

# 43rd Annual Newport Irish Heritage Month

## March 2020



The goal of the Newport Irish Heritage Month calendar is to include “All things Irish” that will be occurring in the Newport, Rhode Island area throughout March. That includes events sponsored by organizations which promote Irish heritage, culture and history, including the Museum of Newport Irish History and the Ancient Order of Hibernians. A complete list of participating organizations and businesses may be found at the end of this document.

You may also find a list of Recurring March events after the “Events by Day” listing.

**The calendar will be updated as additional events are submitted, so check back often.**

To submit an Irish-oriented event for inclusion on the calendar please email [newportirishhistory@gmail.com](mailto:newportirishhistory@gmail.com) with “Irish Heritage Month” in the subject line.

### **\*\* IMPORTANT UPDATE RELATED TO THE COVID-19 OUTBREAK \*\***

*After receiving further direction from the Governor’s Office and the Rhode Island Department of Health, the Newport City Council voted on Wednesday evening March 11 to cancel the 64<sup>th</sup> Annual St. Patrick’s Day Parade, which was to be held Sat. March 14. Numerous other events have also been cancelled. The below Events by Day list will identify any cancelled or postponed events.*

## *Events by Day*

### **SUNDAY, MARCH 1**

“**The Irish Hour**”: 1540AM WADK in Newport, 8-9 a.m. Listen to the best in traditional and contemporary Irish or Irish-influenced music. Hosted by Rick Kelly for over 25 years. For more information and to listen to past podcasts, visit [wadk.com](http://wadk.com).

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**Green Eggs & Ham Brunch:** Hibernian Hall, 2 Wellington Ave., Newport, 9 a.m.-1 p.m. Enjoy the large spread of food at this fun family event and fundraiser for the Newport St. Patrick's Day Parade. Live Irish music to follow at 1 p.m. Price is \$10 for adults, \$5 for children 3-12 and children under 3 are free. Visit the "Events" page at [newportirish.com](http://newportirish.com) for more information.

**Shannachie Performance:** Hibernian Hall, 2 Wellington Ave., Newport, 1:00-4:00 p.m. Pat Heffernan and Patrick Keane return for their annual visit to Hibernian Hall to play Irish ballads, with special guest, Peter Martin, on the harmonica. Show starts after Green Eggs & Ham brunch. This event, sponsored by the Ancient Order of Hibernians, Newport Division, is FREE and family friendly. To learn more about Shannachie, see [this article](#) from the *Newport Daily News* and the related 1-minute [YouTube video](#), also courtesy of the Daily News.

**Ronan Tynan Performance:** Jane Pickens Theater and Event Center, 49 Touro St., Newport, 3 p.m. Experience singer Ronan Tynan from the Irish Tenors live on the Janes Pickens Theater stage performing Irish folk songs and American classics. For tickets and more information, visit [janepickens.com](http://janepickens.com).

**Traditional Irish Music Sessions:** The Fastnet Pub, One Broadway, Newport, 6-9 p.m. Live traditional Irish music. Hosted by A.O. Gutierrez, Tim May and Jack Wright. Family-friendly. Arrive early if you'd like a table. [thefastnetpub.com](http://thefastnetpub.com), 401-845-9311.

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### SATURDAY, MARCH 7

**Annual Trolley Tour of Irish Newport: Departs from** Hibernian Hall, 2 Wellington Ave., Newport. Explore "Irish Newport" on this narrated tour presented by the Museum of Newport Irish History. Two departures: 10 a.m. and 12:30 p.m. These 2-hour tours will include stops at sites connected with Newport's Irish heritage, including Forty Steps and the Barney Street Cemetery. Tours include an introductory visit to the Museum's Interpretive Center on Lower Thames Street. Sponsored by [Viking Tours of Newport](#). Free, but donations are gratefully accepted. Reservations are required and space is limited. For more information and to reserve, visit the "Events" page at [newportirishhistory.org](http://newportirishhistory.org) or phone Larry Bartley at 401-965-7276.

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**63rd Annual "Irish Night"- Council 256 Knights of Columbus:** Knights of Columbus Hall, 7 Valley Road, Middletown, 6 p.m. Traditional corned beef and cabbage dinner with entertainment. Suggested donation is \$20. Contact Michael O'Sullivan at 401-830-0256 or [mikeosull@cox.net](mailto:mikeosull@cox.net) or Brian Geer at 401-743-3789 for tickets and more information.

