



29th Annual "Old Neighborhood" St. Patrick's Day Parade
93 Leddy Street, Buffalo, NY 14210
716-823-4707

January 5, 2024

Dear Friend,

St. Patrick's Day is fast approaching, and we are once again planning our "Old Neighborhood" St. Patrick's Day Parade. We would be honored to have you march with us on this very special day, or stop in and celebrate with your many friends from the "Old Neighborhood"! March alone, bring your family and friends, or even your fellow workers, but remember to put on your green and come out to honor the idea and spirit of this very special time of year!

This year our parade will be held on **SATURDAY, MARCH 16, 2024** with a kick-off time of **12 Noon at the Valley Community Center, located at 93 Leddy Street**, at the junction of South Park Avenue and Elk Street. The parade will begin at Noon and will last approximately one and a half hours, followed by an Irish "Hooley" at the Valley Community Center, complete with Irish entertainment, food, and refreshments. **Please remember that this event is a fundraiser for the Valley Community Association so no outside food or drinks will be permitted inside the building.**

Some Important Information:

1. **Due to the growth of the parade and space limitations, contingents will be limited to ONE VEHICLE per group! All vehicles MUST BE PRE-APPROVED by the Parade Committee. Groups with an approved vehicle will be given a pass at the parade participants meeting. If the person attending the meeting is not the person driving the vehicle, it is your groups responsibility to get the pass to the appropriate person. This pass must be shown to the traffic cops and/or Parade Marshals for the vehicle to be allowed in the parade line up. The vehicle MUST BE CLEAN & DECORATED! There will be NO EXCEPTIONS to this rule!**
2. **There is a \$100 non-refundable, registration donation/fee per contingent. Registration fees are due back with the completed registration form. Forms are due by February 26th, 2024. Checks or money orders can be made payable to the Valley Community Association.**
3. **We do not allow any items (candy, beads, toys, fliers, etc.) to be thrown off of floats or vehicles OR distributed curbside. This has become a safety issue and it will be strictly enforced. Those in violation will not be allowed in future parades and/or immediately removed from the procession.**

We hope you will join us to celebrate St. Patrick's Day weekend where Buffalo's Irish heritage began. If you would like further information, please call Denise at 716-823-4707 ext.2. **Please see the attached notices about the mandatory parade participant meeting on Tuesday, March 5th, 2024.** We look forward to seeing you!!

**If you no longer march in the parade & wish to be removed from our mailing list, please contact:
Denise at (716) 823-4707, ext. 2 or email: denise@thevalleycenter.com*

Sincerely,

The Parade Committee