



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.*

The Dumont Arboretum is Now a Certified Wildlife Garden!

Bergen County Audubon Society has installed and maintained several habitat restoration gardens in Bergen County over the past 5 years. In an effort to continue that mission, they introduced the Certified Wildlife Garden program. Our Arboretum applied and qualified for certification this year. The program allows homeowners, communities, schools, nature centers and others to have their gardens certified by Bergen County Audubon Society. We have achieved certification based on the fact that our gardens met the requirements to become certified: Certified gardens will be given a number and marked on a map to illustrate wildlife areas that have been created. The Shade Tree Commission installed a plaque at the Arboretum commemorating our inclusion as a Wildlife Habitat.



Winter Seminar|| Our Trees our watershed!

The Dumont Shade Tree Commission was honored to host **Hackensack Riverkeeper Bill Sheehan** at our 2017 DSTC seminar. It is fitting and appropriate in the 20th anniversary year of the Hackensack Riverkeeper organization that Captain Bill came to Dumont to talk about the pressures facing the watershed and what can be done to ensure a healthy and thriving community. The event was a huge success; was well attended and most enjoyable and informative. Captain Bill's passion for the river and your commitment to environmental justice is an example for all of us in the community. It was a call to action to protect all our shared natural resources. The Dumont Shade Tree Commission is grateful to the Hackensack Riverkeeper organization to continue our shared goals and make our community a better place. We thank the Riverkeeper, Captain Bill for all he does to save our watershed. Our trees help keep our water clean and flowing.



There were questions asked and answered by a very engaged group of residents.

The Dixon Homestead Library

Thank you Dumont Library! Thank you to Librarian Catherine Dodwell, the Director of our Library for selecting *The Lorax* as the book for the Dr. Seuss birthday celebration. On March 2, 2017 The Library sponsored the film and book reading of the Dr. Seuss classic tale of "The Lorax." An excited room of 5-12 year old Dumont residents enjoyed the presentation and the day. The Lorax speaks for the trees and on Dr. Seuss day the Dumont Shade Tree Commission was honored to have this classic read to the children. Come visit our library and look for the Shade Tree display in the cabinet by the front desk in the Library.



Arbor Day-2017— Dumont Shade Tree gratefully acknowledges the sponsors of Arbor Day 2017:

Brookside Tavern	Italian Connection 201-385-2226	Somethin' to Wag About
The Barker Family	Pizza-Heros-Catering	Pet Spa & Boutique 201-374-2355
Rachel and David Bunin	Erin Marie Calev	Spinal Rehabilitation And Wellness Center
Crossfit Cliffhangers	Music Lessons	Style and Trim 201-385-8683
Dave Miller	Judy Parker, M.B.A.	The Tayeb Family
REMAX INTEGRITY	Madison Ave Coach Works	Wild Birds Unlimited 189 SO. RT 17 Paramus
Dumont Animal Hospital	201-384-2066	Zendiggi Kebab House
Dumont Community Group	Old North Reformed Church	www.zendiggi.com
Dumont Crystal Diner	Honoring Creation!	The Zimmerman Family
Dumont Family Dental	Sheridan Parrish Family	The Zitelli Family
Dumont Hardware Co.	The Slaman Family	

Thanks to the residents, art contest participants, elected officials, friends, and commissioners for a wonderful Arbor Day 2017. It was Dumont's 12th straight year of sunny skies that



helped make the day amazing. It began with our Flag Raising Ceremony thanks to Boy Scout Troop 64 with Scout Leader Sal Maurice. Our National Anthem was sung beautifully by Ms. Emma Brennan. Mayor James Kelly issued the

Proclamation of Dumont Arbor Day. We are grateful to our supporters which include the generosity of Visions Federal Credit Union and Mariner's Bank. Also present were our Councilmen Carl Manna, Rafael Riquelme, and Don Morrell along with our DSTC Liaison Lou DiPaolo. This years 2017 Arbor Day Award of Merit was presented by Commissioner Abbie Slaman to a very deserving Anna Fisichella for her tireless work as our Master Gardener at the Arboretum. We honored the gift of the new Arboretum bench by Tom Fisichella, Bill Zitelli, and Joe Ulrich . We thank all the participants and Art Contest



Winners for their contributions of poetry, sculpture, and drawings that celebrate our urban canopy The day culminated with the acceptance and planting of the new Kentucky Coffee Tree on behalf of the Borough of Dumont. The annual Tree Planting Ceremony had our children, council, and commissioners picking up shovels taking turns to plant the tree.

