



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.

Dumont Annual Arbor Day Celebration 2020

A Virtual Success via Instagram Live! Dumont Arbor Day happened on Saturday April 27, 2019 at the Dumont Arboretum. Thank you Ray Slaman, Abbie Slaman and Rebecca Slaman for putting this event together for our community! Kudos to Bill Zitelli and Tanya Zimmerman for their contributions to this amazing event for Dumont. Festivities included singing of the National Anthem, Mayor LaBruno's proclamation, presentation of our merit winner, a art slide show of the Arbor Day Posters, flag raising, and Annual Tree Planting.



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Congratulations to Dumont Council President Carole Stewart. The Dumont Shade Tree 2020 Annual Merit award winner.



Dumont Heritage Trees

Heritage Trees provide a valuable service: oxygen, shade, water and soil management, beauty, and increased property values. 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) identifies the biggest and oldest trees in Dumont; our HERITAGE TREES. To nominate a tree, notify the DSTC Heritage Tree Committee by email DSTC07628@gmail.com



Dumont Shade Tree Important Dates in 2020

Check out the Dumont Shade Tree page in the Dumont Borough 2020 Calendar! Regular DSTC meetings are at 7:30pm: Third Monday of each month except for January and February which will be the second Monday. **During the Health Emergency, Meetings will be held remotely via Zoom videoconference. The link to the meeting will be posted on the Dumont Shade Tree Commission Facebook page as well as the Dumont website.** After the Health Emergency is over, we plan for meetings as stated on the Borough website, on the recycling calendar, and on the Commission website, dumontshadetree.org. The Commission is currently operating as per NJ and Dumont Borough guidelines: all face-to-face activities are suspended (tree inspections, hazard/permit issues). All non-essential activities have ceased. Emergency tree work will be coordinated through the DPW as per our emergency work policy.



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

Aug 3 | 7:30pm Senior Center

Oct 5 | 7:30pm Senior Center

Dec 7 | 7:30pm Senior
Center

Wreath Crafting Event

Dumont Arboretum Volunteer Opportunities

THANK
YOU...



Ray Slaman, Karen Ravensbergen, Kathy and Bill Zitelli for helping mulch the garden beds Memorial Day weekend. Take a walk, the flowers and shrubs are gorgeous!

Have you had a chance to stroll by the Dumont Arboretum lately? Located on West Shore Avenue between New Milford and West Madison Avenues, the trees are starting to bloom and the path provides a beautiful stroll. Enjoy the TAKE A BOOK/LEAVE A BOOK lending library. Sit on the hand-made wood bench and read a book. 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 tranquility for all to enjoy. 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 an existing group garden bed. The Friends Garden Committee created public gardens in our Arboretum, with perennials and annuals under and around the shade trees and rose beds. No money needed, just some time to join in 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, email Bill Zitelli: bzitelli52@gmail.com. Join the Dumont Shade Tree and Friends of the Shade Tree for a rewarding experience.



Leafy Projects | Photos from the Arboretum and Tree Nursery



Walk through the arboretum and check out the new water feature. Designed and built by Dumont's own Rex Harvilla!



Horse chestnut in full bloom



Flower beds in the arboretum



The Shade Tree couldn't operate without the support of the community that surrounds us. We thank those who have contributed to the Shade Tree with volunteer hours and generous cash donations:

- ◆ Visions Credit Union: donated \$700 which bought mulch for the entire Arboretum
- ◆ Mr. Tim Hickey donated a birdhouse condo in support of Holy Name front line workers
- ◆ Abbie Slaman sewed and donated proceeds from beautiful Covid-19 masks

Tree Nursery Fencing



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

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. Keep an eye out for our new poster campaign. Contact us to let us know you want a tree on the web: www.dumontshadetree.org/adopt-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.

DSTC ON SOCIAL MEDIA: // YOUTUBE, FACEBOOK, INSTAGRAM, AND TWITTER

Follow Dumont Shade Tree Commission! Do you want to learn more about how to care for your trees? Explore all the topics that we broadcast on our YouTube channel. To learn about trees in your yard, connect with us via social media!

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

Facebook: @dumontshadetree Instagram: @dumontshadetree Twitter: @dumontshadetree

YouTube: Dumont NJ - "It's All About Trees"

VISIT US AT OUR NEW WEBSITE: WWW.DUMONTSHADETREE.ORG



Dumont Shade Tree Commission Contact Information

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Residents Welcome!

