



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 ||

The crocus are blooming around town and trees are beginning to bud, heralding Spring and rebirth here in our community. Although we are still careful and mindful of the dangers of Covid-19, we believe we are seeing the light and coming out of the pandemic stronger than ever. Painfully aware of the losses suffered by our community, we honor and remember those who succumbed and look to our future with hope for a life returning to normal where we can gather as a community.

Our trees are our protectors and we must protect them. Spring is the time to begin to care once again for the trees that kept your basements dry during the winter storms and will keep your home cool during the summer heat. The trees that will shade your families and neighbors during your picnics and ball games. The deciduous trees that shed their leaves and seemed dormant during the winter; are ready to grow new leaves. The evergreens that stood strong against the snows and winds are sending up shoots to grow stronger and taller. You might think that your Shade Tree Commission was also 'dormant' during the cold winter months, but nothing could be further from the truth!

Our merry band of tree huggers have been planning for planting, pruning, and caring for your trees all winter. We have been inspecting your trees to ensure they are healthy. We proudly sponsored a **Fall Concert at the Dumont Arboretum Gazebo**. Songs, cider and doughnuts were enjoyed by all as we were entertained among the Autumn leaves. The Friends of the Shade Tree, the fundraiser 'branch'

of your Shade Tree was able to once again host the very popular **Wreath-Crafting Event**. Many Thanks to The Dumont Elks Club who generously offered their space, providing us a safe space for our very talented community to create their holiday wreaths and grave blankets.

We want to thank Eliab Diaz and the lovely ladies of Girl Scout Troops #98396 (Brownies) & #98295 (Daisies) for their continued support and participation in our **seed planting event** and the upcoming **Save the Monarchs** plant give-away on May 14 at the Arboretum. A special shout out of thanks to the **Dumont Calvary UM church** who donated the space for the Shade Tree and the Girls Scouts to plant seeds.

The Shade Tree has worked towards and secured a generous **NJ Urban & Community Forestry (NJUCF) Achievement Award NJUCF Stewardship Grant** from the NJDEP Division of Parks and Forestry New Jersey Forest Service to conduct a tree inventory. The RFPs were sent out to several vendors who submitted proposals. Final selection is to be announced early spring with the project to be conducted over the summer 2022. So if you see teams out there counting trees...you know it's your DSTC at work! The inventory will help us monitor our urban canopy and continue to plant the right trees in the right place!

Our Tree Nursery will be well watered this summer thanks to the efforts of Ray Slaman who managed to find two **used 275 gallon water tanks** that can be filled once or twice a month through the hot summer months. The trees will get to drink and our nursery volunteers will have a much easier time of it.



Dumont Shade Tree Important Dates in 2022



Regular Dumont Shade Tree Commission (DSTC) meetings are at 7:30pm on the Third Monday of each month except for January and February which will be the second Monday. Meetings through Zoom during the pandemic. Meetings during the warm months, with long days, weather permitting, with masks requested, at the Gazebo at the Dumont Arboretum on West Shore Avenue. Now that the Dumont Borough Hall is open, we may begin using the meeting room (second floor) for regularly scheduled meetings. Check the website for confirmation.

Apr 4 FOTST (Friends of the Shade Tree) event	May 16 DSTC meeting	Aug 15 DSTC meeting	
Apr 18 DSTC meeting	Jun 6 FOTST event	Sep 19 DSTC meeting	
Apr 23 Arboretum cleanup	Jun 20 DSTC meeting	Oct 3 FOTST event	
Apr 30 Arbor Day	July 6, 13, 20, 27 Twilight at the Gazebo concerts	Oct 17 DSTC meeting	
May 14 Save the Monarchs event	July 18 DSTC meeting	Nov 21 DSTC meeting	
	Aug 1 FOTST event	Dec 5 FOTST Wreath-crafting event	
		Dec 19 DSTC meeting	

 Friends of the Shade Tree GARDEN COMMITTEE meetings first Monday of every **even** month

Stay tuned to our Facebook page and subscribe to our email list for event listings and information about time and location. The Garden Committee and Friends of the Shade Tree sponsors:

