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# A Message from the 2024/2025 Parade Chairperson

## Erin Zamarro

Dear Friends and Supporters of the Parade:



**W**elcome to the 43rd Worcester County St. Patrick's Parade.

The Parade Committee is a group of hard working, dedicated volunteers who work year-round to produce the Parade. Their unselfish effort shines through again this year.

The committee is deeply grateful for the generosity of our many loyal individuals, businesses, and corporate sponsors. It is due to their valued contributions that we can continue to put on the parade. Please support our sponsors whenever possible.

We are extending an invitation to YOU – come share your talents with the Parade committee! Whether you can volunteer only on Parade Day, or have time to share year-round, we can use your help.

We meet on Wednesdays at 7 PM, at the Knights of Columbus Alhambra #88 Post located at 44 Circuit Ave, Worcester. Meeting dates are typically published on our website and Facebook page.

Visit us on our web site [www.stpatsparade.com](http://www.stpatsparade.com) or email us at [info@stpatsparade.com](mailto:info@stpatsparade.com) for more information.

***May Tradition March On!***

Erin Zamarro  
2024 /2025 Parade Chairperson

**About the Cover:** *The Annie Moore statue (or Annie Moore Monument) is a sculpture located in Cobh, County Cork. It commemorates Irish immigration to the United States, paying tribute to Annie Moore (1874-1924), who was the first Irish immigrant to pass through Ellis Island on January 1, 1892. Depicted with 2 children (her brothers) pointing to the horizon, she symbolizes all the hope and history of the former immigrants who left Ireland for America, following the Great Famine and the harsh conditions of the time.*



# This Program is Dedicated In Memory of Helen Donlan



Helen Hogan Donlan, 89, of Fitchburg, passed away peacefully on October 2, 2024 surrounded by her beloved family. Helen was born on July 24, 1935 to John and Ellen Hogan. She grew up in Roslindale and loved her years living by the water on Cape Cod and in New Bedford. Helen graduated from Southern Massachusetts University where she earned a Bachelor's Degree in Social Work.

Helen dedicated her life to guiding and protecting children across the Commonwealth as a member of the Massachusetts Department of Social Services. Even after her retirement, Helen remained committed to helping and advocating for the most vulnerable members of the community; she was actively involved in a number of volunteer organizations and programs including Fitchburg Citizens on Patrol, the Fitchburg Animal Shelter, and the Montachusett Interfaith Hospitality Network. With her cherished pets by her side, Helen brought immense joy to the children of the Fitchburg Public Schools as a member of TheraPaws, which provides animal-

assisted therapy. Helen possessed a great love for her Catholic faith and deep Irish Heritage, doing extensive in-person research while on a trip to Ireland. Helen was a member of the Ladies Ancient Order of the Hibernians and took great pride in her legacy of participating in the Worcester St. Patrick's Day Parade for over 30 years.

Helen possessed an undeniable zest for life! She approached everything she did with passion and conviction. She was an avid skydiver who partook in this daring sport well into her eighties, logging nearly 30 jumps. Throughout the years, Helens' friends quickly learned that forging a friendship with Helen meant being forever welcomed into her family with open arms and a big Helen hug.

Helen was very devoted to her family, she was preceded by her loving husband of 53 years, Edmond P. Donlan. She is survived by eight of her children, Paul Donlan and his wife Janel of Hingham, Lynn Dubinsky and her husband Robert of Hopkinton, Kevin Donlan and his wife Kathy of New Bedford, Denise Donlan of Fitchburg, Dennis Donlan and his wife Beth of Leominster, Sean Donlan and his wife Kristin of Haddam, CT, Brendan Donlan of Fitchburg, and Erin Donlan Schubmehl and her husband Michael of Ashburnham. She was predeceased by her son Mark. Helen is survived by her sisters, Patricia Sullivan and Nancy Hogan, and she was preceded by her brother, John 'Jackie' Hogan. Helen took great pride in her fourteen grandchildren, two great-grandchildren, and a large extended family whom she loved dearly.





# This Program is Dedicated In Memory of Bishop Daniel Reilly



Bishop Daniel Patrick Reilly, 96, the fourth Bishop of Worcester, passed away peacefully on Tuesday, June 18, at Shrewsbury Rehabilitation and Nursing at Southgate in Shrewsbury.

Bishop Reilly, one of nine children, was born in Providence, Rhode Island on May 12, 1928, son of Francis E. and Mary A. (Burns) Reilly.

He attended St. Michael's Parish School in Providence, and studied for the priesthood at Our Lady of Providence Seminary in Warwick, R.I. from 1943 to 1948, and, from 1948 to 1953, at the Grand Seminaire, St. Briec in France.

He was ordained a priest May 30, 1953, in the Cathedral of Sts. Peter and Paul in Providence. He was appointed associate pastor there in June 1953.

He furthered his studies at Harvard University Graduate School of Business Administration and Boston College School of Business Administration where he received an M.B.A.

Pope Paul VI named him Bishop of Norwich, Connecticut, on June 17, 1975. He was ordained and installed as bishop August 6, 1975, in the Cathedral of St. Patrick in Norwich.

He was named Bishop of Worcester by Pope John Paul II, October 27, 1994, and was installed as the fourth bishop of the diocese December 8, 1994, in St. Paul Cathedral.

He submitted his resignation on May 12, 2003, his 75th birthday. Pope John Paul II accepted his resignation for reason of retirement on March 9, 2004, and he became Bishop Emeritus of the Diocese of Worcester.

As a member of the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops, Bishop Reilly held several posts. He was chairman of the International Policy Committee, during which time he traveled to Northern Ireland and the Republic of Ireland with the United States Delegation for Peace in Northern Ireland in 1995. He also visited South Africa and Central and South America.

