



Bayport-Blue Point Chamber of Commerce IRISH GAZETTE

Bayport Blue Point Chamber of Commerce St. Patrick's Day Parade 1990-2026 • 36 Years and Going Strong



For the past 35 years, the Irish Gazette has arrived at 22,000 homes two weeks before the Big Day, proudly announcing for all that the Bayport-Blue Point Chamber of Commerce's annual St. Patrick's Day Parade is upon us once more! Since the beginning, the proceeds from the Irish Gazette have funded the parade, enabling this beloved tradition to continue and grow with each new generation. You too can be a part of the parade paper's storied history by taking out an advertisement in the 2026 Irish Gazette today. Your ad not only supports an important regional event, but broadcasts your brand in front of our 65,000 loyal readers!

The Bayport-Blue Point St. Patrick's Day Parade is more than just a day when everyone is Irish. It's a fundamental part of the foundation that makes our community such a special place to live and work. Each year's Irish Gazette contains three decades of parade memories, snapshots, and stories bundled together with all the important information for the event. It also introduces the community to our newest Grand Marshal.

We are proud to announce that Jen McNamara, a long-time Blue Point resident and founder of the FDNY Firefighter John F. McNamara Foundation, has been named the 2026 Grand Marshal. Inspired by her late husband John's motto, "Whatever It Takes," the Johnny Mac Foundation supports first responders and strengthens the Bayport-Blue Point community through local programs and events.

We can't wait to cheer for Jen on Sunday, March 15, 2026, at 11:00 a.m., as she leads the 36th Annual Parade down Montauk Highway - right through the heart of our towns!

We hope to see you there!

Sincerely,

*The Parade Committee,
The Bayport-Blue Point Chamber of Commerce*

Flip over for Irish Gazette
advertising opportunities.

Irish Gazette Advertising Order Form

Please fully complete application and print clearly

Deadline for all ads is January 30th, 2026

Major Sponsors: ☐ Gold \$3000.00 ☐ Silver \$2000.00

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| ☐ 1/16 Page (2.25 x 3.125)..... | 200.00 |
| ☐ 1/8 Page (4.875 x 3.125)..... | 275.00 |
| ☐ 1/4 Page (4.875 x 6.5)..... | 425.00 |
| ☐ 1/2 Page (10 x 6.5)..... | 700.00 |
| ☐ Full Page (10 x 13)..... | 1300.00 |

Company Name _____ Phone _____

Contact Person _____ Email _____

Please check one:

- ☐ I am using my existing ad from the 2025 Irish Gazette with NO changes
- ☐ I am using my existing ad with minor changes listed below
- ☐ I will email my completed ad to parade@bayportbluepoint.com

Send pdf, eps, jpg or tif files to parade@bayportbluepoint.com. Call 631-848-9006 if more tech info required.

Please write any changes to your ad here:

No ad will be printed unless paid in full !!!!

**Make checks payable to Bayport-Blue Point Chamber of Commerce Parade Committee
and mail to PO Box 201 Bayport, NY 11705 or www.bayportbluepoint.com to pay electronically.**

PARADE APPLICATION

36th Annual St. Patrick's Day Parade

Sunday, March 15th 2026 - 11am

Rain Date: Sunday, March 22nd

Please complete this form in its entirety

Mail to Bayport-Blue Point Chamber of Commerce Parade Committee

PO Box 201 Bayport, NY 11705

or sign up @ www.bayportbluepoint.com by **January 30th, 2026**

Business/Organization Name _____

Address _____

Contact Person _____

Phone _____ Email _____

Brief description of parade float/group entry _____

Number of vehicles _____ Type of vehicles _____

Music: Y ☐ N ☐

Please note: the max number of vehicles for car clubs is 20.

In the space provided below please include a brief introduction announcement for your organization to be read by the Master of Ceremonies at the Grand Stand during the parade (*Example: The Fish Store, established 1978. Voted Long Island's Best Fish Market for 12 years in a row.*)

Please write description here or attach copy

2025-2026 Chamber Member (Dues Paid)? ☐ Yes ☐ No

(All non-chamber members, a \$200 fee is required with this application)

Fill out both sides completely and return absolutely no later than Jan 30th, 2026

Parade line-up will be emailed to all participants with parade day instructions..

Please complete the form on reverse side.

Driver & Liability Certification

☐ Certificate of Liability Insurance is attached (or already on file with the Chamber).

☐ Signed Waiver of Liability is on file.

