



# 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.*

## Mark Your Calendars! Dumont Annual Arbor Day Celebration

Saturday April 27, 2019 at the Dumont Arboretum 1-3 pm.

Festivities include Annual Tree Planting | | Arbor Day Poster Contest winners announced | | Art entries will be on display

### || The Arboretum Express || Holiday Train Show ||



The Arboretum Express Holiday Train Show roared into Dumont from December 8-20, 2018 and it was a resounding success. Over 500 visitors of all ages came to experience working model trains and scenery showing historic sites and buildings from Dumont. All scenery was made with local botanicals with extraordinary detail. Kudos and thanks to the Dixon Homestead Library staff, the Dumont Shade Tree Commission, Friends of the Shade Tree, Anna Fisichella Master Gardener and Scenery Designer and Creator, Tom Fisichella Director, Bill Zitelli, Kathy Zitelli, Tom Sites, Newton Sweet, and Steve Falatico Train Expert Rails by Design, who made it all happen.



## Dumont Heritage Tree News

We have a newly honored Heritage Tree in Dumont! Thanks to Jacqui Maury for identifying Seymour, a beautiful heritage tree on her property on Colonial Parkway and contacting the Shade Tree for the award designation! Seymour is a variety of sycamore more accurately known as "London planetree" The sycamore is one of the parents of the hybrid London planetree. Jacqui tells us that "Seymour the Sycamore is loved in our neighborhood." 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](mailto:DSTC07628@gmail.com)



## THE DUMONT SHADE TREE COMMISSION UPCOMING EVENTS FOR 2019:

- ◇ Friends of the Shade Tree meet the 1st Monday of every even month
- ◇ Dumont Shade Tree Commission meetings are the 3rd Monday of every month at the Dumont Senior Center unless otherwise noted
- ◇ Twilight at the Gazebo Summer Concert Series Every Wednesday in July

**March** || 3/18 3rd Monday  
DSTC mtg ||

**April** || 4/1 1st Monday  
FOTST Garden Committee guest  
speaker native plants

4/15 - 3rd Monday DSTC

4/27- ARBOR DAY at the  
Gazebo

**May** || 5/20 - 3rd Monday  
DSTC mtg ||

**June** || 6/3 1st Monday  
FOTST Garden Committee  
annual sharing of perennials

6/17 - 3rd Monday DSTC mtg at  
the Gazebo ||

**July** || 7/15- 3rd Monday  
DSTC mtg at the Gazebo

Twilight At the Gazebo Concerts  
every Wednesday in July: 7/3,  
7/10, 7/17, 7/24, 7/31 ||

**August** || 8/5 - 1st Monday  
FOTST Garden Committee

8/19 - 3rd Monday DSTC mtg ||

**September** || 9/16 - 3rd  
Monday DSTC mtg ||

**October** || 10/7 1st Monday  
FOTST Garden Committee  
terrarium making event

10/21 -3rd Monday DSTC mtg ||

**November** || 11/18 - 3rd  
Monday DSTC mtg ||

**December** || 12/2 -

1st Monday FOTST Garden  
Committee will host the annual  
Wreath-making event

12/16 - 3rd Monday DSTC mtg ||

## *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](mailto:bzitelli52@gmail.com). Join the Dumont Shade Tree and Friends of the Shade Tree for a valuable and rewarding experience.



## Leafy Projects | Around Town



Our very own Anna and Tom Fisichella were honored by the Dumont Mayor and Council with a proclamation for their work in creating the Holiday Express Train

Show at the Dixon Homestead Library. Thanks to Councilwoman Carole Stewart for presenting the award at the Council meeting on January 15, 2019. Congratulations all around!



### **TOM & ANNA FISICHELLA APPRECIATION DAY JANUARY 15, 2019**

WHEREAS, Tom and Anna Fisichella have a long and robust history of volunteerism, and have contributed for many years as leaders in development of programs for the community; and  
 WHEREAS, Tom and Anna wished to present a train show to highlight the intimate relationship between the railroad in Dumont and the Shade Tree Arboretum along West Shore Avenue; and  
 WHEREAS, Tom and Anna's effort began in early 2018 with their initial idea and soliciting partners, to many months of planning and design to recreate Dumont in miniature, including the Dixon Homestead Library, Arboretum, Old North Reformed Church, as well as many other Borough Landmarks; and  
 WHEREAS, Tom and Anna, along with the Dumont Shade Tree Commission, presented The Arboretum Express Holiday Train Show, in partnership with the Dixon Homestead Library, who served as a great host for this community event; and  
 WHEREAS, The Train Show was received over a two-week period in December, and visited by over 500 people in the community; and  
 WHEREAS, a special thanks to Tom and Anna, as well as their Event Committee: the Dumont Shade Tree Commission, Friends of the Shade Tree, Dixon Homestead Library, Bill and Kathy Zitelli, Newton Sweet and Steve Falatico;  
 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that I, James J. Kelly, Mayor of Dumont, do proclaim January 15, 2019, as  
 "TOM & ANNA FISICHELLA APPRECIATION DAY"  
 during which time the entire community of Dumont joins Tom and Anna in celebrating their hard work and dedication to the community and the Borough of Dumont.



### **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. Keep an eye out for our new poster campaign. Contact us to let us know you want a tree on the web: [www.dumontshadetree.org/adopt-a-tree](http://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.

#### **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!

[www.dumontshadetree.org](http://www.dumontshadetree.org) | [www.fotst.org](http://www.fotst.org) | [www.dumontnj.gov/boards/shade-tree-commission](http://www.dumontnj.gov/boards/shade-tree-commission)

**Facebook: @dumontshadetree Instagram: @dumontshadetree Twitter: @dumontshadetree**

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

**VISIT US AT OUR NEW WEBSITE: [WWW.DUMONTSHADETREE.ORG](http://WWW.DUMONTSHADETREE.ORG)**



## Dumont Shade Tree Commission Contact Information

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## 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:

In many ways we have made progress that has resulted in improvement in the quality of life for many Americans. We recognized environmental issues such as air and water pollution, and enacted laws that reduced the problem. We saw the pressure on vital species, some facing extinction, and enacted laws to protect animals and habitat. We have bald eagles and ospreys living in Bergen County! But there is a much larger threat that is much more daunting ; greenhouse gasses are causing harm to the entire planet. Slow nearly imperceptible changes have accumulated to cause harm in unprecedented ways. The issue is overwhelming nearly to the point of resignation. But we can do something. Each of us can help. We can reduce plastic waste. We can reduce fossil fuel consumption. We can be smart consumers and citizens. And we can plant trees. Every leaf on every tree will help. We have no choice but to act so that we bequeath to our children a healthy planet. Hug a tree and save the planet.



**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?

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



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