

Town & Village

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PS 40 Plants Daffodils in Nearby Park

Last week, students from PS 40 planted thousands of daffodil bulbs in Stuyvesant Park as part of an ongoing partnership between the school, The Gramercy Park Block Association, New Yorkers for Parks, and the Parks Department.

This year, the daffodil project was supported by the Met Life Foundation.

Throughout the day, classes came to the park with their teachers and parent volunteers where they heard a short talk by Christy Dailey, a Parks Department gardener. The students were then given gloves, shovels and daffodil bulbs and began planting.

The bulbs were provided by New Yorkers for Parks, the city's only independent watchdog group for the city's parks, beaches, and playgrounds. Together with the Parks Department, they distribute over 300,000 daffodil bulbs. The planting equipment was provided by the Gramercy Park Block Association.

The relationship between New Yorker's for Parks Executive Director, Christopher DiPalermo, and Gramercy Park Block Association President, Arlene Harrison, was facilitated by David Loo who serves on the Board of Directors of both organizations and by Gramercy Park neighbor and a Board Member of New Yorkers for Parks, Danny Meyer.

The Gramercy Park Block Association enjoys a close partnership with PS 40 and has provided musical and arts equipment and supports their annual auction. GPBA Board Member Jan Renner (a parent of three PS 40 children) serves as liaison between the Association and PS 40.

All those who attended the planting activities are looking forward to returning in the spring to see the daffodils in full bloom.

