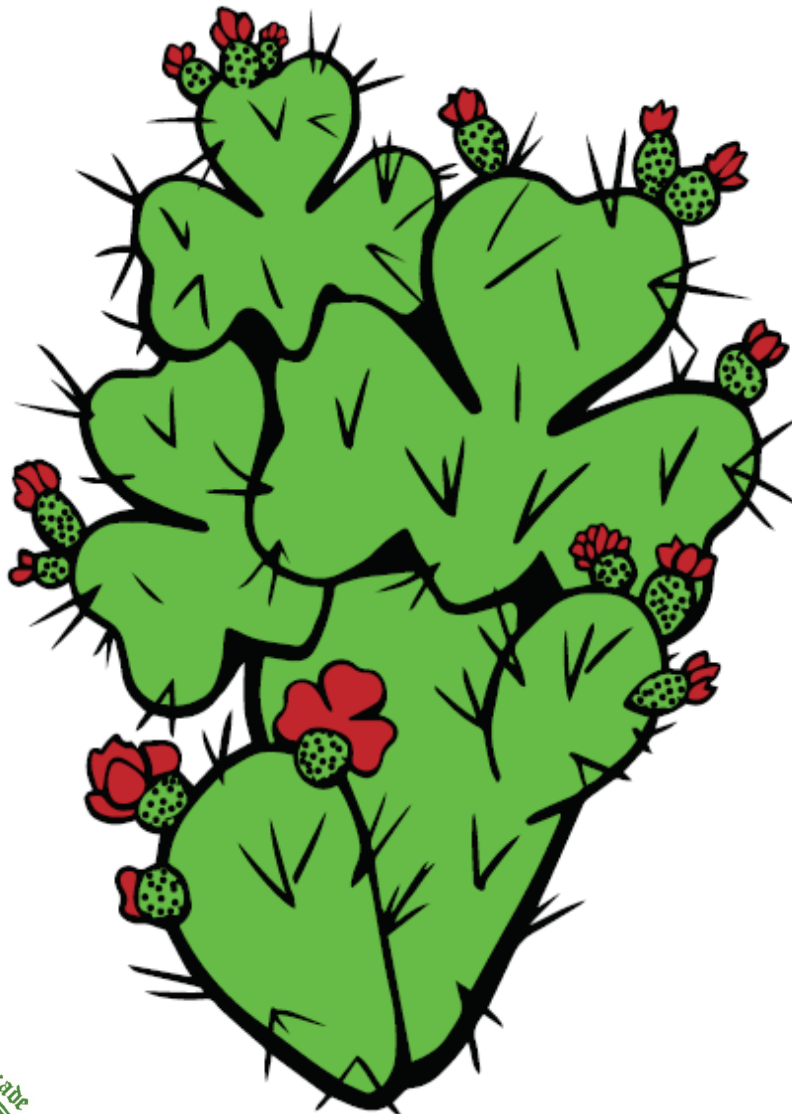


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# TUCSON ST. PATRICK'S DAY PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

## “COMMUNITY IN ACTION”

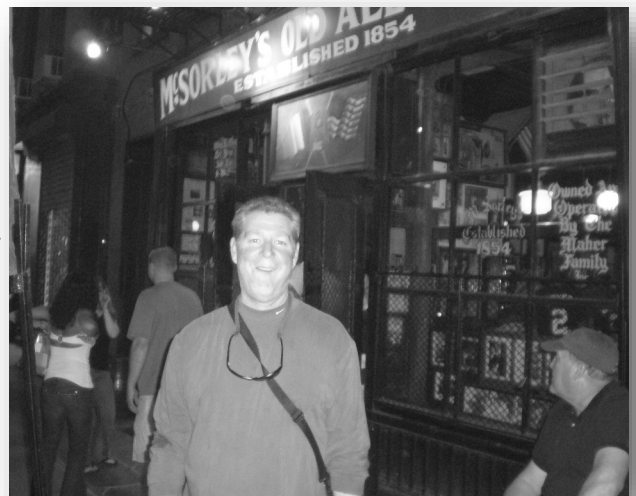
Welcome brothers and sisters to the 2019 St. Patrick's Day Parade and Festival of Tucson. We are proud to announce that our theme this year is “Community in Action.” We have two main reasons for this. The first is that this past year and the foreseeable future provide many examples of the need for our city, state, country and world to show solidarity with each other and come together by concentrating on the things we have in common rather than allowing our differences to push us apart. It's a simple but powerful idea that holds the seeds of healing and growth for us as individuals and as a race - that no matter the geopolitical region, whether local, national or global, we are, in truth, one community with the same needs and the same goals. We want to use this year's theme as a statement that with the right eyes and the right hearts we can see there is no difference between an individual benefit and the common good, there is no us and them, just us.



