2019 St. Patrick’s Day Family Parade

Get your green shirts ready! The City of Countryside proudly announces our 4th annual St. Patrick’s Day Parade—Saturday, March 9th at 1p.m. This year’s Grand Marshal is John Buckley, Chief of the Pleasantview Fire Protection District. The presenting sponsor is Jack Phelan—Chrysler, Dodge, Jeep, RAM for the third year in a row.

The parade steps off at 1p.m. on Kensington Avenue at 61st Street and proceeds one mile—ending at 55th Place & Edgewood.

All parade proceeds will benefit the Pulmonary Hypertension Association and the Illinois Carol Fisher Chapter of the Crohn’s and Colitis Foundation.

PARTICIPATE. Countryside businesses and families are encouraged to march in the parade. Consider creating a float or marching with your family or group. Prizes will be awarded for the best floats, banners and “Best Party Along the Route.”

AFTER-PARTY. Everyone is invited to check out the local establishments participating in this year’s post-parties. (Establishments and specific information will be announced later.)

SPONSOR. SPONSORSHIP LEVELS AND FEES:
- $1,000 Pot of Gold Sponsor (name on website, shirts, and large print on banners)
- $500 Emerald Sponsor (name on website, shirts, and banners)
- $250 Shamrock Sponsor (name on website and banners)
- $100 Parade entry fee for Political Parties and Non-residents
- $25 Parade entry fee for Non-profits & Residents
- Local Schools are FREE
- Non-advertising Business Sponsor - support the parade and our charities by making a donation in any amount you choose.

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED! There are many volunteer opportunities available for teens and adults. Please contact John Finn at (708) 299-7387 or send an email to parade@countryside-il.org.

St. Patrick’s Day Parade Queen. The 2019 Parade Queen will be selected from applications received from the community. We are seeking candidates who possess any of the following: Irish heritage, demonstrated community involvement, and residence in Countryside. Applications are available on the City’s website and at City Hall. Applications must be received by February 6, 2019. The queen will be crowned at the February 27, 2019 City Council meeting.

Rules, forms, and ongoing parade updates can be found on the City’s website www.countryside-il.org under the special events tab or at City Hall. Applications and fees should be returned to the City of Countryside no later than February 15, 2019. If you have any questions please contact Parade Chairman, John Finn at parade@countryside-il.org or (708) 299-7387.