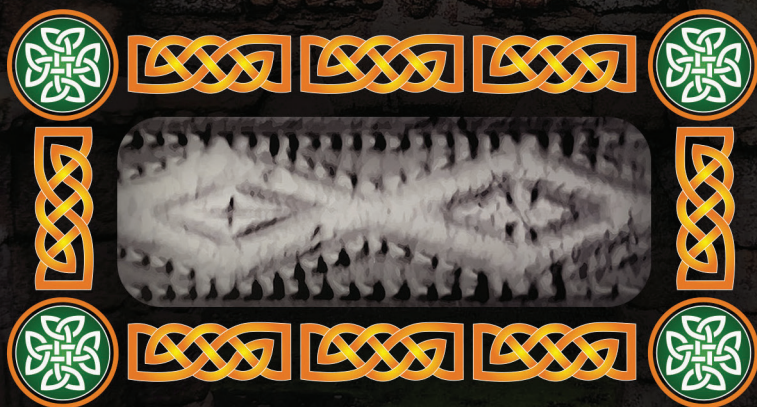


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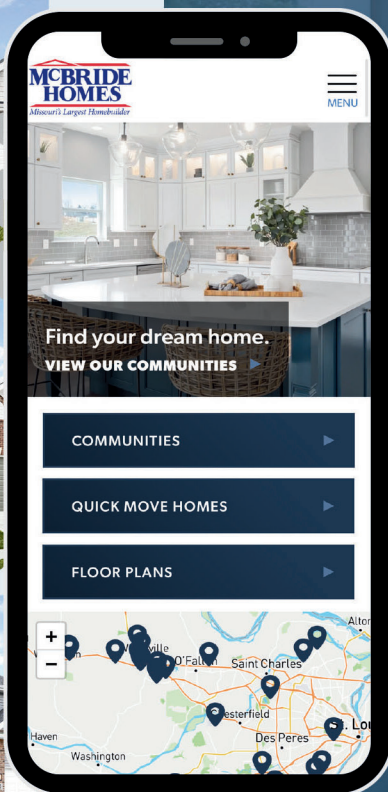
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### Eamonn Wall

Eamonn Wall is a native of Enniscorthy, Co. Wexford, who has lived in St. Louis since 2000. He is employed as the Smurfit-Stone Corporation Professor of Irish Studies at the University of Missouri-St. Louis where he is also a Professor of English. He received degrees from University College, Dublin; the University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee; and a Ph.D. in English from the City University of New York-Graduate Center.

At UMSL, Eamonn curates the monthly Irish Lectures, Readings and Concerts Series for UMSL Global, is the director of UMSL's annual summer study abroad program at the University of Galway and teaches classes that focus on Irish writing and culture.

Eamonn Wall is the author of eleven books including *My Aunts at Twilight Poker* (2023), *From Oven Lane to Sun Prairie: In Search of Irish America* (2019); *Writing the Irish West: Ecologies and Traditions* (2011). He has published essays, articles, and reviews in many publications including *The Irish Times*, *The Washington Post*, *Chicago Tribune*, *Reading Ireland*, *New Hibernia Review*, *Prairie Schooner*, and other publications.

Eamonn has received many honors for his writing and community service including the Durkan Prize from the American Conference for Irish Studies for excellence in scholarship; the *Irish Echo* Award for distinguished service to Irish Arts and Culture in North America; and an award for distinguished community service to St. Louis and Missouri from the Mayor of St. Louis. He is past-president of the American Conference for Irish Studies, the first Irish-born academic elected to this position.

Married to Drucilla Wall and the parents of two children, and grandparents of a girl and two boys, his family lives in Webster Groves.

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## 2025 GUEST OF HONOR



**Senator Shane Curley**

Senator Shane Curley was raised in Raheen, a small rural townland near Loughrea town in County Galway.

He grew up with a love for the native Irish sport of hurling – winning the Galway County Final with Kilnadeema National School in 2003, and going on to win national finals with St. Brigid’s College in 2006, 2007 and 2009. He has played traditional Irish music since he was 7 years of age.

Shane went to university to study to be a teacher, and graduated from Trinity College Dublin in 2016. He taught Irish and French for 2 years in Dublin before returning home to Galway to teach in Athenry.

He always had a keen interest in politics growing up, mainly as his father was active with the local Fianna Fáil party. In 2018, he successfully ran for Vice President of Ógra Fianna Fáil – the youth wing of his party. The following year, he ran in the 2019 local elections and was elected as a Councillor to Galway County Council at the age of 28.

In 2025, Shane ran for the Senate elections in Ireland and was elected at the age of 34. He is the youngest senator in the Fianna Fáil party. His main priorities are reforming local government and education, particularly the reform of second level education in Ireland.