The second reason for this year's theme ties into the first with the Irish experience and the Irish People's rise to acceptance in America. When the Irish first began emigrating to this continent in large or even small numbers, like so many waves before them and groups after them and to this very day, they were discriminated against, bullied, beaten, considered less than human. A large part of the immigrant Irish gaining political power and social acceptance in this country must be credited to their taking on the jobs of policeman, fireman, soldier, priest. In other words, they worked for the betterment of their new communities. They enacted a “Community in Action” plan that enhanced the common good, gaining them respect and acceptance in the new world. They were able to erase some of the lines between us and them.

For the members of the St. Patrick's Day Parade and Festival of Tucson, the cool crew that puts this whole thing together each year, that erasure of the lines between an “us” and a “them” is the most salient aspect of this year's theme. If we can keep looking with the right eyes and keep feeling with the right hearts, we can help tear down the barriers between people and if we can do it while getting a bit of a jig and laugh from ourselves and each other, then we have been successful in enacting a “Community in Action” plan. Thank you so much for coming this year and dancing with us. Each of us on the cool crew hope you have a great day and a great year. Happy St. Patrick's Day.

*John Murphy, Tucson St. Patrick's Day President*



## OUR MISSION

The purpose of the St. Patrick's Day Parade of Tucson shall be to conduct the annual St. Patrick's Day Parade and Festival.

The Parade, Festival, and other educational endeavors of the organization shall have the dual purpose of education and increasing awareness and involvement in the Tucson community.

We will accomplish this through Irish songs, music, dance, language, crafts, writing, authors, history and all other arts and cultural opportunities that the organization can make available.

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# IRELAND & BREXIT

By Scott Egan

There are 20 year olds in Ireland today who have never lived under military occupation. Think of that: an entire generation of young Irish people who have lived without British military posts overlooking their homes, helicopters flying over their funerals, being stopped by heavily armed foreign soldiers patrolling their neighborhood streets, or being stopped and searched at armored checkpoints by strangers in your land while trying to drive a few miles from Dublin to, say, Belfast.



This history may be a bit hard to appreciate by Irish Americans, though many spent decades playing an active role in helping all sides end the war of occupation, which finally culminated with the Good Friday Peace Agreement. This historic agreement, reached by carefully balancing the interests of the Irish and British governments as well as the adversarial parties representing different constituencies in northern Ireland. It has maintained a peaceful status quo since it was signed on April 10, 1998. U.S. Senator George Mitchell, who lead the negotiations for the Good Friday Agreement, believes that the agreement may now be in jeopardy if Brexit leads to the re-creation of a border system between the Republic of Ireland. The latter remaining in the European Union, and Northern Ireland being forced to leave because of the British vote.

While Ireland is fighting to preserve an “open” (and unseen) border, we American’s are fighting over how many billions of taxpayer dollars need to be allocated for concrete barriers and razor wire, how many National Guard troops need to be deployed, how much construction is needed for ever increasing militarized border stations, or how many children are still lost due to forced separations of refugee parents and children. As tourists we accept the hours of waiting in delay at the legal crossings that used to only take minutes to cross. The contrast between our countries and our need for border controls could not be more different.

