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LOOKING  
FORWARD TO  
MARCHING DOWN  
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# CONGRATULATIONS TO FIREFIGHTER OF THE YEAR JOHN KEANE!



*All the best, Brian and Donna Fitzhenry  
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All the best,  
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Carol,

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and we hope you have a great day on March 1st!**

With love and best wishes,

Patty & Des Gilhawley  
and all the Gilhawley Family in Ireland

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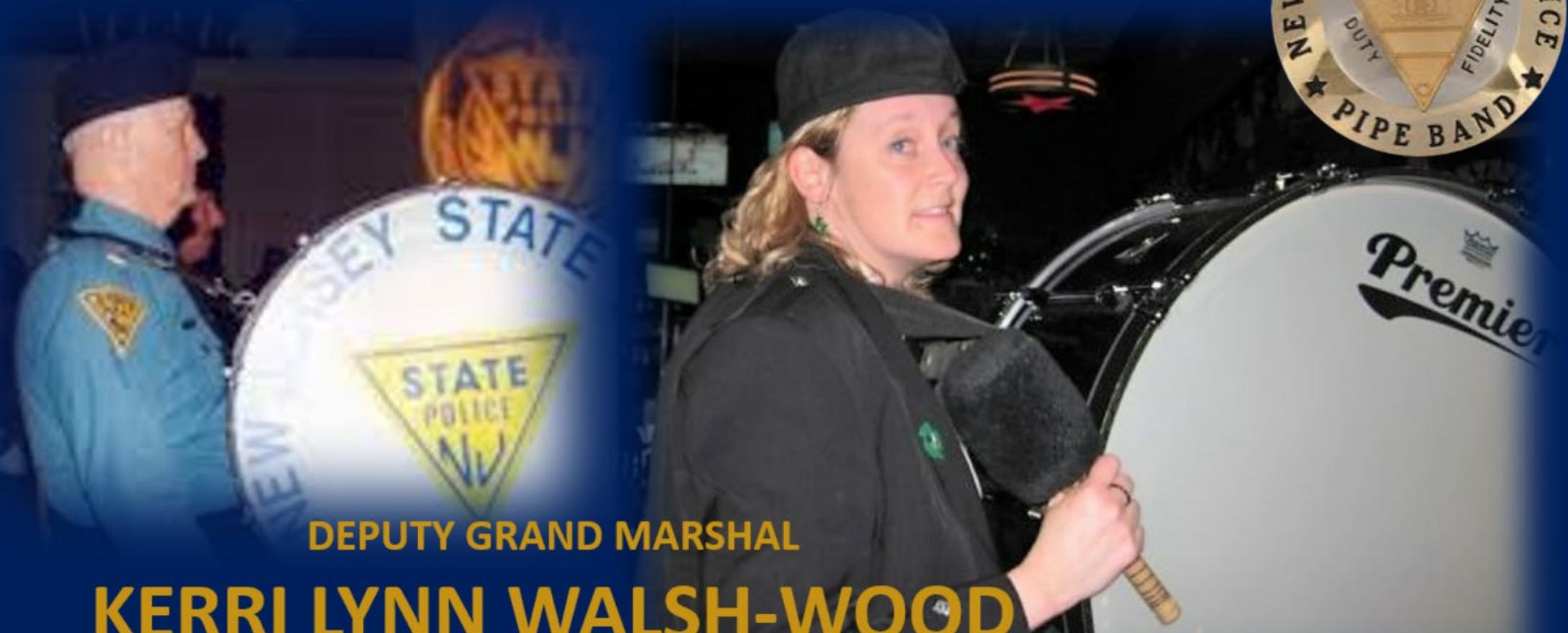


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*Grand Marshal*  
Carol Gilhawley



*Deputy Grand Marshal*  
Kerri-Lynn Walsh-Wood

*Parade Honorees*

*Joseph Espinoza - John D. Keane*  
*Jennifer Tarantino Copoano - Samantha Hiller*

*Here's to a great parade!*

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RIAA and its 2026  
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ASSOCIATION AND THE 2026 HONOREES**

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**From one Grand Marshal to another, congratulations,  
Carol, and best wishes to the 2026 Dignitaries and the  
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Congratulations to all  
2026 Parade Dignitaries  
Especially proud of our friends



**Samantha Hiller**  
Member of the Year



**Jen Tarantino Capoano**  
EMT of the Year



*Love, The O'Keefe Family  
Brian, Catherine, Patrick and Kerry*

***Congratulations!***

# **2026 LAW ENFORCEMENT OFFICER OF THE YEAR**

# **JOSEPH ESPINOZA**

**With Love,  
The Ryan Family**



*Congratulations to the 2026 Dignitaries!*



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Congratulations Rutherford Irish American Association  
***2026 Member of the Year***  
**SAMANTHA HILLER**



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# 2026 Emergency Medical Technician of the Year

