



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 Arbor Day 2019 ||



To all the branches of the Dumont Shade Tree family we extend heartfelt thanks for making Arbor Day 2019 one of the best. Events like Arbor Day are a chance for your Dumont Shade Tree Commission to celebrate the good work of the volunteers and bring the community together for the betterment of the urban canopy in Dumont. The Shade Tree Commission is proud of our accomplishments. This is the 10-year anniversary that Dumont has been recognized as a Tree City USA.

Special thanks to: **Anthony Schiraldi** and the **DPW staff** for support and partnership, **Rebecca Velazquez**, **Chief Conner** and the **Dumont Police Dept.**, **Councilperson Carole Stewart** DSTC liaison, **Mayor**

Kelly and the **Dumont Council**, **Boy Scout Troop 64**, **Girl Scout Daisy** and **Brownies** who facilitated the flag raising and tree planting this year. We are grateful to **Rex Harvilla** for his Eagle Scout water feature project, and **Visions Federal Credit Union** for their financial support.

Special shout out to **Dave Miller** for his continued support which led to recognition as the 2019 Award of Merit recipient.

The Arbor Day Adopt-A-Tree Poster Contest artwork brought out the best in creativity for our community. Posters were on display and winners received the sponsor backpack. Together we are a strong and vibrant community. With care, compassion, and righteous activism we can accomplish anything!



Friends of the Shade Tree Scholarship

We were honored to award Gabriella Peluso the 2019 **Friends of the Shade Tree Annual Scholarship**. As a graduating Dumont High School senior, Gabriella demonstrated her commitment to the trees in our community. This scholarship fund is established for the purpose of fostering education or contributions related to shade trees. Applicant must be accepted to an eligible institution as a candidate for degree, or be pursuing a career, in forestry, agriculture, landscape architecture, environmental sciences, earth sciences, biology, botany or any other field of study related to shade trees. We were impressed with her qualifications and aspirations after graduation as she intends to work towards caring for and protecting the trees in our communities. We wish her well in her future endeavors.

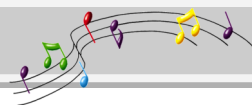
Mark Your Calendars! Dumont Friends of the Shade Tree Events at the Dumont Senior Center | 7:30pm

Make a Terrarium Monday, October 7th

Make a Wreath Monday, December 2nd .

|| Enjoy a creative evening with your friends and neighbors ||

Twilight at the Gazebo Concerts 2019



The Twilight at the Gazebo Concerts third season of music and revelry was a tremendous success! Thanks to the many talented people who shared their gifts with the community and enjoyed a summer evening at the Gazebo. The Twilight at the Gazebo Concerts are the perfect showcase. The first night we were treated to Thaddeus McGregor, Dave Lang and Margie Derossa; the second evening showcased a Broadway theme with Morgan O'Rourke, Madison Vacco, Cheryl Pianghi, Adriana Shaw, Chloe Hodnett, Joe Baez, and Anna Calev; the third evening Chloe sang her own song and we heard Michele Labetti, Dylan Lynch, Ace LiPuma and the On the Wings band led by John Bruton. On the Wings was our first full band and proved that we can push the boundaries of our little performance space. We then ran into three consecutive rainy Wednesday evenings. Not wanting to end on a soggy note we moved our last concert into the Senior Center, pushed the date to August 7th, and were treated to the music of Betsy Barone, Michael Bunin and Brian Falduto. Thanks to Phil Sosinsky who came to the rescue with his sound equipment and genius for making everyone sound perfect and professional; the DPW for their partnership and support; to the Arboretum Garden Committee for their work making this space beautiful; to our Council liaison Carole Stewart for her support and to the Mayor and Council. Thanks also to the Dumont Police for keeping an eye on us and our concerts.

Gratitude to our patron saint Beth Synnott. We would not have had a concert series if she didn't step in and ask her friends to join us the very first concert 2 years ago. Her fingerprints are all over this event. And most especially we want to thank Erin Calev. She stepped up to enlist these talented performers, organize the showcase with an artistic ear, and made sure everything came together perfectly.



See you all next year at the Gazebo in July for more summer music and fun!