Of course one could contend that the Mexican, Central American, and other refugee’s trying to get to the land of Lady Liberty’s inclusive dream are different racially, culturally, and socially than most North Americans, whereas most of us would say there is no distinction between

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# 2019 GRAND MARSHAL

## RYAN BEAMISH

By John Murphy

The St. Patrick's Day Parade and Festival of Tucson is proud and excited to present Mr. Ryan Beamish as our Grand Marshal for 2019. Ryan grew up in Tucson, a local Irishman who made good. He initially gained local and national fame for his business Duke's Saguaro, a business he began to help pay for a necessary operation for his therapy dog and best buddy, Duke. Ryan makes and sells saguaro sculptures made from bicycle chains. At first, he made a few and displayed them in the bicycle shop where he worked. They sold quickly with requests for more, quickly becoming a "must have" item in Tucson's as well as the country's bicycling communities. It grew into a viable business for Ryan and Duke got his operation, making a full recovery.



Ryan is an avid mountain biker. The book on him is that he totally shreds. It's an activity he uses to cope with the mental and emotional aftermath of his Marine deployment in the Iraq War – Duke helped with that, too. Ryan is also the head of the Tucson chapter of the Semper Fi Fund, a non-profit charitable organization that provides a variety of programs to assist wounded veterans in all branches of the United States Armed Forces. The organization describes its mission as "providing urgently needed resources and support for post-9/11 combat wounded, critically ill and catastrophically injured members of the U.S. Armed Forces and their families." The Fund has issued more than 158,000 grants totaling in excess of \$165 million in assistance.

The Semper Fi Fund began in early 2003 as a gathering of military spouses around a kitchen table discussing ways to help Marines who had been injured during deployment in Iraq. Early efforts included the distribution of snacks and toiletries at hospitals and a specialized van for a catastrophically injured Marine.

With his mountain biking background, one of Ryan's main focuses at Semper Fi Fund is the Recovery Through Sport Program. He conducts mountain bike skills camps and organizes rides for critically injured veterans. "Really the biggest thing with these amazing veterans is they use no excuses," Ryan says. "They walk on uprights. They are missing limbs. We're here to help. These guys are digging deep and not quitting. It doesn't matter if you have buddies who are missing both legs. Nothing is going to stop them now. We are working with each other and feeding off each other. I try to provide mentorship."



With his military service, Duke's Saguaro and his leadership of the Tucson Chapter of the Semper Fi Fund, Ryan is an artist, athlete, business man and a fixture on the Tucson community service scene. He epitomizes the spirit of this year's theme "Community in Action." On behalf of the Tucson St. Patrick's Day Parade and Festival Committee, thank you Ryan for your service to the country and community. Slainte, Bro.

# 2019 FESTIVAL ENTERTAINMENT

11:00 AM Parade begins at 17th Street and Stone Avenue, ending at Armory Park

11:15 AM OUT OF KILTERS

Traditional Irish and Scottish music, from rousing ballads to toe-tapping jigs and reels that make you want to get up and dance! [www.facebook.com/outofkilters](http://www.facebook.com/outofkilters)

12:15 PM FESTIVAL GREETING & OPENING CEREMONIES

Master of Ceremonies, John Murphy & David Fitzsimmons, Fr. David Costello, Santa Cruz Parish, Tucson & District Pipe Band

Formed in 2012, Tucson & District Pipe Band is a family-friendly group dedicated to furthering the arts of piping and drumming in the southwest. They are active in the local Irish, Scottish, and general Celtic community and available for events. [www.tanddpipeband.com](http://www.tanddpipeband.com).

12:30 PM NANCY MCCALLION & FRIENDS

Nancy McCallion, founder of local band The Molly's, brings high-energy pub songs, reels, jigs, beautiful ballads and stellar vocals and musicianship to the 2019 festival.

