



Ancient Order of Hibernians Saint Patrick's Day Parade



Dogtown Irish Festival

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INCREASED SECURITY AND TRAFFIC CONTROL IN DOGTOWN ON MARCH 17

St. Louis--Those attending the Ancient Order of Hibernians Saint Patrick's Day and Dogtown Irish Festival on March 17, will also see increased security procedures and traffic control.

Those entering the festival/parade area will be required to go thorough checkpoints. Also, **No Parking** along the parade route will be enforced promptly at 6:00 AM on the morning of the 17th.

The parade route will be locked down to public traffic at 8:00 AM. All are strongly advised to avoid driving near the parade route after 8:00 AM due to traffic congestion. When possible, please consider carpooling, using a cab, or arranging a drop-off as parking in Dogtown will be **extremely limited**.

A new safety feature this year is the maintenance of a post-parade festival area from **Noon to 6:00pm**. Traffic on Tamm will remain closed during this time between Berthold and Nashville to

ensure pedestrian safety. As such, parking and traffic along this portion of Tamm will not reopen until later than in prior years.

To prevent unauthorized vehicles from accessing the parade route and festival area, heavy barricades will be placed on most of the streets intersecting with the parade route along Tamm. These barricades will be moved in the afternoon at the determination of the police and festival security staff. Please plan on the re-opening of east/west traffic on streets intersecting with Tamm to take longer than in prior years.

Attendees are advised that when they depart the festival area, that east/west traffic through the festival area will be limited on March 17th. Manchester will remain open throughout the day. Those parked to the west of Tamm, should depart the neighborhood heading west toward McCausland or Skinker. If parked east of Tamm, you should depart heading east toward Hampton.

NO OUTSIDE ALCOHOL ALLOWED

NO BOTTLES, NO BACKPACKS, NO CANS, NO COOLERS are permitted along the Parade Route or in the Festival Zone. Families with childcare needs will be admitted by security after a brief search at a checkpoint.

The rules are in place to discourage over imbibing, to stem underage drinking and to cut down on the amount of trash in the parade area. Mo State Liquor Control Agents in the Dogtown area on Saint Patrick's Day will maintain a zero tolerance policy and are efficient at recognizing offenders. Those caught drinking underage will be issued a summons that will result in a court appearance and a maximum penalty of \$500.00.

The Festival organizers want to remind those attending St. Patrick's Day festivities on March 17 that the Dogtown/Clayton Tamm neighborhood is a residential area and that everyone should be respectful of both local residents and their property.

Trespassing can be punishable by up to one year in jail and/or a significant fine. Vandalism can result in \$250.00 to \$500.00 fine and/or 90 days in jail. Also illegally parked vehicles will be ticketed and towed.

Festival organizers urge all attendees to drink responsibly and drink plenty of water. Please help out the local residents by putting your refuse into a nearby trash bin or recycling bin which will be deployed throughout the area.

About Dogtown United

Dogtown United, a non-profit organization that seeks to bring together the broader Dogtown community to create a strong, safe and vibrant neighborhood. Dogtown United seeks to represent local residents and business owners to better coordinate efforts with the Hibernians and improve the operations and efficiency of all events taking place in that historic neighborhood on March 17. For more information on the Dogtown United, visit their website at <https://dogtownunited.org/>, or contact Joe Jovanovich at 314-210-2553 (cell) or via email joe.jovanovich@gmail.com

The Ancient Order of Hibernians

The Ancient Order of Hibernians is an Irish Catholic fraternal organization that seeks to promote Irish heritage, history, culture and faith. It also does charitable work in both the United States and Ireland. For information on the Ancient Order of Hibernians, or the 2018 AOH Saint Patrick's Day Parade, visit the Hibernian website at <http://www.stlhibernians.com/> or contact Parade Chairman Dennis Pogue via e-mail cptdpogue@gmail.com.