

WELCOME
To the 2017 Annual Morris County Saint Patrick's Day
Pre-Parade Event

This event is held prior to the Parade in front of the Presbyterian Church of Morristown on East Park Place, so that spectators can be entertained while they are waiting for the Parade, which begins at noon on March 11, 2017.

This is the 38th year The very first Parade held in the UNITED STATES OF AMERICA after we declared our independence from England, was held just a few miles from here on March 17, 1780 at the FIRST NATIONAL HISTORICAL PARK IN THE UNITED STATES, JOCKEY HOLLOW, Today we celebrate our 38th annual modern Saint Patrick's Day Parade.

10:15 MUSIC for your entertainment musical interludes will be provided by the famous Irish Band "**The Blarney Session**"

10:30 Introductory Ceremonies

American Legion Post 390 of Denville New Jersey will present the colors, followed by a Twenty-one Gun Salute.

The National Anthem will be sung by the talented **Hugh Greenan**

Introduction/Welcome **Morristown Mayor Tim Doherty and First Lady Mary Doherty** will welcome everyone and to celebrate Saint Patrick's Day in Historical Morristown.

10:45 MUSIC interlude by The Blarney Session **Band**
***(While the 5th grade band is setting up music stands.)

11:00 Drew University's Doctorial Candidate **Kelly Morgan** will talk about "Irish Americans in WW 1".

11:15 5th Grade Band Performance by the Thomas Jefferson and Sussex Avenue Elementary Schools. Band Director Brad Marullo.

11:30 DeNogla School of Irish Dance Instructor Emily Heinemann has appeared professionally in “Riverdance”. The DeNogla School of Irish Dancing was established in 1993 by sisters Jennifer Nagle McGovern and Alison Nagle. To this day they have 5 locations in the tri-state area with trained certified teachers in each one. The DeNogla School promotes the love of Irish culture and keeps the tradition alive by teaching children of all age’s Irish dance. Their dancers perform and compete locally, nationally and worldwide. They are proud to announce that they will compete at the 2015 World Championships in Montreal.

11:45 MUSIC interlude by The Blarney Session Band while the “Four Shamrocks” are chalked on the Street in front of the reviewing stand by “To Be Announced” The Shamrocks were painted in the street in 1992 in front of Epstein’s Department Store the morning of the first Parade in Morristown, by the “**Infamous Shamrock Four**” and have become a tradition since the parade was moved from Wharton.

12:00 noon the Parade begins moving down South Street from the Morristown Municipal Building, around the Morristown Green and down Washington Street.