



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.*

Signs of the Times –Arboretum Signage Installed!



For a break in your hectic schedules, walk from Madison to New Milford Avenues and admire the Dumont Shade Tree Arboretum. Peace and beauty now graces a space that was once a 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, Box-wood, Spring Bulbs, Perennials & Butterfly Garden. Thanks to all who have donated hours to create the space for all residents to enjoy. A BIG Thank You to Mariner's Bank, our 2016 Signage Sponsor. 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. Want to learn more about the tree? Read the signs and scan the QR codes with your smartphone to find out about the species and features. Please do not litter, take nothing but pictures, leave nothing but footprints.



Friends of the Shade Tree 2016 Scholarship

On June 8th, at the Dumont High School Senior awards ceremony, the Friends of the Shade Tree were honored to present the first annual Friends of the Shade Tree Scholarship award to Dalas Musse and Frank Scalo. They shared the award as both applications

were excellent. The Friends of the Shade Tree grants the scholarship to a graduating senior from Dumont High School. This scholarship fund was 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, biology, botany or any other field of study related to shade trees.

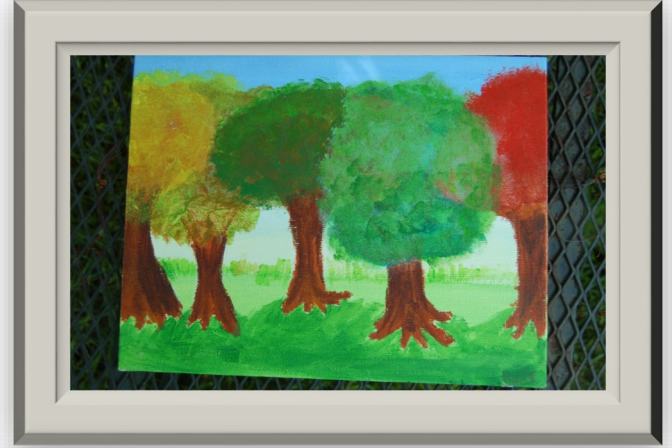
Current seniors can apply through the Dumont High School guidance department. We look forward to our 2017 graduating class applicants and winner!



DUMONT SHADE TREE COMMISSION

Arbor Day 2016 "Caring for trees today, planting trees for tomorrow."

Student art submissions!



Summer Tree caring tips!

- ◆ Check trees for storm damage such as broken branches
- ◆ Look for any insect infestations and diseases.
- ◆ Look for drought stress signs such as wilted foliage
- ◆ Call an arborist if you notice a sparse canopy of off-color and undersized leaves, yellowing, or premature fall coloration

- ◆ Water, Water, Water!
- ◆ Mulch but no mulch volcanos
- ◆ Sit in their shade



Volunteers Wanted: Join the Dumont Shade Tree AND Friends of the Shade Tree

Join your neighborhood volunteers and adopt-a-garden bed along the Arboretum pathway, Join in with an existing group garden bed. You can help create and enjoy public gardens in our Arboretum by planting and caring for perennials and annuals under and around the shade trees and rose beds. No money needed, just your creative time to make beautiful places and meet like-minded friends. For Information:

Bill Zitelli: bzitelli52@gmail.com Sally: dumontredbud@gmail.com Ana: mastergardener2014@yahoo.com

FOTST open positions: We will train you! Do you want to volunteer for your town and don't quite know how to begin? Want to make new friends in town? Join the Shade Tree. NO experience or tree knowledge is necessary... you only give the time you can! Join us! Help keep Dumont green!

Friends Secretary– Position is a calendar year position– no tree knowledge necessary | | **Brick Installer**– No knowledge necessary– help install bricks on the arboretum walkway.

Contact | | dstc@gmail.com | |

Leafy Projects

PAVING THE WAY TO A GREENER DUMONT

Buy a Brick

ADOPT-A-TREE SUCCESS STORIES

— by resident Una Grey-Guihan—



Four years ago I requested a tree from the Dumont Shade Tree Committee. I have enjoyed every season since with my Crepe Myrtle. We all know the environmental reasons to plant trees, but the most surprising perk is that it has been the starting point of conversations. Neighbors and strangers pass by and admire my

adopted tree, especially at this time of year. Unlike most trees, this lovely myrtle blooms at the height of summer, adding a color accent to the green canvas of July and August. People ask what type of tree it is and a friendship is born. Sometimes fleeting but always joyful. Some give it a sniff, checking to see if it is a confused or mutant lilac, blooming out of season. But this myrtle knows exactly what it's doing and when to do it for all to enjoy.



Adopt-a-Tree 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. Once the trees are planted the homeowner must agree to water and watch over the new trees.

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 website 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.



Call us or send an email to let us know you want 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.

HERITAGE TREES IN DUMONT

Trees provide a valuable service: oxygen, shade, water and soil management, beauty, increased property values. But the largest ones also inspire us. Big old trees connect us to our past and carry 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) sponsored a search for the biggest and oldest trees in Dumont; our HERITAGE TREES. Donald Wagner, a sixth grader at Selzer School identified the largest and oldest tree in Dumont; an Eastern Black Oak (*quercus velutina*) measuring 77.71 inches in diameter and 97 feet tall. It's estimated to be over 200 years old! Look for Heritage Tree plaques around town identifying our Heritage Trees and the connection to our past.



**Dumont Shade Tree
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www.facebook.com/DumontShadeTree
www.fotst.org/
www.dumontnj.gov/boards/shade-tree-commission

**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
- ◆ Michael Kuhn
- ◆ Tom Fisichella
- ◆ Ray Slaman
- ◆ Abbie Slaman
- ◆ Sally Tayeb
- ◆ Rachel Bunin
- ◆ Council Liaison: Louis DiPaolo

From the President's desk:

National and global news it is often quite overwhelming. We hear about climate change and habitat loss and the stress on wild species and can feel helpless. We think that there is little we can do that will make a difference. But I am here to tell you without question that each one of us can add to the solution and make our community and the world a better place. The National Arbor Society recently posted statistics indicate that the best tool for confronting climate change is our tree canopy. That means the trees in Dumont can be part of the global solution. So plant a tree or ask for us to plant one for you.

As the great Margaret Meade once said:

"Never believe that a few caring people can't change the world. For, indeed, that's all who ever have."

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

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 which 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.

Thanks to Phil Devententis at the Twin Boro News for his informative and comprehensive article on this topic: www.northjersey.com/news/environment/law-sets-fines-for-damaging-borough-trees-1.1633029

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

- ◆ Dumont Day
- ◆ Halloween Parade
- ◆ Arbor Day
- ◆ Memorial Day Parade
- ◆ Winter Festival– Memorial Park
- ◆ Seminar Series
- ◆ Arboretum Events
- ◆ DPW Valentine's Day Lunch



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