



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*



These newly-planted trees are on Poplar Street and DeLong Avenue. They are two of the 27 trees in the Adopt-a-Tree planting for Fall 2020. If a new tree was planted in front of your house as part of the Dumont. Dumont Shade Tree Commission Adopt-a-Tree program, please water it so it can grow healthy to give you shade, reduce flooding, help clean the air, and add beauty to our streets and your neighborhood.

The Shade Tree was honored that Dumont Mayor Andrew LaBruno selected the Dumont Shade Tree Arboretum Gazebo to hold a meeting with our good neighbors. We welcome Bergenfield Mayor Arvin Amatorio and New Milford Mayor Michael Putrino. The Gazebo is a wonderful space for meetings and small friendly gatherings. The Arboretum is a community space. The Gardens are maintained by volunteers.



Dumont Heritage Trees



Heritage Trees provide a valuable service: oxygen, shade, water and soil management, beauty, and increased property values. But the largest ones also inspire us. Big old trees connect us to our past and carry our stories through the years. As part of its ongoing work to protect the health of the Dumont urban forest, the Dumont Shade Tree Commission (DSTC) identifies the biggest and oldest trees in Dumont; our HERITAGE TREES. To nominate a tree, notify the DSTC Heritage Tree Committee by email **DSTC07628@gmail.com**



Dumont Shade Tree Twilight at the Gazebo 2020 Concerts

The Dumont Shade Tree Commission proudly presented our 4th Annual Twilight at the Gazebo concert series. With all safety measures in place, the Dumont Arboretum provided the community with July Wednesday twilight concerts this summer and we even extended into August. The audiences were placed safely in the West Shore parking lot and we took advantage of our Social Media platforms to LIVE STREAM from our Facebook page and our Instagram feed. We extend our thanks to everyone who made the Twilight at the Gazebo series such a success; first to the talented performers who shared their art and talent with us;

July 1 - Jake Thistle opened the series with energy and enthusiasm. Dave Lang and Margie DeRosso who brought their signature warmth to the Gazebo.

July 8 - PD Brody is a favorite of the Gazebo audience; cool and smooth and full of charm and humor.

July 15 - Adrian Condis and Matthew Whitaker set a new standard with their level of musicianship. They thrilled the audience with their infectious joyous jazz. Lee Reiser closed the evening showcasing his years of pop experience and showmanship performing beloved standards.

July 29 - We were so happy that Dylan Lynch was back for a set of pop standards. Anna Calev showed her range as a singer songwriter and captivated the audience with her voice, her style, and her warmth. Closing our show was the Lex Bontia Trio. The Bontia family weave beautiful harmonies and allow each member to shine.

August 5 - We could not end the series without rescheduling the rainout and bring back two concert favorites; Thad MacGreggor is the definition of musical troubadour; delightful banter woven between pop standards played with charm and honesty. Closing our 2020 season was fan favorite Betsy Barone. Betsy was the perfect choice to cap the series - charming and fun and playful, she made sure everyone was involved and singing.

Thanks to all our performers, to our Council Liaison Connor Gorman and all our supporters on the Borough Council, Mayor Andrew LaBruno, Administrator Chris Tully, Shade Tree desk Cathy Romeo, Chief Connor, Anthony Schiraldi and all our friends on the DPW, the Arboretum Garden Committee and volunteers. Thanks to the people of Dumont for supporting us and making this a town worth caring about. And the most special thanks to Erin Calev, Through her deep and wide connections as a music teacher she has invited all the talented people to make our series the delightful event that it is.

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DSTC ON SOCIAL MEDIA: // YOUTUBE, FACEBOOK, INSTAGRAM, AND TWITTER

Follow Dumont Shade Tree Commission! Do you want to learn more about how to care for your trees? Explore all the topics that we broadcast on our YouTube channel. To learn about trees in your yard, connect with us via social media!

