

The Friends of St. Patrick of Hawaii

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

Aloha,

Please help us celebrate our 59th annual St. Patrick's Day parade in Waikiki on March 17th 2026! 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 59th annual 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	Tuesday, March 17, 2026
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 suggested donation of \$100 to the Friends of St. Patrick Hawaii by **February 25, 2026**. Our costs to run the parade go up every year. If you can donate more than \$100, it is appreciated. If you can't donate at all, we still welcome you to participate in the parade and hope that you can donate when you are able. 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.

If you would like to become a Parade Sponsor, please contact Matt McConnell via his email at mattmcconnell1@yahoo.com to register as a sponsor. Sponsorship levels are shown below:

Shamrock: For a contribution of \$500

Emerald: For a contribution of \$1000

Pot of Gold: Contributions over \$2000

If you have any questions, please feel free to call my mobile at 808-285-0874 (Matt) or via email at: mattmcconnell1@yahoo.com.

Mahalo Nui Loa,

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 me by email or mail by February 25, 2026

The below named organization wishes to participate in the 59th annual Saint Patrick's Day Parade, which will be presented in Honolulu, Hawaii in Waikiki on Tuesday, March 17, 2026.

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: _____

Mobile: _____ Fax: _____

Email: _____

If you have email, please send a copy of this form to Matt McConnell @
mattmcconnell1@yahoo.com

Participant Information Sheet

1. Assembly begins at 10:30 am, Tuesday, March 17, 2026. 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 DeRussey side of the sidewalk between Olohana St. and Saratoga Rd. Vehicles for those units must stay behind Olohana Rd. until the outer lanes close 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 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 1st 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 absolutely no drinking of alcoholic beverages along the parade route and no throwing of anything from the streets towards the parade observers. These are City & County rules and police will cite and remove you from the parade if you violate this law. Police will strictly be enforcing the no drinking law this year, especially on the Trolley's. If you want to distribute things, please 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 DeRussey 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 DeRussey 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.



Parade Finish Instructions



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.