



Ancient Order of Hibernians Saint Patrick's Day Parade

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Dogtown Irish Festival

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FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

Saint Patrick's Day in Dogtown

Sequence of Events

March 16

Saint Patrick's Day Kickoff

<i>Special Mass in honor of St. Patrick</i> St. James the Greater Church, 6401 Wade 5Fr. Richard Quirk, Celebrant	4:00 PM to 5:00 PM
<i>"First Keg/First Beer"</i> St. James the Greater Church Hall 1360 Tamm Ave. Sponsored by Guinness	5:30 PM
<i>Irish Music</i> Irish Aires	4:00 PM to 8:00 PM
<i>Corn Beef and Cabbage Dinners</i>	4:00 PM - 8:00 PM

March 17

4th Annual Dogtown Irish Festival Opens 9:00 AM

The festival is divided into three zones: *The Family Zone, The Party Zone and Irish Cultural Zone.*

Key sponsors of the 2023 Irish Festival are:

Bud Light, Guinness Jameson Irish Whiskey and Tullamore D.E.W. Irish Whiskey, Heavy Riff Brewing Company, Dogtown Pizza, POWERS Insurance & Risk Management, Anna Garcia of Garcia Properties, and Fields Foods.

The Family Zone

Open 9:00 AM / Close 6:00PM

The *Dogtown Pizza Family Zone* is located on Oakland Avenue, just east of Tamm, nearby Turtle Park and the Oakland Playground.

Family friendly activities, include: **5 On Your Side-Games; Glitter Faces-Face Painting; STL Made-Magic House-Crafts, World Chess Hall of Fame-Giant Chess Game; Gaelic Athletic Club-Gaelic Sports; St. Louis Public Schools- Games; Mary Ann Duffin-Chalk Art; Anna Garcia-Garcia Properties; Kathy Ann Creative; Kerry Cottage, Missouri History Museum; the Missouri Humanities “Horizons” and Rainbow Stiltwalkers.**

The *Andrew Broombaugh-State Farm Insurance Agent Stage* will feature traditional Irish music and Irish dancing.

The Wild Geese will perform from **9:00 AM to 11:00 AM**

The Clark academy of Irish Dance **9:45 AM**

Number 9 Coal will perform from **1:00 PM to 4:00 PM**

Food and Drink options include **Stromboli Love, Snacks Galore, and Steve’s Hotdogs.**

The Party Zone

Open 9:00 AM / Close 6:00PM

The Bud Light Party Zone, featuring the Heavy Riff Main Stage and POWERS Insurance and Risk Management Vendor Village is located at Clayton and Tamm Ave.

There will be Irish music featured on the Heavy Riff Main Stage, located Clayton and Art Hill, before and after the parade.

120 Minutes (Classic Rock Covers) performs on the main stage **9:00AM to 11:00 AM**

Rusty Nail (Celtic-Infused Rock) performs live on the main stage **1:00 PM to 5:00 PM**

Food and Beverage include: **Heavy Riff Brewing, Felix's Pizza and Pub Ancient Order of Hibernians, Stone Turtle Restaurant, Seamus Mc Daniels, Tamm Avenue Bar, Hogtown Smokehouse Sweet Em's Coffee & Ice Cream, Fields Foods and Juan Taco or Two**

The POWERS Insurance and Risk Management Vendor Village in the Clayton and Tamm area, will feature: **Glitter Faces, Theo's Gyro's, Arch Apparel, Bridget Fainne, Series Six, F45 Fitness, Root 66, Pammy's Papparazzi, Keeping the Lou in Stiches, and Specialty Mailing.**

The Irish Cultural Zone

Open 9:00 AM / Close 6:00PM

The **Irish Cultural Zone**, sponsored by Guinness is located Saint James the Greater Parish, 1360 Tamm Ave. The Parish Center opens for Irish Coffee and other beverages at **8:00 AM**

The 46th St. James the Greater Corned Beef and Cabbage Dinner is from **11:00 AM to 5:00 PM**. There will be live Irish entertainment featuring music by the Irish Aires and

Irish Dancing from **11:00 – 6:00 PM**. The **Meghan Torno School of Irish Dance** will perform at **2:00 PM**.

The St. James Bud Light Tent will open at **9:00 AM** with a DJ until **6:00 PM**.

38th Ancient Order of Hibernians Saint Patrick's Day Parade

Start Time: 11:00 AM / Estimated End Time: 1:30 PM (*approx.*)

The parade, sponsored by the Ancient Order of Hibernians, was created in 1984 to highlight the many contributions of the Irish people to America. The parade begins at Tamm and Oakland. The route travels down Tamm, past St. James the Greater Church to Manchester Ave.

This year's parade features over 90 units and floats highlighting Irish dancing, music and salutes to Irish history and culture. The Grand Marshal of the 2023 parade will be **Julie Colombo**, who is 100 years old and a life-long resident of the Dogtown neighborhood.

Also, the following are being honored during the parade: St. Louis City Police Officer-**Sgt. David Zwilling**; St. Louis City Firefighter-**Ken Weiss**; St. Louis County Police Officer-**Sgt. Stephanie Powers**; St. Louis County Firefighter-**Eng. Andrew Shoop**, Labor Leader-**Mike Louis**, former President of the Missouri AFL-CIO and Civic Leaders-St. Louis Hero Network.

Other Special Honorees include: SLMPD Officers: **Lucas Roethlisberger and Sean Miskovic**.

Among the dignitaries marching in this 2023 parade are: Lieutenant Governor of Missouri, **Mike Kehoe**; Missouri State Representative 84th District: **Del Taylor**; St. Louis Fire Department: **Chief Dennis Jenkerson**; St. Louis Metropolitan Police Department: **Chief Robert J. Tracy** St. Louis Alderman the 24th Ward: **Bret Narayan**; and Honorary Mayor of Dogtown: **Keith Crowe**.

All outdoor vending in the entire festival area closes promptly at

6:00 PM

Special Note

No Coolers, Backpacks, Glass or Beads

No coolers, backpacks or glass containers will be allowed in the festival area. Outside alcohol is prohibited. These items will be allowed past any checkpoints to enter the festival area.

Containers necessary for child care purposes can be admitted after a brief search by security staff.

This year the passing out of beads will not be part of the celebration this year due to requests from the City of St. Louis's Special Event Commission and the Dogtown neighborhood due to safety and clean up issues.

About Dogtown United

Dogtown United, a non-profit organization that seeks to bring together the broader Dogtown community to create a strong, safe and vibrant neighborhood. Dogtown United seeks to represent local residents and business owners to better coordinate efforts with the Hibernians and improve the operations and efficiency of all events taking place in that historic neighborhood on March 17.

For more information on the Dogtown United, visit their website: <https://dogtownunited.org> or contact Festival Organizer Colin O'Brien at 636-486-6431 (cell) or via email Colin@blankslateline.com

The Ancient Order of Hibernians

The Ancient Order of Hibernians is an Irish Catholic fraternal organization that seeks to promote Irish heritage, history, culture and faith. It also does charitable work in both the United States and Ireland.

For information on the Ancient Order of Hibernians, or the 2023 AOH Saint Patrick's Day Parade, visit the Hibernian website at <http://www.stlhibernians.com/> or contact Parade Chairman Joe Murphy via e-mail murfefam@htc.net