As chairman of Catholic Relief Services, he visited Egypt, Ethiopia, the Near East and Eastern Europe. He also visited Cuba, South Africa, Poland, and Haiti, where the Worcester Diocese had a mission house. He served on the writing committee for the U.S. Bishops Conference's 1983 letter on nuclear weapons: "The Challenge to Peace."

Bishop Reilly received honorary doctoral degrees from the College of the Holy Cross and Assumption University in Worcester; Anna Maria College, Paxton; Our Lady of Providence College Seminary and Providence College in Providence; and Salve Regina College, Newport, Rhode Island; Sacred Heart University in Fairfield, Connecticut, and Holy Apostles College and Seminary in Cromwell, Connecticut and St. Michael's College in Colchester, Vermont.



# This Program is Dedicated In Memory of Francis R. Carroll



Francis R. Carroll, a business and civic leader whose philanthropy stretched from war-ravaged Korea and Vietnam to Worcester's neediest neighborhoods, died on October 29, 2024.

Mr. Carroll founded the Small Business Service Bureau Inc., a national small business organization, Sterling Bridge Insurance Agency, Inc. and FRC Realty.

A champion of the poor, he spearheaded the effort to fund and maintain the St. Francis Xavier Center Food for the Poor at St. John's Church, which provides thousands of morning meals and basic services for the poor. The recipient of numerous awards, Mr. Carroll was also a vigorous advocate for small business and veterans' causes.

"We must always keep in mind the social reality of those less fortunate," Mr. Carroll once said.

Mr. Carroll worked tirelessly on behalf of veterans and active military personnel. For example, as Commander of Vernon Hill American Legion Post 435, he spearheaded a project, with the Gold Star Mothers, to build the Living Memorial Hospital in Vietnam's Central Highlands during the Vietnam War, in memory of the men from Worcester County who died or were still missing in action.

Along with U. S. Rep. James P. McGovern, he worked for the passage of the Crosby-Puller Combat Wounds Compensation Act, so men and women veterans would continue receiving combat pay while recovering from wounds received in action.

Mr. Carroll also spear-headed a nine-year effort to build the Korean War Memorial in downtown Worcester and served as co-chairman of the Telegram and Gazette Operation Mail Call that returned about 1500 letters written during World War II by servicemen from the city to loved ones that were never delivered.

He was a member of the U.S. Small Business Administration National Advisory Council, and the U.S. China Trade Caucus on Small Business. He was re-appointed by Presidents Jimmy Carter, Ronald W. Reagan, and George H. W. Bush. General P. X. Kelley, USMC (ret.), former Commandant, appointed him as a director for the prestigious National Legal Center for Public Interest in Washington, D.C.

Locally, Mr. Carroll was a former Grand Marshall of Worcester's St. Patrick's Day Parade and was the Vernon Hill Post's Irishman of the Year (1990).

Mr. Carroll, a former Chairman of the Worcester State University Board of Trustees, received honorary doctorates from Assumption University, Anna Maria College, and the former Massachusetts School of Professional Psychology, now William James College, Boston, MA.

A Founding and Executive Committee member of the Hanover Theater for the Performing Arts, the City of Worcester has named the area in front of the theatre, Francis R. Carroll Plaza. A member of the Ancient Order of the Hibernians Div. 36, he was an associate member of the Emerald Society of the Greater Worcester Police.





# Virginia Boulay Hospitality Award

## Sheila Caggiano

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This Award is named in memory of Virginia Boulay, a deceased charter member of the Parade Committee whose warmth and generosity truly personified the Irish greeting, “*Cead Mile Failte*,” or “*One Hundred Thousand Welcomes*.” Given to a St. Patrick’s Parade Committee member, the Virginia Boulay Award honors one who is always welcoming to others.

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### SHEILA CAGGIANO

Sheila is a proud member of the St. Patrick’s Parade Committee and the Ladies Ancient Order of Hibernians. She was raised in Marlboro in a large loving Irish Catholic family of seven children and later moved to Worcester where she raised her two children, Leah and Joe, who are the light of her life.

Sheila is well known to the Our Lady of the Angels parish community and made her career in social work at the State Department of Youth Services.

Sheila offers a warm welcome to all she meets. She is quick to learn about others and offers a helping hand where needed or an ear to listen. She is a loyal friend and advocate for those in need. You cannot attend a Parade fundraiser, function or community activity without seeing her, hearing her laughter and getting a welcoming smile and greeting. Her warm persona, quick wit and sense of humor forges connections and uplifts all around her.

Sheila is one of three members who works tirelessly to support the annual parade. This committee member is on the “front lines” of the Parade, as part of the Operations Team. She, along with her daughter, is always willing to volunteer, work behind the scenes or at a raffle table and pitch in at special events.

Because Sheila is the epitome of the Irish Spirit, selflessness and warmth, the Parade Committee is honored to recognize Sheila with this award.



# The Cathy Donahue Good Neighbor Award

## Jeremiah 'Jerry' O'Rourke

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This Award is named in memory of the late Cathy Donahue, a Parade Committee member and past Chairman. Cathy promoted the growth of the parade in its early years by helping to establish a financial framework for the Parade Committee organization. The *Good Neighbor Award* is given to a friend of the parade who, through his or her work, warmth and generosity has helped to contribute to the Parade Committee goals.

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### JEREMIAH "JERRY" F. O'ROURKE

Born and raised in Worcester, Jerry grew up in the Belmont Hill section of the city. His father, Dennis, was born in County Kerry, while his mother, Joan, was born in Worcester. Both his paternal and maternal grandparents were born in County Kerry. He has 5 siblings, Mike, Ann, Dennis, James and Maryann.

Jerry graduated from Holy Name Central Catholic High School in 1978, Assumption University in 1982 with an BA in Management, and Anna Maria College in 1994 with an MA in Criminal Justice.