- House Garden Tours
- Winter Holiday Wreath Crafting
- Terrarium Building
- Informative Lectures
- Arboretum Garden Events
- Save the Monarchs

Dumont Arboretum Volunteer Opportunities



Have you had a chance to walk by the Dumont Arboretum on West Shore Avenue between New Milford and West Madison Avenues? The path provides a beautiful stroll. The rose bushes and flowers are in full bloom. Enjoy the TAKE A BOOK/LEAVE A BOOK lending library. Take a moment to appreciate the pond and waterfall at the south end of the arboretum. Sit on the hand-made wood bench and read a book. Find tranquility and reflect at the Kathy Sheridan Memorial bench and the Timothy D. Sullivan Memorial plaque.

The Arboretum is a labor of love for many Dumont residents. Fully funded by donations and grants and maintained by residents, it is a place of serenity for all to enjoy.

The Friends Garden Committee created public gardens in our Arboretum, with perennials and annuals under and around the shade trees and rose beds.

The Shade Tree Commission and the Friends invite new volunteers to adopt a garden bed along the Arboretum pathway, or to join an existing group garden bed. No money needed, just some time to create 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 from 10 am to noon. If you have any questions, and want to join in, contact the Shade Tree DSTC07628@gmail.com.

Leafy Projects | Around Town

Dumont Tree Nursery

In 2017 the DSTC established a tree nursery for the benefit of Dumont residents. The Shade Tree Nursery, located just north of the Dumont Arboretum along the railroad tracks is growing trees for our community. Dumont residents can submit requests and if accepted, will receive a free tree to be planted by the Shade Tree Commission. We will review the available trees and recommend the right tree for the right spot at the right time in their yard. Trees that are available include: flowering dogwood, Washington hawthorn, star magnolia, eastern red cedar, pekin lilac tree, tulip tree, and bur oak. These saplings were raised in the tree nursery and will be available to homeowners for FREE to plant on their property. Sign up for a chance to receive your FREE TREE. Stop by the Arboretum to see some of the mature trees or make an appointment (dstc07628@gmail.com) to visit the DSTC Nursery to see what we've been growing! The Shade Tree Seminar series featured our series featured our Tree Nursery. The live stream is available to watch anytime!

Dumont Shade Tree Nursery Clean-up Day



Volunteers wanted! Check our website or Facebook page for dates and time of these events.

<https://www.facebook.com/DumontShadeTree/videos/135959938378993>

Volunteers can work to weed, water, mulch, and maintain the space providing the trees with a safe space to grow. We also organize events such as concerts, and lectures, and special activities for the children of our community. We are always open to new ideas and welcome volunteers who want to join in.

DONATIONS



Thank you to the Visions Federal Credit Union for donating to our Arboretum. For the past several years we have been grateful for their repeated extreme generosity, to fund all the mulch for the garden beds. **Visions Federal Credit Union** is a proud supporter of Dumont Friends of the Shade Tree!

Water tanks arrive at the tree nursery



While still contemplating how to come up with money for the permanent installation of a city water source, we will **not** have to rely on hauling 5 gallon jugs from the Arboretum to the Nursery thanks to the town of Bloomingdale for giving

us these tanks. Then, the Dumont DPW really stepped up! Thanks to Dan for taking the ride to Bloomingdale to retrieve our tanks. Thanks Brian, Bill, and all of Anthony's DPW crew for the great partnership.



INVASIVE SPECIES ALERT

Scrape These Pests Away!

1. Search for eggs on trees, rocks, patio furniture, and other hard outside surfaces.
2. Using this card, scrape the egg mass from the top down into a bag or container.
3. Destroy and dispose the eggs! Cover them in bleach, hand sanitizer, rubbing alcohol, or smash them.

