

29th Annual
Dutchess County
St. Patrick's Parade



March 2, 2024

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Our History

In the fall of 1995, several members of the community and the Kevin Barry Irish Club gathered together to discuss the idea of a Dutchess County St. Patrick's Parade.

This idea became a fact when, on March 9, 1996, with the help and blessing of St. Mary's Parish and the Wappingers Falls Village Board, the first Dutchess County St. Patrick's Parade stepped off, at 1:00PM from St. Mary's parking lot in Wappingers Falls.

Now entering our 29th year, the Parade has grown into the very enjoyable and dignified event that attracts thousands of participants and spectators from near and far.

We are a not for profit organization that relies totally on the generosity of our sponsors and donors. We need your help to make sure this year's parade is the best one yet. We hope we can count on your financial support and we look forward to seeing you at the Parade!



As Friends Become Family





PAST GRAND MARSHALS

2023	William Holohan Beale	
2022	Joseph Corrigan	
2020	Kieran Lalor	
2019	Doreen Shephard	
2018	William O'Hare	
2017	Eileen Sassmann	R.I.P.
2016	Bruce Coneeny	
2015	Joe Daily	
2014	Glen Kelly	
2013	William Brogan	R.I.P.
2012	Jane Ekins Kelly	R.I.P.
2011	Matt Fitzgerald	R.I.P.
2010	Gerry McVicker	
2009	Ken Brown	
2008	Noel T. Morris	R.I.P.
2007	Tim Doyle	R.I.P.
2006	John Fedigan	
2005	Dave Costello	
2004	Margaret Connolly	R.I.P.
2003	Jim Cunningham	R.I.P.
2002	Michael J. Kelly	
2001	Jim O'Brien	
2000	Monsignor Francis P. Bellew	
1999	Mary & Fred McVicker	R.I.P.
1998	Cornelius Flaherty	
1997	Ethel Brogan	R.I.P.
1996	Fr. Charlie Coen	



2024



Andrew O'Grady, GM elect

Dutchess County St. Patrick's Parade Committee, Inc.

Calendar of Events

- ◆ Meetings are held at the VFW Hall, 8 School Street, Wappingers Falls, NY. Meetings Start at 7:00PM (Sept. to June).
- ◆ Saturday, February 17, 2024: Emerald Ball, Elks Lodge #275, Overocker Road, Poughkeepsie
- ◆ Friday, March 1, 2024: House & Business Decorating Contest
- ◆ Saturday, March 2, 2024: PARADE DAY
- * 9:00 AM: Mass at St. Mary's Church
- * 12:00 PM: Line-up
- * 12:45 PM: Shamrock Dash
- * 1:00 PM: Step-off
- ◆ Friday, March 17, 2024: St. Patrick's Parade in NYC

Executive Board

Gene Noone, Jim Englishby, Kerriane Hammond, Jack Fedigan

Executive Committee

John Beale, Ken Brown, Todd Bowen, Bruce Coneeny, Bridget Costello, Trish Costello, Michelle Englishby, Bob Gray, Margo Maher, Don Maher. Paul Mikolajczyk, Mary Jo Quinn. Mike Quinn, Enda Ryan, Doreen Shepheard, Dick Thurston, CJ Tomaskovic

Members Emeritus: Glen Kelly, Mike Kelly, Dave Costello, John Begley

Chairman: Gene Noone (914-469-6661)
Vice Chairman: Jim Englishby (914-494-5589)
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Formation Chairman: Enda Ryan (914-263-0994)
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Dick Thurston

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Emerald Ball Chairman: Trish Costello (845-297-0800)
Bridget Costello (845-444-4939)
Raffles Chairman: Margo Maher (845-464-6033)
Michelle Englishby
Mary Jo Quinn
Scholarship Chairman: John Beale (914-475-8917)
Trish Costello

Fire Department Liaison: Paul Mikolajczyk, (845-625-7307)
Village Liaison: John Beale (914-475-8917)
Security: Paul Mikolajczyk (845-625-7307)
Decorating Contest: Doreen Shepheard (845-489-6695)
Kerriane Hammond (845-242-9955)



OFFICIAL PARADE RULES

The following rules are for the safety of all parade participants and spectators:

1. **NO** throwing of candy or objects from any vehicle, float or from walkers.
2. Please, no pamphleteering for persons, parties, or causes.
3. Absolutely **NO SIRENS** or **AIR HORNS** will be blown during the parade, except by emergency vehicles in case of an emergency.
4. On the approach of an **EMERGENCY** vehicle, **ALL UNITS WILL GIVE WAY AND MOVE TO THE FAR RIGHT** as quickly as possible.
5. Absolutely **NO ALCOHOL** is to be consumed at the line-up areas, during the parade march or at the Mesier Park dispersal area. Violators are subject to the penalties stated in the Village of Wappingers Falls local laws.
6. All units with children must have adults in attendance to assist marchers in case of need.
7. All units are asked to keep the parade line of march tight. Please close up any spaces that develop between units.

