



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.*

Dumont Shade Tree Commission Holiday Fun!



The Dumont Shade Tree commission had the arboretum all decked out for the holidays. Did you come to enjoy the space and decorations? The Friends of the Shade Tree had their annual wreath-making event. Another huge success with beautiful results. A fun time was had by all attendees.



Dwarf Alberta Spruce



Thank you to Jennifer Anderson at the [Metropolitan Farm](#) in Closter who donated this wonderful Dwarf Alberta Spruce to the Dumont Shade Tree Arboretum. As you walk this space, you can visit the trees and learn about the trees that live in the arboretum. So what is this tree? Maybe you can consider one for your yard!

“The dwarf Alberta spruce, also known as the dwarf white spruce, is a popular, slow-growing, dense conifer that is widely available at retail and garden centers throughout the US. The tree will eventually grow 10-12 feet high but takes 25-30 years to reach maturity and is hardy in zones 2-6. With soft, light green needles and a pyramidal form, the Alberta spruce provides a unique vertical ‘structural accent’ to the landscape. The Alber-

ta spruce can handle high winds, cold temperatures, heat and/or drought periods. Specialty pruned spiral or sheared forms are also available. In addition, the dwarf spruce is occasionally selected as a container accent planting.”





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DUMONT SHADE TREE COMMISSION

The 2017 dates are now reserved by the DSTC and the FOST Garden Club for meetings held at the Senior Center 39 Dumont Ave for the year.

Check out the Dumont.gov website and the Dumont Shade Tree website for details.

**Mark your Calendars!
Arbor Day April 29th at the
Dumont Arboretum**

Dumont Friends of the Shade Tree and Garden Club ~ ~ We are thankful!

Supporting activities of Friends of the Shade Tree are conducted by volunteers– the good people of our community. To make our gardens grow in 2016, Services and Materials were donated by the following people and groups. We give thanks to:

- ◇ **Mariner's Bank** for their generous donation for the signage project at the Arboretum; coordinating with Tom Fisichella who designed and built the sign posts.
- ◇ **Metropolitan Plant Farm, of Closter, NJ**, for the donated plant materials and who provided discounts on plant material and supplies.
- ◇ **VISIONS Federal Credit Union**, for the donation of plant materials for the Gardens and employee volunteer time for planting and maintaining bed #8. Special thank you to Tammy Lamazza, Branch Manager and local Dumont Resident.
- ◇ **Palisades Tree Service, of Cresskill, NJ**, and **Joe Ulrich, CTE** and Certified Arborist, who has provided advise and volunteer time since the inception of the Arboretum.
- ◇ **Tom Bender**, a native plant specialist, and current president of the Native Plant Society, who presented the April 2016 Lecture on native plants, and provides regular advice, encouragement, and plant listings for development of the Butterfly and Bird areas in the Arboretum.
- ◇ **Michael Wronski**, the Exhibitions Gardener at the NY Botanical Gardens, for presenting the October 2016 lecture, "Making More Plants," and donated the Asiatic lilies and other exotic plant materials for the Arboretum Garden Committee plantings.
- ◇ **Patrick Harrison**, a Dumont Bee Keeper, who presented the November 2016 Lecture on Bee Keeping, including a demonstration with bee hive boxes and equipment, slide show on history and science of bee keeping, personal anecdotes, and honey tasting afterwards.
- ◇ **Zendiggi Kebab House, of Closter, NJ**, for their donation of plant materials and supplies, including fall bulbs, winterberry, red twig dogwood and various seeds.
- ◇ Other Community Support was provided through countless hours of volunteer labor and donation of supplies and planting materials (in Alphabetical Order) by: Barbara Barba; Tara and Eric Barker; Barbara Britton; Rachel Bunin; the sisters Diana Schults-Buckley & Therese Crowley; Gail Ferrer; Tom and Anna Fisichella; Marie Guevara; Kristin Keenan; Mike Kuhn, Kathy-Sheridan Parrish, Don Peterson; Ray and Abbie Slaman; Sally Tayeb & the Tayeb Family; Bill and Kathy Zitelli.

Volunteers Wanted: Join the Dumont Shade Tree AND Friends of the Shade Tree

Join your neighborhood volunteers and adopt-a-garden bed along the Arboretum pathway, Join in with an existing group garden bed. You can help create and enjoy public gardens in our Arboretum by planting and caring for perennials and annuals under and around the shade trees and rose beds. No money needed, just your creative time to make beautiful places and meet like-minded friends.

