



Shade Tree News



Fun Facts from Dumont's Train History!

- Our very own Mr. Newton Sweet is a 4th generation railroad man and Dumont resident. His family history in railroad service dates back to the early 1800's.
- World War I in the turn of the 20th century placed Dumont in a critical role for our country. Camp Merritt covered over 700 acres across Dumont, Cresskill, Haworth, Demarest, Bergenfield. The need for transportation was provided by the railroad.

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.*

Living History at the Arboretum! *The DSTC hosted the first ever and surely to be annual Living History at the Arboretum! Riding the Rails Through History! On June 6, 2015 it was a celebration of the Dumont Railroad Station and our Train History! Displays included train structures and buildings. We were honored to host Professional Train Engineers who were on hand to answer questions on our current rail system. Visitors viewed original documents from the West Shore Railroad Company and learned about Operation Life Saver (Rail Safety) from a*



CSX representative. There were working train displays for all ages. The Garden committee had displays of all their good work at the space and were on hand to answer questions for your gardening needs. Young children were treated to a Story Time courtesy of Julie from the Dumont Library!



Thanks to James Parrish and Tom Fisichella for driving this event to a wonderful day!

Arbor Day 2015



was celebrated at the Dumont Arboretum on April 25th. Our elected officials were on hand to join the celebration. The day began with Boy Scout Troop 64 raising the flag and leading the town in a flag salute. Our National Anthem was sung by Emily Waver. Rebecca Slaman provided Sign Language interpretation. Arbor Day Events included the unveiling of many additional bricks to the Arboretum Walkway. The DSTC planted a Heritage Birch; all in attendance helped! Judges had a challenge selecting the winners of the Art Contest and all participants received a beautiful gift bag. The 2015 Award of Merit was presented to Carolyn Blowers and the Dixon Homestead Library. Kathryn McGrath accepted the award on behalf of the Library.

Art, Poetry, and Video/Photography Contest At the DUMONT SHADE TREE ARBORETUM



Trees

- ◇ keep us healthy— studies show that people who live near trees have less stress
- ◇ reduce heating and cooling costs
- ◇ help moderate climate by providing shade
- ◇ clean the air and water
- ◇ improve home values and downtown areas promoting businesses
- ◇ beautify our landscapes
- ◇ buffer noise
- ◇ reduce flooding and replenish drinking water
- ◇ save storm water runoff expenses

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

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 Com-

mission 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.newjerseymls.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 installed by the gazebo 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!



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>

Dumont Shade Tree Commission Contact Information

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From the President's Desk:

We are thrilled that our Rail Road event was such a success. Those that attended learned something about the history of the railroad in Dumont and met interesting people with unique passion for this slice of Americana. I have been asked a number of times why the Shade Tree Commission is interested in railroads. What do trains and trees have in common? Well, if you look not at the physical qualities but see them as contributors to the quality of life for a community the link comes into focus. People live in a place because they have an attachment to the community, because they feel comfortable, and because they believe they can build a nice life for themselves and their families. The early days of Dumont saw the trains bringing prosperity and opportunity. The community, infrastructure, and commerce grew around the rails, so did the trees. Shade, beauty, and a natural ecosystem grew with the trees. Side by side the trees and trains contributed to quality of life. When former Mayor Mike Bloomberg makes a commitment to plant one million trees in an urban environment such as New York City, it is clear that trees play a vital role in the life of a community. So the next time you are idling at the train crossing think about the bigger picture. Hopefully you will be under a nice shade tree.

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

The Arboretum Walkway

Take a walk from Madison to New Milford Avenues and admire the peace and beauty that now occupies a space that was once a virtual wasteland on the side of the tracks. Thanks to all who have donated hours to create the space for all residents to enjoy. 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.

Happy Trees... Happy Homeowners!

Trees need to be cared for in the summer to guarantee their well being. They provide shade in the hot sun and soak up the water in the rain, keeping your basements dry. **Regular pruning** removes potentially hazardous dead or weak branches and keeps trees strong. However, don't over prune. **Mulching** adds visual appeal and also can help protect trees. Surround the base with 1- to 3-inch depth of mulch to conserve moisture within the soil and keep the tree moderately cool for the roots. **Water appropriately. Don't Overwater!** Run a sprinkler to wet the ground under the leafy umbrella for an hour once a week in dry spells, but don't water the leaves! Lack of water can be harmful to trees, especially newly planted trees, and can cause serious, irreversible harm growth. Make sure you are watching your trees for signs of trouble. If you are unsure, call an expert.

Residents Welcome!



DSTC Meetings are held the third Monday each month in the Dumont Senior Center: 39 Dumont Avenue. The summer meetings are at the Arboretum Gazebo West Shore Ave. 7:30pm — 9pm

Check 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

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
- ◆ Riding The Rails



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