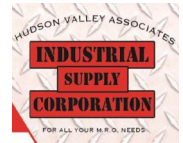
Thank you for your cooperation!



STREETS USED AS LINE-UP AREAS:

RURAL CEMETARY:	Escort Division
NORTH STREET:	First Division (Note: Nelson Ave. would be utilized for overflow)
McCAFFERTY PLACE:	Second and Third Divisions
CLINTON STREET:	Fourth Division and Oversized Floats (tractor trailers & long flat bed trailers); “Latecomer Division”
PELLS PLACE:	Can be used as a cross street to access each division. Will be for pedestrian traffic & parade committee golf carts only!

2023 CORPORATE SPONSORS



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Dutchess County Sheriff's Office



ANNUAL EMERALD BALL

The Dutchess County St. Patrick's Parade Committee invites you to attend the Annual Emerald Ball. The Ball is held to officially announce the Grand Marshal for the parade where they are honored and receive their official sash. This years event will take place on February 17, 2024 at the Elks Lodge #275, Overocker Road, Poughkeepsie, NY. Tickets are \$65.00 per person, which includes dinner, cash bar, and entertainment. Cash Bar is at 6PM with dinner served at 7PM. Dinner Choices are Roast Beef, Chicken Parmesan or Eggplant. Tickets are available for purchase starting December 1, 2023. There will be a raffle table filled with many donated items for attendees to bid on.

To become a part of this event please contact:
Trish Costello (845) 297-0800
Bridget Costello (845) 444-4939



CORPORATE SPONSORSHIPS

The Dutchess County St. Patrick's Parade Committee is pleased to announce that we offer Corporate Sponsorship opportunities to companies or individuals. Donations are tax deductible under 501(C)(3) status.

Sponsorship Levels Available:

PLATINUM LEVEL

\$2,500.00

- ◆ Official Platinum Sponsors receive distinction in all printed parade material and a Full Color Platinum Page Ad in the Parade Commemorative Journal.
- ◆ Platinum Sponsors receive full mention in all press releases including radio and TV spots.
- ◆ Platinum Sponsors receive 6 tickets to the Emerald Ball in February.
- ◆ Platinum Sponsors receive special recognition on parade day with a Platinum Sponsorship Banner prominently displayed leading a division.

GOLD LEVEL

\$1,000.00

- ◆ Official Gold Sponsors receive distinction in all printed parade material and a Full Color Gold Page Ad in the Parade Commemorative Journal.
- ◆ Gold Sponsors receive full mention in all press releases including radio and TV spots.
- ◆ Gold Sponsors receive 4 tickets to the Emerald Ball in February.
- ◆ Gold Sponsors receive recognition on parade day with a Gold Sponsorship Banner prominently displayed in the parade.

SILVER LEVEL

\$500.00

- ◆ Official Silver Sponsors receive distinction in all printed parade material and a Full Color Silver Page Ad in the Parade Commemorative Journal.
- ◆ Silver Sponsors receive full mention in all press releases.
- ◆ Silver Sponsors receive 2 tickets to the Emerald Ball in February.
- ◆ Silver Sponsorship Banner will be displayed during the parade.

BRONZE LEVEL

\$350.00

- ◆ Official Bronze Sponsors receive distinction in all printed parade material and a Full Color Bronze Page Ad in the Parade Commemorative Journal.
- ◆ Bronze Sponsors receive recognition from the podium at the Emerald Ball in February.

VIP LEVEL

\$300.00

- ◆ Official VIP Sponsors receive a Full Color Emerald Page Ad in the Parade Commemorative Journal

For more information please contact:

Jack Fedigan
(914) 474-8706
info@addspace.com

John Beale
(914)475-8917
John.beale.sr@outlook.com

FLOAT REGULATIONS

Any organization that wishes to enter a float in the Dutchess County St. Patrick's Parade must file float theme and design with the parade committee for approval. Float entries must display an Irish Cultural theme and not be obscene or derogatory in nature. Music should reflect Irish heritage. A full description of the float must accompany the application. **The float must arrive by noon parade day.** All floats are subject to a safety inspection by a Parade Committee member. All floats must adhere to the NYSDOT and DMV rules and regulations for road and travel. The view of the driver must not be obstructed. It is recommended that safety personnel walk alongside the float for the drivers benefit. **On approach of an emergency vehicle, all units must give way and move to the far right as quickly as possible and stop.** Each organization must have representative check in at the registration truck to pick up a number which must be prominently displayed on the float. Floats without a visible number will not be judged. If a float leaves the line of march, they must use a safety person while re-entering.

