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Lá Fhéile Pádraig Sona Daoibh Happy St Patrick's Day to you all

The 6th annual Mystic Irish Parade, organized by townspeople, businesspeople, and community volunteers, promises to be a wonderful and memorable community event. Mystic has always been strongly associated with the Irish and has a long tradition of thriving Celtic cultural heritage through its businesses, tradesmen and local residents. We welcome everyone from far and near to Mystic to join in our celebrations and festivities.

We welcome past attendees back this year and promise to warm the faces of newcomers and veterans of the parade alike. Last year over twenty five thousand spectators packed the streets of Mystic for the best parade this area has ever seen. We've been hard at work all year and once again we'll deliver you the Grandest parade in the land. There are some exciting new things to look for in this year's parade!

This year, we are thrilled to have 3 of our local high school marching bands. Groton, Stonington, and Westerly high school students will impress us with their musical talent and skills. We are so excited about their participation that we've created a special award for Best High School Marching Band in addition to our other awards. Hopefully, we can attract other high schools to participate, making this a tradition for our high school students and the surrounding towns.

We have another special entrant to announce this year. Following up at the end of the parade will be the Nascar Cup Champion No. 2 Miller Lite race car! Bring your earplugs as the car will be driving in the parade! A special thanks goes to Miller Coors for making this possible. Additional thanks goes out to all of our sponsors. Without you, this parade would not be nearly the success it is today. What was once a single day Parade is now shaping up to be a whole weekend-long festival. We would like to invite you to sample these other events as well. In addition to our increasingly popular Mystic Irish Parade and the Naturally Irish Dinner we have 2 other events that have taken on an annual flair.

Mystic Irish Parade Foundation Benefit Concert

Our 3rd annual Benefit Concert will be held on **Friday, March 20th at 7:00PM** at the Seamen's Inne in Mystic. The featured musicians of the evening will be the Dublin City Ramblers. The Dublin City Ramblers have thrilled audiences worldwide with their unique blend of Ballads, Folk, Humor, Wit and foot-tapping music. Their impressive career has spanned more than 35 years, with over 30 albums, top ten hits, several awards for best Ballad/Folk Group and, to top it all off, 8 Gold Albums. It is certainly no wonder that they are classed as Ireland's Number One Group! Ticket prices are \$25 and a Lite Fare will be available. To reserve early please purchase your tickets at Puritan & Genesta in Mystic or call Tom Taber at 860-536-4904. Depending on capacity, tickets may also be available at the door.

Prize giving and Volunteer Appreciation

On **Sunday, April 5th at 4:00 PM** at the Harp & Hound Pub in Mystic, we will award trophies to the winning participants of the parade. We will also honor all of the hard working volunteers who help make the Mystic Irish Parade the success it is and the stature it is beginning to garner throughout New England. Lastly, we will hold the annual raffle drawing for a trip for 2 to Ireland. Raffle tickets can be purchased at the Harp & Hound, Puritan & Genesta, Taber Inne and the Wireless Zone in Groton for \$5 per ticket.

These gala events are organized by the Mystic Irish Parade Foundation, a consortium of local residents, businesspeople, and volunteers who have joined ranks to make these annual events a community-wide cultural tradition. The parade is funded by proceeds from these events, the generosity of local business sponsorships, and the individual sale of raffle tickets. Surplus funds are donated to local charities. Last year's donations included the Southeastern CT Women's Center, Mystic Flag Pole Committee, Boy Scouts of America, Groton and Stonington Police Benevolent Associations, Centro de la Comunidad of New London, Groton Parks and Rec., Mystic YMCA, and Society of St. Edmund's Retreat Center.

Thank you and enjoy the festivities!