IF YOU SEE IT, REPORT IT.
Call the New Jersey Spotted Lanternfly Hotline at 1-833-223-2840 (BADBUG)

Photo credit: Pennsylvania Department of Agriculture

NJDA **NEW JERSEY** **DON'T** **USDA**

The **Spotted Lantern Fly** is an invasive species that has migrated to our country. It has no natural predators and is devastating to trees and many plants in our area. The

best way for us to combat this invasion is through education and creating an army of people to **SQUASH** (kill) these flies when you see them.

STOP THIS INVADER!
Spotted Lanternfly

This invasive, destructive pest poses a significant threat to New Jersey's agricultural business and economy! Egg masses are laid in the fall and contain 30-50 spotted lanternflies.

HELP US STOP THEM BY SCRAPING THEIR EGG MASSES!

PAVING THE WAY TO A GREENER DUMONT

Buy a Brick



Donate a brick~~

- ❖ in honor of someone
- ❖ as a graduation gift
- ❖ To honor service
- ❖ Just for fun
- ❖ in memory of someone special
- ❖ to remember a special event



Bricks are installed by the gazebo in the Arboretum walkway. Bricks cost \$150 for each installed brick.

Scan the code to find out more information!

For details, go to 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



Bricks for the Arboretum

The Buy-a-Brick program has been a solid success in Dumont. We thank those many residents who have purchased a brick; some folks have purchase several bricks! These bricks have been installed in front of the Gazebo as part of our ongoing campaign. Take a walk through the Dumont Arboretum and as you pass through the Gazebo area, you will see how many residents have participated in the program. Proceeds help fund the Shade Tree Scholarship for a graduating senior from Dumont High school. 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, botany, or any other field of study related to shade trees. The money also funds other leafy projects around town.



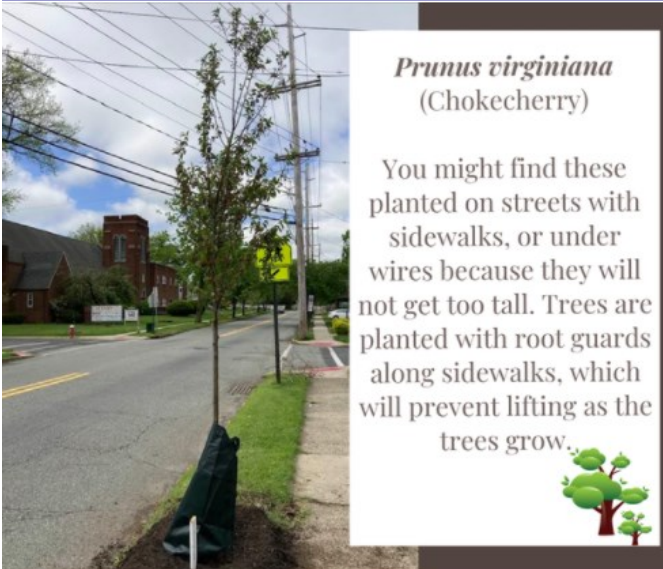
Adopt-a-Tree Program || Free for Dumont Residents

Homeowners can apply to the Adopt-A-Tree program at any time. The Shade Tree commission will purchase and plant trees at no cost to the homeowner. Adopt-A-Tree is for planting along the curb as a Borough Tree. Planting trees in the Borough Right of Way is the sole responsibility of the DSTC. Property Owners may apply to the Dumont Shade Tree Commission to voluntarily plant a Tree or Trees in the ROW abutting the Private Property. Once planted, the homeowner must agree to water and watch over the new trees.

After applying to participate in the Adopt-a-Tree program we will inspect the location near your home for just the right tree; we will look for underground sprinklers, overhead wire locations, nearest trees, adjacent sidewalks, driveway or other hard surfaces, and any structures. This will help us determine the right tree to plant. Utility mark-outs will also be ordered prior to planting.

Generally planting is done once in the Spring and once in the Fall. When the trees are planted, they are mulched properly "like a donut or dish, not a volcano!" and a watering bag is provided, so that the homeowner can fill it with a hose or watering can (1-3 times per week, more during the first hot or dry summer). Then the water will drip slowly down to the roots to encourage a healthy start to the tree. Contact us to let us know you want a tree: www.dumontshadetree.org/adopt-a-tree

Limitations and restrictions may apply. Planting subject to available nursery stock.



