



Meeting Agenda
Tuesday, February 3rd, 2026 @ 7pm
Borough Hall 2nd Floor Conference Room

Participants of the Shade Tree Commission:

Name	Title	Name	Title
Jodi DeMarco	Chairperson	Lisa Shalakho	Commission Member
Michael Mariani	Alternate #1	Diane Korzinski	Commission Member
Lyle Hatch	Alternate #2	Joseph Wojteck	Council Liaison
Albert Ianacone	Commission Member	Kevin Alberta	Licensed Tree Expert
John Manke	Commission Member	Maureen Cook	Secretary / DPW

Adequate notice of this meeting has been provided by the Annual Schedule of Regular Meetings heretofore adopted and posted on the public Bulletin Board at the Municipal Building, emailed to the Herald News, The Record, The Gazette and all other persons who have requested the mailing of such schedule, and a copy of said schedule has remained on file in the office of the Borough Clerk from and since December 8, 2016.

- Attendees
- Statement of NJ Open Public Meetings Act
- **Open Public Portion (limited to 5 minutes per family)**

Items to discuss & updates:

- **Tree Inventory (Count)** – Ted Szczawinski from Sterling Update
 - As of 1/9/26 – the Application from the NJDEPSAGE has been selected for a **grant award**. We will be contacted by a NJDEP rep for assistance in preparing the formal Grant Agreement – TBD the Grant Agreement (Maureen Cook)
 - On 12/31/25 - Narratives complete & approvals for the Grant are pending by DEP.
- The **AAR 2025 completion** is being prepared by **John Manke** - working in progress and to be submitted to the Arbor Foundation due by mid-February.
- Al Ianacone submitted the order to the Arbor Day Foundation for the **White Dogwood Seedlings**, which will be available between 4/14/2026-5/15/2026.
- As of the end of January 2026, Downes Tree Service has **completed** all Tree Removals and Pruning requests given to them from 2025. Stumps from the end of December into January will be grinded down in the Spring (when the snow has melted).



- **Yearly Events to mark the dates:** at least 2 or 3 Volunteers at these events
 - Saturday, April 18th – Cel-Earth-Bration at the HHS 10-2 pm – 200 seedling and merch give-a-ways.
 - Friday, April 24th – Arbor Day: to discuss where to plant a tree?
 - Columbia Bank sponsors and a tree species TBD
 - June or August – 8 Acrea Woods Play at the Bandshell (TBD) – Diane/Al
 - Saturday, September 26th – Hawthorne Day – 200 seedlings and merch give aways.
 - Additional Daffodil planting day: Al Ianacone w/volunteers from Environmental Team - TBD
- **2026 Calendar:**
 - Requesting to change the May 5th meeting to May 12th. The conference room is available for this change – discuss within the SHTC to vote.
 - July & August meetings - discuss to either change the meeting date or not have meetings in the summer months.
- **Fall Planting (pre-meetings)** – a new list is underway, Maureen/ Kevin
- **CEU Webinars** – Starting a new year of CEU Webinars in 2026.
 - Core Training needs to be taken 1st to the new members before their CEUs can start accumulating (Tree University courses).

2026 Our next Shade Tree meeting will be held on **Tuesday, March 3rd, 2026 at 7 pm at Boro Hall, 2nd Floor Conference room.** Questions or concerns for the Shade Tree Commission, please call the office at 973-427-5555 Ext. 218 or email the Hawthorne Shade Tree at hawthorneshadetree@hawthornenj.org.

Thank you –

Hawthorne Shade Tree Commission Secretary