Neil Ryan
Vice President, Mystic Irish Parade Foundation
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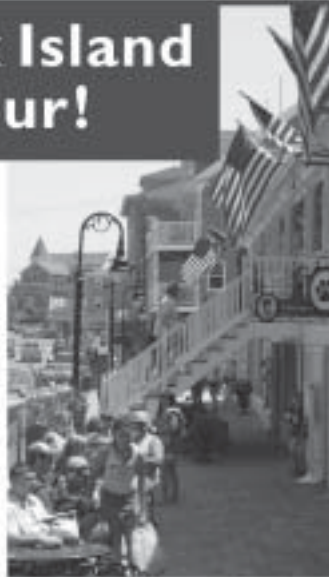
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Fred Astaire Dance Studio

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Mystic Fire Department
Mystic Flag Committee

Mystic Highland Pipe Band
Mystic Irish Parade Association Volunteers
Mystic River Yacht Club
Mystic Seaport

New Haven St. Patrick's Day Parade Committee
New London County Police Emerald Society

New London County Rugby Club
New London Currach Club

New London Fire Fighters Pipes & Drums
New London High School Naval Junior ROTC
New London Irish Parade

Newport AOH Pipes & Drums

Noank Shipyard-Seaport Marine Division
Noank Volunteer Fire Company #1

North Stonington Fair Queen Pageant

North Stonington Volunteer Fire Company
Nutmeg Volunteer Junior Ancient Fife & Drum Corps
Pipes & Drums of the Milford Irish Heritage Society

Pizzetta

Police Pipes & Drums of Waterbury
Quiambaug Fire Department

Rhode Island Highlanders Pipe Band
Rumble Roots

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St. Patrick's Parish Church of Mystic

St. Patrick's Pipe Band and
the Connecticut State Police Pipes & Drums
Steven Burt Band

Stonington Borough Fire Department
Stonington High School Band

Stonington Police Honor Guard-Groton Police Honor Guard
Stonington Volunteer Ambulance

Stony Creek Fife & Drum Corps
Sue Menhart Band

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2009 Grand Marshal: Edward Murphy



Every parade needs a Grand Marshal, and the Mystic Irish Parade is no exception! We have had some of the world's most distinguished individuals serving in that honored position.

Congratulations to this year's Grand Marshall Edward Murphy.

Edward Murphy

Edward Murphy, father of 4, grandfather of 7, and loving husband to his bride of 50 years Pauline has always been very proud of his Irish heritage! He is a communicant at St. Patrick's Catholic Church in Mystic and for many, many years, we've all seen his smiling face each Sunday as he is an usher there as well.

He served as a member of the Stonington Housing Authority, and for awhile as Chairman of the board. During that time he was the driving force behind the Edith K. Richmond homes (elderly housing in Pawcatuck).

For years he was a member of the Mystic Chamber of Commerce. His daughter Kathy then took up where he left off and was instrumental with the chambers growth.

He has also served on many boards, acting as leader, fundraiser, and contributor. Among those are:

- Stonington Democratic Town Committee
- The Kiwanis Club
- The Homebuilders Association
- The Toastmasters
- The New London Seanotes Chorus

Murphy Management, Ed's own company, was a corporate sponsor of the famous Mystic Outdoor Arts Festival for many years.

He was a founding contributor to the Mystic River Park and was a sponsor of various fundraisers for the Stonington Public Schools. Among the grateful recipients were The Friends of the Stonington Crew and the Stonington Education Fund.

Currently, he is a member of The Father Murphy Council of Knights of Columbus, where having served as past Grand Knight, he was and continues to be instrumental not only in their fundraising efforts but as, well their organization.

Ed has always encouraged his family to be active members of the our Community in Mystic and the surrounding area's. He can be found in attendance at a variety of events and activities supporting events in and around out beautiful town and always with a smile and a friendly handshake.

2009 Honorary Grand Marshal: Rev. Theodore J. Klein



The Mystic Irish Parade Foundation would like to honor a very special man of Irish descent, the Rev Theodore J. Klein, with the title of Honorary Grand Marshal 2009. Fr. Klein was ordained to the priesthood in May 1969, and served our community with his spiritual leadership for many years, as both a teacher in St. Bernard's High School (1972-1980) and Pastor (St Patrick Church in Mystic, Sacred Heart in Vernon, and St Mary Mother of the Redeemer in Groton - from 1980 to 1999). Fr Klein is now in retirement at Pendleton Heath Centre in Mystic CT. A special Irish Blessing we wish upon Fr. Klein for being our steadfast community leader in spiritual faith, and may the road rise to meet him, the wind be always at his back, the sun shine warm upon his face, and may God hold him in the palm of his hand.