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**Kevin Griffin**

Kevin was born and raised in St. Louis City and resides now in Manchester, Missouri. He is a former Saint Louis City Police Officer serving our city for over 15 years. Both law enforcement and the Saint Patrick's Day Parade are in his blood. Kevin's grandfather began working with the Saint Louis Metropolitan Police Department on March 17th, 1941 and a member of the family has served on the Department faithfully ever since. His parents and grandparents have been a part of the committee since its inception.

As a third generation Committee Member Kevin counts 2025 as his 41th parade (not counting 2020). He began volunteering as a kid and officially joined the committee in 1999. Originally working on the security team Kevin was the personal security escort for many of our previous honored guests. This is his second year as Parade Director. He served as Assistant Parade Director in 2020-2023 under Kevin Udina, who has been his best friend since high school.

Kevin lives a life of service to this organization, his church and his family. He loves Broadway musicals, building things and trivia nights.

Kevin is the youngest of 5 Griffin boys (God Bless Joan). In 2015, he married the smartest, funniest, most beautiful girl in the world, Teah (who may have written this bio). Kevin is also dad to Reese (7), future Chairman Grady (5) and Ian (25) who is married to the lovely Ashley. This July he will become a Grandpa as Ian and Ashley welcome their first child (potentially the first 5th Generation Committee Member). Making it a family affair, the Griffins live for this event and pride themselves in raising a part of the next generation of parade committee members to continue our amazing legacy.

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As Parade Committee Chairman, John follows in the family footsteps of his father, John H. Sr. (1996-1997) and his brother Patrick (1992).

John has been married to Kelly for 45 years and has two children, Meghan and John III. Meghan is one of the first of the Third Generation Parade Committee Members. His son John H. McCarthy, III, worked as a Parade Marshal until he relocated out of state.

John retired as a Supervisory Senior Agent with Special Services. He has over 30 years of experience in Law Enforcement. He has been board certified as a Certified Protection Professional. John also served as the President of the Missouri Association of Private Investigators and as a Board Member of The Missouri State Investigators Association. He was the Senior Firearms Instructor at The Eastern Missouri Police Academy and a SWAT Team Member.

