

## **2021 BBSTC Accomplishments**

**Joined- Alliance of Community Trees**

**Joined- Tree City USA**

**Joined- Shade Tree Federation**

**Became CORE Certified**

**Became NJUCF (New Jersey Urban Community Forestry Program) Accredited- 5 -year plan needed for eligibility for the \$15,000 grant**

**Shana Greenblatt applied for and we received a NJUCF \$15,000 Stewardship Grant for a town-wide inventory of trees**

**We reviewed 39 applications for tree removal or planting**

**We enrolled the graduating class of our grammar school to have an art contest, with Arbor day as its theme. Residents voted via social media**

**On April 24<sup>th</sup>- Bradley Beach has its “Green Fair”. The commission helped organize it and had a table and a display of the school tree drawing.**

**On Arbor day, April 30<sup>th</sup>, we planted a Swamp White Oak in the park. This was dedicated to the graduating class, who attended and read a poem about trees. The winners of the art contest were announced, three prizes were given**

**We created the HONOR ME program- Residents pay for a planting strip tree to be planted in memory of a person or event. We planted 12 HONOR ME trees, 9 in planting strips**

**We created the WISHING TREE PROGRAM- Residents sign up for a free planting strip tree, when available. We planted 9 WISHING TREES in planting strips**

**We donated all 11 trees to the Second Avenue Park Extension. 3 were HONOR ME trees.**

**We replaced the dead dedication tree to Mrs. Napoli by the Firehouse**

**We planted a total of 29 trees in town**

**We began ‘Tree of the Month’. Every month a tree and its homeowner are highlighted on social media and the local papers**