



**Tree Facts for Winter:**

- ◆ Trees can be divided into two groups: deciduous trees, which lose all their leaves in autumn and evergreens, which keep leaves on their branches throughout the year.
- ◆ Evergreens, such as holly, usually have leaves which are covered in a thick layer of wax to stop them losing too much water. Conifers, such as pine trees, are evergreens which have long narrow leaves. This shape of leaf also helps to reduce water loss.
- ◆ The sap of trees which live close to the Arctic is also special. In winter their sap becomes rich in sugars which stops the sap from freezing, in other words, it acts as an antifreeze. In the sugar maple the sap is particularly rich in sugar. In North America the sap of the sugar maple is collected for food.

Healthy evergreens make pinecones at the Dumont Arboretum



Source: <http://www.saburchill.com/>

**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 Winter Festival**

The Dumont Winter Festival was a phenomenal success! Thanks to Councilwoman Ellen Zamechansky, the Dumont DPW, and the Dumont Police Department and all the volunteers who helped with all the festivities. The Dumont Shade Tree Commission was in attendance handing out lollipops and candy. Santa arrived on the Firetruck thanks to the Dumont Volunteer Fire Department to the delight of all the children in the Park.



Ray Slaman, Abbie Slaman, Rachel Bunin, Kathleen Sherridan Parrish, Tom Fischella, and Anna Fischella . Photo courtesy of Bart Lidofsky

**DSTC-FOTST Wreath Crafting Seminar**

The Elks Club hosted the DSTC Wreath Making Seminar. Attendees created some beautiful holiday wreaths to adorn their homes. Thanks to Sally Tayeb for organizing this great evening!



**Volunteers Wanted**

The Shade Tree Commission and the Friends of the Arboretum are in need of volunteers to maintain the garden beds along the arboretum. Each volunteer or group of volunteers will choose a bed to maintain by watering, weeding, pruning, and planting annuals or perennials. Maintaining your garden bed can be done on your own schedule. Any pruning or planting that you do should first be checked with Sally of Anna, our master gardeners, to confirm the viability of the planting or pruning. Once we get enough volunteers, we will meet as a group sometime in early spring to go over details. If you have any questions, you can email Bill Zitelli at [bzitelli52@gmail.com](mailto:bzitelli52@gmail.com)

**Join the  
Dumont Shade Tree AND Friends of the Shade Tree**

## DUMONT SHADE TREE UPCOMING EVENTS CALENDAR

Come Meet People with A Mutual Love of Shade Trees and Gardening.

Events Include:

Tea/Coffee Social Time...Baked items are welcome, if you're inspired!

DATE	WHERE	EVENTS (All are Free unless noted!)
Monday 2/1/16	Senior Center 39 Dumont Ave 7:30 to 9:00 PM	<b>Gardens—Topic to be Announced</b> Check www.FOTST.org in January for details & Sign-up for email letter to receive notice.
Monday 3/7/16	Senior Center 39 Dumont Ave 7:30 to 9:00 PM	<b>Shade Trees –Topic to be Announced</b> Event by the Dumont Shade Tree Commission. See www.DumontShadeTree.org for details to come!
Monday 4/4/16	Senior Center 39 Dumont Ave 7:30 to 9:00 PM	<b>Natural Gardens &amp; Plant Demonstration</b> <i>Presentation by Tom Bender, of the Thielke Arboretum in Glen Rock www.glenrockarboretum.org</i>
Saturday 4/30/16	Arboretum 1:00 to 2:30 PM	<b>“Dumont Arbor Day!”</b> 11th Annual Celebration... We are a Tree City USA! Scouts Flag Raising, National Anthem, Contest Awards, Mayoral Proclamation, Award of Merit, and of course Plant our 2016 Tree!
Saturday 5/7/16	Arboretum 9:00 AM to Noon	<b>“Friends Spring Plant Sale!”</b> Come support the Arboretum Spring Annuals Order Form will be posted on www.FOTST.org. Bring down your “Home Grown” and “Garden Treasures” donations too... every bit counts!
Saturday 6/4/16	Arboretum 10:00 AM to 2:00 PM	

All the materials used for this display were gathered from recycled or repurposed sources! Trees provide an abundance of material and contribute greatly to our environment!

Dumont Train Station model on display at the Library and Senior Center!

<p><b>Riddle:</b> How can you tell if a tree is a dogwood?  <b>Answer:</b> <i>By its bark</i></p> <p><b>Riddle:</b> What kind of tree grows fingers on it?  <b>Answer:</b> <i>A palm tree</i></p> <p><b>Riddle:</b> What do elephants and trees and in common?  <b>Answer:</b> <i>They both have trunks</i></p>	<p><b>Riddle:</b> Which tree is always scared?  <b>Answer:</b> <i>A trembling aspen</i></p> <p><b>Riddle:</b> What did the tree do when the bank closed?  <b>Answer:</b> <i>It started a new branch</i></p> <p><b>Riddle:</b> How do trees get on the internet?  <b>Answer:</b> <i>They log in.</i></p>
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# 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](http://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](mailto:dumontredbud@gmail.com)

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 Web site [www.fotst.org/](http://www.fotst.org/) for order forms and PayPal 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.

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



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### HERITAGE TREE CONTEST

The Dumont Shade Tree Commission will be sponsoring a HERITAGE TREE contest - find the largest / oldest tree in town and qualify for a prize. We will be accepting nominations for Heritage Trees now through April 20 2016. Anyone who nominates a tree in town that is designated as a HERITAGE TREE will receive a prize. The person who submits a nomination that is determined to be the largest/oldest tree in town, our CHAMPION TREE will receive a grand prize awarded at Arbor Day April 2016.

## Dumont Shade Tree Commission Contact Information

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### On the Web:

- ⇒ [www.dumontshadetree.org](http://www.dumontshadetree.org)
- ⇒ [www.facebook.com/DumontShadeTree](https://www.facebook.com/DumontShadeTree)
- ⇒ [www.dumontnj.gov/boards/shade-tree-commission.php](http://www.dumontnj.gov/boards/shade-tree-commission.php)
- ⇒ [www.fotst.org/](http://www.fotst.org/)

## 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-Parrish
- ◆ Michael Kuhn
- ◆ Tom Fisichella
- ◆ Ray Slaman
- ◆ Abbie Slaman
- ◆ Sally Tayeb
- ◆ Rachel Bunin

### 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 Through Dumont

### From the President's desk:

Living in an urban environment we may not be as connected to the growing seasons as our farmer ancestors. We don't plan our months with the cycle of the harvest. But in fact we are in tune with the cycles of the seasons. With the waning sunlight of winter we retreat indoors. Summer sandals and beach ware are put away to be replaced with sweaters and warm woolen mittens. Patio furniture is covered for the winter. We slow down and conserve. Leaves have been raked and flower beds have been mulched. Netflix has been scanned for appropriate binge watching to carry us through the long nights. And even if we may give little thought to the barren trees in our yard, they are still doing their job; the bare branches allow warm winter sun to reach the windows and the limbs break the cold winds that whip through the neighborhood. And we know that soon the leaves and birds will return. And the cycle will continue.

Ray Slaman, President

Dumont Shade Tree 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. The Dumont Shade Tree Arboretum is about 800' long with over 60 Tree Species, many Knock-out Roses, Ilex, Boxwood, Spring Bulbs, Perennials & Butterfly Garden. 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.

## 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.