For Information:

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FOST : We will train you! Do you want to volunteer for your town and don't quite know how to begin? Want to make new friends in town? Join the Shade Tree. NO experience or tree knowledge is necessary... you only give the time you can! Join us! Help keep Dumont green!

Contact || dstc@gmail.com ||

Leafy Projects

PAVING THE WAY TO A GREENER DUMONT

Buy a Brick

THANK YOU MARY WINNER

Congratulations to Mary Winner on her well deserved retirement from the Borough of Dumont. She was the voice behind the Shade Tree desk when you phoned the borough about your trees. She was the voice of the commission when it first started 10 years ago, and spoke to the residents calming their concerns and teaching them what the commission was all about. A long-time resident, Mary's smiling face and good humor brought cheer to the Borough offices. Enjoy your retirement, Mary, and be sure to stop by and say hello!

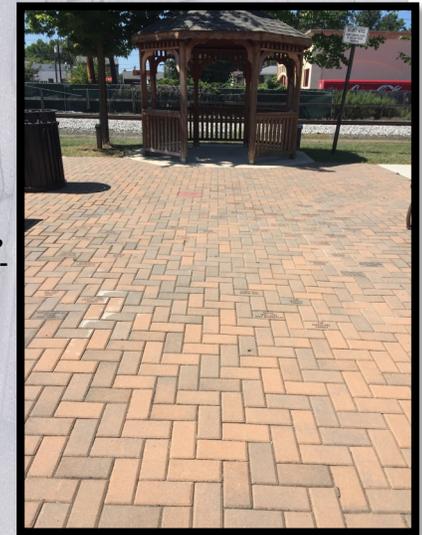
Donate a brick~~

- ❖ 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.



Special Event: March 6, 2017: Winter Seminar

The Dumont Shade Tree Commission is 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 comes to Dumont to talk about the pressures facing the watershed what can be done to ensure a healthy and thriving community. Join us at the Dumont Senior Center 39 Dumont Avenue at 7:30pm March 6th 2017. The event is free to the community. Coffee and refreshments.



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

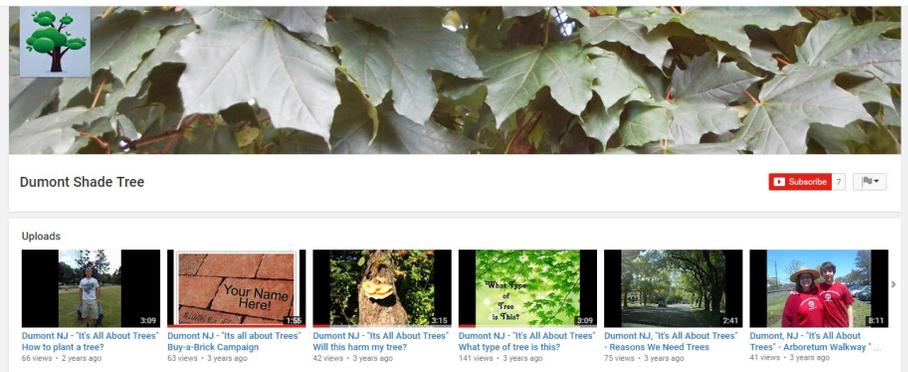


a chosen neighborhood will receive a new healthy 8-12' tree. The Shade Tree commission will purchase and plant these trees at no cost to the homeowner. Once the trees are planted the homeowner must agree to water and watch over the new trees. Call us or send an email to let us know you want a tree.

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

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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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:

We look at a magnificent work of art or a powerful waterfall or a majestic tree and are struck by its grandeur, a fully formed marvel. It is often easy to forget that all great things begin from something very simple. The beauty of the Sistine Chapel began with a thought in Michelangelo's head and was realized through a million dabs of his paintbrush. The power of the Niagara did not form overnight but through eons of rainfall and the meanderings of the early river. Likewise the beauty and value of our trees arise from humble beginnings; the simple acorn grows into the mighty oak and a simple cone seed sprouts the largest living thing on the planet. Something that can fit between your fingers or be carried by a hungry squirrel carries the entire DNA blueprint for a tree, for a grove, for a forest. These acorns and nuts and prickly burs seem so insignificant when they fall to the ground just as raindrops seem insignificant landing on your windowpane. Or a dab of paint can seem insignificant. But with encouragement and the right space to grow a seed, or an idea, can become something magnificent.

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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