Leafy Projects

THANK YOU MULCH PARTY



On April 15, members of the arboretum committee, along with boy scout troop 1345 and cub scout troop 131, put down over 130 bags of mulch in the garden beds at the arboretum. This was to prepare the arboretum for the Arbor Day celebration on April 29. By first weeding each bed and then laying down the mulch, it inhibits more weeds from growing and keeps beds looking spectacular. The cost of the mulch was generously donated by Visons Credit Union. We thank all who worked so hard on the to keep our arboretum the showplace of Dumont.

PAVING THE WAY TO A GREENER DUMONT

Buy a Brick

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.



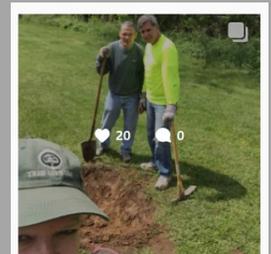
Adopt-a-Tree Program

Dumont Shade Tree Commission is accepting applications from specific neighborhoods to participate in the Adopt-A-Tree program. If accepted, certain homes within

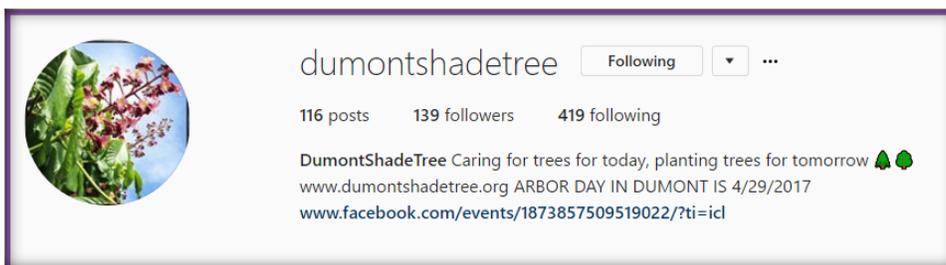


a chosen neighborhood will receive a new healthy 8-12' tree. The Shade Tree commission will purchase and plant these trees at no cost to the homeowner. Once the trees are planted the homeowner must agree to water and watch over the new trees. Call us or send an email to let us know you want a tree.

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.



DUMONT SHADE TREE COMMISSION ON YOUTUBE AND FOLLOW US ON INSTAGRAM



Do you want to learn more about how to care for your trees? Or even what type of tree is growing in your yard? Watch the "Mulch?" video to learn that mulch is a layer of material applied to the soil around the base of a tree. Explore the topics that we broadcast on our channel.

YouTube series: Dumont, NJ, "It's all about Trees" is for you!

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www.fotst.org/
www.dumontnj.gov/boards/shade-tree-commission

NEW! [@DumontShadeTree](https://twitter.com/DumontShadeTree) is on Twitter!

Residents Welcome!



DSTC Meetings on third Monday each month in the Dumont Senior Center: 39 Dumont Avenue

7:30pm — 9pm Check the Dumont Borough calendar to be sure!

From the President's desk:

Some people may look at the work of the Shade Tree Commission and other environmentalists and see a bunch of tree huggers who have too much time on their hands. Others may be more supportive because they enjoy tree-lined streets, but don't see much beyond the beautiful leaves and flowers. Recently research has shown that trees share information with one another that enables them to survive and thrive. There is no way to ignore the reality that in order for a tree to thrive it needs a supportive community. And there is no way to ignore the reality that for any one individual to thrive they need a supportive community; a community that includes safe streets, clean water, and a healthy environment. We never look at our work as a contest with winners and losers. If we protect the air we all win. If we protect the water we all win. And if we protect the trees we have a community that thrives. And we are all a community of winners.



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

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

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 Bor-

ough 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.

Where have you seen your Shade Tree Commission?

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



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