Dumont Arboretum Volunteer Opportunities

Have you had a chance to stroll by the Dumont Arboretum lately? Located on West Shore Avenue between New Milford and West Madison Avenues, the trees are starting to bloom and the path provides a beautiful stroll in town. Enjoy the small TAKE A BOOK/LEAVE A BOOK lending library. Sit on the hand-made wood bench and enjoy a book. The Arboretum is a labor of love for many Dumont residents. Fully funded by donations and grants and maintained by residents, it is a place of tranquility for all to enjoy. The Shade Tree Commission and the Friends of the Arboretum invite new volunteers to adopt a garden bed along the Arboretum pathway, or to join an existing group garden bed. The Friends Garden Committee created public gardens in our Arboretum, with perennials and annuals under and around the shade trees and rose beds. No money needed, just some time to join in to create beautiful places and make like-minded friends. Maintaining your garden bed can be done on your own schedule, but Saturday mornings are an informal gathering time at the Arboretum from 10 am to noon. If you have any questions, and want to join in, you can email Bill Zitelli: bzitelli52@gmail.com. Join the Dumont Shade Tree and Friends of the Shade Tree for a valuable and rewarding experience.



Leafy Projects | Around Town

PAVING THE WAY TO A GREENER DUMONT Buy a Brick

Dumont Tree Nursery



Keeping the nursery saplings healthy and growing so the future in Dumont will have a forest of home-grown trees to plant around town is no small undertaking. Thanks to our nursery manager Mary Normoyle for all her work keeping those baby trees happy and

healthy. Thanks to all the volunteers who have come out to weed and mulch the nursery. The nursery now has a much needed fence to keep town deer from dining on our delicious baby trees. Not only do the deer eat the leaves, but they also rub the bark destroying the tree trunks. The fence is a great solution keeping everyone healthy and happy. Saplings are raised in the tree nursery and will be available to homeowners for FREE to plant on their property. The program is administered by DSTC; trees available while supplies last.



Donate a brick~~

- ❖ in honor of someone
- ❖ as a graduation gift
- ❖ in memory of someone special
- ❖ to remember a special event



Bricks are installed by the gazebo in the Arboretum walkway.

Bricks cost \$100 for each installed brick.

Scan the code to find out more information! For details, go to 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 || Free for Dumont Residents

The Shade Tree commission will purchase and plant trees at no cost to the homeowner. Adopt-A-Tree is for planting along the curb as a Borough Tree. Planting trees in the Borough Right of Way is the sole responsibility of the DSTC. Once planted, the homeowner must agree to water and watch over the new trees. Keep an eye out for our new poster campaign. Contact us to let us know you want a tree : www.dumontshadetree.org/adopt-a-tree **Limitations and restrictions may apply.** Planting subject to available nursery stock.

HOW TO CONNECT WITH DSTC

Do you want to learn more about how to care for your trees? Follow Dumont Shade Tree Commission!

ON THE WEB:

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

VIA SOCIAL MEDIA:



Facebook:

@dumontshadetree



Instagram:

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Twitter:

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YouTube:

Dumont NJ "It's All About Trees"

Dumont Shade Tree Commission Contact Information

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THE BOROUGH OF
DUMONT
NEW JERSEY



Residents Welcome!

DSTC Meetings are on third
Monday each month in the
Senior Center: 39 Dumont Avenue
June - August we meet at the Arboretum
7:30pm — 9pm

Check the Dumont Borough calendar at
<http://dumontnj.gov/calendars/meetings>

From the President's Desk:

We are very proud of the work we do in this town to make our little community better. We have been promoting trees for 15 years because we know Dumont is a better place with more trees and a healthy appreciation for the environment. On one level I think we have accomplished a lot; planted over 500 trees and raised awareness of the value of trees. But when I look at the bigger picture I see a world that is really suffering and wonder if we are doing enough. With over-development of protected areas, environmental rules being overturned, and the Amazon ablaze, how can one tree in Dumont make a difference? It does. Absolutely it does. A tree in Dumont is just as important as a tree in Brazil. Caring about our neighborhood is just as important as the fight for endangered species in Borneo. People in Costa Rica or Siberia should realize that what they do affects people in New Jersey. People in Dumont should know that what they do in this little neighborhood affects the whole world. I do.

Ray Slaman, President Dumont Shade Tree



The DSTC Commissioners are:

- Rachel Bunin (term exp. 12/31/21)
- Tom Fisichella (term exp. 12/31/23)
- Tanya Zimmerman (term exp. 12/31/20)
- Abbie Slaman (term exp. 12/31/22)
- Raymond Slaman (term exp. 12/31/19)
- Sally Tayeb (term exp. 12/31/20)
- Mary Normoyle (term exp. 12/31/22)
- Carole Stewart, Council Liaison (term exp. 12/31/19)



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
- ♦ Arbor Day
- ♦ Memorial Day Parade
- ♦ Spring Seminar Series
- ♦ Library and School Programs
- ♦ Holiday Train Show
- ♦ Tree nursery



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