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Palatine Celebrates St. Pat's Day
With Paint the Town Green Events

Palatine will 'Paint the Town Green' on Saturday, March 16th with the community's 9th annual St. Patrick's Day celebration which includes a parade and festivities in various businesses throughout the town.

"We've planned a family-friendly day of activities to celebrate St. Patrick's Day," said event coordinator, Liz Noe of ElizEvents. "We'll have Irish food, drink, entertainment, a scavenger hunt and we'll be collecting items to support the homeless and near-homeless served by Journeys the Road Home. This is going to be a great day to be Irish or pretend to be Irish."

The parade, which begins at 11:00 AM, will feature nearly 50 entries including Grand Marshals Lucky McClover and Katie M'Lady. Irish music will be provided by the Midlothian Scottish Bagpipe Band. The Trinity Irish Dancers, the Lucky Little Leprechauns of Dorset Avenue, the Palatine Beer Club & Families and numerous other Irish themed floats will also add to the entertainment. "He won't give you his pot of gold, but keep an eye out for Lucky McClover and his sweetheart Katie M'Lady," said Noe. "They'll be spreading Irish cheer around town after the parade."

The parade will serve to collect donations for Journeys the Road Home, an organization serving the homeless and near-homeless in the north and northwest suburbs. During the parade marchers with shopping carts will collect food, clothing and disposable paper products for the organization. The parade begins at the corner of Wood and Oak Streets in downtown Palatine and continues west on Wood to Smith and north to Colfax.

Donations can also be made at the American Legion from 10:00 AM until 2:00 PM at 122 West Palatine Road in downtown Palatine while you are registering for the scavenger hunt. The scavenger hunt will accept last minute registrations at the American Legion, entrants will be able to pick up their clues, download the app and immediately start the hunt. During registration, Lady Jo's Lids will be selling Irish and traditional jewelry as well as trinkets and Journeys will be collecting donations.

"Entertainment is being planned at a number of local businesses, bars and restaurants throughout the day," said Noe. "Some of the establishments participating are Emmett's Ale House and TJ O'Brien's Bar & Grill. A full schedule of events is available on our web site at www.stpatspalatine.com. This festival is going to be a full day of fun for the whole family!"

Emmett's Ale House will be serving Kegs & Eggs from 9:00 AM until 11:00 AM as well as corned beef and cabbage, shepherd's pie, horseradish salmon, corned beef sandwiches in addition to their regular menu throughout the day. Following the parade, the Palatine Township Republican Organization will hold a meet and greet in the upstairs dining room. After the parade at approximately 1:00 PM, Emmett's will conduct a firkin tapping ceremony of Emmett's Irish Red and Irish Dry Stout beers where a spigot is driven into a small wooden keg with a wooden mallet. "Joining in on the festivities is Palatine's Irish sports bar, TJ O'Brien's Bar & Grill," said Noe. "O'Brien's will be serving Guinness, green beer and a number of Irish dishes including a corn beef and Reuben sandwiches."

The 'Paint the Town Green' event continues to enhance Palatine's position as a destination town for public festivals. The premier sponsor and presenter of the festival is Dirty Nellie's. The media sponsor is the Daily

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For more information on the St. Patrick's Day celebration, visit www.stpatspalatine.com or email info@stpatspalatine.com.