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# Everyone's Irish on St. Patrick's Day.



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Honored by how lucky we are to be supported by such an incredible community, the Mystic Irish Parade in year 18 welcomes and thanks you for joining us this parade day, with Irish spirit and tons of green.

Welcome, ALL to the 18th Annual Mystic Irish Parade in downtown Mystic, Connecticut!

The Mystic Irish Parade Foundation, family, and friends have honored the holiday joyously in Irish spirit all month long in preparation for the annual parade day. Over a decade ago, a few friends joined together to celebrate their Celtic heritage. In an effort to continue the celebration of their Irish spirit and cultural traditions with their beloved community, they decided to start planning what is now the most renowned parade in Eastern CT and one of the best in New England.

The Mystic Irish Parade Foundation continues to celebrate St. Patrick's Day each year as a 100% volunteer-driven organization, supported by team members dedicated to promoting Irish heritage and organizing a spectacular parade for the community. We are always looking to expand our core group, so if you have an interest in helping, please drop us a line.

Each year, a sliver of Ireland is brought to the small village of Mystic, Connecticut, and friends and 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, which has become Mystic's largest single-day celebration.

Kicking off at 1 p.m., the parade extends from the Mystic Seaport Museum to the Mystic Art Association. The 2023 Grand Marshal is Phil Pavone, a philanthropist who will lead 2,000 parade participants as 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 2023 Mystic Irish Parade will be host to outstanding pipe bands -- more than any other parade in the state -- as well as fife and drum units and high school marching bands, local businesses, and floats.

The parade, funded by proceeds from events, the generosity of local business sponsorships, and the sale of raffle tickets, is an annual celebration that has become a community cultural tradition. Surplus funds from the Mystic Irish Parade are donated to local charities. A sincere THANK YOU to the parade's sponsors, volunteers, and most importantly...

Thank YOU for joining us at the 18th Annual Mystic Irish Parade. It is you, family, and friends, that make this parade year after year possible. Enjoy the festivities, Irish celebrations, and many more future parades to come!

Neil Ryan
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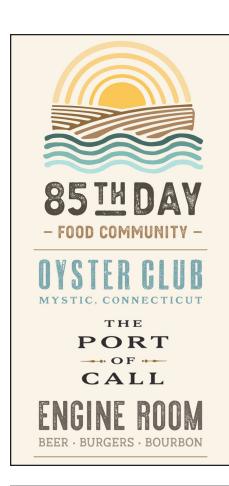
### Painting the River Green!

The dye is produced by Rainbow Specialty colors and is "Kelly Green." It is a natural biodegradable dye that disappears within 15-20 minutes.

The Mystic Fire boat will be shooting it into the air with

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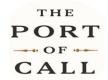


















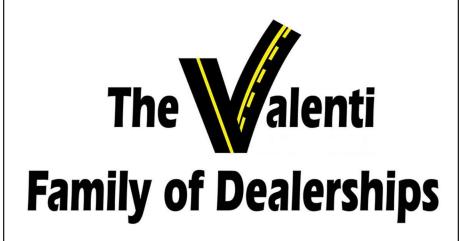












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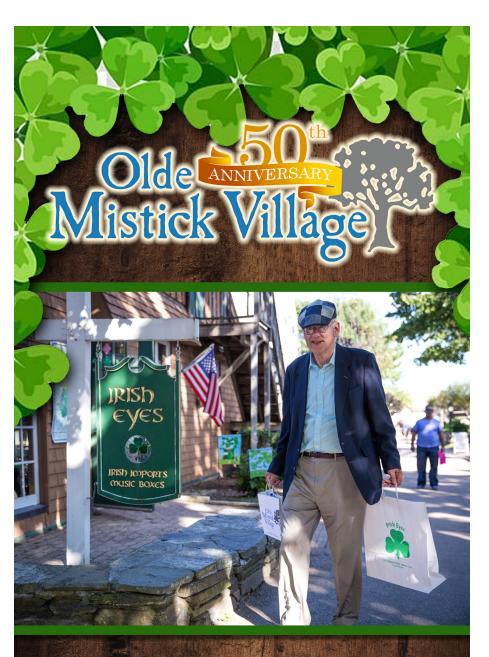
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**2004** John Lowe

# 2023 Grand Warshal: Dhil Davone

A Vietnam veteran with an entrepreneurial spirit that led him to refurbish and donate more 1,000 wheelchairs to residents living with disabilities will be the Grand Marshal of the 2023 Mystic Irish Parade on March 19.

