



# DUTCHESS COUNTY st. patrick's Parade Committee, Inc.

\*\*\*PRESS RELEASE\*\*\*

It is with a heavy heart that the Dutchess County St. Patrick's Parade Committee has to announce this year's 2021 Emerald Ball and Parade will be cancelled due to the Coronavirus Pandemic.

The Dutchess County St. Patrick's Parade Committee has been organizing these events since 1996. Committee Chairman Gene Noone states, "We consider ourselves very lucky that last year's 25th Anniversary took place. The Covid 19 virus caused all other parades in 2020 to be cancelled. This included New York City's world famous St. Patrick's Day Parade along Fifth Avenue."

Since our event attracts thousands of people every year, the Board of Directors and Committee members unanimously agreed that the safety of all involved is paramount. According to a spokesperson, "The fact that New York continues to see spikes in hospitalizations leaves us no other choice. It's the right thing to do."

Our selected Grand Marshal, Joseph Corrigan, will remain our Grand Marshal until we can safely march down the Avenue again. The good news is that the Annual St. Patrick's Parade Mass will be celebrated on Saturday, March 6, 2021 at 9:00AM, St. Mary's Catholic Church in Wappingers Falls. We will be exercising the social guidelines set in place by the CDC and the Archdiocese of New York.

**Our Annual scholarships will also be awarded at the end of the school year.** Applications are available on our website. We will continue to support Dutchess County in various other ways. We will also keep you informed by posting updates on future events as soon as it is safe to schedule them.



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EMERALD BALL IS HELD THE SECOND SATURDAY IN FEBRUARY  
ST. PATRICK'S PARADE IN WAPPINGERS FALLS IS HELD THE FIRST SATURDAY IN MARCH