

Barney Street Cemetery in springtime

Sláinte!

The Museum of Newport Irish History is proceeding cautiously with plans for its 45th **Newport Irish Heritage Month** — traditionally an agenda as exuberant as an Irish folk dance — that rolls out through the month of March to celebrate the lives and legacy of the Irish-American community that has been a presence in Newport since the 1600s. The museum's Interpretive Center at 648 Thames St. will be open to visitors on select days, and an evening lecture, tentatively scheduled for March 23 at 6 p.m., will discuss Patrick J. Boyle, the city's 17-term mayor who died in office in 1923. (If the lecture is not held in person it will be conducted on Zoom.) Steve Marino will lead tours of the Barney Street Cemetery (Rhode Island's oldest Irish cemetery) on March 6, 20 and 27 at 12:30 p.m., departing from the corner of Barney and Mt. Vernon streets, weather permitting. For more information and updates visit the events page at newportirishhistory.org or contact newportirishhistory@gmail.com.



INSET: Patrick J. Boyle. BOTTOM: Museum of Newport Irish History Interpretive Center



11 Newport Classical presents the New Zealand-born violinist **Geneva Lewis** performing a program for violin and piano, including Leoš Janáček's *Violin Sonata*, 7:30 p.m. at the Emmanuel Church Recital Hall. For tickets and information call 849-0700 or visit newportclassical.org.



12 Rain, snow or shine, the 66th annual **St. Patrick's Day Parade** is a go. With Grand Marshall Rocky Kempenaar at the helm, the marching bands, dignitaries and community groups will set forth from Newport's City Hall at 11 a.m., waving and marching their way down Thames Street to St. Augustine's Church in the heart of the Fifth Ward. Call 413-9601 or visit newportirish.com for information.

Simmons Farm's **S'more Than Just a Hayride** is repeated 3:30–5 p.m.; see March 5 listing for details.

28 An hour may not be long enough for the Portsmouth Free Public Library's **Binge Club**, a monthly offering at 6 p.m. for avid TV viewers to share their thoughts (and grievances) about a favorite series. Call 683-9457 ext. 113 or visit portsmouthlibrary.org.

April



1–10 The more than 60 area eateries participating in **Newport Restaurant Week** usher in spring with seasonal flavors and — when the weather is kind — outdoor dining. The popular Burger Bender competition is back, as are deals and discounts (including BOGO) and a home delivery option. The prix-fixe menus — prepared by some of the island's most creative chefs — captivate local foodies and those from away. For more information go to discovernewport.org.

7 Local storytellers are allotted 10 minutes to spin improvised tales from their lives at **Tell Newport**, 7 p.m. at the Firehouse Theater; phone 239-4746 or visit [@tell_newport](https://www.instagram.com/tell_newport) on Instagram.

9 The 5K **Newport Night Run** begins at 7:30 p.m. at Rogers High School; proceeds support the Newport Public Education Foundation. To register, go to eventbrite.com and search "Newport Night Run."

14 **Newport Gallery Night** returns the second Thursday of every month from 5 to 8 p.m. For details call 935-8591 or visit newportgalleries.org.

16 The starting pistol for the **Newport Rhode Races Marathon, Half-Marathon and 5K** goes off at 7:30 a.m. at Easton's (First) Beach, and takes runners along a scenic,