



Indianapolis St. Patrick's Day Parade & Shamrock Run Walk Cancelled for 2021, Greening of the Canal will take place March 17th

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INDIANAPOLIS (February 1, 2021) – As the pandemic continues to impact public gatherings, the Athletic Club Foundation has decided to cancel the 40th Annual St. Patrick's Day Parade and Tent Party that was scheduled for this March, as well as the 29th Annual Shamrock Run Walk scheduled for Saturday, March 13th. However, the Foundation will still host The Greening of the Canal on Friday, March 17th for media and government officials to remind all Hoosiers that there is light at the end of the rainbow. This is the second year in a row that the Foundation has had to cancel the parade to protect the health and safety of participants and spectators.

“We had hoped we could hold the St. Patrick's Day Parade and the Shamrock Run/Walk as we have for so many years, but as we approach another year, the pandemic shows no signs of weakening any time soon. We feel compelled to still keep the Greening of the Canal so that the spirit of St. Patrick's Day is not forgotten” says Robert Welch, Foundation Chair. “While it will not be open to the public, we hope that seeing the green canal through the media or as people walk along the canal on March 17th, they will be uplifted by the memories of previous celebrations and take solace knowing that we will be able to celebrate it again in the future.”

The Annual St. Patrick's Day Parade includes parade floats from area grade school and high schools, public safety officials, families and Irish heritage organizations as well as local businesses. The Shamrock Run/Walk, which is held in partnership with the Indianapolis Firefighter's Emerald Society, was scheduled for Saturday, March 13th, is also cancelled to protect the health and safety of participants as well as the many volunteers that are needed to put on the run walk.

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About The Athletic Club Foundation

The Athletic Club Foundation is an all-volunteer nonprofit organization that supports youth by investing in amateur athletic programs in Indiana. Since its inception the Foundation has awarded over \$350,000 in grants and impacts over 2000 kids each year.

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