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

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Twitter: @dumontshadetree

YouTube: Dumont NJ - "It's All About Trees"

website: www.dumontshadetree.org



Leafy Projects | Photos from the Arboretum and Tree Nursery

Webelo II Pack 131



- ◆ The Shade Tree couldn't operate without the support of the surrounding community. We thank those who have contributed with volunteer hours.
- ◆ The nursery is flourishing with trees that could be adopted out as early as Spring 2021. Trees were replanted and the beds were mulched for winter.
- ◆ Webelo II Pack 131 donated their time to rake the leaves at the Arboretum.
- ◆ New bricks were installed at the Arboretum in front of the Gazebo

Tree Nursery Volunteers



Adopt-a-Tree Program || Free for Dumont Residents

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. Contact us to let us know you want a tree on the web: www.dumontshadetree.org/adopt-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 Brick Installation 2020

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 in front of the gazebo in the Arboretum walkway.

Bricks cost \$100
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

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



Your brick here!

Go to
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Dumont Shade Tree Important Dates in 2020-2021

Check out the Dumont Shade Tree page in the Dumont Borough 2021 Calendar! Regular DSTC meetings are at 7:30pm: Third Monday of each month except for January and February which will be the second Monday. **During the Health Emergency, Meetings will be held remotely via Zoom videoconference. The link to the meeting will be posted on the Dumont Shade Tree Commission Facebook page as well as the Dumont website.** After the Health Emergency is over, we plan for meetings as stated on the Borough website, on the recycling calendar, and on the Commission website, dumontshadetree.org. The Commission is currently operating as per NJ and Dumont Borough guidelines: all face-to-face activities are suspended (tree inspections, hazard/permit issues). All non-essential activities have ceased. Emergency tree work will be coordinated through the DPW as per our emergency work policy.



The Friends of the Shade Tree GARDEN COMMITTEE holds meetings first Monday of every even month.



Due to the Pandemic, the schedule has changed. Stay tuned for any updates through our website and email list!

Dumont Arboretum Volunteer Opportunities



Ray Slaman, Sally Tayeb, Zendiggi Kabob House. The Shade Tree was happy to take the Zendiggi bales of hay from their holiday decorations to mulch the tree nursery!

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 leaves are starting to fall and the path provides a beautiful stroll. Enjoy the TAKE A BOOK/LEAVE A BOOK lending library. Sit on the hand-made wood bench and read 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, email Bill Zitelli: bzitelli52@gmail.com. Join the Dumont Shade Tree and Friends of the Shade Tree for a rewarding experience.



Dumont Shade Tree Commission Contact Information

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Residents Welcome!



DSTC meetings are on the third Monday of each month.

During the pandemic, meetings are remote via Zoom.

June - August, meetings are at the Dumont Arboretum 7:30pm — 9pm

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

From the President's Desk:

It is a natural paradox to find that the benefits you adore about an object, place, or experience, leads to some tasks and obligations you abhor. You love the autumn foliage, the changing leaves, the panoply of colors; but raking or gutter cleaning—not so much. You have to take the good with the bad, you'll say. You might even determine that raking leaves and maintaining your trees is too much of a burden. Cutting down a tree means you don't have to rake its leaves. You like trees, but just not THIS tree. You know that trees are nice for shade, you know that trees produce oxygen, but you wrongly assume that one tree here or there doesn't make a difference. It's an inconvenience, a burden. In the past eight months we have seen this misguided sentiment play out around the world in very alarming ways; sure the virus is bad, deadly even, but what about my convenience? What difference does it make if I don't wear a mask or follow the rules? What difference does one person make? Here's the thing; we have seen that we are not just one person, that the decisions we make as individuals have grave consequences far beyond our front yard. You may have heard people talk about personal liberties, but there is something just as important; personal responsibilities, personal obligations as a citizen, as a neighbor, as a resident of this planet. One person's choice and behavior DOES make a difference, one person's vote DOES make a difference. So does one tree. Every one.



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. 12/31/23)
- Sally Tayeb (term exp. 12/31/20)
- Mary Normoyle (term exp. 12/31/22)
- Conor Gorman (term exp. 12/31/20)



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?

- ◆ Concerts-Twilight at the Gazebo
- ◆ Dumont Day
- ◆ Arbor Day
- ◆ Memorial Day Parade
- ◆ Spring Seminar Series
- ◆ Library Programs
- ◆ Holiday Train Show



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