**Common Fence Music "Traditions" Mini Festival:** 933 Anthony Road, Portsmouth. Doors open 7:00pm (members), 7:15 pm (general public). A tribute to Irish and American musical heritage, featuring three acts of local, regional and international artists. Steeped in the rich musical traditions of her native county of Meath, award-winning Irish concertina player Brenda Castles will perform traditional tunes from home alongside Boston-Irish singer-songwriter and fiddler Liz Hanley. From the DC-region comes old-time fiddler, banjoist, singer and scholar Jake Blount, who specializes in the music of Black and Native American communities in the southeastern US, and in the regional style of Ithaca, NY. The Warren, RI-based, internationally-acclaimed Atwater-Donnelly Trio will present a delightful program of traditional American and Celtic folk songs and percussive dance. Tickets: from \$23 to \$23. Details/Tickets at <https://www.commonfencemusic.org/traditions-festival.html>

### **SUNDAY, MARCH 8**

**NOTE:** Daylight saving time will begin at 2:00 a.m. Sunday, March 8 ("spring ahead")

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**An Irish Snug at the Edward King House:** 35 King Street, Newport (behind the Newport Library), 1:00 p.m. Come learn the history of the Irish Snug in storytelling form with special guests from the Newport Ancient Order of Hibernians Mens Singers and an appearance by youth instrumental ensemble Polyphony. Food, drink, music and fun. Tickets are \$20 per person, and can be purchased at [edwardkinghouse.org](http://edwardkinghouse.org) or by calling 401-847-7426 ext. 2. Seating is limited, so advanced purchase is highly recommended.

Link to Facebook Event page: <https://www.facebook.com/events/571512696798222/>

**Grand Marshal Roast:** St. Augustin's Church Hall, corner of Carroll Ave. & Harrison Ave., Newport, 1:30-5 p.m. The roast will honor this year's Newport St. Patrick's Day Parade Grand Marshals, Brent Ryan and Derek Luke. Tickets are \$25 and include hors d'oeuvres and music by Rhode to Dublin. For advanced tickets, call Dennis at 401-846-5081 or purchase from Hibernian Hall, 2 Wellington Ave., Newport. Sponsored by the Newport St. Patrick's Day Parade Committee. Visit the "Events" page at [newportirish.com](http://newportirish.com) for more information.

**Kinsale Chef Exchange Kick-off Event:** Hibernian Hall, 2 Wellington Ave., Newport, 5-8 p.m. Several visiting chefs from Kinsale, Ireland, Newport's Sister City, collaborate with local chefs for this popular food tasting event. The \$40 Tickets include food from a number of tasting stations and whiskey samples. Tickets, which are limited and sell out quickly, will be available at Hibernian Hall, 2 Wellington Ave. Newport and from participating restaurants. For further information, visit [newportkinsalechefexchange.com](http://newportkinsalechefexchange.com).

**Traditional Irish Music Sessions:** The Fastnet Pub, One Broadway, Newport, 6-9 p.m. Live traditional Irish music. Hosted by A.O. Gutierrez, Tim May and Jack Wright. Family-friendly. Arrive early if you'd like a table. [thefastnetpub.com](http://thefastnetpub.com), 401-845-9311.

### WEDNESDAY, MARCH 11

**"Celebrating Ireland in Story and Song":** Rogers Free Library, 525 Hope St., Bristol, Rhode Island, 6:30-7:30 p.m. Family-friendly program including Phil Edmonds (tin whistle, accordion), Kevin Fallon (guitar, fiddle, vocals) and Mary King (harp). If you'd like to learn basic Irish step dance, come at 6:00 p.m. Free event. For more information, email [marykingharp@gmail.com](mailto:marykingharp@gmail.com) or call 401-500-0234, or call the library at 401-253-6948.

### THURSDAY, MARCH 12 - CANCELLED

**Reception for Sister City Delegation from Kinsale, Ireland:** [Edward King House](http://Edward King House), 35 King Street, Newport (behind the Newport Library). 6-7pm. Free. Mayor Jamie Bova and the Newport City Council invite the public to join them at a reception to welcome members of a delegation visiting from Newport's Sister City of Kinsale, Ireland.

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Light refreshments will be served and all are invited to join as the City kicks off its annual St. Patrick's Day celebrations. This year marks the 21st anniversary of Newport's sister-city relationship with [Kinsale](#), a historic port and fishing town on the coast of County Cork, Ireland. Bonded by common geography and bolstered by Newport's own proud Irish community, the two cities have forged a particularly strong connection since formally establishing a Sister City relationship, with regular cultural exchanges centered around St. Patrick's Day and Kinsale's celebrated annual Gourmet Festival, in which many chefs from Newport have taken part over the years.