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1:45 PM MAGUIRE ACADEMY OF IRISH DANCE

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2:15 PM WIDE AWAKE

Wide Awake is known for playing the music of U2 with energy, passion and faithfulness to the original sound. This band is a must-see for any U2 fan or lover of music. [www.wideawakeu2.com](http://www.wideawakeu2.com)



Wide Awake

3:45 PM CELTIC STEPS

Celtic Steps is one of the largest and most successful Irish dance schools in the United States and has produced amazing Irish dancers who have experienced major success both in competition and in performance. CS has won innumerable regional championships, national championships, and has placed first in the world in figure choreography. [www.tucsonirishdance.com](http://www.tucsonirishdance.com)

4:15 PM PÚCA & THE WILD ONES

Púca is the dynamic duo of Dave Firestine and Claire Jamieson Zucker. Songs and tunes from Ireland and Appalachia, plus new music hot off the press. [www.pucamusic.com](http://www.pucamusic.com)

5:00 PM CLOSING CEREMONIES

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[Irish American Gaelic Society](https://facebook.com/Tucson-irish-heritage-foundation)-  
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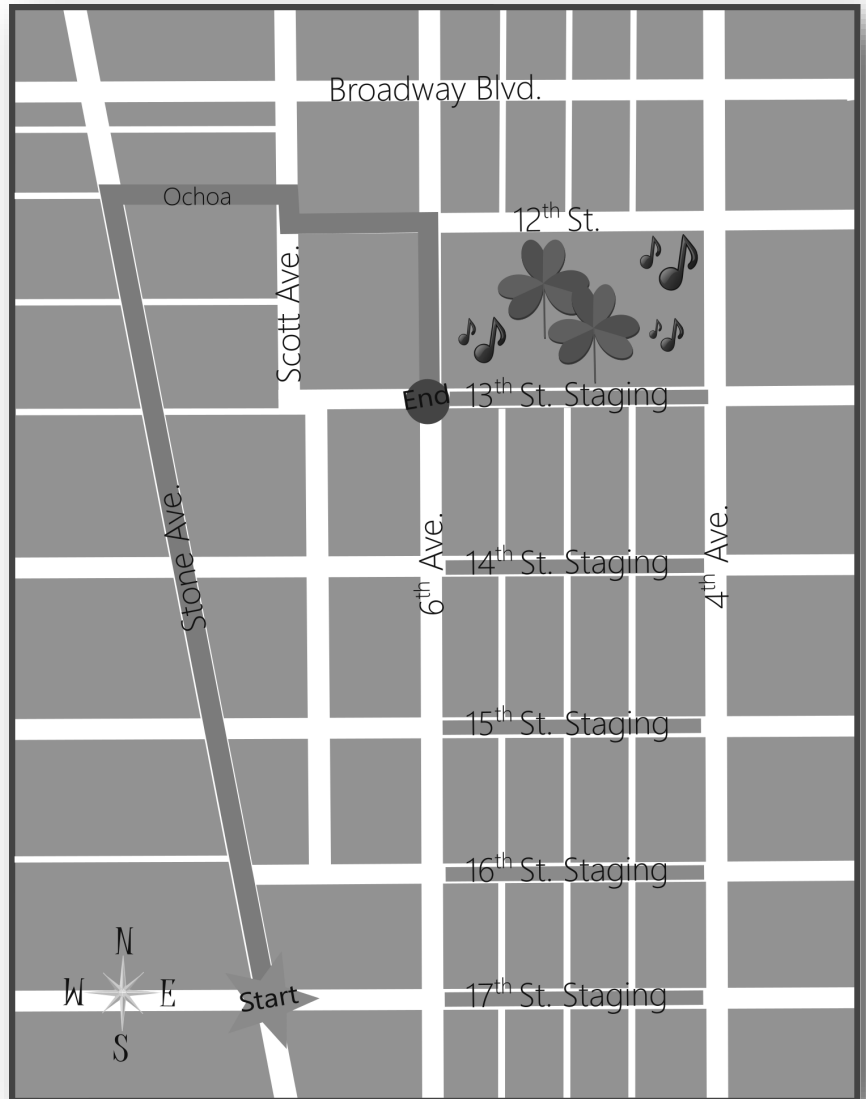
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# PARADE ROUTE

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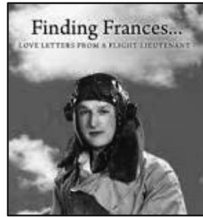




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#### Love Letters from a Flight Lieutenant

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the Irish from the northern part of the island and those from the south. It is important however to point out that there still is a majority (if a very slight one) of those who live in the north who identify themselves as British. They feel that there is a huge difference in identity between their tradition — which supports the union, loves the Queen and British monarchy — and those who believe in a republican form of government. Though a number of the “loyalists” opposed Brexit and believed in remaining in the European Union.

