



## **White Plains Beautification Foundation, Inc.**

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### **Beat Covid-19 Doldrums; Try Tulips, Daffodils, Cherry Trees**

Everything is cancelled. Events we've looked forward to – weddings, parties, concerts – while we sit behind closed doors, praying that this dreadful time will end soon. It really hits home as we learn of those we know succumbing to the dreaded virus. We watch the news until we can't bear to hear any more. The number of tragic deaths rises daily.

Things that enhance our lives become memories. Life isn't what it should be. Saturday night arrives, and we desperately need to socialize. We need to be with family and friends. In some ways it feels like wartime. We're hiding from the enemy. The novel coronavirus COVID-19 is doing us in.

Well, cheer up!

The all-volunteer White Plains Beautification Foundation wants you to know that, despite everything, spring has arrived! All around the city, daffodils and tulips are actually dancing and not standing 6-feet apart. They are hugging one another with promise of more to come. Last fall 31,400 new daffodil bulbs, straight from the Netherlands, were planted throughout the city.

What's happening this week is the cherry tree blossom spectacular. WPBF President Mary Ann DeRosa guarantees that your doldrums will disappear if you take a drive or a hike (remembering the 6-foot rule, of course, just as the trees do) downtown to Tibbits Park, which is along Rt. 22 (North Broadway) from Lake Street at the north to Westchester Avenue at the southern end. It's an incredible sight of Kodak moments. You must also turn on Lake Street and you'll see many more in Turnure Park between Main Street and Lake Street. In addition, you'll see 80 or 90 more in the Mamaroneck Avenue median leading out of the city toward Mamaroneck. The memorial cherry tree planting was started by WPBF in 1969. A bronze plaque on a 6-foot tall rock in Druss Park on Gedney Way displays an interesting array of names.

Enjoy your adventure among the blossoms, and stay safe!

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**About White Plains Beautification Foundation:** Incorporated in 1965, after its start in 1952 as a small committee, WPBF is a not-for-profit organization, making White Plains beautiful and a welcome place for living, working and visiting. Among its many projects are the establishment and maintenance of 70-plus public gardens and other gifts to the city, including fountains, a summerhouse, gazebo, and street clocks. The all-volunteer organization relies solely on business and individual donations.

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