He has been married to Elizabeth "Betsy" O'Rourke for 38 years. They live in the Tatnuck Square section in Worcester. They have 3 grown children, John, Tim and Julie and 4 grandchildren, Collins, Patrick, Cal and Keira.

Jerry started working as a police officer for the Worcester Police Department in March 1991. After 34 years of service, he retired on January 31, 2025. During his career, he worked in several divisions, including Operations (patrol), Community Policing (DARE Instructor), Bureau of Professional Standards, Training Division and the License Division.

Jerry enjoyed his years working with the St. Patrick's Parade Committee and was always amazed with their motivation and dedication in organizing this family-oriented event. He was also involved with the stART on the Street, stART at the Station, Courts for Courtney and Worcester Tercentennial.





# Agnes Sheehan Community Service Award

## Mary (Shea) Stratford

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The *Agnes Sheehan Community Service Award* is dedicated in loving memory of the late Agnes Sheehan, a charter member of the Parade Committee, and the first woman to be chosen as the Parade's Grand Marshal. In keeping with the tradition of Agnes, this award recognizes an individual who has given of herself to improve her community.

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MARY SHEA was born in Worcester in the Lincoln Street area to a strong Irish family. She attended St. Paul's Grammar School and the Academy of the Sacred Heart before graduating from North High School. Mary has been involved with the Worcester community through both her career work and volunteer commitments.

Mary started working with the Worcester District Court and transitioned to the Superior Court. After thirty-eight years, she retired as a Court Magistrate.

Over seventeen years ago, Mary became involved with the St. Peter's Parish Food Bank through her brother, Fr. James Shea. Mary became a devoted volunteer working with the weekly Wednesday morning Food Bank. She continued her commitment to the Food Bank when her brother unexpectedly died.

The needs for this program have grown distributing to 150 to 200 families weekly. Recently, Mary became the Manager of St. Peter's Food Bank. She directs a team of multi-skilled volunteers who all have a connection to St. Peter's. Through the years, her family has honored her commitment to the Food Bank. Her daughter, Katie LaGorce, and son-in-law, Luke LaGorce, as well as her grandchildren Maeve and James, can be seen working at major events such as Thanksgiving distribution. St. Peter's Food Bank provided over four hundred families baskets this past holiday.

The Parade Committee is proud to honor Mary for her commitment to feeding those in need in the community.



# Judy Wilkinson Award

## Mary Ellen Murphy

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The *Judy Wilkinson Award* was instituted in 1997 in memory of a Parade Committee member who passed away after a seventeen-year battle with cancer. The award is presented to a Parade Committee member who promotes both the work of the organization and friendships within the membership, as Judy was known so easily to do.

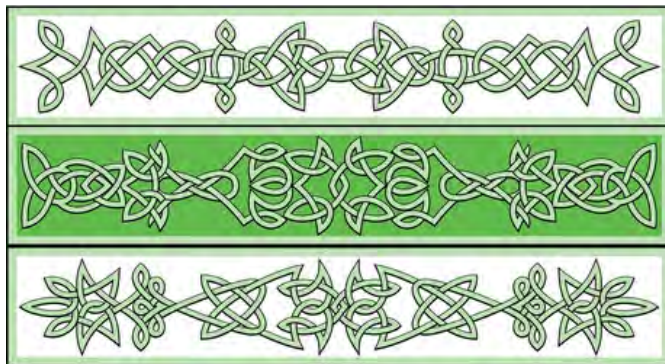
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### MARY ELLEN MURPHY

Mary Ellen has been an active Parade Committee member since 2009. She has always been willing to assume responsibility for many jobs, such as the Grand Marshal Dinner and Political Breakfast. In 2017, she became Chairperson for the Parade Committee for six years. Her enthusiasm for the Parade can be contagious. Currently, she manages the Awards Unit for the committee, as well as the Halloween Party Fundraiser. On Parade Day, she can be found at the tail end of Division One lining up marchers, cars, and floats.

The Parade Committee is proud to recognize Mary Ellen with this award.





# Quiet Hero Award

## Jean Neale

This year's winner was, like many *Quiet Heroes*, reluctant to receive an award. Her son has noted that kind, considerate and selfless are but a few of the words to describe her.

This year's *Quiet Hero Award* goes to JEAN NEALE. Jean has owned and operated Jean's Place on Cambridge Street for over 40 years. Her restaurant is a gathering place for many in the neighborhood. The more people I spoke with, the more anecdotes I heard. Every Thanksgiving, she hosts a free dinner for people who have no place else to go. Daily, she provides meals to those in need. Notably, she stepped in and served as a health care proxy for one of her customers who needed a hand.

Jean has supported our parade in many ways, big and small. She has made sizeable cash donations to our fundraising efforts, she has provided items for our raffles, and if you stop into Jean's Place, there's a good chance she will sell you a raffle ticket for a Parade fundraiser.

The committee is proud to recognize Jean Neale for her efforts.



# Roll of Honor

Virginia Boulay  
Nancy Boyd  
Rev. John E. Brooks  
Betty Brosnihan  
Fr. John Cahill  
Frank Carroll  
Edward Collins  
Fr. Ed Connors  
Ted Coughlin  
Chris Diggins  
Cathy Donahue  
Connie Donahue  
Kay Donahue  
Helen Donlan

Dottie Doyle  
Maureen Farrey  
Donald Finnegan  
Tim Finnigan  
Bishop Flanagan  
Dorothy Flury  
John "Mike" Flynn  
Helen Foley  
John Gleason  
Betty Griffin  
Bishop Harrington  
Edmund Hudson  
Thomas Leahy  
Francis Maher

Olive Maher  
Gayle Mahoney  
Francis McGrath  
Mary McNerney-Zona  
Kitty McNamee  
Marty Melia  
Peggy Melia  
Honorable Paul Mullaney  
Evelyn Nault  
Msgr. Thomas Needham  
Reta Nishan  
Paul O'Connell  
Mary O'Malley  
Nancy Petty

Dennis Rantala  
Bishop Daniel P. Reilly  
T Paul Riley  
John Rooney  
Anne Quinn  
Doug Santimore  
Agnes Sheehan  
Rosemary McTighe  
Kathy Torrey  
Stephen Trainor  
Judy Wilkinson



## The Committee Extends Additional Thanks to the Following:

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In Memory of George Trainor

In Memory of Mary Jane Trainor  
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In Memory of Eleanor (Murphy) Rice



# 2025 Grand Marshal

## Cathryn 'Kate' McEvoy



Kate McEvoy is an accomplished senior-level executive who is well-known for her success in the areas of fundraising, strategy development, marketing, business planning, and business development, both inside and outside the health care industry.

