

## HUNTERDON COUNTY SHADE TREE COMMISSION PRESS RELEASE

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### HUNTERDON COUNTY SHADE TREE COMMISSION TO HOLD PROGRAM ON ARBORICULTURE ISSUES, INCLUDING EMERALD ASH BORER

The Hunterdon County Shade Tree Commission will be holding an informative program for Hunterdon County residents on **Wednesday, March 11, 2015 at 7 pm** at the Echo Hill Park Multi-purpose Room 42 Lilac Drive in Clinton Township. The Commission has invited **Dr. Neil Hendrickson** to speak and give a general update on several **New Jersey arboriculture issues including emerald ash borer, ash yellows, and bacterial leaf scorch**. Residents will be able to get information on what to do if one or more of these pests/diseases has affected the trees on their property or in their neighborhood. The program is free and open to the public.

Dr. Neil Hendrickson has a Bachelor of Science from Cook College/ Rutgers University, a Master of Science from the University of New Hampshire and a Ph.D. from Yale School of Forestry and Environmental Studies. He spent several years on the faculty of Resource Management at Simon Fraser University before currently serving as a practicing arborist and technical specialist at the R.A. Bartlett Tree Research Laboratory. He conducts research, provides technical support and does numerous lectures and workshops. He is a Certified Arborist, NJ Certified Expert, and a member of the Society of American Foresters. He is a resident of Readington Township.

The Hunterdon County Shade Tree Commission is a 5-member commission appointed by the Board of Chosen Freeholders to serve 5-year terms. The Commission meets on the 2<sup>nd</sup> Wednesday in the months of January, March, May, July, September and November at 7 pm in the Planning Board Conference Room at the Route 12 County Administration Building. The Commission's goal is to work with the Hunterdon County Department of Public Works to help maintain Hunterdon's treescapes and rural atmosphere along County roads. The Commission holds an annual tour of county roads to review road projects and recommend the preservation of existing trees and the location of new trees to be planted. The Commission also provides advice and expertise on landscaping around county buildings and facilities.

The Shade Tree Commission sponsors the annual **County Arbor Day ceremony**, along with the Board of Chosen Freeholders. The 2015 Arbor Day ceremony will be held at 12 Noon on **Friday, April 24** a County location to be announced later in March.

For further information about the Arboriculture program, Arbor Day or the Hunterdon County Shade Tree Commission, please contact Commission Secretary Shaun C. Van Doren at [scvd123@embarqmail.com](mailto:scvd123@embarqmail.com) or the Department of Public Works at (908) 788-1227, [engineering@co.hunterdon.nj.us](mailto:engineering@co.hunterdon.nj.us).

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