Phil Pavone, a Mystic resident and owner of AZ Pawn Shop in Norwich, created AZ Pawn Gift of Mobility after watching a man literally crawl up a flight of stairs.

Back in 2009, shortly after watching the disabled man on the stairs, Pavone took in a few power wheelchairs, but they didn't sell. As the holidays approached that year, he got the idea to donate the chairs. When he saw what it meant to those who benefitted from his generosity, another idea clicked. He would seek out used wheelchairs and power chairs, refurbish them and advertise their availability.

To date, AZ Pawn Gift of Mobility has given away 940 power chairs and 500 wheelchairs, canes, and walkers. Those wishing to donate unused medical items can find out more information at AZ Pawn Gift of Mobility

"Phil's generosity and compassion make him a great choice for Grand Marshal," said Neil Ryan, vice president of the Mystic Irish Parade Foundation. "People say it's an honor to be selected as Grand Marshal, but given what Phil has done for others, it's really an honor of us to have him lead the 2023 Mystic Irish Parade."

The Grand Marshal is carefully selected each year by the Mystic Irish Parade Foundation's Board of Directors. Regardless of their heritage, the primary prerequisite for leading the parade in this role is honoring, supporting, and being a positive, engaged member of the Southeastern Connecticut community.



From left to right: Tom Taber, Matt Forde, Richard Strickley, Leo Roche, Grand Marshal Phil Pavone, Jeff Bresnahan, Liz Ryan, Christine Cooney, Kevin Power, Neil Ryan.

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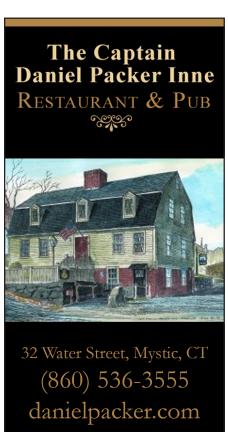


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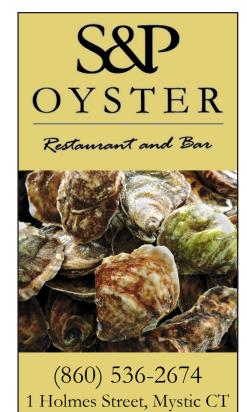
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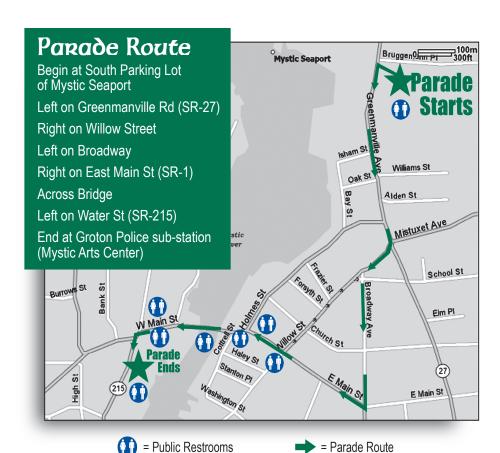
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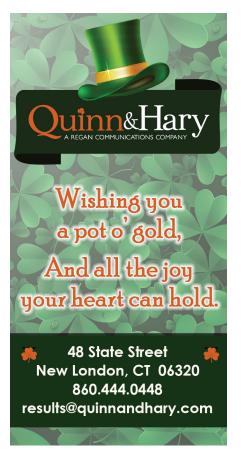












### Parking

Downtown parking can be found at the Mystic Arts Center Parking lot, 9 Water Street, this is were the parade ends and is signified by the star on the map above. Lots of additional smaller parking lots can be found along the parade route or on the many side streets along the route, please reference the map above for locations of side streets. Parking is also plentiful in the Olde Mystic Village parking lot however it is a mile walk from there to the parade route.