Most recently, Kate served as Vice-President for Corporate Relations at UMass Memorial Health Care. In this role she acted as primary liaison between the health care system and the business community, with a focus on growing UMass Memorial Health Care's commercial market share. Additionally, Kate provided support for the system's Anchor Mission initiative, aligning institutional resources and corporate social responsibility to address social determinants of health challenges in central Massachusetts.

Prior to joining UMass Memorial, Kate served as the Vice-President for Central & Western Massachusetts at Harvard Pilgrim Health Care, where she managed the organization's growth strategies and Profit/Loss for a region that encompassed the geographic areas of Massachusetts situated between the I-495 corridor and the New York state border.

Kate has served as the Senior Director for Government & Community Relations at Fallon Community Health Plan, a role that included oversight of FCHP's legislative affairs, issues related to public policy, as well as FCHP's philanthropic & external activities. There, Kate also operated as Sales & Marketing Director for Summit ElderCare, FCHP's P.A.C.E. program, where she created and implemented their first strategic sales and marketing plan and led the entity's rebranding effort. In her initial role at the organization, Kate served as the Executive Director of the Fallon Foundation (now Reliant Foundation), responsible for the entity's fundraising and philanthropy efforts as well as all the Foundation's reporting requirements.

An active volunteer in central Massachusetts' non-profit communities, Kate has served in leadership roles for many organizations, receiving several awards for her professional achievement and community involvement, including the: YWCA's Katherine Erskine Award, Worcester Business Journal's Outstanding Women in Business Award, and Worcester State University's Distinguished Alumni Award, which is the highest non-degree honor bestowed by the institution. Additionally, Kate has been recognized with the Mohegan Council / Boy Scouts of America's 12 Points Award, the Latino Dollars for Scholars Community Hero award, the Hanover Theatre's Encore Award, the Worcester Business Journal's "40 Under 40" in 2002 and has also been named among Worcester Magazine's "Most Powerful People in Worcester", "Hometown Heroes" and "Worcester's Leading Ladies", as well as Worcester Business Journal's "Power Players" in both 2016 and 2018. In addition, Kate has received the City of Worcester's highest honor, the Key to the City of Worcester, on three separate occasions. Kate is viewed as a key resource in community and business circles and has served as member of the Baker/Polito Administration Transition Team for Economic Development, as well as several other regional Task Force projects and other key initiatives to support municipal, regional, and state-wide needs.

Kate currently serves on Boards of Directors for the Worcester Regional Research Bureau, the Worcester State University Foundation, the Worcester Center for Crafts, The Downtown Worcester Business Improvement District, and Berkshire Bank's Regional Advisory Board. She is a Commissioner on the City of Worcester's Civic Center Commission. Kate also currently serves as a Corporator for the Greater Worcester Community Foundation, Worcester Art Museum, YWCA of Central Massachusetts and the Ecotarium. In 2021, Kate was tapped to Chair the efforts for the City of Worcester's 300th Anniversary Celebration (the Worcester Tercentennial), a role in oversaw the successful planning and execution of the City's celebratory events to commemorate that historic occasion, including raising the necessary \$1 million dollars to fund the celebrations. In addition, Kate is currently involved with many other non-profit organizations.

Past volunteer affiliations include service as a Board member for many central Massachusetts agencies including the Worcester Regional Chamber of Commerce, Boys & Girls Club of Worcester, Discover Central MA, Destination Worcester, Worcester Homecoming, Girls Inc, the March of Dimes, the Montachusett Girl Scout Council, the MetroWest Chamber of Commerce, the Worcester Education Collaborative, the American Red Cross, the AdClub of Greater Worcester, and Worcester State University's Alumni Advisory Board.

Kate received a Bachelor of Arts Degree from Worcester State University. She resides in her hometown of Worcester, MA with her husband, Michael Hickey and their three dogs, Holly, Higgins, and Winnie.





# Past Grand Marshals

1983 Bishop Bernard J. Flanagan  
 1984 Bishop Timothy Harrington  
 1985 Francis J. McGrath  
 1986 Thomas Leahy  
 1987 Cong. Joseph D. Early  
 1988 Francis K. Maher  
 1989 Agnes Dyer Sheehan  
 1990 Bishop George Rueger  
 1991 Sean Hastings  
 1992 Honorable Paul Mullaney  
 1993 Dr. John Durkin, PhD  
 1994 Rev. John E. Brooks  
 1995 Brendan O'Connor  
 1996 Kevin O'Sullivan  
 1997 Sheriff John "Mike" Flynn  
 1998 Bishop Daniel P. Reilly  
 1999 Ralph "Bud" Sargent

