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Dumont Shade Tree Commission dumontshadetree.org/



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 | TREE NURSERY



The Dumont Shade Tree Commission is proud to announce the installation of the long anticipated Tree Nursery as we continue to do our part of helping to save the planet. Trees contribute to our air and water, an essential part of keeping our climate livable and our food chain viable.

Dumont Shade Tree Commission created the first ever
Dumont Tree Nursery to provide trees for the community. As

a source for new trees it will be a visible demonstration of the Shade Tree Commission's work; serving the public by inviting community involvement in the care and maintenance of The DSTC Nursery, hosting education events at different times during the year, and donating trees for public and private planting within the Borough. The DSTC Nursery will serve as a source for replenishing trees lost due to storms, old age, accident, or other causes. A portion of the trees will be allocated for planting by homeowners on private property within the Borough as a means to promote re-forestation of the Borough. The DSTC Nursery will be a place to grow trees and educate the public on the value of trees; planting trees today because we have hope for the future. The Tree Nursery is located at McGaw Park - Bedford Road between Barbara Rd. and White Beeches Rd.

Imagine Whirled Peace

The Dumont Shade Tree Commission was honored to participate in the Whirled Peace Day.



The Shade Tree Commission sponsored #PinwheelsforPeace installation to recognize World Peace Day. Member of our Dumont Council helped install the pinwheels.

THE NEW LENDING LIBRARY IS UP AND RUNNING AT THE DUMONT ARBORETUM-TAKE A BOOK | LEAVE A BOOK

Thanks to Shade Tree member Kathryn Zitelli for this fabulous community idea. Stop by the Arboretum to enjoy a respite from your day. Did you want to try a new book, or decide to sit longer and forget to bring a book? Checkout the new 'lending library box' and borrow a book. You are welcome to take it home and when done reading the book, either return it to the box, or donate another of your favorite reads for another member of the community to enjoy! Our very own Master Craftsman Tom Fisichella made this beautiful box to protect and store the books.







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The Dumont Shade Tree Commission has a full calendar for 2018:

Mark your calendars for 2018:

Jan 3rd Wednesday - Annual FOTST meeting

Jan - 1/8 - 2nd Monday DSTC

Feb - 2/5 - 1st Monday FOTSC Garden Committee

Feb - 2/12 - 2nd Monday DSTC

March - 3/5 - 1st Monday ANNUAL **SEMINAR**

March - 3/19 - 3rd Monday DSTC

April - 4/2 - 1st Monday FOTSC Garden Committee

April - 4/16 - 3rd Monday DSTC

April - 4/28 Saturday ARBOR DAY

May - 5/21 - 3rd Monday DSTC

June - 6/4 - 1st Monday FOTSC Garden Committee

June - 6/18 - 3rd Monday DSTC (at the GAZEBO)

July - Wednesdays TWILIGHT at the GAZEBO 7/11, 7/18, 7/25, 8/1

July - 7/16 - 3rd Monday DSTC

Aug - 8/1 - 1st Wednesday Twilight at the Dec - 12/17 - 3rd Monday DSTC Gazebo

Aug - 8/6 - 1st Monday FOTSC Garden Committee

Aug - 8/20 - 3rd Monday DSTC

Sep - 9/17 - 3rd Monday DSTC

Oct - 10/1 - 1st Monday FOTSC Garden Committee

Oct - 10/15 - 3rd Monday DSTC

Nov - 11/19 - 3rd Monday DSTC

Dec - 12/3 - 1st Monday FOTSC Garden Committee

Dumont Day 2017— Fun for the whole community!

Thanks to everyone involved the town of Dumont and The Dumont Shade Tree Commission had an incredible Dumont Day on Saturday, Septem-

ber 9th. The weather was perfect! We had our usual tree activities for the whole community to share, and we were able to impart information about trees so Dumont residents could learn the value trees give to their neighborhoods. We had plants and flowers and bird houses and jewelry. We had oddities and artifacts. We had bat houses and train miniatures. And we had pinwheels and stepping stones. Thank you Tanya Zimmerman for this fantastic project—it was a hit and everyone can enjoy the stepping stones which were installed at the arboretum!

