



White Plains Beautification Foundation, Inc.

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Officers Elected At WPBF Annual Meeting

Mayor Thomas Roach, Honorary Chairman of the White Plains Beautification Foundation, applauded the work of the all-volunteer group at its annual meeting for 49 years of creating a walkable city. "The key is walkability," he said. "The Beautification Foundation fills that need. Thank you, thank you, thank you!"

As the foundation approaches its 50th anniversary next year, celebratory plans for its golden year are being discussed. Thousands of daffodil and tulip bulbs will be planted in the fall to make a spectacular appearance come springtime.

Meanwhile this year's summer gardens and parklets are beginning to flourish with spring rain nourishing them. The foundation is responsible for planting and maintaining over 60 gardens throughout the city, with support from its Adopt-a-Park program and from the public. Without their support, none of this would be possible.

Besides gardens, the all-volunteer group has been responsible for designing and replacing an old summerhouse, building two fountains within Tibbits Park, designing and building a gazebo, and adding nearly 100 teakwood benches throughout the park and downtown. In 1974, after much research, they purchased a carillon, which is installed in the County courthouse, and presented it to the County. The sound of bells is as enchanting here as it is in the cities and towns of Europe. A street clock by White Plains Library and one in Tibbits Park add a certain small town feel to the bustling city.

Efforts to create a walkable city seem to have worked.

Elected president for a second term was Deborah Donahoe; Karen Quinn, first vice-president; Mary Briante, vice-president; Cormac Daly, treasurer; Joanna D'Addario, assistant treasurer; Sue Brennan and Mary Merenda, co-recording secretaries. Elected to the board of directors from the associate board was Nancy Giges. Continuing to serve as legal counsel was Lucia Chiochio of the firm of Cuddy and Feder.

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