2000 Timothy Cooney  
 2001 Leo Quinn  
 2002 Annette Rafferty  
 2003 Francis Carroll  
 2004 Philip J. Niddrie  
 2005 Dr. John Sullivan  
 2006 William J. Fay  
 2007 Lt. Governor Tim Murray  
 2008 Stephen Trainor  
 2009 Mary McInerney-Zona  
 2010 Edwin B. "Ted" Coghlin, Jr.  
 2011 Charles Monahan  
 2012 Leonard F. Gengel  
 2013 Michael O'Brien  
 2014 Helen & Paul Foley  
 2015 Edward P. Madaus  
 2016 Maureen Binienda

2017 Mary Anne Dube  
 2018 William Riley  
 2019 Sean M. Lovely  
 2020 Harold Naughton  
 2022 Edward M. Augustus Jr.,  
 and Dr. Michael Hirsh  
 2023 Gordon P. Hargrove  
 2024 Richard J. Smalley

## Past Honorable Grand Marshals

1992 Elizabeth Mullaney  
 1993 Timothy Finnigan  
 1994 Paul X. Tivan



(From Left) Tim Murray, Elizabeth Mullaney, Paul Foley, Rich Smalley, Phil Niddrie, Kate McEvoy, Hank Naughton, Mary Anne Dube, Ralph 'Bud' Sargent, Ed Madaus, Leo Quinn, Past Chairman Michael O'Driscoll



# 2025 Parade Mayor

## Kieran Patrick Hennessy



Kieran is originally from Durrow, County Laois Ireland. He has been married for 29 years to the love of his life, Trish.

Since immigrating to the US, in 1989, Kieran has lived in Worcester. He was employed at O'Connors Restaurant & Bar in the role of restaurant manager, a position he held for over 30 years. Since retiring from O'Connors Restaurant he is presently employed by Chartwells Catering company operating out of WPI College as a product receiver.

Being of Irish heritage & with his second christian name being Patrick, he is truly honored to be the 2025 Saint Patrick's Day Parade Mayor.

*La Fheile Padraig Sona Dhuit.*





# Past Parade Mayors

2002	Edd Byrnes (Press Box)	2013	Sean Lyons (Press Box)
2003	Kevin D. Lyons (Press Box)	2014	Brian Kilelea (Press Box)
2004	Ed Monahan (Press Box)	2015	Dottie Doyle
2005	Joe Wall (Press Box)	2016	Tom Daly
2006	Terry & Cathy Doherty (Press Box)	2017	Tim Quinn (Quinn's Irish Pub)
2007	Tim Friend (Press Box/Biagio's)	2018	Daniel O'Neill (Press Box/Pippin's Tavern)
2008	Clarence Plant (I.O.O.F)	2019	Beth Doyle (Fiddlers' Green)
2009	Kevin J. Lyons (Press Box/Biagio's)	2020	Peg Hickey (Fiddlers' Green)
2010	Jeff Schlener (Jeff's Place/Press Box/ Biagio's)	2022	David Domenick (Compass Tavern) and Meghan McGuirk McDonald (Fiddlers' Green)
2011	Mulligan's Stew (Press Box)	2023	Sean J. Gilmartin (Fiddlers' Green)
2012	John Riley (Press Box)	2024	Tammy Bailey (Fiddlers' Green)



(From Left)

**Back Row:** Clarence Plant ('08), Dave Domenick ('22), Dottie Doyle ('15)

**Front Row:** Beth Doyle ('19), Meghan McGuirk McDonald ('22) Peggy Hickey ('20)



# 2024/2025 Worcester County St. Patrick's Parade Committee



*2023 Committee picture*

## Committee Members

Justin Beauregard	Dave Flattery	Don Keller	Patty Mills	Jane Rantala
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Daniel Donovan	Bob Harrington	AnneMarie MacNamara	Kevin O'Sullivan	David Torrey
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# 2024/2025 Officers and Subcommittee Chairs

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Grand Marshal Banquet .....	Mary Ellen Murphy, Theresa Trainor
Parade Mass .....	Eileen Hennigan
Mayor of the Parade .....	Ellen Trainor
Golf Tournament .....	Mike Doherty

## Parade Chairpersons

1983-1984	Elizabeth Mullaney	1991-1993	Leo Quinn	2000-2015	Stephen P. Trainor
1985-1986	Michael O'Driscoll	1994-1996	Paul Foley	2016	Jessica Johnson
1987-1988	Cathy Donahue	1997	Michael Nishan	2017-2022	Mary Ellen Murphy
1989-1990	Michael Nishan	1998-1999	Kathy (Riley) Hair	2023-	Erin Zamarro



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- 2 St. Patrick's Banner
- 2a Dedication Banners - Frank Carroll and Bishop Daniel P. Reilly
- 3 Marine Corps League (Worcester Detachment)
- 4 **Float - Grand Marshal Kate McEvoy**  
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- 5 **Float - Pellegrino Trucking**
- 5a Grand Marshal Walkers
- 5b Past Grand Marshals
- 6 Worcester County St. Patrick's Parade Chairperson Erin Zamarro
- 7 Parade Community Award Winners
- 8 WPI Army ROTC Bay State Battalion
- 8a\*\* **WPI - Marching and Pep Band**
- 8b WPI Students
- 9 Mayor of the St. Patrick's Parade Kieran Hennessy
- 9a Past Parade Mayors
- 9b Worcester County Sheriff Color Guard
- 10 **Float - St. Peter Central Catholic**
- 11\*\* **Worcester Fire Brigade Pipe & Drums**
- 12 Worcester Fire Department Color Guard
- 13 Worcester Fire Department
- 14 Worcester EMS
- 15 Clinton FireFighters IAFF Local 3189
- 16 Webster EMS Honor Guard
- 17 Emergency Communications and Management (City of Worcester)
- 18\*\* **Worcester Police Pipes & Drums of Worcester**
- 19 Worcester Police Department - Police Academy Class
- 20 **Float - Our Lady of the Angels School**
- 21 City of Worcester Elected Officials
- 22 **Float - Drenzo Towing & Recovery - Antique Car**
- 23\*\* **Worcester Kiltie Pipe Band**  
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- 25 Fraternal Order of Eagles
- 26 **Float - Knights of Columbus Alhambra #88**
- 27\*\* **Douglas Marching Band**  
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*Lineup as of 2/20/2025*





