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**Irish history museum to open Interpretive Center**

NEWPORT — The Museum of Newport Irish History’s Interpretive Center at 648 Thames St. will celebrate its official opening on Saturday. There will be a brief ribbon-cutting ceremony about 10:15 a.m. Representatives from Newport City Council, including Mayor Stephen C. Waluk, will attend the event, as well as special guest Michael Lonergan, Ireland’s consul general to New England.

Visitors to the center will learn about Irish immigration to Newport County from the 1600s to the present and the many contributions made to the community by individuals of Irish descent. The exhibits, designed by Northeast Collaborative Architects, include maps, photographs, video and artifacts.

The center will be open Thursday through Sunday from 10 a.m.-4 p.m. through October.

Admission is by donation.

For more information, call 848-0661 or visit [www.newportirishhistory.org](http://www.newportirishhistory.org).



A display of trunks and an immigrant ship panel are featured in the Museum of Newport Irish History’s new Interpretive Center at 648 Thames St.