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

June - August we meet at the Arboretum

7:30pm — 9pm

Check the Dumont Borough calendar at <http://dumontnj.gov/calendars/meetings>

From the President's Desk:

It is easy to be fooled into believing that what we observe at one moment in time has always been; we observe the world in snapshots. But the truth is we live in a moving picture where each snapshot is collected into the story. Our actions and decisions in any one snapshot are collected into a narrative that is easy to read, if you simply take a moment. Someone decides that a railroad should be built and soon houses pop, businesses follow, and a town is born. Someone else decides that the railroad will make a good place to gather troops to send them off to fight a war, then that town becomes a modern community. That decision, to gather thousands of people in one place, made it easy for a virus to spread that would affect the entire world. The snapshot that records the Spanish Flu is the Dumont/Cresskill Monument. The trees also record that snapshot. They also recorded thousands of snapshots before and after. Trees carry information from year to year, decade to decade, and across the centuries. The sycamore trees on Colonial Parkway, and the oaks on Wyandotte and Seminole watched over the troops who fought overseas and who battled the virus. They survived to provide shade and oxygen for the families that came in the following years. We know something about the town and the world of that period because these trees survived, because a decision was made to allow them to grow. In addition to oxygen and shade we have been given something else from these trees; information about our past, about who we were. In turn we will send information through these trees to our grandchildren. It is the responsibility of those living to decide in each snapshot what we will tell those who will live in our future.



Ray Slaman, President Dumont Shade Tree

The DSTC Commissioners are:

- Rachel Bunin (term exp. 12/31/21)
- Tom Fisichella (term exp. 12/31/23)
- Tanya Zimmerman (term exp. 12/31/20)
- Abbie Slaman (term exp. 12/31/22)
- Raymond Slaman (term exp. 12/31/23)
- Sally Tayeb (term exp. 12/31/20)
- Mary Normoyle (term exp. 12/31/22)
- Conor Gorman (term exp. 12/31/20)



Where have you seen your Shade Tree Commission?

- ◆ Concerts-Twilight at the Gazebo
- ◆ Dumont Day
- ◆ Arbor Day
- ◆ Memorial Day Parade
- ◆ Spring Seminar Series
- ◆ Library Programs
- ◆ Holiday Train Show

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.



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Please take a look at the following 3 pages to enjoy the beautiful artwork for the 2020 Arbor Day Poster Contest!



Aqsa S. Gr 3



Akram K. Gr 3



Amaya W. Gr 2



Afia T. Gr 3



Connor M. Gr 3



Hannah B. Gr 3



Emilia F. Gr 3



Hannah N. Gr 3



Gabriela D. Gr 7



Hannah P. Gr 3



Nicholas A. Gr K



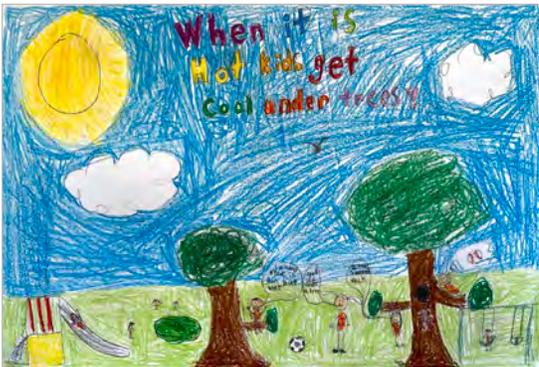
Kaelyn L. Gr 3



Mariam M. Gr 2



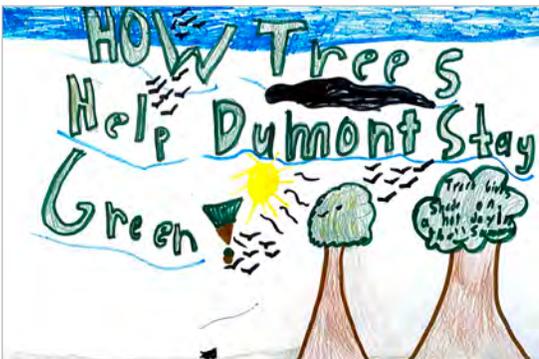
Serafina T. Gr 5



Katie K. Gr 3



Nico H. Gr 2



Kaylee G. Gr 3



Mercurius M. Gr 5

Thank you to all of the participants!



Kaymarie S. Gr 3



Natalie C. Gr 3



Perry G. Gr 3



Vincent P. Gr 3



Kiprian T. Gr 3



Yaseen T. Gr 3



Sofia F. Gr 3



Logan O. Gr 3



Maddy Z. Gr 3