

# St. Patrick's Day Parade

## GREATER NEW HAVEN, CONNECTICUT

♣ Sunday, March 15, 2026 ♣ Step off at 1:30 p.m. ♣

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Dear Potential 2026 Parade Participant:

On behalf of the Greater New Haven St. Patrick's Day Parade Committee, it is with pride and great excitement that I extend an invitation to your organization to apply for entry in the Greater New Haven St. Patrick's Day Parade on Sunday, March 15, 2026.

The Greater New Haven St. Patrick's Day Parade will once again partner with WTNH News 8 to broadcast the parade LIVE and provide real-time commentary. WTNH News 8, an ABC affiliate, holds the distinction as Connecticut's first television station. Our partnership with WTNH News 8 provides for a larger viewing audience for all participants.

We believe marching with us is an opportunity for any organization to experience a tradition going all the way back to 1842. The Greater New Haven St. Patrick's Day Parade is the sixth oldest St. Patrick's Day Parade in the United States and the oldest in New England. Historically we have over 3100 marchers and more than 250,000 spectators along the parade route. Our parade has received national recognition in the Library of Congress, through a project entitled Local Legacies, which commemorates and celebrates America's richly diverse culture.

Marching units compete for professionally judged parade awards. The skillful and well-rehearsed performances attract spectators to what has become the largest single day spectator event in the State of Connecticut. The parade route is approximately 1.3 miles long and units march on level ground the entire way passing sections of downtown New Haven, including the Yale University campus, and continuing past the reviewing stand located across from the historic New Haven Green.

In closing, I would like to take this time to thank you for your potential participation in this free cultural event. The members of the Parade Committee proudly organize this annually for the Greater New Haven community. Please feel free to contact me should you have any questions regarding the application process for the 2026 Parade. We greatly appreciate your continued support and look forward to marching with you on Sunday March 15, 2026

**All applications will be accepted using our on-line application. 2026 Parade Rules & Regulations along with application instructions can be found on our website. To participate in the parade, please complete the ON-LINE APPLICATION located at: <https://stpatricksdayparade.org/apply/>**

**All applications must be received no later than JANUARY 31, 2026 Upon receipt of application, you will receive a confirmation email. After your application is reviewed, we will send you the status of your participation no later than February 15, 2026.**

Sincerely,

*Patrick Smith*

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