Commission volunteers as well as several Borough elected officials and DPW staff have successfully completed the Core Training Program in accordance with the NJ Shade Tree and Community Forestry Assistance Act. That means the work we do as



volunteers and borough workers is based on knowledge necessary to make determinations on safety and health of our urban forest. Most of the DSTC mem-

bers also look forward to Continuing Education on arboriculture every year at the Annual Conference which is coming up October 17-18th. Visit [www.njstf.org](http://www.njstf.org) for more 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**.



### **Donate a brick~**

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

Bricks will be placed in the Arboretum walkway.

For details and an order form, go to the Friends of the Shade Tree Web site [www.fotst.org/](http://www.fotst.org/) for order forms and PayPal information. The cost to engrave a brick is \$75.



### **DSTC Programs for you!**

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.

## *News from the Trees : Poles are rising*

PSE&G trucks have been very busy in Dumont lately. We are sure you have noticed the trucks and road detours. There is a big project underway... they are replacing the utility poles with 60' poles! Why is this good for our trees?

- The wires will be above the tree line
- If a tree loses a branch or comes down in a storm, it's less likely to result in a power outage
- If PSE&G has to take out one of our town trees for the project, they will replace it with two new trees! We gain a tree! A good deal for the town.

more information go to:

<http://www.psegtransmission.com/reliability-projects/69kv-initiative/town/dumont>

## Dumont Shade Tree Commission



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### On the Web:

- ⇒ [www.dumontshadetree.org](http://www.dumontshadetree.org)
- ⇒ [www.facebook.com/DumontShadeTree](http://www.facebook.com/DumontShadeTree)
- ⇒ [www.dumontnj.gov/boards/shade-tree-commission.php](http://www.dumontnj.gov/boards/shade-tree-commission.php)

### From the President's Desk:

The autumn is the time for trees to shine. The palate of colors that change day to day show trees at their most splendid. And paradoxically it is the time of year that many people grumble about the trees; all the raking of those leaves! But that really is the heart of the matter - trees that provide shade, oxygen, protection from storm water, and splendid autumn beauty comes with an obligation. We have to care for and prune and water and, yes, rake, these valuable trees in order to benefit from them. With anything of value there is an obligation. So enjoy the fall foliage and view the rake as a low impact aerobic workout. Get outside and enjoy.

**Ray Slaman, President  
Dumont Shade Tree Commission  
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### Residents Welcome:

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

(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!

The DSTC Commissioners appointed by the Mayor are:

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

### Where have you seen your Shade Tree Commission?

- ◆ Dumont Day
- ◆ The Dumont Sidewalk Sale
- ◆ Arbor Day
- ◆ Memorial Day Parade
- ◆ Seminar Series
- ◆ Dumont Arboretum Events
- ◆ Library showcase(4/4-5/2/14)

### The Arboretum Walkway

A rabbit has now taken up residence in the flowers at the Arboretum! We are looking for volunteers to help care for the gardens along the Arboretum path. You don't even have to know how to garden, we have master gardeners to teach you! Contact Anna at [mastergardener2014@yahoo.com](mailto:mastergardener2014@yahoo.com).

The commissioners and Dumont Shade Tree members inspect the Arboretum regularly. However, if you see something that doesn't seem quite right, or that needs attending, please contact the DSTC at any of the addresses (email, phone, stop by) and let us know so we can fix it!

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

### Adopt a Tree Program

Did You Know Over the past two years we have removed over 286 trees and trimmed over 844 trees which may have presented safety problems or possible hazards to the public. Through the Adopt-A-Tree program DSTC has planted over 200 new trees to beautify our town and maintain our canopy. 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.



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