☐ Driver's License Verified

Driver's License Number: _____

State: _____

Insurance Carrier: _____

Policy Number: _____

Authorized Signature: _____

Print Name: _____

Date: _____



Bayport-Blue Point Chamber of Commerce 2026 St. Patrick's Day Parade Participant Protocols & Guidelines



The Bayport-Blue Point Chamber of Commerce St. Patrick's Day Parade celebrates community pride, Irish heritage, and local spirit. All participants are expected to help maintain a safe, family-friendly, and inclusive environment that reflects positively on our towns.

I. General Information

- Parade Date & Time: Sunday March 15, 2026. Start time 11:00 am; line up at 10:45 am; Rain date March 22
- Assembly Area: Snedecor Avenue; enter from Middle Rd.- locations provided in advance
- Parade Route: Montauk Hwy, from Snedecor Ave; turn down Blue Point Ave.
- Parade Contact: Seth Needelman Parade@BayportBluePoint.com
 - o Parade Day Contact: Karl Auwaerter 631-300-8332

II. General Participant Guidelines

1. Registration

- All marching units, floats, and vehicles must pre-register with the Chamber by January 30th, 2026, and submit required documentation (e.g., proof of insurance, signed waiver, driver information)
- Each entry should designate a point-of-contact (team leader) who will coordinate with parade marshals/organizers.
- Each entry will receive a unit number and lineup position prior to parade day.

2. Conduct

- This is a family-friendly community event. Participants must behave respectfully at all times.
- No profanity, inappropriate gestures, or offensive signage will be tolerated.
- Alcoholic beverages and controlled substances are strictly prohibited in the staging area and along the route.
- Photographs and videos taken along the route may be used for promotional use without compensation.
- Entries may not contain any controversial, offensive, or inappropriate images, behavior, or messages. Political signs, campaign materials, and partisan flags or messages are not permitted. Banners, flags, or signs should be respectful of our community and family friendly parade and follow recognized flag protocol. All displays should align with the theme of St. Patrick's Day. All participating groups will be observed on the parade line up and should there be any determination of inappropriate displays, the appointed parade marshal(s) shall have the authority to request removal of display or removal of group from parade.

3. Safety

- Participants should respect private property, avoid blocking driveways, and adhere to local parking regulations.
- If children are involved, ensure adequate adult supervision and clear safety protocols.
- No throwing items (including candy, beads, or promotional materials) from floats or vehicles. Items may be handed out safely by walkers alongside the vehicle.
- Maintain a safe distance (30 feet minimum) between units.
- Fire extinguishers are required on all floats with electrical or generator use.

4. Attire & Theme

- Parade attire should be in keeping with the Irish/St. Patrick's theme; green, festive, and family-appropriate.
- Business and organization signage on floats and vehicles should be tasteful and clearly display the group name.
- Music should be appropriate in volume and content.

III. Marching Groups

- Stay within your assigned formation. No stopping for extended performances unless pre-approved.
- If performing (dance, band, etc.), routines must fit within parade flow and not block forward movement.
- Walkers should stay safely away from moving vehicles and floats. All walking participants of a marching group must be behind their motorized vehicle.

IV. Floats

- Floats must be constructed securely and safely for riders.
- Height must not exceed 13 feet 6 inches; width not to exceed 8 feet 6 inches. Decorations must be fire-retardant; generators must be safely mounted. Riders must remain seated or standing behind rails while moving.

V. Judging of Floats

The Lenore Irish Award is presented to the entry that best represents the St. Patrick's Day Irish theme. The award will be given at lineup, and the winning float will proudly display the award sign and trophy (held for one year) during the parade. Winners also receive one free year of Chamber membership dues and a complimentary invitation for two to the following year's Grand Marshal Dinner.

VI. Liability and Waiver

- All participants must sign a waiver acknowledging the risks of parade participation.
 - Vehicles, floats or mobile units must carry proof of liability insurance and drivers must present valid licenses.
 - The Bayport-Blue Point Chamber of Commerce reserves the right to deny entry to any participant not in compliance with these guidelines.
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Participant Waiver Form

In consideration of being permitted to participate in the March 15, 2026, Bayport-Blue Point St. Patrick's Day Parade, I, the undersigned, hereby release and hold harmless the Bayport-Blue Point Chamber of Commerce, its officers, volunteers, and affiliates from any and all liability, claims, or damages arising out of my participation in this event. I understand that participation involves certain inherent risks, and I assume full responsibility for the safety of my organization and any minors involved.

Participant/Organization Name: _____

Representative Name (Print): _____

Signature: _____

Date: _____

Contact Phone/Email: _____

By signing above, I acknowledge that I have read and agree to abide by the Parade Protocols & Guidelines issued by the Bayport-Blue Point Chamber of Commerce. I agree to comply with all parade rules and instructions from officials and acknowledge that failure to do so may result in removal from this and future parades.