## Jennifer Tarantino Capoano



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# SAMANTHA HILLER

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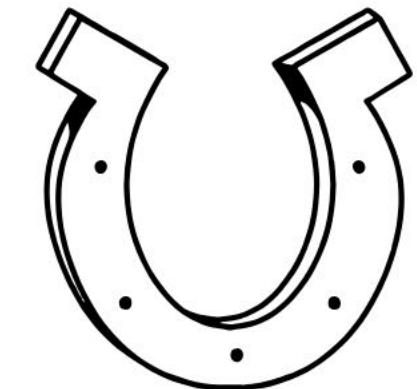
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*Congratulations to the  
Rutherford Irish American Association  
for hosting another successful Gala.*

*Best wishes to the  
2026 Parade Dignitaries.*



Congratulations to  
Rutherford Irish American Association  
Member of the Year  
**Sam Hiller**



Congrats Sammy Sam. We love you!

Love, The Filthy Animals



# **2026 Deputy Grand Marshal**

**Rutherford Irish American Association  
St. Patrick's Day Parade**

## **Kerri-Lynn Walsh Wood**

**Congratulations for being chosen the 2026 Deputy Grand Marshal  
for the Rutherford Irish St. Patrick's Day Parade. We are so very  
proud of you, and we are thrilled to be celebrating this well-  
deserved honor with you!**

**With love and blessings,  
Mom, Beth, Laurie, Dan, Sharon, Matt, Adam & Ryan**



**CONGRATULATIONS TO ALL  
OF THE 2026 RUTHERFORD  
ST. PATRICK'S DAY PARADE  
DIGNITARIES!**



***Matt and Colleen Butler***

CONGRATULATIONS  
CAROL GILHAWLEY



You've ALWAYS been our GRAND MARSHALL!

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Congratulations  
Deputy Grand Marshal  
**Kerri-Lynn Walsh-Wood**  
and all the  
RIAA Honorees

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Your Friends



Congratulations to all the 2026 parade dignitaries and especially to

*Joseph Espinoza*

**Law Enforcement Officer of the Year**

Thank you for your hard work and dedication to law enforcement and our community.

The Ventura Family



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Congratulations to all of the  
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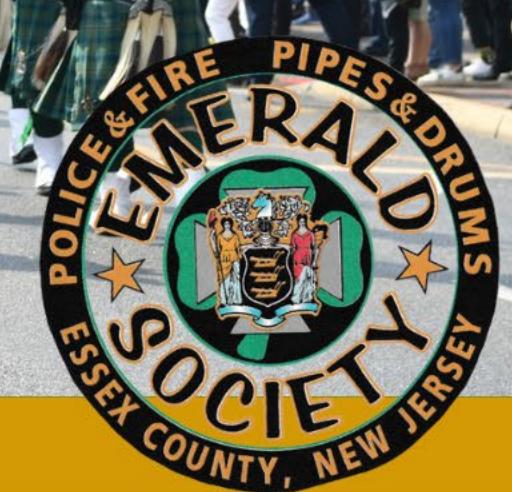
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to the  
**Rutherford Irish American Association**  
**St. Patrick's Day Parade Committee**  
& our good friend  
**Deputy Grand Marshal**  
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See you on March 1st!

Congratulations to all of  
the 2026 Dignitaries,  
especially our friend,  
Deputy Grand Marshal  
Kerri Lynn Walsh-Wood!

From the O'Neills





✿ Congratulations to all the Parade Dignitaries! ✿

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of our friend and RIAA member

# Kathy Granger

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**Congratulations**  
**Grand Marshal Carol Gilhawley**

*Congratulations*  
to all 2026 diginitaries and the RIAA!  
*Especially our Dad,*  
Paddy Bonner, RIAA President