### **FRIDAY, MARCH 13**

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### **CANCELLED**

**5th Annual St. Patrick's Parade Day Eve Celebration:** Midtown Oyster Bar, 345 Thames St., Newport, 4-9 p.m. Start celebrating the Newport St. Patrick's Day Parade the night before at Midtown Oyster Bar and Surf Club with food, music and more. Entertainment will be provided by the Ancient Order of Hibernians Pipes and Drums, the Hibernian Men Singers, Sean Rivers Music and Justin Pomfret. Free admission. For more information, contact [ryan@whatsupnewp.com](mailto:ryan@whatsupnewp.com), call 401-662-1653 or visit the [Facebook Event Page](#).

### **CANCELLED**

**"Big Daddy" Award Ceremony and Pre-Parade Party:** Hibernian Hall, 2 Wellington Ave., Newport, 6 p.m. Honoring IHOP Restaurant in Middletown, owned by Karen and Bill Cardinal, this year's winner as the largest financial supporter of the parade. The event will feature hors d'oeuvres and entertainment from Collume Cille, Banda La Gaites Austies Spanish Pipes and Drum bands, and a DJ. Free event. Visit the "Events" page at [newportirish.com](http://newportirish.com) for more information.

**Parade Day Eve Irish Sing-A-Long:** La Forge Casino Restaurant, 186 Bellevue Ave., Newport, 7-11 p.m. Featuring Dave Manuel. [laforgenewport.com](http://laforgenewport.com), 401-847-0418.

### **CANCELLED**

### **SATURDAY, MARCH 14**

**Mass in Honor of St. Patrick & St. Brigid,** St. Joseph's Catholic Church, Broadway & Mann Ave., Newport (near City Hall), 9:00 a.m. Given in memory of the deceased members of the Newport Ancient Order of Hibernians and the Ladies Ancient Order of Hibernian and deceased members of the former Newport Irish Heritage Association. Officiant: Very Rev. Francis A. O'Loughlin, Pastor. <http://stjosephsnewport.org/wp/>

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**Special Edition of “The Irish Hour”** on 1540AM WADK in Newport, 11am- 1pm. Listen to the best in traditional and contemporary Irish or Irish-influenced music. Hosted by Rick Kelly.. See also Sunday mornings in March, 8-9am..[wadk.com](http://wadk.com).

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### **CANCELLED**

**The Mayor’s Pre-Parade Reception:** City Council Chambers at Newport City Hall, 43 Broadway, Newport, 10-11 a.m. Refreshments will be provided.

### **CANCELLED**

**64th Annual Newport St. Patrick’s Day Parade:** Newport City Hall, Broadway, 11 a.m. The parade will start at City Hall and finish at Saint Augustin’s Church on Carroll Avenue in the Fifth Ward. This year’s parade is dedicated to the memory of brothers, [Fred and Morris Margolis](#). Grand Marshals are [Brent Ryan and Derek Luke](#). Approximate run time is 2 hours. Rain or shine. Visit [newportirish.com](http://newportirish.com) for more information.

### **CANCELLED**

**Live Radio Coverage of the 64th annual Parade in Honor of St. Patrick** on 1540am or online at [WADK.com](http://WADK.com). Broadcast begins around 11:30am as Rick Kelly and Bobb Angel bring you the sights, as they describe them, and the sounds, of one of the longest running St. Patrick's parades in the country. (*see also “The Irish Hour” each Sunday in March, and year-round, at 8am*).

### **CANCELLED**

**Post-Parade Party** hosted by the Ancient Order of Hibernians, Hibernian Hall, 2 Wellington Ave. Newport Corned Beef sandwiches and plenty of Irish Music Advance tickets only: \$20.00. Cash bar. Information and tickets: (401) 847-8671

### **CANCELLED**

**12th Annual Saint Patrick’s Day Family Celebration:** Martin Recreation Center “The Hut,” 35 Golden Hill Street, behind Newport Library., 1-4 p.m. FREE admission. This alcohol-free, family-friendly event will feature entertainment including bagpipers, Irish step dancers, face painters, magicians --- and more! There will also be giveaways, including a \$100 cash door prize and a “How Green Am I” contest (\$150 first prize). Sponsored by: IHOP Middletown, Newport County Prevention Coalition and the City of Newport Recreation Department. Visit

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the “Events” page at [newportirish.com](http://newportirish.com) or phone (401) 413-9601 for more information.

