

65th ANNUAL GREATER NEW HAVEN ST. PATRICK'S DAY PARADE

SUNDAY, MARCH 12, 2023 – PARADE STARTING TIME 1:30 PM

OFFICIAL AS OF 9:30 AM 3/9/2023

2023 PARADE RULES AND REGULATIONS

The Greater New Haven St. Patrick's Day Parade starts promptly at 1:30 p.m. In case of the cancellation of the parade due to inclement weather, announcements will be on WTNH8, WPLR Radio Station 99.1 FM and Radio Station WELI 960 AM. Phone information will be available from: **Bernadette Canning, Parade Chairwoman (Cell 203-444-4406)** no later than 8:30 a.m. on Sunday, March 12, 2023.

1. Parking for Participants ONLY is available at the Granite Square Parking Garage. The parking structure is located at 690 State Street, New Haven CT 06511 between Audubon Street & Trumbull Street. The entrance to this lot is via State Street ONLY. One occupant vehicles will not be permitted to park in this lot. Yale University Parking Lot #16 & #22 have been reserved for one occupant vehicles. Yale Lots # 16 & 22 are located at the intersection of Whitney Avenue & Humphrey Street. Entrance from Whitney Avenue. Shuttle buses will be available for transportation to the assembly area from 11:00 am to 1:00 pm. from both parking areas There will be no return shuttle buses at the end of the parade.
2. **Per the order of the City of New Haven; No items such as necklaces, candy, toys or flyers are to be thrown from automobiles, trucks, floats or distributed from marchers to parade viewers.**
3. The presence of placards, banners or other devices including pamphlets intended to spread propaganda, political views or to embarrass any group or unit of marchers are prohibited. In addition, no postcards or flyers for any business are to be distributed to parade viewers.
4. **Any unit stopping and performing, without prior authorization, in front of the reviewing stand, WTNH8 live broadcast location or along the parade route is automatically disqualified from the competition and forfeit contractual honorariums.** Parade officials will strictly enforce this regulation.
5. The use of sirens and air horns during the parade is strictly prohibited. All units are prohibited from firing guns as they turn from Chapel on to Church Street, passing the reviewing stand up to Elm Street. **Note:** Violators of this order may be prohibited from future parade participation.
6. No alcoholic beverages are to be consumed or carried along the parade route, or in the staging/assembly area, by spectators or participants in the parade. New Haven Police will enforce penalties for disorderly conduct and alcohol violations.
7. Units participating should carry the National Colors (U.S. Flags). Strict compliance with the flag code (Public law 623 is enjoined, part of which reads as follows: Section 176, paragraph C--- *"The flag should never be carried flat or draped over the hood of a car, but always aloft and free."*
8. 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, to name a few.
9. Please follow the "Our Parade" link (www.stpatricksdaysparade.org) for updated information and remember to print out the parade orders prior to March 12, 2023 to guarantee familiarity with staging and rules and regulation.

2023 PARADE ORDERS

1. **COMMAND:** Having been appointed Grand Marshal for the 65th Annual St. Patrick's Day Parade, the undersigned hereby assumes command. The command post/Information Booth is open at 12:00 P.M. March 12, 2023 at the intersection of Chapel Street/Derby Avenue (Blue Tent at Monitor Square). Parade Marshals will assist you with identifying your unit's location and staging area.
2. **STARTING POINT:** The head of the parade steps off at 1:30 p.m. at Chapel Street & Sherman Avenue. All units and individuals participating must be in position, ready to move out, no later than the time indicated in bullet item #4.
3. **NOTE:** If your unit arrives late for staging, your unit will be placed at the end of the parade (no exceptions).
4. **ASSEMBLY TIMES and AREAS – As assigned per following the marching unit line up & assembly time (not arrival time):**

ESCORT DIVISION (ESC): GRAND MARSHAL, St. Patrick's Day Parade Committee: 1:00pm.
ELECTED OFFICIALS /GUESTS: 1:00pm.
SPONSORING IRISH ORGANIZATIONS: 1:00pm.

FIRST DIVISION: 1:00pm.

SECOND DIVISION: 1:00pm*

THIRD DIVISION: 1:15pm*

***Special instructions:** Buses transporting school children to their respective divisions are permitted to keep children on the bus on George Street for the 2nd Division, on Edgewood Avenue for the 3rd Division; until **1:00pm** before discharging passengers.

