



Dogtown Irish Festival



Plans Being Finalized for Saint Patrick's Day in Dogtown!

Preparations are moving ahead for the big upcoming Saint Patrick's Day celebration in the Dogtown (Clayton-Tamm) on March 17. Those planning to attend the big event in the old South Saint Louis neighborhood on the saint's feast day should be prepared for a few changes and increased security.

For one, Ancient Order of Hibernians Saint Patrick's Day Parade, now in its 37th year (34 years in Dogtown), will step off at **11:00 AM**, a change from last year's start time. Parade organizers felt an earlier start time would make for a more family friendly event. But as in years past, the Hibernians promise this year's parade will be as grand as ever, with about 100 colorful floats featuring Irish Family Clans and salutes to Irish heritage, history, faith, and culture.

The third annual Dogtown Irish Festival is a joint effort of Dogtown United, a group community and businesses leaders, and the Hibernians. The purpose of the festival is to highlight the unique spirit and celebrated history of the Dogtown neighborhood. The Festival kicks off at the conclusion of the Hibernian Parade.

The festival will feature food and drink from numerous vendors, and there will be a Merchant Village on Clayton just east of Tamm with Irish shirts, jewelry, and organizers promise much more. The festival stage, located at Clayton @ Wise by the gazebo, will feature live music from Rusty Nail from 1pm to 5pm.

All outside sales will cease at 6:00 PM and business establishments on Tamm will close at 8:00 PM.