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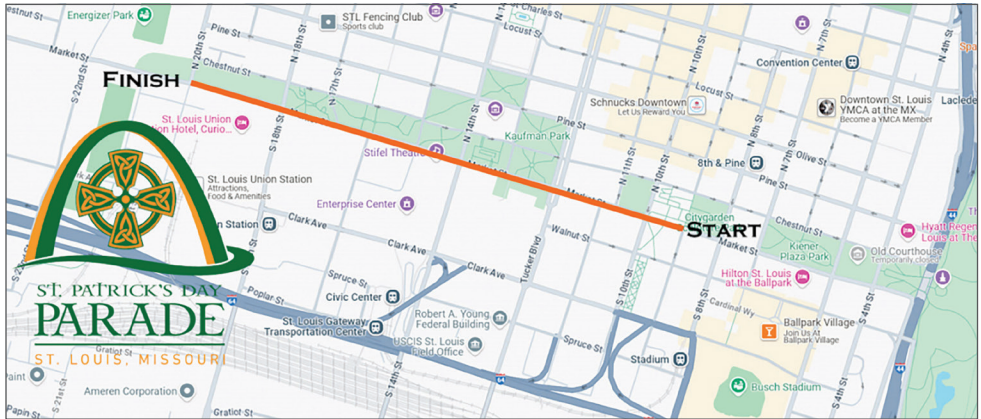
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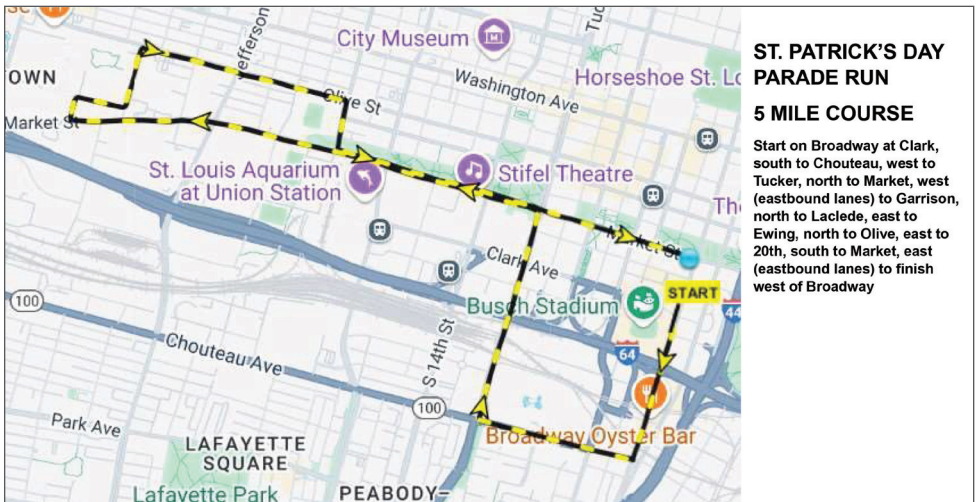
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1975 Richard Burke, T.D. ....	Minister of Education
1976 Eddie Collins, T.D. ....	Mayor of Waterford
1977 Jerry Colgan .....	Mayor of Galway
1978 Joseph Malone .....	Director, Irish Tourist Board
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1980 Maire Geoghegan-Quinn, T.D. ....	Minister of Gaeltacht
1981 Colm O'Heocha .....	President, University College Galway
1982 Peter Sutherland.....	Attorney General
1983 Paddy O'Toole, T.D.....	Minister of Fisheries, Forest & Gaeltacht
1984 John F. Donnellan, T.D. ....	Minister of Posts & Telegraph
1985 Paudie O'Connor .....	Mayor of Killarney
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1987 David Kennedy .....	Chairman, Aer Lingus
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1996 Dermot Gleeson, S.C. ....	Attorney General of Ireland
1997 Patrick Fottrell .....	President, University College Galway, John Mulholland – Mayor of Galway
1998 Dr. James McDaid, T.D. ....	Minister for Tourism, Sport and Recreation
1999 Ned O'Keefe.....	Minister of State, Department of Agriculture
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2001 Sean McEniff.....	Chairman of Northwest Tourism
2002 Mark Durkan .....	Deputy First Minister of Northern Ireland
2003 Batt O'Keefe.....	T.D., M.C.C., Cork County Council
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2011 Denis “Dinny” McGinly.....	Teachta Dala (TD) for The Donegal South West
2012 Mark Daly.....	Member of Irish Senate
2013 Marie-Louise O'Donnell.....	Member of Irish Senate
2014 Charles Flanagan .....	Chairperson of The Fine Gael Parliamentary Party
2015 Paudie Coffey.....	Minister of State, Department of The Environment
2016 Keith Finnegan.....	Chief Executive Galway Bay FM Radio
2017 Mary Mitchell O'Connor .....	Teachta Dala (TD) for the Dún Laoghaire Constituency
2018 Lorraine Clifford-Lee .....	Member of Irish Senate
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## ST. PATRICK'S DAY PARADE COMMITTEE PAST PARADE DIRECTORS

In 1992, a “new” tradition began, when it was decided that the job of Parade Director had become so large that a specific person needed to be placed in charge of the daunting task. Prior to 1992, the General Parade Chairman served as the Parade Director before assuming the overall chairmanship.

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## ST. PATRICK'S DAY PARADE IN ST. LOUIS CELEBRATES 56 YEARS OF THE WEARIN' OF THE GREEN

On a blustery March day in 1970, Joseph B. McGlynn, Jr., the founder of the St. Patrick's Day Parade in St. Louis; Mayor Alphonso Cervantes; Patrick Walsh, Irish Consul General – Chicago; and an intrepid band of marchers and floats depicting Irish heritage slogged through green-tinted snow on Olive Street downtown in the first St. Patrick's Day parade of the 20th century. McGlynn and the Notre Dame Club of St. Louis put on that first parade. Now, 55 years later and in the 21st century the tradition also known as the First Rite of Spring is the centerpiece of the area's St. Patrick's Day celebrations and is still going strong.

Joe McGlynn, now 91 years young, and St. Louis' Honorary Irish Consul Emeritus, is still a driving force behind St. Louis' most popular and well-attended parade (in good weather over 350,000 crowd the parade route), but now instead of just the Notre Dame Club of St. Louis, he's aided by a committee of nearly 120 claiming Irish heritage and a marshal corps of over 190 volunteers who actually stage the parade. To that must be added a detail of nearly 120 St. Louis police officers, city officials, official sponsors of the parade, media partners, honorary parade marshals, the Irish government – which has sent an official representative for nearly every parade – and others.

Over the years a who's who of Irish elected officials has found their way to St. Louis for the St. Patrick's Day Parade, an honor that no other American city of our size enjoys. The list includes: Prime Minister Jack Lynch, who attended the second parade in 1971; Bertie Ahern, former Prime Minister and Member of Parliament; Erskine Childers, Deputy Prime Minister and Member of Parliament; Marie Geoghegan-Quinn, Minister of the Department of the Taoiseach and Member of Parliament; Ben Briscoe, Lord Mayor of Dublin and Member of Parliament; John Bruton, leader of the Fine Gael Party; John Hume, leader of SDLP, M.P. and M.E.P. in Northern Ireland; Mark Durkan, Deputy First Minister of Northern Ireland; and many more.

