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**Paul Monte Named Grand Marshal for the 2014
Montauk Friends of Erin St. Patrick's Day Parade
March 23**



Paul Monte, President of The Montauk Chamber Of Commerce, has been named Grand Marshal for Montauk's 52nd Annual St Patrick's Day Parade on Sunday March 23rd. "I am thrilled that our Chamber President is Grand Marshal this year! Paul loves our community and demonstrates this through all the things he does for Montauk. The Friends of Erin could not have made a better selection for this honor in leading the parade" says Executive Director of the Montauk Chamber, Laraine Creegan.

On the morning of the parade, Montauk Chamber's Famous Soup Sale features the parade's anniversary mugs which go on sale at 10:00, with delicious hot soup to follow starting at 11am. All soup is donated by Montauk restaurants - Duryea's Lobster Deck, Montauk Yacht Club, Gurney's Sea Grille, Inlet Seafood, John's Pancake House and Sole East are just a few who participated in 2013.

This year the parade continues to focus on family-friendly floats and fun - children of all ages are encouraged to come out, get their green face-paint on, grab those foam shamrocks and shillelaghs and wave them in the air, while reaching for those lucky beads and candy tossed from the creative and colorful floats from local businesses and firetrucks. Bagpipe bands representing towns all over Long Island will also march. The parade will run up Edgemere Street, then right on South Edison St and then enters Main Street at the east end of town.

WLNG will broadcast live from the parade route starting at 11 am, right after the broadcast of the weekly "Montauk Chamber of Commerce Report" which airs every Sunday morning at 10 am. You can also catch the report and parade coverage via a live stream at <http://tunein.com/radio/WLNG-921-s30715/>

The following events lead up to the big parade: Montauk's Friends of Erin host the 10th Annual Corned Beef and Cabbage Dinner at the Point Bar & Grill on Saturday March 15th from 5:30 to 8:30pm. The evening will include music, raffles and prizes. The Grand Marshal's Luncheon is on Friday March 21st at Gurney's Inn, from 12 noon to 3:00 pm. This is the party where the Grand Marshal is introduced and roasted, then presented with his parade sash, top hat and shillelagh. The Friends of Erin Gala Cocktail Party will be held on Saturday March

22nd, also at Gurney's, from 4 to 8 pm. There will be a buffet, open bar and live music. Pot of Gold Raffle winners will also be drawn here! This is one of the main events in fund raising for the Parade. For tickets and more info, visit <http://www.montaukfriendsoferin.org/>

Visit our Facebook page for updates on the parade:
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