

January 19, 2021

Newport City Council
43 Broadway
Newport, RI 02840

Dear Newport City Council Members,

As you know, the official date for our annual Newport Saint Patrick's Day Parade, March 13, 2021, is fast approaching. The Committee understands that due to the current crises with Coronavirus, this date may not be possible. As such, we have been planning for these uncertainties. If the City and or State determines that this event cannot be held on March 13, we would like to request a tentative, alternate date of Saturday, September 25, 2021, at the traditional start time of 1100am, assuming the crises is over by then. We can be flexible on the date, if the City prefers something different. If the crises continues into September, we would forgo again this year.

Although we know fall is, normally, busy in Newport, we would not want to interfere with what we all hope will be an active summer! There is so much that happens in the fall, the Broadway Street Fair, Festa Italiana, Pumpkin Fest, the Columbus Day Parade, and other smaller events.

Having a date that is set certainly helps the businesses in their planning as well. We want to choose an alternate date that would give local business the biggest economic incentive, especially after the difficult times they have had. These businesses are the life-blood of our community, and as such, are vital to our wellbeing.

We look forward to the decisions on this matter and to honoring our 2021 Grand Marshal, James "Jimmy" Winters, and our dedicant, the late Thomas Lalli. Thank you for all your help, and if you or the Council requires further information, please feel free to reach out to us.

Sincerely,



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