

A Beautiful Walk

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What a wonderful opportunity was afforded me during a trying time. As I took my walk each day, I began to look and to see what had just been scenery along the way before the opportunity was provided to post on Facebook the beauty that surrounds us at WG. Since many were no longer able to take their walks, I felt I was walking for all of us and it put a new pep in my steps.

Walking just for the exercise instead became a challenge to find something new, different and interesting. The mission became one of finding something that I had so many times before just hustled (sauntered!) past. Now I looked up and down and all around and saw the beauty of God's creations. There were a few friendly challenges to see if others could see what I and my camera saw in a particular picture and even where the picture had been taken within the confines of WG.

Some of the annuals began to peek their heads above ground only to be greeted by a spring snow. Those daffodils, tulips and others persevered and soon the leaves began to appear on bare tree branches. One day the sound of mowers and smell of new mown grass came through the open window.

Every day there were pictures of flowers I didn't recognize and the request for FB viewers to let us all know other than "pretty flowers" what they were actually called.

The beauty that the grounds crew began to create in the early spring didn't look like much when those plants were tenderly placed in the ground, but we knew that Dana "had a plan" for each and every garden and what it would ultimately display. And oh what beautiful displays they turned out to be!

But wait, is that snow in September? Yes, we held our breaths wondering how those beautiful gardens would survive the snow and cold. And survive they did! More pictures of the mature gardens seemed to beg to be taken and shared.

Some day soon, all of those beautiful gardens will wilt and be dug up in preparation for the cold, snowy winter days ahead. The trees will have shed their leaves. However, the beauty of this colorful summer display will help heal some of the less-than-pleasant memories of the summer that has passed and give us hope in anticipating what will be waiting for us to view and enjoy next.