**St. Patrick’s Parade Day Celebration:** La Forge Casino Restaurant, 186 Bellevue Ave., Newport. Featuring Dave Manuel. La Forge will be open from 11 a.m. to 11 p.m., Dave Manuel will perform 2-5 p.m. and 7-11 p.m. [laforgenewport.com](http://laforgenewport.com), 401-847-0418.

**St. Patrick's Parade Day at The Vanderbilt:** The Vanderbilt Hotel, 41 Mary Street, Newport (just off Thames Street). 11:00am-3pm. Warm up after the parade with cozy cocktails by the fire pit then transition to the Vanderbilt Grill for a St. Patrick's Day inspired brunch featuring items like corned beef & cabbage, bangers & mash, and Irish Whiskey tasting flights. Wrap your meal in the garden by enjoying an Irish Coffee from our Irish Coffee station. 401-846-6200. Facebook event page: <https://www.facebook.com/events/185589486209199/>

### **SUNDAY, MARCH 15**

**“The Irish Hour”:** 1540AM WADK in Newport, 8-9 a.m. Listen to the best in traditional and contemporary Irish or Irish-influenced music. Hosted by Rick Kelly for over 25 years. For more information and to listen to past podcasts, visit [wadk.com](http://wadk.com).

### **CANCELLED** (see note)

**Mass in Honor of St. Patrick:** St. Mary’s Church, Spring Street and Memorial Boulevard, Newport 11 a.m. This annual service is in memory of deceased members of the Ancient Order of Hibernians and the Ladies Ancient Order of Hibernians, and the victims of the Great Famine. The church was built between 1848-1852 and was designed by Irish-American architect Patrick Keeley and dedicated to Mary “Our Lady of the Isle.” [stmarynewport.org](http://stmarynewport.org).

**Note:** The regularly scheduled 11am Mass will take place as usual, but it will be a normal Lenten Mass.

**St. Patrick’s Irish Brunch Buffet:** La Forge Casino Restaurant, 186 Bellevue Ave., Newport, 9 a.m. to 2 p.m.. Live music from 9am-2pm. Reservations suggested. [laforgenewport.com](http://laforgenewport.com), 401-847-0418.

**NOTE:** At press time, word is the music & menu may be modified vs. original announcement. Phone the venue to confirm.

**Riverdance 25th Anniversary Show,** Jane Picken’s Theater & Events Center, 49 Touro Street, Newport. (401) 846-5474. 1:00 pm. Filmed live at the Arena Dublin, this film catapults Riverdance into the 21st century and will completely immerse you in the extraordinary and elemental power of its music and dance. Composer Bill Whelan has re-recorded his mesmerising soundtrack while producer Moya Doherty and director John McColgan have completely reimagined the ground-breaking show with innovative and spectacular lighting, projection, stage and costume designs. This powerful and stirring reinvention of the beloved family favourite is celebrated the world over

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for its Grammy Award-winning music and the thrilling energy of its Irish and international dance.

Advance Tickets: <http://janepickens.com/shows/riverdance>

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### **CANCELLED**

**Guided Tours of Fort Adams:** 90 Fort Adams Drive, Newport. Take a guided tour of the historic Newport fort constructed with Irish labor between 1824-1857. Hour-long tours will be offered at 12:00 noon and 2 p.m., weather permitting. Tickets are \$15 for adults, \$8 for children ages 6-17 and children 5 and under are free. Mention Irish Heritage Month for a \$3 discount. [fortadams.org](http://fortadams.org).

### **POSTPONED**

**The Seisiún Exiles Irish Folk Band:** Redwood Library & Athenæum, 50 Bellevue Ave., Newport. 3:00 p.m. In honor of St. Patrick's Day, Rhode Island-based trio, The Seisiún Exiles, will perform tunes from Ireland, Scotland, Canada and original music written in those traditions. Register online or call 401-847-0292.

Redwood Members \$10; Non-members \$20.

<http://interland3.donorperfect.net/weblink/weblink.aspx?name=E120885&id=158>

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## **TUESDAY, MARCH 17 *ST. PATRICK'S DAY***

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**“Gaelic and Garlic” Dinner:** Vasco Da Gama Hall, 15 Fenner Ave., Newport, 5:30-7:30. Celebrate Irish and Italian heritage with a dinner of corned beef, potatoes, pasta, sausage, Irish and Italian breads and more. Tickets are \$25 per person, and the proceeds will benefit Forum Lodge #391, Order Sons and Daughters of Italy in America. To purchase tickets, contact Paula Morris at [paulamorris1@msn.com](mailto:paulamorris1@msn.com) or 401-829-5180 or Gregg Gizzi at 401-226-3705.