## DIVISION I - continued

- 28 Congressman Jim McGovern & Marchers
- 28a Mayor Joe Petty & Marchers
- 29 Float - McInerney School of Dance
- 30 Float - **Odd Fellows Home of MA - Limited Corporate Sponsor**
- 31 **Berkshire Bank - Event Sponsor**
- 32\*\* Clinton Public Schools Marching Band  
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- 33 LAOH/AOH Color Guard
- 36 Vietnam Veterans for the Community
- 37 Tatnuck Legion Post
- 38 Project New Hope
- 39 Uncle Sam
- 40 Float - **Polar Beverages/Wachusett Mountain Ski - Limited Corporate Sponsor**
- 41 Holy Cross NROTC
- 42\*\* College of the Holy Cross Spirit Programs
- 43 Float - Friendly House
- 44 Witches of Sutton & the Mt. Witchusette Witches
- 45 Girl Scouts of Central & Western MA
- 46 Float - Recalde Barber Shop
- 47 Liberty Tax Service
- 48\*\* South High Community School Band  
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- 48a Bay State Bank - Limited Corporate Sponsor
- 49 South High School Air Force Jr. ROTC and Color Guard
- 49a Float - Dr. Robert Goddard Centennial
- 50 Worcester Renegades Youth Street Hockey
- 51 Float - Shrewsbury Street Italian Heritage Parade
- 52 Animal-Assisted Therapy Services
- 53 Float - Pack 37 - Worcester
- 54 Country Bank - Limited Corporate Sponsor
- 55 Float - Worcester Bravehearts
- 56 American Heart Association
- 57 Float - Murphy Irish Dance Academy
- 58 **Rockland Trust - Event Sponsor**
- 59 Worcester Fenians Hurling Club
- 60 Ascend Hospice

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- 61\*\* Sudbury Ancient Fyfe and Drum Companie
- 62 Float - Worcester Railers
- 63 Float - Webster Fastpitch/Wrath Youth Softball Assn.
- 64 Float - Scruba Dub
- 65 Float - Bay State Brewing
- 66 Float - Two Sisters Irish Step Dancing & Jazzia's Dance School
- 68 Float - Wormtown Brewery
- 69 Float - Jr. WooSox Baseball
- 70 Carl's Oxford Diner
- 71 Float - **Atlas Distributors/Guinness Beer Truck - Event Sponsor**
- 72 Float - Teamsters Union Local 170
- 73 Cait The Clown
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Worcester County Shrine Club  
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## DIVISION II

- 1 Worcester Cadet Squadron Civil Air Patrol Color Guard & Unit
- 2\*\* **Burncoat High School Spirit Team**  
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- 2a State Representative John Mahoney and Marchers
- 3 St. John's High School
- 3a Float - Elevation Fitness / Cupcakes Anonymous
- 4 Float - Carpenter's Local Union #336
- 5 IBEW Local96
- 6 Float - Frank Webb Home
- 7 Worcester Bike Alliance
- 8 Worcester Rugby
- 9\*\* **McGann Marching Band**  
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- 10 Float - **Anna Maria College - Limited Corporate Sponsor**
- 11 **St. Francis Rehabilitation & Adult Day Health - Limited Corporate Sponsor**
- 12 Lou Gehrig Little League
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- 14 American Red Cross
- 15 Float - Sand Stew Inc
- 16 **Fidelity Bank Frosty Flyer Ice Cream Truck - Event Sponsor**
- 17\*\* Southbridge High School Marching Band
- 18 Worcester Volley Ball Club
- 19 Jeep the Faith
- 20 Float - Serrato Signs
- 21 Lion's Club Sight Mobile
- 22 Float - All One Credit Union
- 23 Float - Keller Williams Pinnacle Central
- 24\*\* New Magnolia Jazz Band
- 25 Kumasi Soccer FC LLC
- 26 M & T Bank
- 27 Cofradia Cultural
- 28 Float - Every Day Miracles (PRSC)
- 29 Float - VIP Landscaping
- 30\*\* Al Youngman Band
- 31 **Charter Communications/ Spectrum - Event Sponsor**
- 32 Float - Seal Master
- 33 Ridge Valley Stables, Inc.
- 34 WRTA Bus
- 35 Southbridge Eagle Riders #334
- 36 Mass Port - Limited Corporate Sponsor

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## Parade Route (approx. 2 miles)

All participants must be pre-registered.  
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Parking available at Doherty High School, Highland St. for parade marchers/performers. Then take the shuttle to the beginning of the parade/assembly area. Shuttle runs every 10 minutes in both directions



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Parade participants: Please check the line up for your Division and position #. Please make sure everyone in your group has this information.