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Noank Fire Department

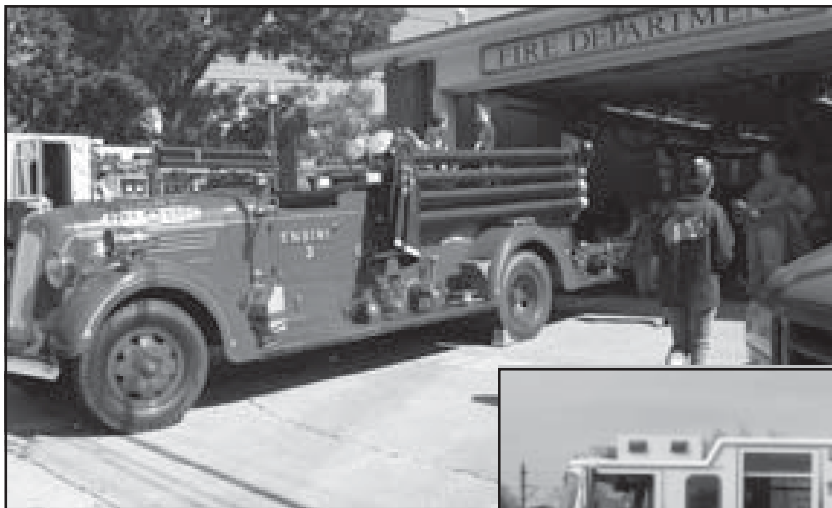
Noank Fire Department's 1939 Seagrave fire engine was ordered in September, 1939, and delivered to New London by rail car in February, 1940. She served the Noank Fire District faithfully as their front line piece, supplemented by an International 1,000 gallon tanker purchased in the 1950's. Rated at 700 GPM with a two stage pump, the Seagrave was able to efficiently provide water supply up Noanks' many hills.

The Seagrave was still responding to fire calls around the Groton area into the early 1980's as Engine 3 or G-43, a reserve pumper. She also served as a front line unit at the Johnson's Hardware Store fire during that period. Later, she became Noank's R-1 response vehicle for medical calls, and served for several years afterwards.

Always a local parade favorite, Noank's Seagrave has been out of the public eye until recently due to some mechanical problems. Continuing fund raising efforts by the Noank Volunteer Fire Company with tee shirt sales and donations as well as great work by the Watrous Brothers Machine Shop have enabled this engine to finally be back on the road.

The 2009 **Mystic's St. Patrick's Day Parade** will be the Seagrave's first parade in many years. Please enthusiastically welcome her back as she is chaperoned through the parade by Noanks' newest engine, Engine 2 or G-42, a custom 2008 Pierce Arrow XT.

Special thanks to Frank Lewis (Captain, Fire Police - Noank Fire Dept) for this short story.



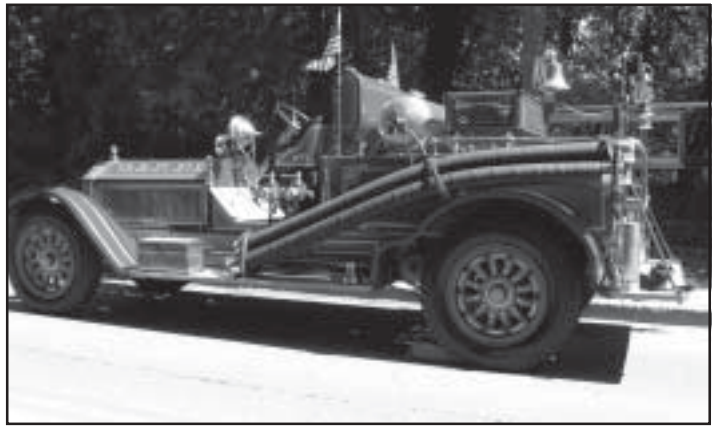
Old 43



New 43.

