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WHY WE LOVE DUMONT SHADE TREES...

- 1.Shade
- 2.Reduce Global Warming
- 3.Save Energy (AC Electric!)
- 4.Flowers, Leaves & Fall Color
- 5.Peace and Serenity
- 6.Clean Air (Remove Pollution)
- 7.Less Ozone
- 8.More Oxygen
- 9.Reduced Run-Off of Rain Water
10. Home for Wildlife
11. Historic Trees (over 36" DBH)
12. Safety
13. Intelligent Tree Management
14. Better Business Streetscape
15. Higher Property Values but not taxes!

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.*

The Dumont Shade Tree Commission was proud to join in the National Arbor Day celebration on April 26, 2014 at the Arboretum. The afternoon began with the Boy Scouts Flag Raising Ceremony, followed by the singing of the National Anthem by Elizabeth Synnott. Thank you to Councilwoman Barbara Correa for



delivering the Proclamation of Dumont Arbor Day and to Councilman Bill Brophy



for his participation. This was followed by the dedication of engraved brick walkway. We congratulate the Tree Art Contest Winners who did a fabulous job in all categories. It was a difficult task choosing

the winners and we honor all who entered with their poems, crafts, paintings, and videos.

A Redwood Tree sized THANK YOU to Mr. Ray Cywinski who dedicated our newly planted SPACE SHUTTLE PINE – Thank you to Demarest for this gift. The DSTC and people of Dumont are grateful for the American Holly tree on behalf of the Borough of Dumont. Come see these trees grow at the Arboretum. A fun time was had by all who helped plant the trees and enjoyed the afternoon with tree cookies and refreshments. The 2014 Arbor Day Award of Merit was presented to Mr. Joe Ulrich, Congratulations!

Budding Poets, Artists, and Writers— Tree fun

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



Arbor Day 2014 Art Contest
Cheyna Fusco 1st grade winner k-5



KJ Anderson Art Project



Arbor Day 2014 Art Context
Hannah Yoon 5th grade Art participant

Eagle Scout Projects:—Shoutouts to:

Thanks to: **Patrick Harrison** Bat House Eagle Scout project: he built 41 Bat houses... there is one in the Arboretum. Come take a look in our Heritage Tree Section.

Congratulations to: **Jonathan Suppes** who will be having his Eagle Scout Court of Honor **August 2 at 2 pm.**



EARTH DAY FUN!

It was a fun 2014 Earth Day with Daisy Troop 5553 from Grant School. At the arboretum, the troop planted marigolds in recycled containers and gave them to the seniors at St. Mary's. The girls received bags with information about tree programs and some wild flower seeds so they can plant them at home!

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—

PAVING THE WAY TO A GREENER DUMONT

Buy a Brick

Dawn M. Totten Memorial Field



Dawn M. Totten was remembered and honored at a memorial dedication when Columbia field was re-named in her honor as the Dawn M. Totten Memorial Field at Columbia Park. Ms. Totten served as the bor-

ough's full-time recreation director for a decade until she passed in October 2013. She was loved by the community. The DPW donated and planted Ms. Totten's favorite flowers, and the Shade Tree Commission donated and planted a flowering cherry tree at the corner of Johnson and Columbia Ave providing a long lasting tribute.

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/

for order forms and PayPal information.



The cost to engrave a brick is \$75.



Scan the code to find out more information!

I-Tree Program and Heritage Tree Registration



HERITAGE TREE REGISTRATION:

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

Dumont Shade Tree Commissioners will be conducting an extensive survey of Borough trees this summer in order to properly develop an urban forestry plan. We will be gathering and entering this data into the i-tree computer developed model. The i-tree Storm function of this model will help provide additional information on the time and funds needed to mitigate storm any future damage in our town. www.itreetools.org/index.php to learn more.

DOWNTOWN TREE PLANTING:

A Yoshin Cherry Tree was planted in the tree pit on the corner of Washington Ave and Madison Ave. Trees continue to beautify our downtown streetscape!

News from the Trees :From a Certified Tree Specialist Top 10 Don'ts

NEVER:

1. Do nothing to your trees
2. Prune and removals yourself
3. Hire a tree surgeon instead of an arborist
4. Have trees removed instead of pruned
5. Have your trees topped
6. Have your trees incorrectly pruned
7. Excessive crown elevation over-thinning or lions tailing the crown elevation
8. Underestimate construction damage or landscaping damage
9. Install too much mulch or create volcano mulching
10. Install foreign material around through or into your tree

See the Spring 2014 Shade Tree newsletter for Top 10 Dos!

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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:

There are few things that can bring a smile to your face like a bright blue sky on a summer day. The smells, sounds, and sights of summer are always draped in brilliant sunshine. Summer days are spent searching for sunny beaches and shady benches in nearly equal measure. One reality of summer is that while all people, plants, birds, trees need the sun, too much sun can be quite harmful. No one heads to the beach without an umbrella and sunscreen, and everyone will choose a shady spot to park their car or deal with scorching seats and burning dashboards. So what is the best way to help balance the beautiful but brutal sun? What is a natural resource that will look for all the sun it can get? What provides free shade without a parking meter or toll collector? What reduces heat on asphalt and sidewalks? What protects from UV rays and premature aging? paint from fading? and boardwalks from cracking? Trees. Free, natural, renewable, beautiful trees. So go have a tall cold glass of iced tea and look for that nice shady spot to enjoy the summer.

Ray Slaman, President—Dumont Shade Tree Commission

The Arboretum Walkway

We are 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!

Inspections for the Arboretum happen all the time by the commissioners and Dumont Shade Tree members. However, if you see something that doesn't seem quite right, or that needs attending, please contact the DSTC at any of the addresses (email, phone, stop by) and let us know so we can fix it!

Where have you seen your Shade Tree Commission?

- ♦ Dumont Day
- ♦ The Dumont Sidewalk Sale
- ♦ Arbor Day
- ♦ Memorial Day Parade
- ♦ Seminar Series
- ♦ Dumont Arboretum Events

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

Adopt a Tree Program

Did You Know Over the past two years we have removed over 286 trees and trimmed over 844 trees which may have presented safety problems or possible hazards to the public. Through the Adopt-A-Tree program DSTC has planted over 200 new trees to beautify our town and maintain our canopy. 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.



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