All organizations and operators of floats must adhere to the Parade Rules and Float Regulations

- ◆ The view of the driver must not be obstructed.
- ◆ Grab bars or handles should be placed for riders.
- ◆ The float must be structurally sound so that there is no risk of collapse during the parade.
- ◆ People on floats MAY NOT hang over the side at anytime.
- ◆ NOTHING IS TO BE TOSSED OR THROWN FROM A FLOAT
Each Float, if giving anything away to the crowds must provide walkers along side to hand out giveaways.
- ◆ Please consider the safety of the children and/or spectators.
- ◆ Consider fire danger and carbon monoxide hazards.
- ◆ You must provide safety persons on the street at the front, rear and sides of the float.

For additional information, call Doreen Shephard (845) 297-6938



TROPHIES for the best Irish Cultural Floats
to be awarded immediately after the parade at the
VFW Hall, 8 School Street, Wappingers Falls, NY



DUTCHESS COUNTY ST. PATRICK'S PARADE

Registration Form for Floats

**Mail to: DCSPPC, Attn: Doreen Shephard,
9 Cindy Lane, Wappingers Falls, NY 12590 / (845) 297-6938**

Please print in full, the name of your organization, address, and phone number. A contact person must sign this form and return it to the Parade Committee as soon as possible. **Parade registration OPENS January 1, 2024 and the deadline to register is February 15, 2024.**

ORGANIZATION: _____

CORPORATION: _____

SCHOOL: _____

NAME: _____

ADDRESS: _____

CONTACT PERSON: _____

PHONE: (____) _____

E-MAIL: _____

This e-mail will be used for line-up updates

SIGNATURE: _____

Number of Marchers _____ Number of Cars _____

Number of Fire Trucks _____ Number of Floats* _____

Color Guard { } yes { } no Special requirements { } yes { } no

Music { } yes { } no Banners / Flags { } yes { } no

Please see regulations concerning float entry and operation on previous page

FLOAT THEME: _____

FLOAT DESIGN: _____

**There will be shuttle services from the South Hills Mall and
Wappingers Junior High running prior to and after the parade.**

Parade Rules will be distributed to all Entrants prior to step off!

MARCHING UNIT INFORMATION SHEET

**Mail to: DCSPPC, Attn: Enda Ryan,
118 Gold Road, Stormville, NY 12582 / (914) 263-0994
E-mail: enda316@gmail.com**

The information you provide will ensure proper introduction of your company / organization at the reviewing stand. **Parade registration OPENS January 1, 2023 and the deadline to register is February 15, 2023.**

Unit Name: _____

Unit Leaders Name: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ Zip: _____

Unit Leaders Phone #:(_____) _____

Unit Leaders E-mail: _____

This e-mail will be used for line-up updates

Home Town: _____

Year Established: _____ Number of Members: _____

Please include any additional information you would like to have announced as you pass the reviewing stand (i.e. history, Irish Heritage, etc.):

Signature: _____

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DCSPPC PARADE JOURNAL

Advertising Form for March 4, 2023

Please join with the Dutchess County St. Patrick's Parade Committee, Inc. in contributing to the success of the Dutchess County St. Patrick's Parade on Saturday, March 2, 2024 at 1:00 PM in the Village of Wappingers Falls, by advertising in the official Parade Journal.

This event is NOT funded by any local government agency or municipality. The proceeds from the journal are used to pay for bands and insurance necessary for our Parade.

Please return completed form and payment by February 15, 2023.
PAYMENT MUST BE MADE WHEN AD IS SUBMITTED.

We thank you in advance for your generous support!

ADVERTISEMENT RATES:

Cover (back)	\$400.00
Inside Cover (front or back)	\$350.00
VIP Page AD	\$300.00
Full Page AD	\$100.00
Half Page AD	\$ 50.00
Quarter Page AD	\$ 25.00
Patron / Memorial Listing	\$ 25.00 per line
<i>(50 characters / spaces max)</i>	

NAME: _____

ADDRESS: _____

CITY: _____ STATE: _____ ZIP: _____

E-MAIL: _____ PHONE: _____

AD SIZE: _____ AMOUNT ENCLOSED: \$ _____

Mail to: DCSPPC, Inc., PO Box 1352, Wappingers Falls, NY 12590

**For information, please call:
Gene Noone (914) 469-6661 –or–
John Beale (914) 475-8917 –or–
Bob Gray (914) 475-5749 –or–
Dick Thurston (845) 392-0881
E-Mail: gene.noone13@gmail.com**

