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Dear Business Owner:

The City of Countryside is excited to announce our...

Annual St. Patrick's Day Parade

Saturday, March 4, 2023

- ♣ **Would you like to march in the parade?**
- ♣ **Or perhaps your business would like to participate as a *SPONSOR*.**
 - ❖ **There are various sponsorship levels – and *your business could be advertised on banners, the City website, and event t-shirts!***

See the **attached flyer, parade registration form, and participant waiver.** Information is also available at <https://www.countryside-il.org/special-events/>.

We are also looking for ***VOLUNTEERS!*** There are lots of great opportunities for teens and adults.

Please contact John Finn or Sharon Peterson with any questions. Send emails to parade@countryside-il.org.

Best regards,

John Finn
Parade Chairman
City of Countryside

Sharon Peterson
Staff Liaison
City of Countryside

2023 St. Patrick's Day Family Parade

Get your green shirts ready! The City of Countryside proudly announces our annual St. Patrick's Day Parade—**Saturday, March 4th at 1p.m.** This year's Grand Marshal is **Kevin Dahill**, who has been very active with the St. Patrick's Day Parade since its inception in 2016. The presenting sponsor is **Jack Phelan—Chrysler, Dodge, Jeep, RAM.**

The parade steps off at **1p.m. at 55th Place and Edgewood** and ends at **63rd Street and Brainard Avenue.**

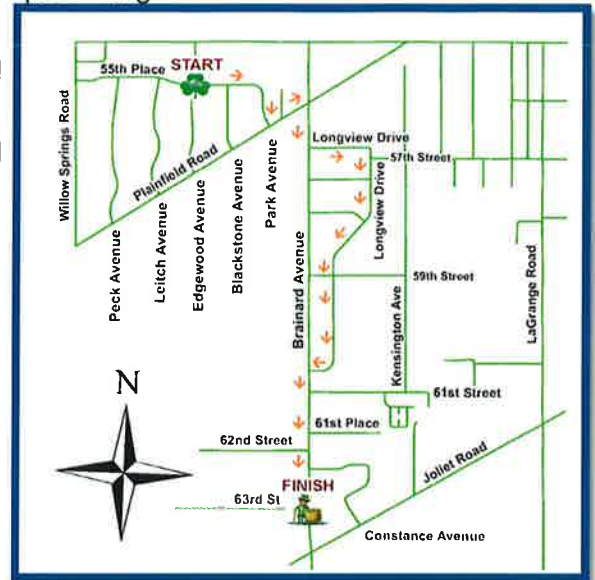
All parade proceeds will benefit the **Scouts BSA Troop 69** and the **Violet Foundation for Pediatric Brain Cancer.**

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 2023 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 resides in the Countryside area. Applications are available on the City's website and at City Hall. Applications must be received by February 13, 2023. The queen will be crowned at the February 22, 2023 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 10, 2023. If you have any questions please contact Parade Chairman, John Finn at parade@countryside-il.org or (708) 299-7387.



**Countryside St. Patrick's Day Parade
2023 Parade and Sponsorship Application**

Benefitting: Scouts BSA Troop 69 and Violet Foundation for Pediatric Brain Cancer

Parade Date: Saturday, March 4, 2023 RAIN, SHINE OR SNOW—NO REFUNDS
Application Deadline: February 10, 2023

Website: countryside-il.org Email: parade@countryside-il.org Contact: **John Finn 708-299-7387**

Staging Area: 55th Place, Peck Avenue, and Leitch Avenue at 11:30 a.m.

Parade Start Location: Parade kicks off at 1:00 p.m. at 55th Place and Edgewood, Countryside

Official Name of Entry: _____

Contact: _____ E-Mail: _____

Business/Home Phone: _____ Cell: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Brief description of group for commentator to use during TV taping. (If blank, only entrant name will be used.)

Sponsorship levels and parade entrant fees:

\$5,000 Presenting Sponsor – JACK PHELAN—Chrysler, Dodge, Jeep, RAM

- \$1,000 Pot O' Gold Sponsor – Name on website, shirts, large print on banners, and entry fee for parade
- \$500 Emerald Sponsor – Name on website, shirts, banners, and entry fee for parade
- \$250 Shamrock Sponsor – Name on website, banners and entry fee for parade
- \$100 Entrance fee for parade for political parties and nonresidents
- \$ 25 Entrance fee for residents and non-profits
- \$ 0 Entrance fee for local schools
- I do not wish to be an entrant in the parade but accept my sponsorship of \$ _____

Handing out items? Yes No

Please check all that apply and provide information if needed.

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Marching Band (How many in band) _____ | <input type="checkbox"/> Vehicle (list size) _____ ft |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Truck _____ ft. | <input type="checkbox"/> Van _____ ft. |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Antique Vehicle | <input type="checkbox"/> Bus _____ ft. |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Walking unit - # of people _____ | <input type="checkbox"/> Political |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Dance/Drill Team (How many) _____ | <input type="checkbox"/> Clown |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Float (size of float) _____ ft. | <input type="checkbox"/> Horses (how many) _____ |
| (size of truck pulling float) _____ ft. | <i>Must clean up droppings</i> |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Other (Describe) _____ | |

Please return completed application, waiver and fees by Friday, February 10, 2023 to:
City of Countryside - St. Patrick's Day Parade
803 Joliet Road, Countryside, IL 60525

**PARTICIPANT WAIVER OF LIABILITY
AND
HOLD HARMLESS AGREEMENT**

I hereby make application for myself and my family members including those who may be minors and or business/club/organization, to voluntarily participate in the Countryside St. Patrick's Day Family Parade to take place on March 4, 2023 in Countryside, Illinois. We understand that providing automobile, accident, personal injury and personal liability insurance is our responsibility and in lieu of providing an Insurance Coverage Certificate, we hereby certify that in the case of an accident, personal injury or death, we will not hold the City of Countryside, Its officers, agents, employees and volunteers responsible for any bodily injury, death or property damage and hereby release any officer, agent, contractor, trustee employee or volunteer of City of Countryside St. Patrick's Day Family Parade for any claim or claims that might arise as a result of bodily injury, death or property damage or as a result of applicants participation in parade. We further agree to abide by the rules of the parade and in support of City of Countryside St. Patrick's Day Family Parade we require all participants of our organization to use good safety precautions during our participation.

The Undersigned expressly acknowledges that the activities of the parade (including pre-and-post parade activities) may be dangerous and may involve the risk of serious injury, death and/or property damage. The undersigned agrees to indemnify, defend and hold harmless the City of Countryside, any officer, agent, contractor, trustee employee or volunteer of City of Countryside St. Patrick's Day Family Parade.

This Waiver of Liability and Hold Harmless Agreement shall be governed by the laws of the State of Illinois and jurisdiction shall be proper only in the County of Cook, State of Illinois. The invalidity or unenforceability of any of the provisions hereof shall not affect the validity or enforceability of the remainder of this Agreement.

By signing below, the participant has read and understands the waiver as described above and agrees to hold harmless the City of Countryside, its officers, agents, employees and volunteers associated with Countryside St. Patrick's Day Family Parade of any liability. I also represent that I am authorized to sign this document on behalf of myself and family members including minor children and or business/club/organization.

Signature _____ Date _____

Printed Name _____

Business/Club/Organization _____

Phone Number _____

(Please return waiver with your registration form.)