NOTE: Color Codes have been created to identify Assembly Locations (Signs posted on Utility Poles)

ESCORT DIVISION: WHITE – Upper Chapel Street, in the intersection with Sherman Ave

ELECTED OFFICIALS/GUESTS (EOG): PURPLE – Chapel Street / intersection with Derby Ave. to Winthrop Avenue

SPONSORING IRISH ORGANIZATIONS (SIO): GREEN - Upper Chapel Street, Winthrop Avenue to Norton Street

FIRST DIVISION: BROWN - Norton Street: North of Chapel Street, head resting on Chapel Street

SECOND DIVISION: BLUE - Upper Chapel Street between Norton Street and Ellsworth Avenue

THIRD DIVISION: YELLOW - Winthrop Avenue: South of Chapel Street head resting on Monitor Square/Chapel Street

SPECIFIC OVERSIZE VEHICLES: ORANGE - Sherman Avenue: North of Chapel Street, head resting on Chapel Street

FIRE APPARATUS: RED - will assembly on Sherman Avenue, South of Chapel Street in order of their unit Division placement

5. **MUSIC:** If possible, all bands and field music should play **Irish Airs**, and render a marching cadence of 100 steps per minute. Bandleaders should adjust volume and rotation of playing in order to minimize conflict with adjoining bands and marching units. **Attention Bandleaders:** bands should be playing when passing the reviewing stand and observe the sign 75 feet on right side of street before reviewing stand titled **"Start Playing Now."** **NOTE: Any units stopping and performing in front of the reviewing stand or along the parade route without permission are automatically disqualified from the competition and forfeit contractual honorariums.** Parade officials enforce this regulation.
6. **WTNH8** will be televising LIVE from their production headquarters set up on Chapel Street and Temple Street. **Do not** stop to perform unless otherwise authorized. Please put your "best foot forward" as your unit passes this stand for our live 2023 Parade Orders
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television audience. Please note: we cannot guarantee which marching units, or that all marching units will appear in the televised broadcast.

7. **NATIONAL COLORS:** All participating units with appropriate color guards should carry the national colors. The colors of the Irish Republic may be carried to the left of or behind the national colors (U.S. Flag) and its display is encouraged.
8. **TRANSPORTATION OF UNITS:** Bus reloading zones adjacent to the dismissal point are designated, north on Orange Street and east on Elm Street.
9. **EMERGENCY SITUATIONS:** All marchers must move promptly to the right side of the street and halt in place until all fire apparatus, ambulances or other emergency vehicles have passed.
10. **DISTANCES BETWEEN UNITS:** This will provide greater opportunity for all units to make the broadcast location. **Please be courteous to the groups in the later divisions and adhere to these paces.**
 - DIVISION 40 Paces (pace = 1 yard)
 - SECTIONS 20 Paces (pace = 1 yard)
 - UNITS 10 Paces (pace = 1 yard)
11. **MOTORIZED EQUIPMENT:** Space is limited. All vehicles in the parade **must** have prior approval of the Parade Coordinator. Unauthorized parade vehicles may be removed by Parade Marshals. **OVERSIZE VEHICLES** are welcome to stage on Sherman Avenue: North of Chapel Street, head resting on Chapel Street with prior permission from Parade Coordinator
12. **SIGNAGE POLICY FOR ALL VEHICLES:** Unapproved sponsor signage is **not** allowed on parade entries. If your entry has signage that has not been pre-approved, it may be removed on Parade Day. **Please Note:** This includes any vehicle used for transportation of bands, marching units and any other participant of the parade. As this is recent change from prior years, please contact the Parade Coordinator directly with any questions prior to parade day
13. **ANIMAL WASTE DROPPINGS.** Parade Units having animals will immediately pick up all waste left by their animals prior to the arrival of the following parade unit (10 paces).
14. **END OF ROUTE:** The parade ends at Elm and Orange Streets, not Church Street. Units are automatically disqualified from competition if they disband before Elm/Orange Streets.
15. **PROCLAMATION:** By proclamation from the City of New Haven, the 2023 Greater New Haven St. Patrick's Day Parade Committee is honoring the memory Edward O'Neill, the 1997 Grand Marshal, John C. O'Donovan the 1976 Grand Marshal, and Moriah Conlan, the 2004 Parade Queen by naming Church Street; Edward O'Neill Blvd, Chapel Street; John C. O'Donovan Way and Church & Elm Streets; Moriah Conlan Way
16. **UPDATED PARADE REGULATIONS:** Please check our website, on Saturday, March 11, 2023, before the parade to ensure your organization has the **most current** set of Parade Orders: www.stpatricksdayparade.org. Please communicate these Parade Orders/Rules & Regulations to **all members** of your organization. If possible, please provide as many of your unit members the complete set of Parade Orders. **Communication is the key to an organized Parade Day!**

Joanne Conlan, 2023 PARADE GRAND MARSHAL (Note: Signature on file)
Fiona Steward 2023 PARADE CHIEF OF STAFF (Note: Signature on file)