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12TH ANNUAL
MYSTIC
Irish Parade

Featuring:
Sunday, March 22
1 pm

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In celebration of Saint Patrick’s Day and the Mystic Irish Parade in year twelve, thank you for joining us this parade day, wherein the Irish heritage we shall delve!

Welcome ALL to the 12th Annual Mystic Irish Parade in downtown Mystic!

The Mystic Irish Parade Foundation has reveled in Irish spirit all month long in preparation of the annual parade day! Over a decade ago, a few of friends joined together to celebrate their Celtic heritage. In an effort to continue their good spirit and cultural traditions with their beloved community, they decided to start planning what is now the most renowned parade in Eastern CT!

The Mystic Irish Parade Foundation continues to celebrate each year as an 100% volunteer driven organization, supported by team members dedicated to promoting Irish heritage and organizing a spectacular parade for the community! The MIPF is a registered 501c3 nonprofit and all donations are tax deductible.

Each year, a sliver of Ireland is brought to the small town of Mystic, Connecticut and friends & family from near and far celebrate together in support of the Mystic Irish Parade Foundation! This organization is composed of an outstanding team of local residents, business leaders and community volunteers. The dedicated team plans, executes and delivers an unforgettable Mystic Irish Parade that has transformed into Mystic’s largest single day celebration!

Kicking off at 1:00 pm, the parade, extending from the Mystic Seaport Museum to the Mystic Art Association, Grand Marshal Sandy McGugan will lead 2,000 local community members while they march alongside creatively designed floats and dance to the Celtic music echoing throughout the village while over 30,000 supporters cheer and celebrate the day!

The 2015 Mystic Irish Parade will be host to outstanding pipe bands, more than any other parade in the state, as well as fife & drum units and high school area marching bands! Better yet, the 2015 Superbowl Champion New England Patriot Cheerleading Squad and their mascot, Pat Patriot himself, will be marching this year!

The Connecticut Ghost Busters and a few other specialty floats will be there as well! And where else can you go to see live, high flying acrobatics in the middle of a parade? Flippenout and their extreme entertainment will make this year’s parade the best yet!

The parade, funded by proceeds from events, the generosity of local business sponsorships and individual sale of raffle tickets, is an annual celebration that has become a community wide cultural tradition. Surplus funds from the Mystic Irish Parade are donated to local charities in the area.

A special thank you to our sponsors, for without them, the Mystic Irish Parade would not have grown into the community celebration that it is today. We ask that the Southeastern CT community please help us return the favor by supporting our sponsors and shopping local. Our major sponsors include Levine Distributing Company (Budweiser), The Day, F&F Distributors (Guinness), Full Power Radio (Jammin 107.7, WBMW 106.5) Mohegan Sun and Hall Communications (97.7 WCTY, 100.9 ROXY FM)

After a fantastic parade, the Mystic Irish Parade Foundation committee and supporting community will celebrate at the Awards Party & Raffle Drawing a week later, Sunday March 29th, at 1:00 p.m. at the Harp & Hound in downtown Mystic. This grand celebration will wrap up another parade, recognize the award winning participants, and send one lucky winner to Ireland! (Raffle tickets can be purchased at the Harp & Hound, Taber Inne, Irish Eyes in Old Mystic Village and the Wireless Zone in Groton for $5 per ticket.)

Thank you for joining us at the 12th Annual Mystic Irish Parade! Enjoy the festivities and cheers to future parades to come!

Neil Ryan
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2004 Grand Marshal
John Lowe
As the Irish say, “May your home always be too small to hold all of your friends!” The close knit community of Eastern CT fills the streets of Mystic with friends and family in celebration of the one and only annual Mystic Irish Parade, one of Connecticut’s most renowned Celtic cultural events! As a keystone in family entertainment and an event for all ages, the Mystic Irish Parade Foundation celebrates a successful twelve years and look forward to many more to come!

In special commemoration of year twelve, the Mystic Irish Parade Foundation is honored to have Sandy McGugan, owner of Gwenmor Marina and longtime resident of Mystic, serve as the Grand Marshal of for the 2015 Mystic Irish Parade! This honor is bestowed to an outstanding member of Eastern Connecticut who dedicates time and energy into giving back to the local community each day.

Sandy McGugan, formally announced as the Grand Marshal of the Mystic Irish Parade on January 18th, 2014, has resided in the beautiful town of Mystic for a lifetime. His grandfather journeyed to North America from Ireland when he was 17 years old and settled down in New London, CT. His mother frequently joked about coming over on the Mayflower, but research by McGugan’s daughter later proved that some of his family did in fact travel on the infamous ship. His mother, Gwendolyn Morgan, went to college in CT and was a teacher at the Butler School in Groton, CT. McGugan is a Stonington High School alumni and later served his country in the United States Army. After his service, his worked with his father, who was a marine contractor in Mystic. The company, named after his mother, is Gwenmor Marine Contracting and Gwenmor Marina, which is currently managed and operated by McGugan’s three sons, Christian, Andy and Keith (who was born on St. Patrick’s Day!).

In addition to his three sons, Sandy McGugan and his wife Marguerite, have five daughters who all currently reside in the Mystic area. The McGugan’s are proud parents, and grandparents of 41 grandchildren as well. “You can say our house gets pretty crazy during Christmas!”

McGugan is a dedicated family man and community leader. He is passionate about supporting local sports, fitness and health initiatives including the athletic departments of schools as well as the Mystic YMCA. “Because of the kids, who played a sport, I became invested in the athletic community. My daughter, Vianna, was the first person to win the CT State Championship as both a player and again as the coach for girl’s basketball for Stonington High School. Sports promote dedication, teamwork and passion.”

“I’m truly honored to be the 2015 Grand Marshal of the Mystic Irish Parade. I am humbled that they chose me to do this. Hopefully whatever I have to do in this role, I’ll do right,” says McGugan. His love of Mystic and commitment to family and community is inspiring and the Mystic Irish Parade Foundation is honored to have him serve as the 2015 Grand Marshal!

“I’ve known the McGugan family for over twenty years. Sandy has been a pillar of the Greater Mystic community and I’m honored that he’s been chosen for this year” says Neil Ryan, Vice President of the Mystic Irish Parade Foundation. A sincere thank you to Mr. Sandy McGugan for serving as the Grand Marshal and supporting this year’s Mystic Irish Parade!
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