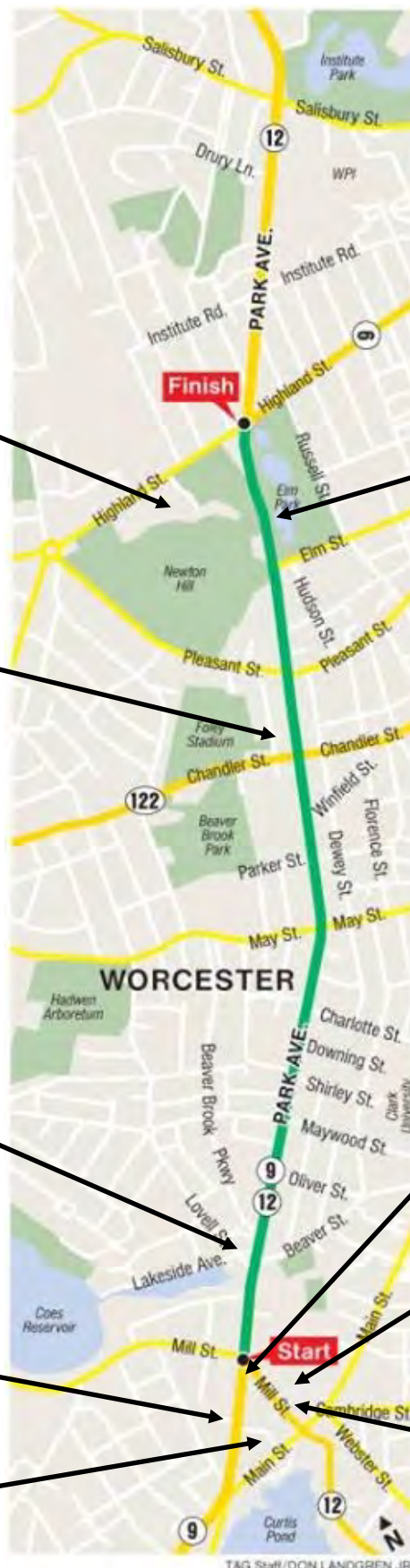
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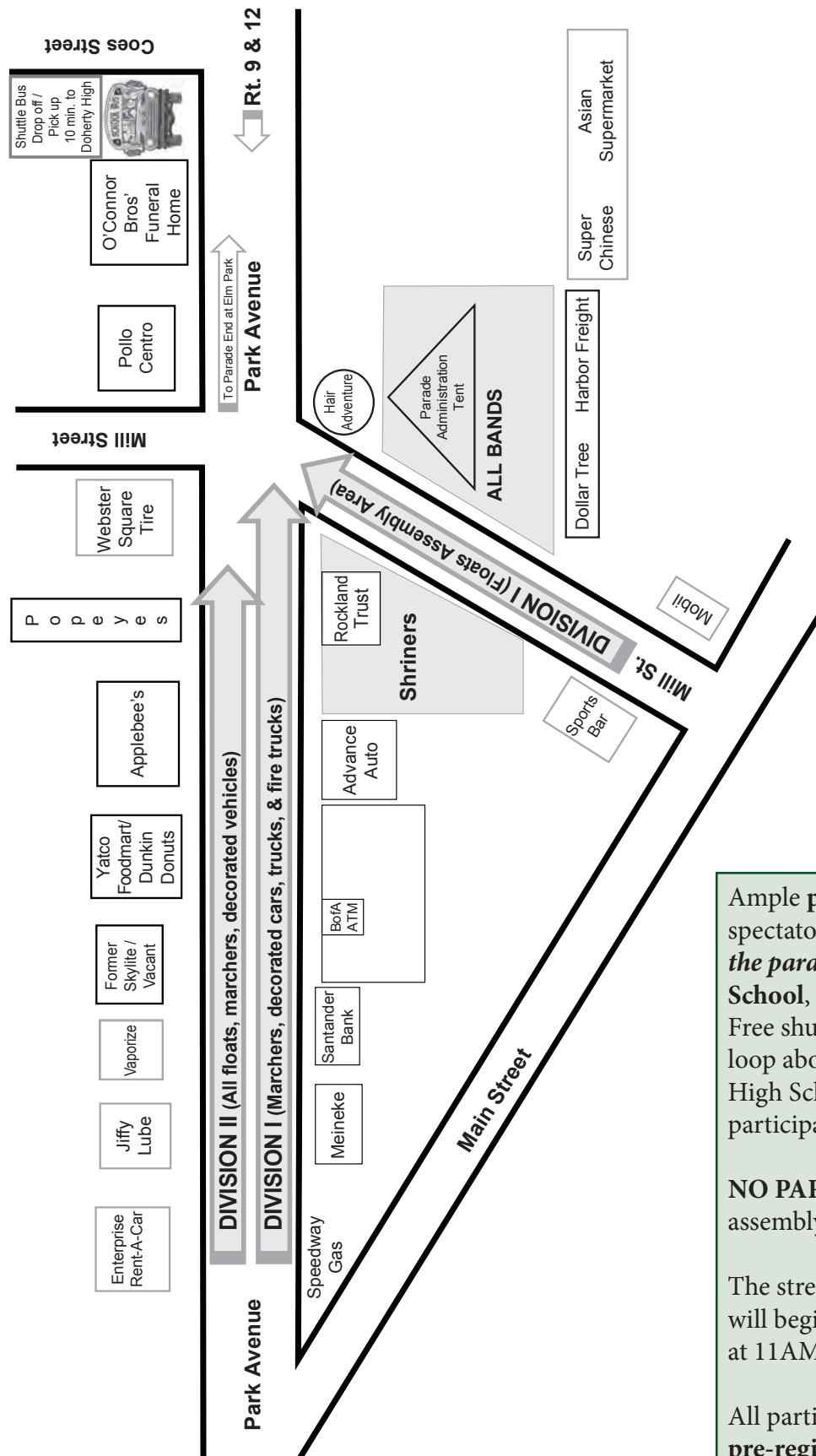
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# Worcester County St. Patrick's Parade

## Assembly Area Map



Ample **parking** for participants and spectators is available at the **end of the parade route** at **Doherty High School**, 299 Highland St., Worcester. Free shuttle buses run a continuous loop about every 10 minutes from the High School to the Assembly Area for participants.

