

# The Friends of St. Patrick of Hawaii

P.O. Box 2178, Honolulu, HI. 96805

Aloha,

Over the years our St. Patrick's Day Parade has become an event that celebrates the contributions of the Irish in Hawaii and the cultural diversity of our island home. This year will mark our **50th Saint Patrick's Day Parade** and we want YOU in our parade! With your kokua and support we will make this annual event the largest and most fun parade ever.

## PARADE INFORMATION

PARADE DAY	Friday, March 17, 2017
TIME/PLACE OF ASSEMBLY	10:30 am, Ft DeRussy (see attached map)
STARTING TIME	12:00 pm – SHARP
PARADE ROUTE	Kalakaua Ave. from Ala Moana Blvd to Kapiolani Park

Please fill out the attached St. Patrick's Day Parade Participation Form and return it along with your contribution to the Friends of St. Patrick by **February 15, 2017**. We will provide assembly and detailed line up information for your group no later than one week before the parade. If for some reason you cannot participate this year, please let us know so that we will be able to include you in next year's invitation and please feel free to pass this invitation on to other schools, clubs, churches or organizations who may be interested in participating.

The Friends of St. Patrick are asking the parade participants to help us offset the cost of the parade by making the following contributions to our organization. These donations are not mandatory, but any assistance you can provide to the Friends of St Patrick will allow us to continue to present our annual parade.

<b>Private Organizations</b> (Clubs/Social/Schools):	\$50
<b>Commercial</b> (Bars, For-Profits, Restaurants, etc.)	\$150
<b>Political &amp; Out of State Organizations</b>	\$250

If you would like to become a Parade Sponsor, please contact Bill Comerford at 223-3997 or via his email at [bill.fosp@ejlounge.com](mailto:bill.fosp@ejlounge.com) to register as a sponsor. Sponsorship levels are shown below:

**Shamrock:** For a contribution of \$500 the supporter will receive a single 1 year membership to the Friends of St Patrick, 2 tickets to the Emerald Ball which will be held on Saturday, March 4, 2017 at the Manoa Grand Ballroom at the JCC from 5 to 10 pm, a place in the St. Patrick's Day Parade, mention in the Emerald Ball Program / website link and ½ page advertisement in the Program.

**Emerald:** For a contribution of \$1000 the supporter will receive all of the benefits of the Shamrock level, with 4 tickets to the Emerald Ball, a full page advertisement in the Emerald Ball Program and a website link from our website to yours.

**Pot of Gold:** Contributions over \$2000 will receive Emerald benefits plus 8 tickets to the Emerald Ball, a full-page cover advertisement in the Emerald Ball Program.

If you have any questions, please feel free to call my mobile at 808-285-0874 or via email me at:

[Mattmcconnell1@yahoo.com](mailto:Mattmcconnell1@yahoo.com)

Regards.

Matt McConnell  
Parade Chairman

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## St. Patrick's Day Parade Participation Form

**Please provide the information requested below and return this form to**

*The Friends of St. Patrick by **February 15, 2017.***

The below named organization wishes to participate in the 50th Annual Saint Patrick's Day Parade, which will be presented in Honolulu, Hawaii in Waikiki on Friday, March 17, 2017.

STEP OFF 12:00 (Noon) SHARP, From Ft DeRussy

Organization: \_\_\_\_\_  
(Name)

Represented By: \_\_\_\_\_  
(Contact Person)

Marching Unit: \_\_\_\_\_  
(Approximate number of marchers and type of unit)

Motor Vehicles: \_\_\_\_\_  
(Type & number of vehicles)

### Contact Information:

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City, State, Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: Day: \_\_\_\_\_ Evening: \_\_\_same\_\_\_\_\_

Mobile: \_\_\_\_\_ Fax: \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_

## St. Patrick's Day Parade Participant Information Sheet

1. Assembly begins at 10:30 am, Friday, March 17, 2017. We would like you to arrive by staging area (see diagram on next page) as follows: staging area 1 at 10:30 am, staging area 2 at 10:45 am, staging area 3 at 11:00 am and staging area 4 on Saratoga Rd. by 11:30 am (used for overflow only) to facilitate orderly staging. Walkers in staging area 1 should stage on the DeRussy side of the sidewalk between Olohana St. and Saratoga Rd. Vehicles for those units must stay behind Olohana St. until the outer lanes are closed at 11:45 am. The parade steps off at noon. Please make sure your unit is assembled and staged in the proper position well before noon.
2. There will be volunteers in vests patrolling the staging area, ready to assist you. They will also direct parade participants as the event begins.
3. Bands and Marching units can be dropped off by entering the driveway loop by the chapel on the grounds of Ft DeRussy from Kalia Rd (see enclosed map). Bands and large marching groups will be directed to their proper starting position by parade personnel. Please be ready to march well before noon. Vehicles used to drop off/pick up parade participants can proceed directly to the Waikiki Shell parking lot #2 which will be coned off for the exclusive use of the parade participants (see #7 below).
4. Vehicles will line up on the makai (ocean) side of Kalakaua Ave between Ala Moana Blvd and Olohana St. according to their position number and staging area in the parade. We are expecting about 40 vehicular units in this year's parade and organizing personnel in vests will be available to assist you.
5. The parade will proceed Diamond Head on Kalakaua to Kapahulu. There should be no music, noise or other disturbances past Kapahulu Ave.
6. **Vehicles and floats** will proceed directly to the Kapiolani Parking lot #2. This lot is the first parking area on the right-hand side off Monserrat and is located Ewa of the Kapiolani Park bandstand. Lot #2 is the Diamond Head lot nearest the bandstand. **Marching units** will proceed down Kalakaua and disband prior to the 1<sup>st</sup> median opening. A parade official will direct you to the mauka (mountain) half of Kalakaua Ave and towards the Kapiolani Park parking lot #2.
7. The Waikiki Shell parking lot #2 directly behind the bandstand is reserved for parade participants and other parade vehicles. You may park a vehicle in the lot during the entire parade period beginning at 10:30am and ending at 3:00 pm.
8. **Finally, there is no drinking along the parade route and no throwing of anything to the streets towards the parade observers. These are City & County rules. If you want to distribute things, you may walk up and hand items to the observers.**

We're looking forward to having a great time and seeing everyone on St. Patrick's Day.

## Parade Assembly Instructions

All groups will be provided with a line up place and staging area number. This year we may have 4 staging areas (see map below). Participants should arrive at their staging areas as follows: (1) 10:30 am, (2) 10:45 am, (3) 11:00 am and (4) 11:30 am. All vehicles except the stage (4) overflow vehicles should use Ala Wai Blvd. or Keoniana St. to enter Kalakaua Ave. All vehicles, even those that are part of stage (1) will be staged between Olohana St. and Ala Moana Blvd. Units in stage (4) should use Kalia Rd. to stage on Saratoga Rd. Bands and large marching units please stage in the area shown on the map inside Fort DeRussy and we will merge you into your proper positions once the parade starts. No vehicles are allowed beyond Olohana St. until after 11:45 am. Marchers in section (1) may assemble on the DeRussy side of the sidewalk between Olohana St. and Saratoga Rd. There will be volunteers in vests in the various staging areas to assist you. Please share these instructions with your unit members.





The Waikiki Shell parking lot #2 directly behind the bandstand is reserved for parade participants and other parade vehicles. You may park a vehicle in the lot during the parade from 10:30 am until 3:00 pm. Your parade line up position, vehicle staging area and parking passes will be sent out to you approximately one week prior to the parade.

On parade day, after passing Kapahulu Ave., proceed to the Waikiki Shell Parking Lot before disassembling your group.