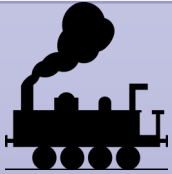




Shade Tree News



**Mark your
Calendars!
Living His-
tory at the
Arboretum!**

June 6, 2015

A celebration of the Dumont Railroad Station and our Train History! Historical displays of train structures and buildings ~ Professional Train Engineers on hand to answer questions on our current rail system ~ Original documents from the West Shore Railroad Company ~ Learn about Operation Life Saver (Rail Safety) ~ Working Train displays for all ages. Hear the stories and sounds, see pictures of Dumont's early years of the railroad and train history as far back as 1883. Learn the history how the trains changed over time.

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.*

DSTC Seminar Series-*MONEY DOES GROW ON TREES*: *The DSTC hosted the annual Shade*

*Tree Commis-
sion Seminar on March 2. This free wonderful event provided an in-
formative evening for the community at large. Attendees learned how to
plant the right trees in the right place and use landscaping to improve the
value of their homes. Tree ex-
perts shares their wisdom and an-
swered questions.*



Jay Kaplan, Roseann Copolla, Ray Slaman, Rob Gillies, Joe Ulrich and Craig Grothues at the Seminar March 2, 2015.

Speakers each contributed their expertise to the successful evening! Roseann Copolla spoke to the value trees bring to real estate values. Jay Kaplan informed the attendees about the good work PSE&G does to keep us safe and the power flowing by caring for the trees along the power distribution system. Craig

Grothues' presentation highlighted the biodiversity in our community and the effect of the growing deer and coyote population on our urban forest. The panel experts included Certified Tree Experts Rob Gillies and Joe Ulrich who answered many questions for those in attendance. The Shade Tree Commission looks for unique and interesting ways to connect with the community and last night's seminar introduced a group of educated and talented people in a nice warm setting.

Thanks to Donna Falbourn for the gracious use of the Senior Center and for their ongoing support of DSTC. Refreshments were served, of course!



Budding Poets, Artists, and Writers— Tree fun



A shout out to the 5th graders at Lincoln School for beautiful tree art for their hallway!

Soon the snow will give way to Spring! So, why not plan to plant a tree in your yard and enjoy years of cool shade, colorful flowers & fall foliage, and a nice landscape with low maintenance.

WHERE: At home, almost any-where, but at least 6' from a building and 6' from underground pipes.

SMALL TREES will be under 25' at maturity... shorter than a house.

PLANTING SEASONS: Spring 3/1 through 6/30 Fall 9/1 through 11/30.

WATER: After planting, water just the roots with a trickle hose for an hour, or try a Treegator bag (Green zip watering bag). Never water the leaves. Water extra in dry weather!

Slow is best to trickle down all the way to the bottom of the root ball... 10 gallons every time. Water once a day for a week, once a week for a month, then once a month for a year. Small Trees may be planted under electric wires, But remember in the future that any branch growing within 10' of the wire must be trimmed by PSE&G or a certified arborist with special license from PSE&G.

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.newjerseympls.com/library/treeord.htm

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
- ❖ 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/ for order forms and PayPal information.

The cost to engrave a brick is \$75.



Scan the code to find out more information!



DSTC PROGRAMS FOR YOU!



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.

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!

Have you been noticing the all that work on the PSE&G electrical substation by the High School behind the CVS in town? Want more information? If so, go to: <http://www.psegtransmission.com/reliability-projects/69kv-initiative/town/dumont>

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- ⇒ www.facebook.com/DumontShadeTree
- ⇒ www.dumontnj.gov/boards/shade-tree-commission.php

Residents welcome:



Monthly meetings are held the third Monday each month in the Dumont Senior Center: 39 Dumont Avenue (across from the President's Square parking lot) 7:30pm — 9pm 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

From the President's Desk:

2015 marks the beginning of the 10th year of the Dumont Shade Tree Commission. What began with a simple meeting at the Dixon Homestead Library has grown to a full-fledged movement. In January 2006 Sally Tayeb issued an invitation to everyone in town who shared her belief that protecting and nurturing trees was not only good for the trees, but also good for the people. We enlisted like-minded people and gained the support of the Mayor and Council. In 2007 we were recognized and certified as a NJ State recognized commission. In 2009 we broke ground on the Arboretum. In 2013 we dedicated the walkway and gazebo, creating a beautiful space for our residents and community right in the center of town. 2013 also saw the introduction of an important ordinance governing the removal, and protection of trees in the Borough. 2014 saw the formation of the Friends of the Shade Tree fund-raising arm and the Arboretum Garden Club. We have planted trees, inspected, pruned, and removed unhealthy trees, and raised the flag for environmental conservation. We have partnered with the Girl Scouts, BSA, and schools, to spread the word. We are just getting started. The beginning of our 10th year is a good time for reflection and to be proud of how much we have accomplished. We look forward to continuing our good work into the next 10 years and beyond.



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

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

The Arboretum Walkway

Even in the winter, the walkway is a thing of beauty. Take a walk through the Arboretum and notice the trees. We all know it's been a very snowy winter! Soon enough we will be able to enjoy the beautiful flowers that will grow from the bulbs planted last by our Girl Scout troop 183. We thank them for these spring blooms.

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

Adopt a Tree Program Happy Homeowners!

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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