Through the love of trees we have a vibrant and effective community outreach that promotes the best things about Dumont. According to the numbers, adults and children alike made over 65 stepping stones and

scores of pinwheels for peace.

Come and take a walk Through the Arboretum and see these beautiful additions to our town.



A vibrant DSTC booth for **Dumont Day**



Sea glass for the stepping stones



Over 65 stepping stones were made



Beautiful Mums sold out fast!



Making the stones with sea glass and beads and stones found around our area

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Leafy Projects | Fall Bulbs Planting

PAVING THE WAY TO A GREENER DUMONT

Buy a Brick



It's always fun to plant bulbs in the Fall only to be so pleasantly surprised with the beautiful flowers that bloom in the Spring. Our gardens are often a group effort. Many thanks to Dumont Daisy Troop 97123 and Brownie Troop 97090 who joined in the Fall bulb planting event hosted by the Dumont

Garden Club. Together they planted hundreds of bulbs so vou may come and enjoy them in the Spring. Be sure to visit and see all the flowers!



Adopt-a-Tree Program

For Fall 2017 we are proud to report that the Dumont Shade Tree Commission planted the following 11 trees: with root barriers

3 Hornbeams, 1 Cherry, 2 Serviceberry, 1 Redbud, 1 Hawthorne Medium/Large Varieties, 1 Linden, 2 London Plane Trees

The DSTC 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 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 website www.fotst.org/ for order forms and PayPal information.

Friends of the Shade Tree is a 501(c)3, NI

Not-for-Profit Corporation,

Founded in support of the **Dumont Shade Tree Arboretum** West Shore Avenue, Dumont, NJ

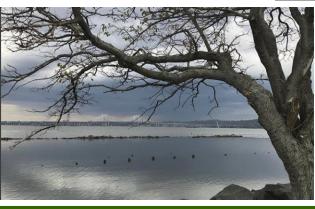




mission will purchase and plant these trees at no cost to the homeowner. Once the trees are planted the homeowner must agree to water and watch over the new trees. Call us or send an email to let us know you want a tree.

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!

Dumont Shade Tree Commission Contact Information

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Find us on the web and social media: **Residents** www.dumontshadetree.org www.facebook.com/DumontShadeTree Welcome!

www.dumontnj.gov/boards/shade-tree- month in the

NEW! @DumontShadeTree is on Twitter!

www.fotst.org/ DSTC Meetings on third Monday each

commission Dumont Senior Center: 39 Dumont

Avenue

7:30pm — 9pm Check the **Dumont Borough calendar!**

The DSTC Commissioners appointed by the Mayor are:

- Michael Kuhn
- Tom Fisichella
- Ray Slaman
- Abbie Slaman
- Sally Tayeb
- Rachel Bunin
- Tanya Zimmerman

Council Liaison: Louis DiPaolo

From the President's desk:

As we come to the end of our 12th year as DSTC I can really see the impact we are having; the Dumont forest is healthy and thriving, trees we have planted early on are beginning to look like mature trees, and DSTC has gained respect statewide; for which I am very proud.

Yet there are still voices that whisper we are nothing but tree huggers, that we care more about trees than people. It is true that we love trees for their beauty. We value trees for their healthy properties. But the overriding factor in our "tree-huggy-ness" is that trees make a better community. Trees shade us and envelop us and enable us to breathe.

Trees protect us and bind us together. Through our work we show commitment to our community and to each other. So call us tree-huggers but you don't have to whisper. It is a moniker we wear proudly.

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

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 Borough 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 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?**

- Summer Concerts-Twilight at the Gazebo
- **Dumont Day**
- Halloween Parade
- **Arbor Day**
- Memorial Day Parade
- Winter Festival Memorial Park
- **Spring Seminar Series**
- DPW Valentine's Day Lunch



Dumont NJ is a **Tree City USA** Since 2009