The list of Honorary Parade Marshals includes St. Louisans Denny Long, president of Anheuser Busch and Michael Roarty, executive vice president of Anheuser Busch; Most Reverend Edward O'Donnell, auxiliary Bishop of St. Louis; Charles Gallagher, Sr., chairman of United Fruit and Produce; Michael Shanahan, Sr., president of Engineered Systems; Jack Buck, member of the Sportscasters Hall of

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In 1978, the St. Patrick's Day Run in St. Louis was added to parade day and precedes the parade on Saturday morning. The five mile/3K run has since become the largest locally organized run in St. Louis.

"From the very first run 47 years ago, Anheuser Busch was there supporting our efforts to stage the run as well as the parade," notes McGlynn. "This year, Michelob ULTRA will again sponsor the run."

As the year's passed, the parade and its spectator base became too large for Olive Street and it and the run were moved to Market Street where, it now steps off at 10th and Market marching west to 20th Street and concludes at Union Station. When the weather is good, more than 350,000 spectators line the parade route to watch the elaborate floats, marching bands, marching units, dance groups, animal units, novelty groups, motorized organizations, and large helium-filled cartoon character balloons.

"We're a little like the Pied Piper, hopefully bringing people into downtown to enjoy the post parade activities, such as the Irish Village, BallPark Village and the post-parade party at the Hilton St. Louis at the Ballpark," adds McGlynn.

After 55 years, one can safely say that the St. Patrick's Day Parade and Run in St. Louis and their attendant parties and activities have become part of the fabric of the community. They are much anticipated events for those of Irish heritage and those that are Irish for the day or weekend. It's a "rite" that will be right for St. Louis for another 55 years.



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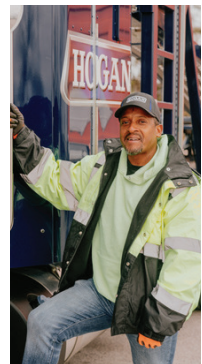


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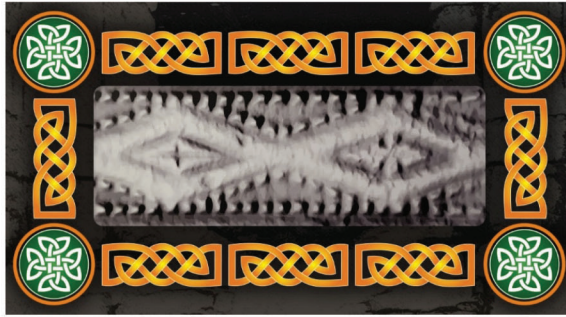
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St. Louis University Department of History Professor Thomas Finan spearheaded a team of Irish and American archeologists that began in 2004 with geophysical and aerial survey, followed with multiple excavations at sites around Lough Key, and culminating in highly successful excavations on the Rock 2019-2023.

Thanks to a Fulbright Specialist Award, Finan will continue his work with colleagues at the University of Galway to create a joint database of archaeological and historical research focusing on Gaelic Ireland. Work begins this summer in Galway with the completion of a fully implemented database expected by November 2025.

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## IN MEMORIAM

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### JAMES G. KEMNER

The Parade Committee was saddened to learn of the death of our dear friend, and the Chairman of our annual picnic, James G. Kemner. Jim lost his battle with Parkinson's Disease on June 11, 2024, just a week before his 82nd birthday. He is survived by Judy, his wife of over 60 years, their four sons, and nine grandchildren.

Jim had a successful career with Prudential Life Insurance Company, and in his spare time he enjoyed working with his hands on home renovation projects. He regularly served those less fortunate, volunteering with the Missouri State Schools for the Severely Disabled (MSSD) and soliciting and delivering food donations for the St. Vincent de Paul Food Pantry.

Jim will be remembered for his quick smile and generous heart.

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## ROBERT MULDOON

This past year, the Parade Committee lost one of its longtime friends and early members, Robert Muldoon. Bob died peacefully at his home on November 12, 2024, surrounded by family. He was 90 years old.

Bob graduated from the University of Notre Dame before joining the United States Army and later embarking on a career in finance. He became involved in international business and was appointed by the Prime Minister for the Republic of Ireland to help coordinate a large agricultural research project involving Ireland and the University of Missouri – St. Louis. Bob chaired our own St. Patrick's Day Parade Committee in 1985 and 1986, actively participating in all aspects of the Parade for many years. He is survived by his wife of 63 years, Peggy Muldoon, their six children, 14 grandchildren, and six great-grandchildren.



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