Prunus virginiana
(Chokecherry)

You might find these planted on streets with sidewalks, or under wires because they will not get too tall. Trees are planted with root guards along sidewalks, which will prevent lifting as the trees grow.



Platanus occidentalis
(American Sycamore)

How high does the sycamore grow? --Colors of the Wind

Noted for distinctive mottled bark at maturity, this native large tree will provide valuable shade, O₂ and shelter.



Tilia (Linden
or in the UK: Lime Tree)

A favorite medium-large shade tree, with pollen loved by bees, but does not trigger human allergies!

Attractive heart-shaped leaves and branching habit.



VOLUNTEER EVENT

07 MAY 2022 / 9 AM-NOON

Street Trees to plant all around Dumont /
Tools and material provided /
Free lunch

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We've had a busy Fall and Winter



Check out the new signage at the Dumont Arboretum!



Milkweed seed planting with the Girl Scouts for the Save the Monarchs plant give-away



Holiday wreath crafting



HOW TO CONNECT WITH DSTC

Do you want to learn more about how to care for your trees? Follow Dumont Shade Tree Commission!

ON THE WEB:

www.dumontshadetree.org | www.fotst.org | www.dumontnj.gov/boards/shade-tree-commission

VIA SOCIAL MEDIA:



Facebook:

@dumontshadetree



Instagram:

@dumontshadetree



Twitter:

@dumontshadetree



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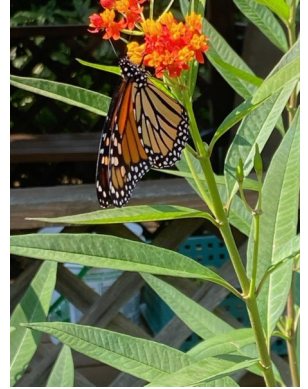
Dumont NJ "It's All About Trees"

Friends of the Shade Tree Save the Monarchs



The Save the Monarchs event, sponsored by Friends of the Shade Tree, was a *flying* success in 2021, and the Friends are at it again for 2022. Photos have been coming in of butterflies that found the planted milkweed around town! The Friends of the Shade Tree hosted a planting event at Calvary UM Church where the young ladies planted the seeds of milkweed plants that will grow and then be distributed free of charge. Daisy Troop 7812 will help box and hand out the plants! The milkweed plant is the only plant that monarch butterflies will lay their eggs on and the ONLY plant that monarch caterpillars will eat. Their habitat has diminished greatly over the last few years. Thanks to the volunteers who provided information on and where to plant the milkweed to attendees in their home gardens. A big thank you to Sally Tayeb!

<https://www.saveourmonarchs.org/why-milkweed.html>



Kudos to Ray Slaman, President of the Dumont Shade Tree Commission



We are bursting with pride that our very own Ray Slaman has what it takes and has become a certified Licensed Tree Expert! The Dumont Shade Tree Commission now has among its members a Licensed Tree Expert (LTE). What does it take to become an LTE?

Ray had to study for and then pass the rigorous written and field tests. These comprehensive tests are a comprehensive review of New Jersey trees. Ray had to be able to identify and name hundreds of trees by their bark, leaves, nuts, and features. In addition, he had to know their common as well as scientific names. Now that Ray is a certified LTE. His license is NJ LTE #710.

He continues his studies learning about trees and protecting our urban forest. This will help in the work we do as a Shade Tree Commission and lend credibility for managing and protecting the trees in Dumont.



