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Fun Facts

- Trees help purify the air we breathe by absorbing pollutants
- Trees increase property values and improve the tax base in communities
- Trees grow from the outside out

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.*

Welcome New Members

The Dumont Shade Tree Commission (DSTC) is always happy to meet members of the community. Do you want to learn more about the town's trees? Would you like to contribute to the beautification of Dumont? We always are happy to accept your donations and time to enhance the trees in town! Bring you ideas and concerns to our monthly meetings. See the back of this newsletter for the schedule.

The Friends of the Shade Tree (FoTST) is a not-for-profit corporation. The mission of FoTST is to provide and raise funds to help preserve, beautify, and maintain town trees and their canopy. Trees make a healthier and more environmentally stable community. FoTST also provides community educational programs, promotes the planting of shade trees, and supports master gardening in, near and under shade trees.



DSTC-January Seminar Series

Join the DSTC for a 90 minute session with tree experts to learn how trees in our community add value to your properties.

Topic: Protect Your Investment: Trees and Your Landscape

Date: Monday January 27, 2014 (snow date: 2/3/14)

Time: 7pm-9:30pm

Where: Dumont Senior Center | 39 Dumont Ave |

Cost: FREE (and refreshments will be served)

About the Organization: DSTC Dumont Shade Tree Commission

Tree Training

As part of the mission to keep trees healthy in our town, members of DSTC attended the CORE 2013 training sponsored by the New Jersey Forestry Services and the Community Forestry Council in Cherry Hill NJ in October For tree

training and certification.

Core training involved learning how to care for an maintain trees, and how trees add value to communities. Attendees learned about the missions and mandates of Shade Tree commissions throughout New Jersey.

Trainees learned proper pruning and planting methods as well as what makes a hazard.

Continuing Education credits are offered for training. DSTC members are sent for training each year. Join and you too can attend this great event!

Budding Poets, Artists, and Writers— Tree fun

Trees play an important role in our arts, music, and culture. Enjoy these classic poems, jokes, and riddles! If you have any art, jokes, or poetry to contribute to our next newsletter, send it via email to: dstc@gmail.com



Snowscapes with trees

Happy Place



*Amrita Melkote
10th grade Dumont High School*

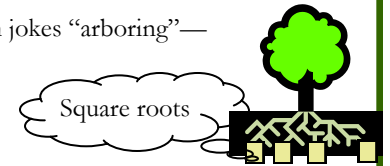
Tree Jokes, Puns, Riddles:



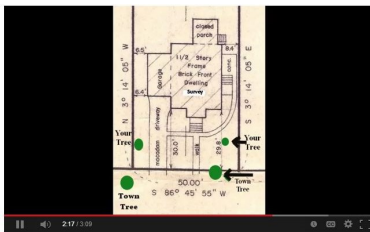
Q: What kind of tree can you carry in your hand?
A: A palm!

Q: What has no fingers, but many rings?
A: A tree!

If you think math jokes “arboring”—
riddle-me this:



DSTC YouTube Channel: YouTube Series: Dumont, NJ, "It's all about Trees:"



Trees enhance your block and your yard. All trees need care, and some trees need more care than others. Who is responsible? The town will care for town trees. Although the tree may appear to be

yours, there is a chance it belongs to the town! How can you know for sure?

Want to learn how to be sure?

View the YouTube video: *“Is this my tree?”*

Topics on our channel:

1. Mulch?
2. Is this my tree?
3. Reasons we need trees?
4. Arboretum Walkway
5. Buy-a-Brick Campaign
6. What type of tree is this?
7. Will this harm my tree?

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— Snowy Owl

PAVING THE WAY TO A GREENER DUMONT Buy a Brick



Pine Cone Snowy Owl

You will need:

- ⇒ 1 Pine Cone
- ⇒ Enough cotton balls to fill
- ⇒ 2 googly eyes
- ⇒ white and brown pipe cleaners
- ⇒ Tacky glue

Stuff cotton balls into pine cone. Glue two googly eyes to top of pine cone. Fold two pieces of white pipe cleaners in half and glue to sides of pine cone for wings. Fold a small piece of brown pipe cleaner and glue between the googly eyes for the nose.

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/ or www.dumontshadetree.org/2013BuyaBrick.htm



for order forms and PayPal information.



Scan the code to find out more!

- ❖ The cost to engrave a brick is \$75.
- ❖ Estimated installation is Arbor Day 2014.



TREE RESCUE PROGRAM:

Do you have a young tree

growing on your property where you don't want it or want to find it a new home? Do you want a tree but don't feel like paying for it?

The FOTST/DSTC has a tree

rescue team, matching homeless trees to new homes.

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 through the Web form on our Web site or call 201-344-3920.

I-TREE PROGRAM

I-Tree is public domain software from the USDA Forest Service that provides urban forestry analysis and benefits assessment tools. Dumont, an i-Tree town, is documenting and creating an inventory of town trees. Do you want to be part of this project? Go to www.itreetools.org/index.php to learn more.

I-tree, Heritage Tree, and Tree Rescue Programs

News from the Trees

Helpful tip to help your trees survive the winter

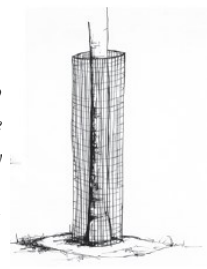
It's winter time— what you can expect from your trees? Deciduous trees lose their leaves but what can your trees expect from you?

Young trees have thin bark that can easily be damaged by animals such as deer and

rodents and equipment like snow blowers. To prevent long-term damage to the trunk you can put plastic tubing or wire fencing with 1/4"-1/2" mesh squares around the trunk. The tube should be wide enough around to allow 1-4 inches of space between it and the

trunk. It should be 1-3 feet tall so it's higher than snow. Wrap the tube around the trunk, then secure the tube into the ground. Attach it to one or two stakes if necessary. Protection can be applied anytime and left on all year round, as long as it does not touch the bark. Trees grow from the outside out, so the tube will need to be enlarged and eventually removed.

Protect young trees with wire mesh to help them survive a cold snowy winter.
Source: NJ Forestry Service



Dumont Shade Tree Commission



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On the Web:

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

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

From the President's Desk:

I often have conversations about trees with people in town and I understand that not everyone sees trees the way I do. Not everyone appreciates beautiful fall leaves or cool shade in the summer. But the work we do to promote trees in town benefits everyone; tree-lined communities provide a sense of pride, an elevated sense of well-being, and higher property values. Enjoy the new tree lined walkway on West Shore Avenue, the new trees at Memorial Park and at Honiss School and take pride in a town that knows that trees are good for people.

Ray Slaman, President—Dumont Shade Tree Commission

DSTC Around Town

The Arboretum Walkway

The dedication of the arboretum walkway project, Sunday, September 22, 2013 was a great day for the citizens of Dumont. The ceremony was attended by over 50 residents and members of our town council. The Ribbon cutting ceremony marked the end of three years of planning and building to create this new public space.

Look for flyers for educational programs that will take place at the arboretum to learn about caring and planting trees.

We are also 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!

Friends of the Shade Tree's Master Gardener, Anna Fisichella, is organizing a garden club. No experience necessary, just the love of trees and gardening.

Contact:

nanaanna07@yahoo.com if you are interested.

Where have you seen your Shade Tree Commission?

- ◆ Dumont Day
- ◆ The Dumont Sidewalk Sale
- ◆ Arbor Day
- ◆ Memorial Day Parade
- ◆ Seminar Series

Adopt a Tree Program

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.

www.dumontshadetree.org/AdoptaTree.htm

