



TOWN OF NEWINGTON

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Help the 150th Anniversary Committee Plant Daffodils All Over Town!

The 150th Anniversary Committee announced today that a beautification program is being implemented for the Town of Newington. The Newington Parks and Recreation Department is working in cooperation with the 150th Anniversary Committee and has ordered over 2,500 daffodil bulbs to celebrate this momentous occasion. “I have lived here all my life, and I am so honored to be the chairperson of the committee. We have a great group of committee members and we are anxious to set this beautification mission in motion,” said Eileen Francolino, Chairperson of the 150th Anniversary Committee and Parks and Recreation Board Member. “These daffodils will serve as a beautiful reminder each spring, of how far we have come and what makes this town so very special.”

The first 400 households that register online will receive 5 free daffodil bulbs. Families are encouraged to plant the bulbs in their front lawn by the second week of October, so that residents and out of town visitors can enjoy them in the spring. Daffodils should be planted in a wave, six inches apart from each other and six inches deep. “This is going to be such a fun way to celebrate the 150th anniversary of the great town,” said Bill DeMaio, Superintendent of Newington Parks and Recreation. “This blooming beautification mission will transform the town stunningly yellow come springtime!”

Daffodil bulb pick up will take place on Wednesday, September 30, 2020 from 5:00 to 7:30 p.m. in front of the Chapel at West Meadow Cemetery located at 679 Willard Avenue. There will be five half hour curbside pickup shifts, where families will be asked to provide their name and address to the 150th Committee volunteers and can then pick up their bulbs from the safety of their car. We will practice social distancing and will be following all COVID-19 protocols. The daffodil bulbs will be prepackaged in plastic bags that include 5 bulbs and planting instructions, that will either be handed to you through your car window or placed in your trunk as you drive through.

This is a very exciting time and we anticipate lots of interest in these free daffodil bulbs, so don't delay register today! The 150th Anniversary Committee is comprised of Robert Blank, Kathleen-Marie Clark, Melanie Depamphilis, Joseph Dubin, Diane Durant, Michael Fox, Eileen

Francolino (Chairperson), Susan Gibbon, Laura Irons, Gail Kelly, Anna Kubish, Cathy Miket-Piombo, Jerilyn Nagel, Allison Smith, Nancy Smith, Kathleen Sullivan, Thomas Tallard, and Maxwell Turgeon. Registration will be accepted on a first come first serve basis and can be completed online at www.newingtonct.gov/parksandrec. For more information please visit our website or contact the Parks and Recreation Office at 860-665-8666. Remember, with Newington Parks and Recreation we are “Building a Strong Community!”

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