#### **CLOSED/CANCELLED**

### FRIDAY, MARCH 20

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#### **POSTPONED**

**“Jokes My Irish Father Told Me” with Dave Kane:** Edward King House, 35 King Street, Newport (behind the Newport Library). Doors at 6:30 p.m., the event starts at 7 p.m. Join in on the fun as comedian Dave Kane brings you a laugh-filled presentation of jokes, one liners and stories that celebrate Irish sense of humor. Tickets are \$20 per person and can be purchased online at [edwardkinghouse.org](http://edwardkinghouse.org) or by calling 401-846-7426 ext. 2. Seating is limited, so advanced purchase is highly recommended.

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### POSTPONED

**Irish Dinner & Session at Blithewold with "Rhode to Dublin":** Blithewold, 101 Bristol Ferry Rd (Rt. 114), Bristol. 6:00-8:00 p.m. Join us for the *craic* at Blithewold! "Craic" means "a good time", and that's certainly what we'll be offering. Enjoy an Irish-inspired menu by Blithewold's own Chef Anna Kelly, while enjoying a traditional Irish music *session* by Rhode to Dublin (Tony Gutierrez, Tim May, Jack Wright) and a special appearance from Kelly's school of Irish Dance, as a reminder of the warmth and customs of Ireland. The kettle will be on and the ale will be flowing — *slainte!* Unfortunately, we cannot accommodate any dietary restrictions for this program. This program is open seating, with community tables of 10. \$50 Members, \$60 Non-Members> For tickets visit: <https://www.blithewold.org/event/an-irish-dinner-and-session/>

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#### TUESDAY, MARCH 24

**Lecture Presented by the Museum of Newport Irish History:** Knights of Columbus Hall, 7 Valley Road, Middletown, RI 02842, 6 p.m. “Here’s the church, here’s the steeple, open the door and see all the people’: Newport’s early Irish community and Rhode Island’s first Catholic church” by guest speaker: Steve Marino. Reception to follow. Part of the Michael F. Crowley Lectures. For details and **reservations**, visit the “Lectures” page at [newportirishhistory.org](http://newportirishhistory.org) or call Ann Arnold at 401-841-5493 for more information. Reservations are requested and a fee applies. **IMPORTANT NOTE:** K of C Hall is a **change in venue**. The lecture was originally scheduled at the Mainstay Hotel & Conference Center at 151 Admiral Kalbfus Rd. in Newport, about 5 min. Away.

### PENDING

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### CANCELLED

**Dancing at the Forty Steps:** Cliff Walk, east end of Narragansett Avenue, 3 p.m. Join the official closing event of Newport Irish Heritage Month by commemorating the informal dances held there by the Irish who made Newport their home in the late 19th and early 20th centuries. The annual event will feature live traditional Irish music,

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demonstrations of traditional Irish set dancing led by Donal and Mary Lehane, and the Ancient Order of Hibernian Men Singers. Free event. Weather permitting. Contact: [NewportIrishHistory@gmail.com](mailto:NewportIrishHistory@gmail.com)

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## *Recurring Events*

**“The Irish Hour”:** 1540AM WADK in Newport, 8-9 a.m. Listen to the best in traditional and contemporary Irish or Irish-influenced music every Sunday in March. Hosted by Rick Kelly for over 25 years. For more information and to listen to past podcasts, visit [wadk.com](http://wadk.com).

**Museum of Newport Irish History Interpretive Center:** 648 Thames St., Newport, 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. on the following days: March 6, March 7, March 8, March 13, March 14, March 15, March 17, March 20, March 21 and March 22. Admission by donation. MNIH Members and children under 16 are free. For more information, visit [newportirishhistory.org](http://newportirishhistory.org).

**Guided Tours of Fort Adams:** 90 Fort Adams Drive, Newport. Take a guided tour of the historic Newport fort constructed with Irish labor between 1824-1857. Hour-long tours will be offered at noon and 2 p.m., on Saturdays and Sundays in March, weather permitting (except parade day, Mar. 14). Tickets are \$15 for adults, \$8 for children ages 6-17 and children 5 and under are free. Mention Irish Heritage Month for a \$3 discount. [fortadams.org](http://fortadams.org).

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## *Participating Organizations*

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