2,000 golden daffodils to be planted in Hell's Kitchen to honor 9/11 victims

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Stay gold, New York. After the attack on the city in 2001, New Yorkers for Parks launched the Daffodil Project as a 9/11 memorial. Since 2001, the advocacy group for public spaces has overseen the distribution of free golden daffodils. On October 22, the Daffodil Project will return to its inaugural site at DeWitt Clinton Park in Hell's Kitchen, where it plans to plant 2,000 new flowers.

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CultivateHKNY, a Hell's Kitchen community organization, will supply the bulbs and host the event. It's hoping to recruit New Yorkers to help with the project, so if you want to volunteer, head to the park between 10am and 1pm. (You'll get refreshments as thanks!)

The gesture is meant to honor the victims of 9/11 and is responsible for the millions of bright yellow blossoms that show up in the city every spring. In support of the movement, former mayor Michael Bloomberg actually declared the daffodil New York City's official flower in 2007.

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