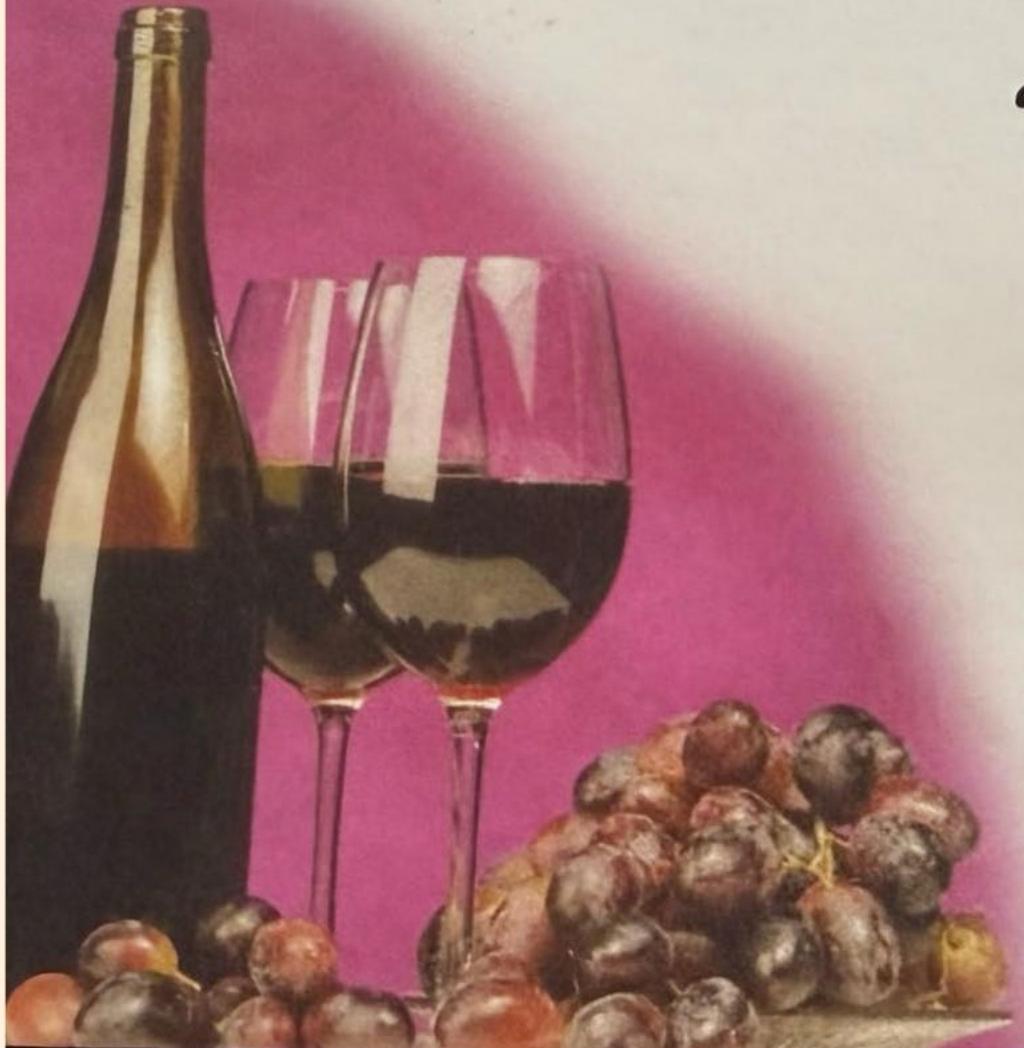


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# 2026 Rutherford St. Patrick's Day Parade

## Dignitaries

*Grand Marshal* **Carol Gilhawley**

*Deputy Grand Marshal* **Kerri-Lynn Walsh-Wood**

*Member of the Year* **Samantha Hiller**

*Law Enforcement Officer* **Joseph Espinoza**

*EMT of the Year* **Jennifer Tarantino Capoano**

*Firefighter of the Year* **John D. Keane**

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# The Dignitaries of the Rutherford Saint Patrick's Day Parade



## Inaugural Parade- 2018

Grand Marshal **Thomas Flynn**  
Deputy Grand Marshal **Tony Bruton**  
Law Enforcement Officer **Michael Keane**  
Firefighter *the late* **Thomas Twist**  
Member of the Year **Joe Kelly**  
Member of the Year **Debbie O'Neill**

## 2022

Grand Marshal **Maria Kirrane McKenna**  
Deputy Grand Marshal **Patrick Dunne**  
Law Enforcement Officer **Todd Roth**  
EMT **Doug Chadwick**  
Firefighter **Thomas Verdino**  
Member of the Year **Jack & Rob Donnelly**

## 2025

Grand Marshal **Eric Moore**  
Deputy Grand Marshal **Brian Bruton**  
Law Enforcement Officer **Brian Montague**  
EMT **George McDermott**  
Firefighter **Sean Walker**  
Member of the Year **Mary & James McGrath**

## 2019

Grand Marshal **Patrick Kelly**  
Deputy Grand Marshal **John Sullivan**  
Law Enforcement Officer **Joseph Brennan**  
EMT **Brian O'Keefe**  
Firefighter **Neil O'Hara**  
Member of the Year **Missy Scanlon**

## 2023

Grand Marshal **Mark Dolaghan**  
Deputy Grand Marshal **Mike Coyne**  
Law Enforcement Officer **Chris Connors**  
EMT **Patrick O'Keefe**  
Firefighter **Brian Fitzhenry**  
Member of the Year **Tom Sharkey**

## 2020

Grand Marshal *the late* **Artie Byrne**  
Deputy Grand Marshal **PJ Tully**  
Law Enforcement Officer **Edward Nestor**  
EMT **Michael Tarantino**  
Firefighter **Craig Scott**  
Member of the Year **MB O'Flanagan**

## 2024

Grand Marshal **Joe Kelly**  
Deputy Grand Marshal **Brendan Dunphy**  
Law Enforcement Officer **Rick Fuentes**  
EMT **Carmen Addeo**  
Firefighter **William Rood**  
Member of the Year **Karen McDermott**