



St. Patrick's Day Parade Committee
Sponsored by the Associated Irish Societies, Inc.

Greater New Haven St. Patrick's Day Parade ♣ Sunday March 15, 2015 ♣ 1:30 p.m.

September 1, 2014

Dear Potential 2015 Parade Participant:

On behalf of the Greater New Haven St. Patrick's Day Parade Committee, it is with great pleasure that I extend an invitation to your organization to submit an application for entry in the 59th Annual Greater New Haven St. Patrick's Day Parade on Sunday, March 15, 2015. To participate in the parade, please complete the online application by January 12, 2015 located at www.stpatricksdayparade.org. Applications will be available online by September 1, 2014. You will also receive notification of the status of your application no later than February 8, 2015.

We are equally delighted to announce that for the 5th consecutive year, FOX-CT will partner with the Parade Committee to broadcast the parade and provide real-time commentary on the cultural traditions represented by the 3,500 marchers along the 1.3 mile parade route. The estimated 300,000 spectators combined with the live broadcast contribute to multi-cultural understanding and enhances accessibility for diverse viewership throughout New England and New York. Likewise, as marching units compete for parade awards, they offer skillful and well-rehearsed performances that attract spectators to what has become the largest single day spectator event in the State of Connecticut, the Greater New Haven St. Patrick's Day Parade.

In preparation for the 2015 parade season, a post 2014 Parade Marshal Meeting was held to discuss any concerns that arose prior to and during the parade. Overall, the marshals' rated their experience as positive and applauded the display of professionalism demonstrated by the majority of participating marching units. However, in addressing issues brought forth by the marshals, the following directives have been established and adherence will be strictly enforced by the Parade Marshals during this parade season:

- ♣ **Parade Applications:** Submission of the parade application after the deadline of January 12, 2015 will be subject to a \$50.00 administration fee.
- ♣ **End of Parade Route:** The last leg of the Parade Route concludes east on Grove Street to Orange Street. Marching units are to **disperse on Grove and Orange Streets, not Church Street**. Please do not impede the flow of the parade participants by congregating on the path alongside Church Street.
- ♣ **Late Arrivals:** If your unit arrives late for staging, your unit will be placed at the end of the parade (no exceptions).





St. Patrick's Day Parade Committee

Sponsored by the Associated Irish Societies, Inc.

- ♣ **Candy and Giveaways:** Under no circumstances should anything be thrown from a vehicle or from parade participants. This is a safety risk for parade participants as well as parade spectators.
- ♣ **Stopping along the route:** Stopping to perform along the route is **not permitted**, unless otherwise authorized by the Parade Coordinator prior to the parade. Any units stopping and performing in front of the reviewing stand or along the parade route are automatically disqualified from the competition and forfeit contractual honorariums. Please ensure that all of your routines or performances can be executed whilst marching.
- ♣ **Parade Orders:** Please read and bring copies of the parade orders for the members of your organization on parade day. For your convenience, the orders are published on the website, www.stpatricksdayparade.org, and can be printed directly from the site. Availability of the orders will commence one week prior to Sunday, March 15, 2015.
- ♣ **Competitive Judging:** The official judges for the marching and musical competitions are from the Northeast Judging Association and are located at the reviewing stand on Church Street in front of New Haven City Hall. Judges will deduct points for lack of uniformity, excessive spacing between units, blocking spectators by handlers, and flag code violations, just to name a few. Recipients of the awards are published in the "New Haven Register" newspaper and presented with a commemorative plaque at the Annual Invitational Awards' Night Ceremony in April 2015.

In closing, I would like to take this time to thank you for your potential participation in this free cultural event that the members of the Parade Committee have provided annually for the Greater New Haven community since 1842. Please feel free to contact me at any time should you have any questions regarding the application process for the 2015 Parade. We look forward to hearing from you and greatly appreciate your continued support.

Sincerely,

Petisia Monique Adger
2015 Parade Coordinator
coordinator@stpatricksdayparade.org
203-687-0548

