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COME JOIN THE FESTIVITIES AT THE CITY OF DUBLIN'S 41st ST. PATRICK'S DAY CELEBRATION MARCH 14 - 16, 2025

DUBLIN, Calif., February 19, 2025 – Joy, culture, and tradition will be on full display at the City of Dublin's 41st St. Patrick's Day Celebration. The event includes a two-day festival, the Shamrock Gala, Alameda County Firefighters Pancake Breakfast, Rotary Club of Dublin St. Patrick's Day Parade, and Shamrock 5K Fun Run and Walk.

The festivities start early with the Dublin Historical Society's **2025 Shamrock Gala**, to be held on **Friday, March 14, 6:00 to 10:00 p.m.**, at Shannon Community Center (11600 Shannon Avenue). The event is for adults, 21 and older, and will feature dinner, music and dancing, and a raffle and door prizes. Tickets are **\$75** and can be purchased at www.dublinhistoricalsociety.org.

Green pancakes, anyone? On Saturday, **March 15, 7:00 to 10:00 a.m.**, revelers can start their morning off with a big stack of hot, green pancakes served fresh off the griddle at the annual **Alameda County Firefighter's Pancake Breakfast** at Fire Station #16 (7494 Donohue Drive). Breakfast also includes sausages, juice, and coffee. Tickets may be purchased at the door for \$5 per person. All proceeds benefit the Alameda County Firefighters Association-Local 55 Charity Fund, which supports local non-profit and community-based organizations.

Following the pancake breakfast, the Rotary Club of Dublin will present the **41st St. Patrick's Day Parade**, beginning at 9:30 a.m., at Dublin Boulevard and Amador Plaza Road. From there, the parade continues east on Dublin Boulevard, north on Village Parkway, and west on Amador Valley Boulevard, ending near the Dublin Senior Center. Guests are encouraged to bring their own chairs and blankets to watch from along the parade route. The parade will feature more than 80 entries including festive marching bands and floats, Irish bagpipes, classic cars, dance troupes, equestrians, local dignitaries, and more.

The **41st St. Patrick's Day Festival** takes place on **Saturday and Sunday, March 15 and 16, 10:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.**, at the Dublin Civic Center (100 Civic Plaza). Highlights include three stages of authentic Irish music and dance, an Irish Marketplace, an Irish Tea Cottage, plenty of delicious Irish food and beverages, arts and crafts vendors, and a carnival. **Entertainment** at the festival includes two stages featuring a wide variety of

music, from high-energy Celtic rock to traditional Irish Pub music and iconic bagpipes. Performing on the Main Stage both days, *BlackEyed Dempseys* blend traditional Celtic music with rock ‘n’ roll hooks, while *Wicked Tinkers* will perform heart-pounding bagpipes and tribal drums on both the Main Stage and Pub Stage on Saturday. *Hounds of Belfast*, a Celtic punk and Irish rock band, will also perform both days on the Main Stage, and *Cali Celtic* will round out the performances on the Main Stage on Saturday, presenting upbeat Irish tunes influenced by their California roots. Also performing on the Pub Stage will be *Stout Rebellion and Golden Bough* on Saturday, with *One Eyed Reilly* adding to the lineup on Sunday. *Stout Rebellion* features pub favorites with an emphasis on crowd participation, while *Golden Bough* blends ballads with lively jigs, reels, and sing-alongs. *One Eyed Reilly* merges Americana with modern Celtic rock and traditional Irish classics. In the Irish Tea Cottage, visitors can enjoy *Margaret & Kristoph*, performing Celtic folk music with harp, flute, and mandolin; *Extended Roots*, featuring Irish bluegrass; *Sixpenny*, playing lively Irish reels and jigs; *Peter Daldry* singing a traditional mix of Scottish and Irish tunes; and *Bob Gausman*, performing familiar Irish favorites. The Irish Dance Stage showcases the *McGrath Irish Dancers* on Saturday and the *McBride School of Irish Dance* on Sunday. Bagpipers will perform throughout the festival grounds.

- The **Irish Marketplace** features vendors specializing in unique Celtic artwork, authentic Irish kilts and textiles, beautiful Celtic jewelry, delectable Irish candies, scones, preserves, and more.
- Visitors can step inside the cozy **Irish Tea Cottage** to enjoy lively music along with tasty tea cookies, shortbread, scones, and a steaming cup of authentic Irish tea served in genuine china cups.
- The **Celtic/International Food Court** features traditional Irish favorites such as fish and chips, bangers and mash, and boxty (Irish potato pancakes), along with an Irish-American St. Patrick’s Day favorite, corned beef and cabbage. Unique Irish-inspired specialties include corned beef sliders and Guinness-marinated tri-tip on Irish soda bread. Authentic Guinness, Harp, and Smithwick’s beer is served on tap, and featured desserts include green, shamrock-shaped funnel cakes and crepes. Traditional festival foods and international choices will also be available.
- The **Carnival**, offering exciting rides and attractions for guests of all ages, will be open until 8:00 p.m. on Saturday and 5:00 p.m. on Sunday.
- The South Bay Scottish Society, in collaboration with the City of Dublin, is excited to announce the debut of a new **Celtic Highland competition** as part of the festivities. The competition will feature a Caber and Sheaf Throwing Challenge in both men’s and women’s divisions.

On **Sunday, March 16**, the City of Dublin will host the annual **Shamrock 5K Fun Run and Walk**. The race begins at 8:30 a.m. along Dublin Boulevard near the Civic Center, and winds its way through town, finishing at the festival with live music, awards, and giveaways for participants. Racers participating in this annual event include serious athletes, parents pushing strollers, and visitors and residents dressed in green from head to toe. The top three finishers in each division will win a medallion and gift certificate from race sponsor Sports Basement. Register online at [Shamrock 5k Fun Run and Walk](#). For race information, please call (925) 556-4500.

Festival admission is free, and free parking will be available along Sierra Court and Clark Avenue and in designated lots. A free festival shuttle will be provided to transport guests from the Carl Zeiss Meditec, Inc., parking lot (5160 Hacienda Dr.) directly to the festival entry. Visitors can also ride BART to either the East or West Dublin BART Stations and connect for free directly to the festival by taking a Wheels Rapid 30R bus. To ride for free, guests must tell the driver they are headed to the festival. There will be a designated passenger drop-off and pick-up area for those taking Uber/Lyft or other transportation. Free and secure bike parking will also be available onsite at the bike valet.

All festivities will be held rain or shine. Please call (925) 556-4500 or visit www.DublinStPats.com for more information.

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