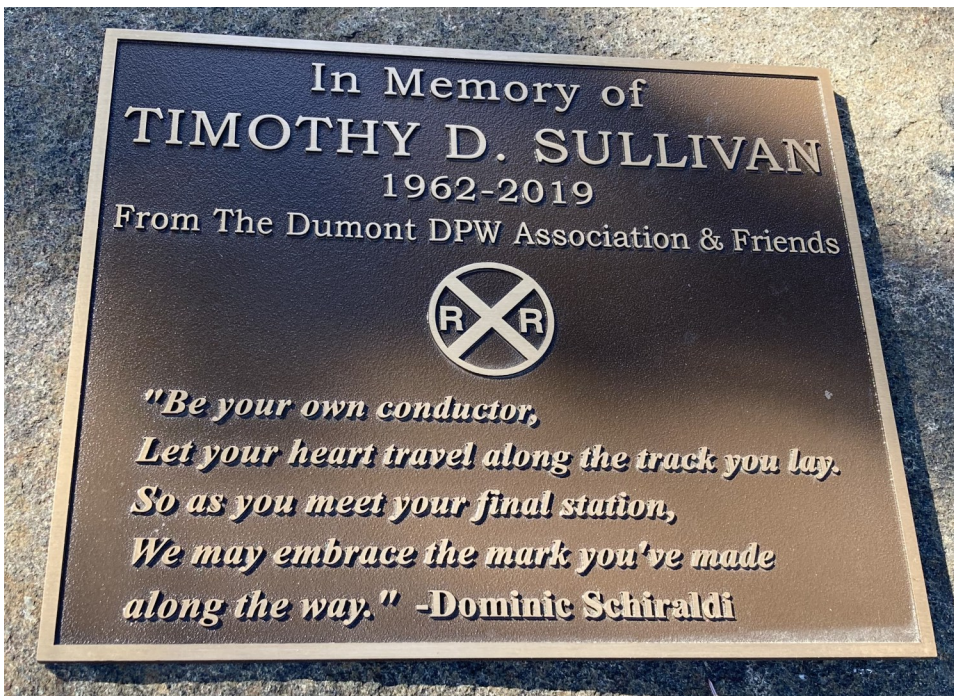
Ray Slaman
Licensed Tree Expert

Dumont Shade Tree Commission Honors and Memorials

The Shade Tree Commission believes that it is one of our mandates to honor and memorialize those residents who have made special contributions to our community related to the borough in some way. The Shade Tree will plant a tree in Memorial Park for those who served in our armed forces. If you walk the path in Memorial Park, take a moment to read the

plaques on several of the trees. It is also the Shade Tree plan to plant a tree and honor those we lost because of Covid-19 during the pandemic. We are exploring several locations and will announce the final decision with a date for the special service and planting.

One special person we lost in 2019 was Mr. Timothy D. Sullivan. The plaque for his memorial is at the arboretum. Timothy Sullivan was a dedicated longtime employee of the Dumont DPW. He started his career in 1988 and retired in 2016. A plaque was placed on Westshore Avenue along the railroad tracks within the arboretum in his honor. Everyone who knew Tim knew that he loved trains and so it was a fitting place to honor his memory.



Dumont Shade Tree Commission—Heritage Tree Program

HERITAGE TREES provide a valuable service:

oxygen, shade, water and soil management, beauty, and increased property values. The Heritage Tree program identifies those trees that have grown with our community to become mature trees. We are their stewards and responsible to maintain and protect them.

Heritage Trees have a critical role in the health, vitality, and longevity of a community. But the largest ones also inspire us. Big old trees connect us to our past and carry our 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) is proud of the

biggest and oldest trees in Dumont; our HERITAGE TREES and we are their stewards. If you believe a tree in your yard, or any tree that you have seen in town might be worthy of this prestigious designation, please contact us. More information about this program is on our website. Or, to nominate a tree, notify the DSTC Heritage Tree Committee by email DSTC07628@gmail.com.



Dumont Shade Tree Commission and Friends of the Shade Tree Fundraising Opportunities

The Dumont Shade Tree Commission and Friends of the Shade Tree are an intrepid band of committed residents who believe in protecting the urban canopy of trees and working to keep our planet green through gardening, environmentally sound practices, and nurturing and caring for the trees in our community. To do so, we need funding as we often rely on donations to continue our work in town. Here are a few of the ways we raise these necessary funds. We thank you for any support and hope you will join us by not only giving financially but giving of your time and expertise. All volunteers are welcome!