On June 23, 2018 the total British vote to withdraw from the European Union was 51.9%. In Northern Ireland a majority of the voters — 55.8% — opted to remain in the E.U. (Larger than the percentage of Scots who voted to remain in the UK— 62%).

There is a joke going around: an Englishman, and Irishman, and a Scotsman walk into the bar. The Englishman doesn't like the place so they all have to leave. That, to some, sums up Brexit.

Once again, history repeats itself as many wonder what effect these English decisions will have on Irish life. Specifically, if a “hard” exit is employed that re-establishes a hard border in Ireland. If so, post Brexit, the border between Northern Ireland and the Republic of Ireland will become an “external” EU border. A recent incident in Derry City suggests that any new installation of border controls may be met with a para-military response.

On the economic front, a closed border would be disastrous as goods worth €750 million travel from the south towards the north, and €565 million in the opposite direction. An estimated 35,000 people cross the border daily for work, and businesses based in one county sometimes have suppliers in the other. A hard border would mean passport controls. Ireland works on an all-island Single Electricity Market, so there are (currently) no tariffs imposed on the transfer of electricity from the North to the South. There is also expected to be a huge impact on the farmers of Northern Ireland post Brexit, as their competitors down the road on the other side of the border will still be receiving EU subsidies.

There is one solution that has been raised that would respect the decision of both the majority of people in northern Ireland and England. That option, which is expected to be advanced after Brexit is formalized, is the unification of Ireland. Indeed, an essential part of the Good Friday Agreement stipulates that if a majority of people in the north vote for unification it will be insured by the agreement. In a few weeks — March 29th to be exact — BREXIT is to be implemented. If a majority of people in northern Ireland vote similarly on unification as they did in voting to remain in the European Union, the dream of a united Ireland may come to fruition — not from the guns of the I.R.A. but from the hand of the English voter.

Interested in volunteering? Contact the

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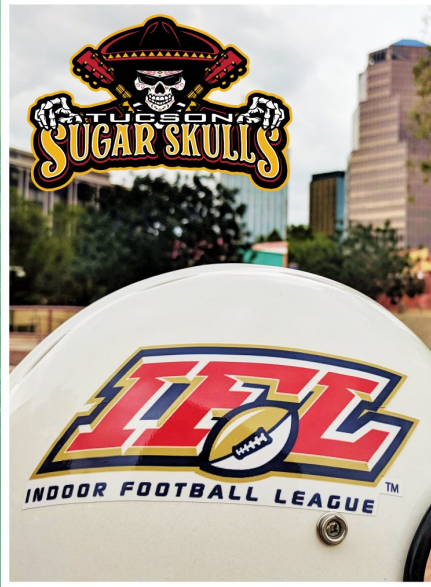
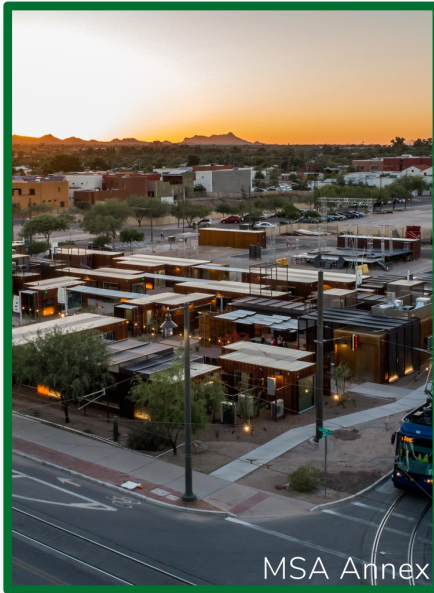
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