

2015 Year End Arboretum report Dec 2015

During the year the Arbnet application was finalized, submitted and approved for Colts Neck Town Hall Arboretum to be a registered Class 1 arboretum.

After several iterations, the Site map for the arboretum was updated and finalized and printed with the help of Brookdale College faculty Eric Anderson , and the Monmouth County Park system Print Shop. The 2 1/2' x 3 1/2' map is now available on the Colts Neck Web site, and is on display outside the lower entrance to the town library, and inside the library. 8 1/2 x 11" copies are available for anyone wishing to walk thru the Arboretum.

As part of the ourTree City program, the STC distributed several hundred seedlings provided by the State Forestry program.

Arbor Day was recognized by the STC in conjunction with the Boy and Girl Scouts planting of a Nine Bark, and a Kousa Dogwood near town hall. The scouts were educated about the proper method of planting trees.

Between April and November, 8 work sessions were held concentrating on maintenance of the trees. Volunteers spent 57 hours on this activity alone.

At the request of STC, Ed Thompson, town DPW director oversaw the removal of 6 dead trees from the Arboretum and First Aid grounds, and pruned damaged branches from several others.

An article has been prepared for publication to increase public awareness about the Arboretum, and discussing the purpose and benefit of the Arboretum.

In the coming year we will continue the tree maintenance program, and update and refresh the labels on the trees.

Gordon Boak, STC