



## THE FUND FOR PARK AVENUE

May 2014



The 2014 tulips are a Darwin Hybrid variety called Gudoshnik. Darwin Hybrids are among the most weather resistant of all garden tulips with large flower heads on strong stems. Unlike other varieties, they can come back year after year - provided the leaves are not cut after blooming.

Mark your calendars and get out your trowels -- the annual **Park Avenue Tulip Dig** starts on May 17th! Tulips can be carefully removed from the end beds on Park Avenue between 54th and 86th Streets from May 17th through the 22nd.

With proper care, Park Avenue tulips have been replanted and continue to bloom in personal and community gardens in and around New York City. To enjoy the tulips for years to come, please be sure to follow the instructions below and exercise extreme caution while on the malls:

**When digging up the bulbs, do not take any soil and do not cut off the leaves. Bulbs should be stored in a dry place until the leaves have turned brittle. They can be re-planted in October or November. Use a small amount of Bulb-tone-type fertilizer and be sure to choose a location that gets full sunlight.**

### **\*Important\***

**Because of planned maintenance, please refrain from removing the bulbs from the end beds on either side of 67th and 68th Streets.**

*Please send photos of your digging experience (or of your Park Avenue tulips blooming in their new home) to: [barbaramclaughlin@fundforparkavenue.org](mailto:barbaramclaughlin@fundforparkavenue.org).*

*Both the 19th and Midtown North precincts have been notified and patrols should expect to see people digging but as an added precaution, you may wish to carry a copy of this notice with you.*



Using contributions from the community, The Fund for Park Avenue plants, lights and maintains the trees and flowers on the Park Avenue Malls. For more information or to make a tax-deductible contribution, visit [www.fundforparkavenue.org](http://www.fundforparkavenue.org)

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