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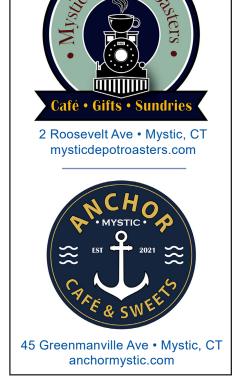


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Come early, Free Food, Drink Specials, Door Prizes. Raffle tickets \$5 each, ticket holders need not be present to win!







Shannon Hanrahan Co-owner of Crop CT Salon Winner of the 2022 Trip

# Oystic Irish Darade Grand Colleen 2023: Clizabeth Denderson

Elizabeth Rose Henderson is currently a senior at Fitch High School, Groton, CT and she plays on the Fitch tennis team in the spring. She is a level 9 trampolinist at USA Trampoline Academy, Mystic, CT. She has qualified three times for nationals as well as placing third in the nation in 2021. Elizabeth has volunteered annually for the Mystic Irish Parade for as long as she can remember, and loves being part of this Irish tradition. She visited Ireland in 2017 and enjoyed traveling to the country of her ancestors and trying all the local foods and learning where her



relatives came from. She plans on attending Endicott College in the fall and will double major in Psychology and Art therapy.

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Madison Janeen Porter is currently a senior at Fitch High School, Groton, CT and she plays on the Fitch tennis and gymnastics teams. She is the President of the Key Club, Vice President of National Honor Society, a member of the Best Buddies and Unified Sports programs. She has competed in the Eastern Connecticut Math Competitions as part of her school Math Team. She handmade over 300 masks that were donated to positive Covid patients through a local Facebook volunteer group. Her Irish background has shaped her into the person she is today. A heritage



she so deeply cherishes and will continue to carry on through her love for cooking Irish cuisine, learning Irish etiquette, and researching her family's native country! Above all, her favorite Irish tradition has been attending the Mystic Irish parade for as long as she can remember! She plans to pursue a degree in Biology in the Pre-Med track with the goal of becoming a physician specializing in Pulmonology.

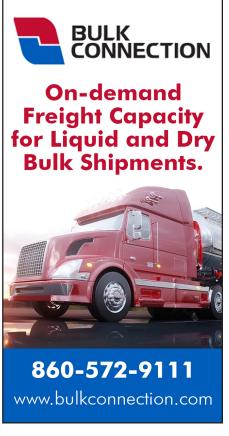
Molly Barrett Kulick is a senior at Stonington High School, Stonington, CT. Her greatest passion is sailing. She has volunteered at the Mystic Seaport Museum since 2018 and was awarded Mystic Seaport Volunteer of the Year! She has been a certified sailing instructor for three years. She is an active member of St. Patrick's Church, where she has served as an alter server for many years. She also assisted her grandmother in teaching kindergarten and first grade students Faith Formation religious education classes at St. Patrick's Church. She grew up surrounded by strong Irish

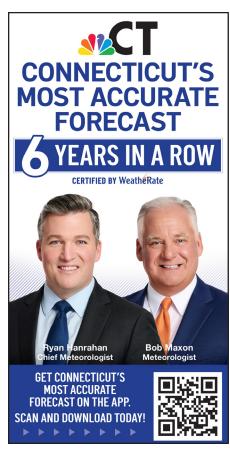


women who taught her to advocate for herself and she is proud to carry on the values of her Irish culture. She will be attending the University of New Hampshire in Fall 2023 where she plans to major in Psychology.

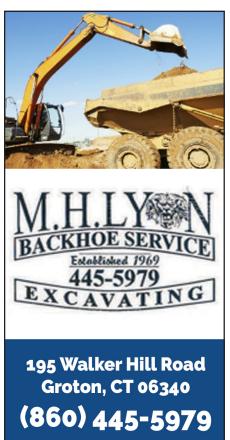
















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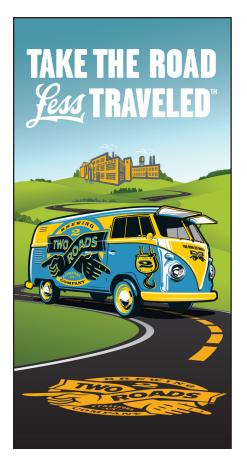














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