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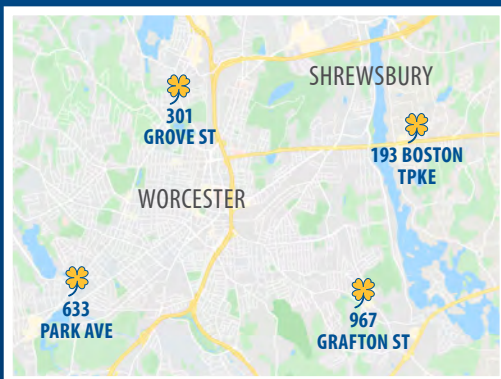


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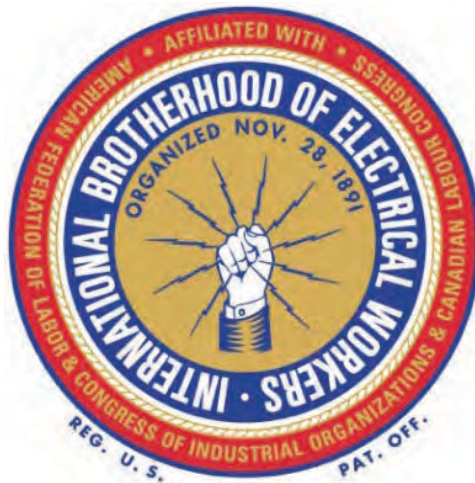




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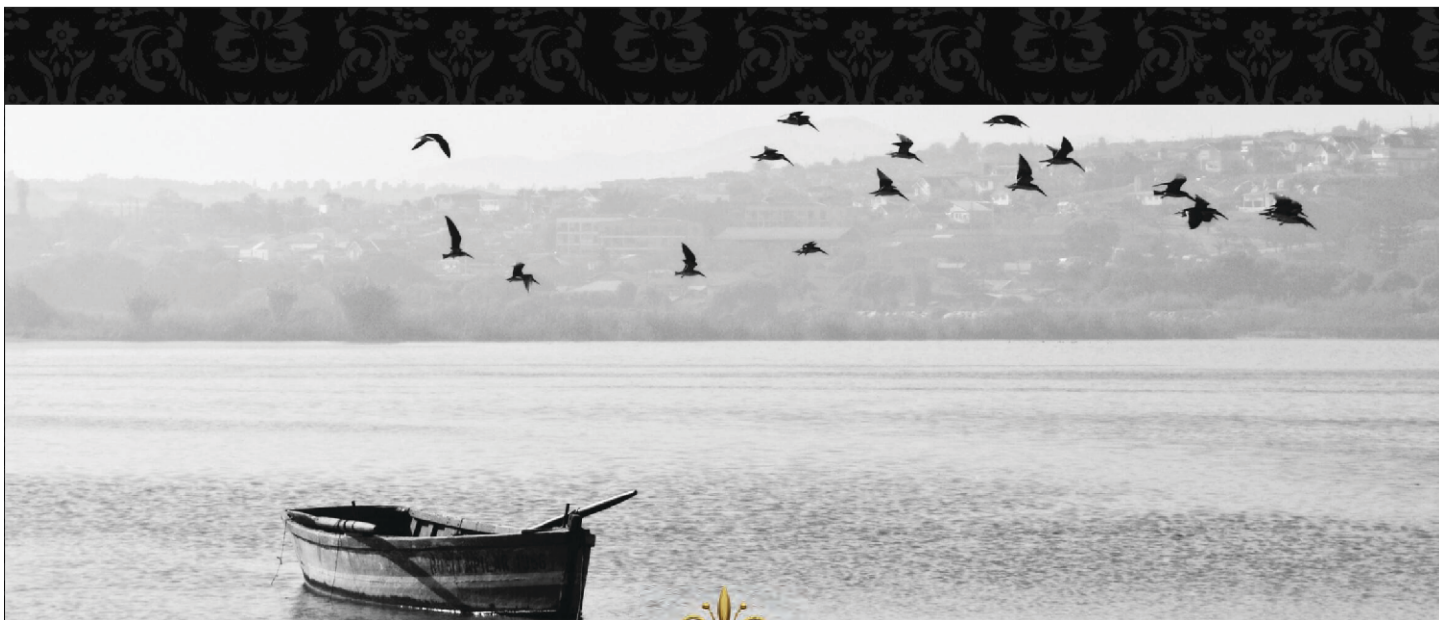
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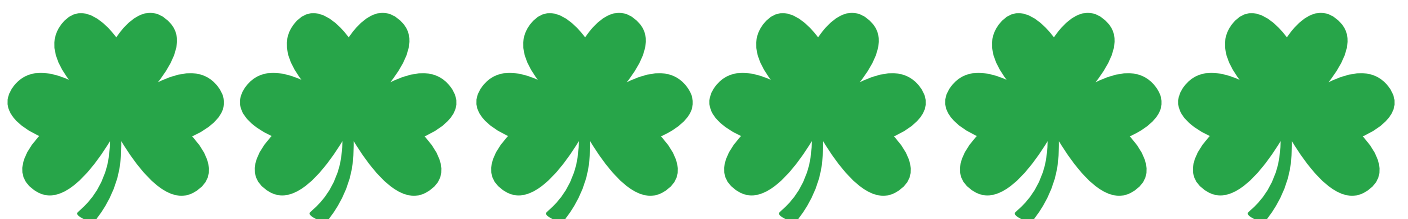
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**Run for Mayor of the Parade in 2026!**



# **MAYOR OF THE PARADE RULES**



- **\$1 donation = 1 vote!**
- **The candidate with the most votes wins!**
- **Candidates and sponsors create their own fundraising events**
- **Candidates must be a Massachusetts resident**
- **No official start date – begin any time!**
- **Must register to be official**
- **Deadline is Sunday, December 1st**
- **Votes are counted at ‘home base’ of previous year’s winner**
- **On Election Day, ONLY money orders or checks accepted**
- **Once the count starts, no additional donations can be made**
- **Order of the count: new entries, followed by last year’s winner**
- **Candidates and their manager ONLY present at count**
- **Winner will be announced after all monies are counted**



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