Groton Long Point VFD

This 1917 American LaFrance Triple Combination Type 75 Serial number 1855 was delivered in the Fall of 1917 to the Watch Hill Fire Department, becoming Westerly, RI's first motorized fire apparatus. The Type 75 was ALF's most popular model of its day (1913 - 1925), with ALF being the most popular brand of fire apparatus in the early motorized era. Retired in the late 40's from the Watch Hill F. D. after the pump was damaged drafting water while fighting a large brush fire in Charlestown, the piece was sold to antique vehicle collector Walt Mosher and then to the GLPVFD, intended as a second engine to supply water from draft. In GLPVFD service as a parade piece only (a new pump was acquired but never connected) it was sold to private owner in 1970's, but re-acquired in 1980's, and restored in 1992.



1917 American LaFrance Triple Combination Type 75



Westerly Fire Department



1927 Ahrens-Fox model N-S-4 1000 gpm pumper.



1953 Seagrave 1000 gpm pumper.

Mystic St. Patrick's Parade Route

Begin at South Parking Lot
of Mystic Seaport.

Left (South) on
Greenmanville Rd (SR-27)

Right on Willow Street

Left on Broadway.

Right on East Main St (SR-1)

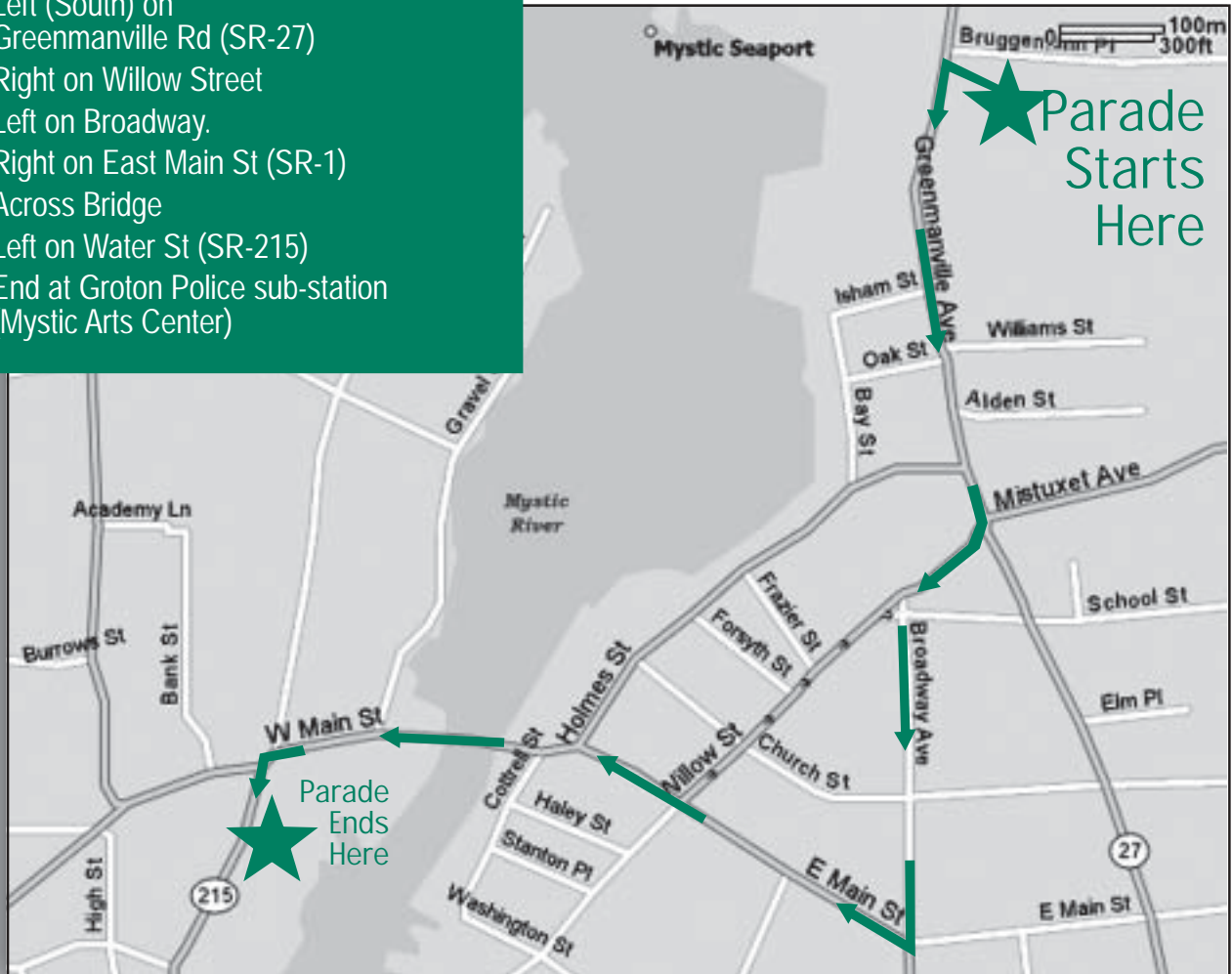
Across Bridge

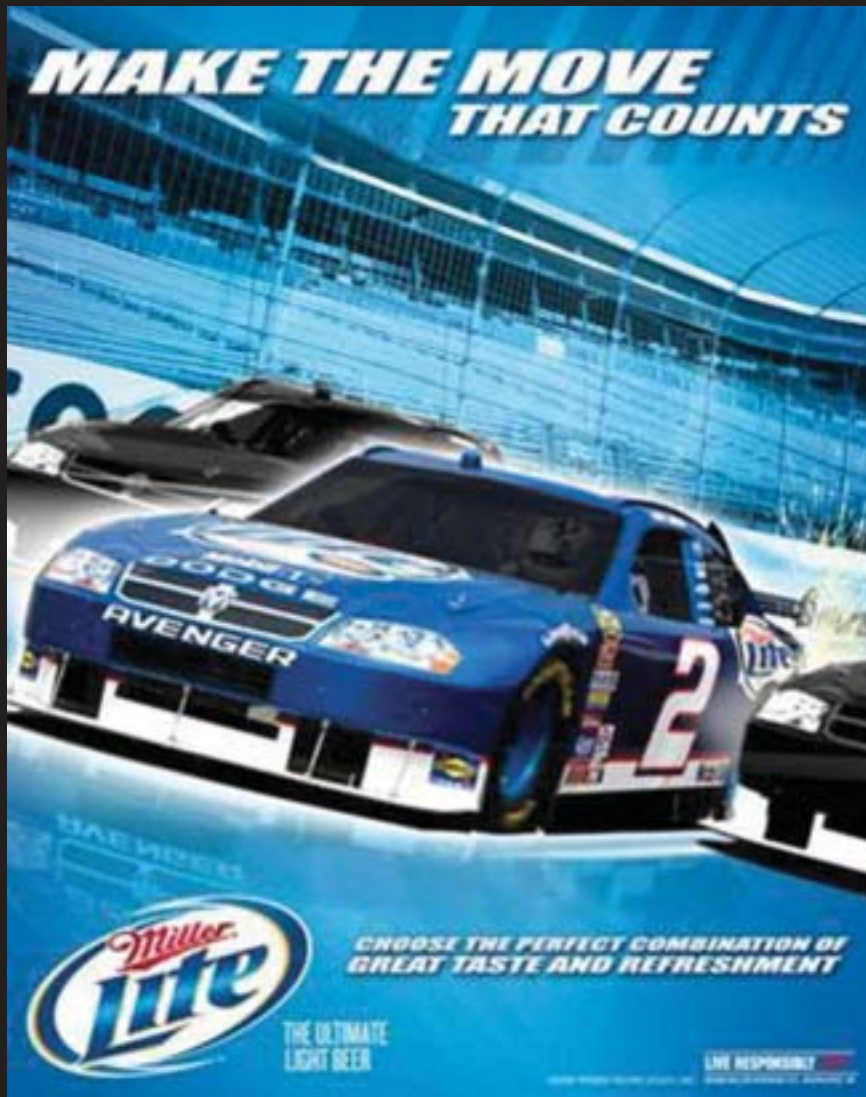
Left on Water St (SR-215)

End at Groton Police sub-station
(Mystic Arts Center)



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1 - 3 pm



3:30 - 5 pm

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John Kelley



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Maggie Taber



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Check page 15 for
Matt Kobyluck's Schedule

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Pizzetta - Rt. 215

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