

Newport Daffodil Days Festival Set to Return in April

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The **Newport Daffodil Festival** has announced initial plans for the 6th annual Newport Daffodil Days.

The festival has planted more than one million daffodils over the last 12 years.

“Daffodillion, Newport’s civic beautification campaign, planted its one-millionth daffodil this past fall, thanks to all who donated to purchase and plant bulbs during the past years,” said Project Director John Hirschboeck. “Their hard work in the fall yields a bounty of beauty each April. The Festival is our celebration of spring, enticing winter-weary tourists and local residents to emerge from hibernation and have a daffy good time.”

The celebration will run from April 13 to April 21.

2019 Festival

The festival begins with the Newport Rhode Races marathon, half marathon and 5K through daffodil-lined streets on April 13.

That afternoon, the cutting of the daffodil ribbon and the firing of muskets officially open the Festival at Bannisters and Bowen’s wharves in downtown Newport.

Following that, a Daffy Dressed Doggie Paw-rade marches to historic Queen Anne Square with an After Paw-ty on the dog-friendly patio at the Hotel Viking.

On Saturday, April 20, over 100 daffodil-decorated classic cars will roll through the streets of Newport and along Ocean Drive, sponsored by the Audrain Automotive Museum.

A reception, car display on Bellevue Avenue and a Daffodil Garden Party with the RI Ballet Theatre follow.

For the first time, complimentary Trolley Tours of the daffodils will take place on Sunday morning, April 14 and Easter Sunday afternoon, April 21.

Other Festival highlights scheduled (all free) include:

- A Tour de Jonquilles Bike Ride
- A Private Garden Tour at Hillside
- A daffodil tour and lecture at the Green Animals Topiary Garden
- Dabbling & Doodling the Daffys on Newport’s famed Cliff Walk



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