DCSPPC PARADE JOURNAL
Advertising Form for March 4, 2023

5 x 8 Pages	
FULL PAGE	\$100.00
VIP PAGE	\$325.00
BACK COVER	\$400.00
INSIDE COVERS (front or back)	\$350.00

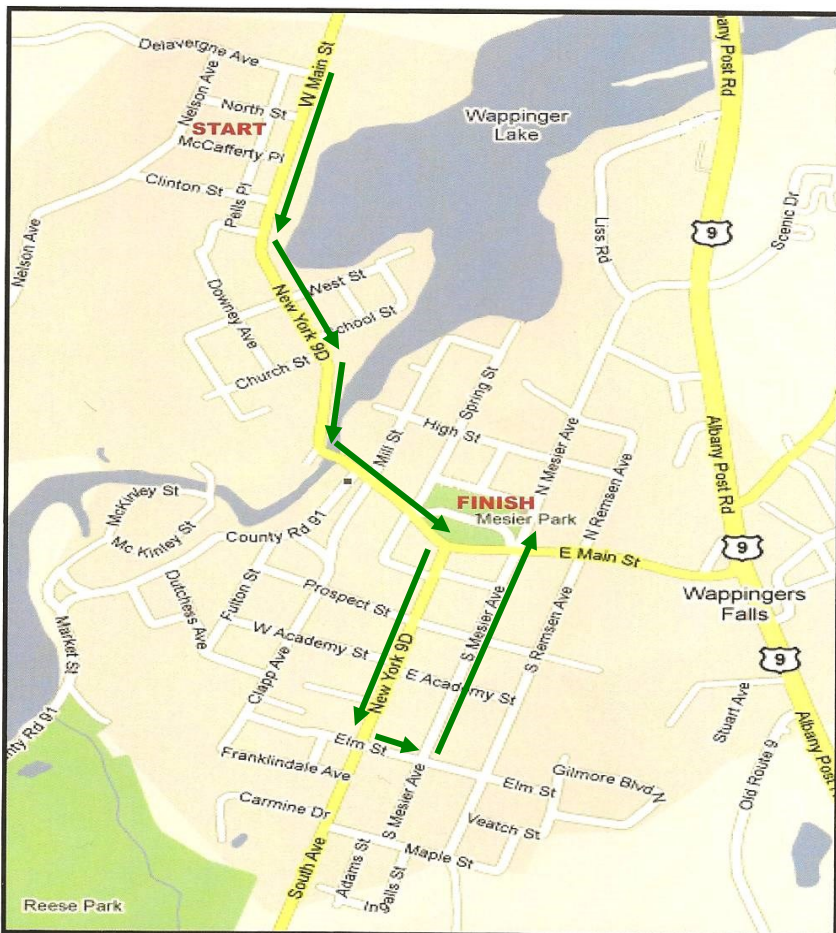
5 x 4 Pages HALF PAGE \$50.00
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2.5 x 4 PAGES QUARTER PAGE \$25.00
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2024 Parade Route

*Dutchess County St. Patrick's Parade
Village of Wappingers Falls, NY
Parade steps off at 1:00 PM*

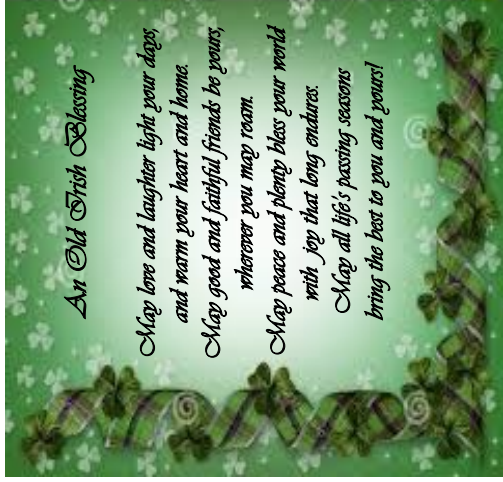


TAX DEDUCTIBLE:

The Dutchess County St. Patrick's Parade Committee, Inc. is exempt from federal income tax under Section 501C(3) of the Internal Revenue Code.

Contributions to the Parade Committee are deductible under Section 170 of the code. We are a public charity organization.

DUTCHESS COUNTY ST. PATRICK'S PARADE COMMITTEE
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Thank You
*for supporting the
Dutchess County St. Patrick's Parade Committee*

Please do not forget the DCSPPC, Inc. sponsors a Business and home decorating contest. It takes place before the parade, judges will circulate through the Village the day before the parade March 3rd. Awards will be given to 3 businesses and 3 homes after the parade at the VFW Hall, School Street approximately 4PM. So get your decoration thoughts together and contact our decorating chairperson with your intent to compete!
Remember to keep it clean and Irish themed. Please nothing garish or derogatory, these will automatically not be judged.