For the month of August 2021, Friends of the Shade Tree will receive a \$1 donation from each purchase of the \$2.50 reusable Community Bag at the Stop & Shop stores located at 600 Kinderkamack Road, Emerson NJ and 20 Washington Ave, Dumont NJ.



Starting in May 2022, disposable shopping bags will no longer be provided by supermarkets or stores in the state of New Jersey. Shoppers will have to bring their own bags when they go shopping. This is an effort to protect the oceans and landfills from the abundance of harmful plastics, and combat climate change.

Friends of the Shade Tree has been selected twice now by local Stop & Shop store leadership as the benefiting non-profit in the Community Bag Program! During the months of August 2021 and December 2021, Friends of the Shade Tree received a \$1 donation from each purchase of the

\$2.50 reusable Community Bag at the Dumont and Emerson Stop & Shop stores.

We anticipate that Stop & Shop will continue to select the Friends of the Shade Tree in upcoming months for this excellent program. If you shop in the store, please consider buying a bag.

To do our part, The Dumont Shade Tree commission has created reusable shopping bags that we are selling just above our cost. If you wish to purchase one of the sturdy and practical bags, contact us through our website or find us at one of the many local events such as Arbor Day in April, Twilight Concerts in July and Fall, wreath-crafting event in December, Dumont Day in the Fall, or just contact us!



Why Shade Trees are Important

- Shade to cool our homes and streets as the climate warms
- Flowers, Leaves & Fall Color to increase the beauty of our community
- Peace and Serenity as our lives become more stressful
- Clean Air & Less Ozone while we work to combat carbon pollution through clean energy initiatives
- Reduced Rain Water Run-Off as we experience more flooding due to climate change
- Safety through intelligent maintenance of our treescapes
- Higher Property Values (but not higher taxes!) as we all work together for better quality of life and more affordability in our community
- Habitats for our birds and other wildlife

Dumont Shade Tree Commission Contact Information



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<https://dumontnj.gov/boards/shade-tree-commission>

From the President's Desk:

The first of spring came this week, and I am always struck by the feeling that this is the first time I've ever experienced spring. The long, cold winter seemed relentless. The added anxiety and necessary isolation because of the pandemic made the past few months seem especially dreary. It is easy to fall into a funk thinking that the world has always been cold and dark and wearisome. Then the sun shines a little brighter, the breeze is a little warmer. It is a metaphor for many events that are happening in the world. The pandemic seems relentless, but slowly we see improvement and realize things can get better. We hear about the horrific activity in Ukraine and feel helpless, but then reports about the resolve of the Ukrainians and the commitment from the rest of the world provides hope. We hear dire warnings about the climate crisis and feel like it is too big to face. But we make small changes in our habits. We push elected officials to act in ways that will make our planet healthier. Taking action will help our community and especially help ourselves feel better. We know that each person can make a difference. So we plant trees for a brighter, healthier future; to help the planet and help ourselves.

Ray Slaman, President Dumont Shade Tree LTE #710

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 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.

Residents

Welcome!

DSTC Meetings

7:30pm — 9pm on

third Monday each

month in the Dumont Borough

Hall. NOTE: from May-August

we meet outdoors at the

Arboretum.



The DSTC Commissioners are:

(Commission term ending in parentheses)

- Abbie Slaman (12/31/2022)
- Bill Zitelli (12/31/22)
- Tom Fisichella (12/31/2023)
- Raymond Slaman LTE #710 (12/31/24)
- Tanya Zimmerman (12/31/2025)
- Sally Tayeb (12/31/2025)
- Rachel Bunin (12/31/2026)
- John Russell (12/31/22)
Council Liaison



Where have you seen your Shade Tree Commission?

- ◆ Twilight at the Gazebo Concerts
- ◆ Dumont Day
- ◆ Arbor Day
- ◆ Memorial Day Parade
- ◆ Spring Seminar Series
- ◆ Library and school Programs
- ◆ Wreath-crafting event
- ◆ Save the Monarch
- ◆ Tree nursery
- ◆ Heritage trees
- ◆ Rock the Block



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Since 2009