Savannah Irish Festival Update
March 2021

Lá Maith Agat

Normally the Savannah Irish Festival is the kick-off to St. Patrick's Season here in Savannah, GA and as we enter March the Irish community would have been deep in various celebrations getting ready for the highlight of all events on March 17th. The Savannah St. Patrick's Day Parade...

However, for the 2nd year in a row our St. Patrick's Day parade, along with other normal celebrations, was canceled due to the pandemic. Savannah City officials choose to take extra precautions by not issuing permits until at least the end of March.

While the pandemic has halted our usual traditions, we are a resilient community that is determined to honor our Irish heritage and culture by thinking outside the box. COVID-19 may have slowed us down, but it has not stopped us.

I would like to personally think everyone who came out to Billy's Place on February 13, 2021 for an evening of Irish dance, Irish music, and Irish Craic! And, on behalf of the Savannah GAA I would like to thank those of you who braved the weather and cheered on the GAA as the hurling team won their very first home game against Augusta on Sunday, February 14, 2021!

The Savannah Irish Festival Committee hopes to see each of you at the various events throughout the rest of the year.

Sláinte,

Tara Reese

Chair

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2021 SAVANNAH IRISH FESTIVAL OFFICERS:

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COVID-19

COVID-19 continues to impact our community, state, and country. The Savannah Irish Festival Committee is adhering to CDC, State, and Local guidelines concerning COVI-19 and are taking these guidelines into consideration while planning our monthly events.

Some of those considerations are:

- Limiting Capacity to events
- Asking attendees to practice social distancing
- Asking attendees to wear face coverings
- And, of course, if "you" are not feeling well we ask you to stay home

We are looking forward to a return to normalcy and being able to gather but until then we must all work together to "stop the spread".

SAVANNAH IRISH FESTIVAL BANANAS FUNDRAISER

FRIDAY MARCH 13, 2021

GRAYSON STADIUM

Gates Open at 5:30pm
Show Starts at 7:00pm

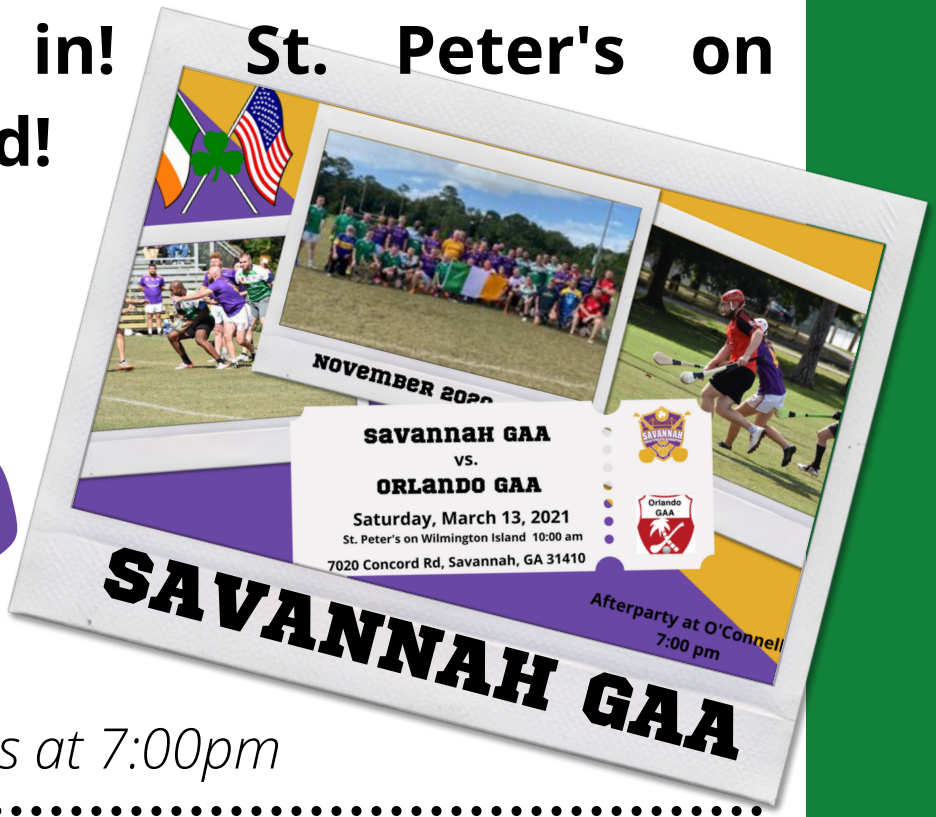
Savannah Bananas take on the Party Animals at Grayson Stadium! Support the Savannah Irish Festival by purchasing your ticket today! Seating is limited! Buy your tickets on SIF Facebook before their gone!

SOLD OUT

Thank you to everyone who purchased tickets supporting The Savannah Irish Festival!

Savannah GAA welcomes Orlando GAA on Saturday, March 13, 2021 with a 10:00am throw in! St. Peter's on Wilmington Island!

7020 Concord Rd,
Savannah, GA 31410



Social at O'Connell's at 7:00pm

Irish Road Bowling

SATURDAY, MARCH 20, 2021 AT 9 AM

Hutchinson Island Race Track

Come and enjoy the close of the Green Season!

Road Bowling by nature is a socially distant sport, so come and enjoy a safe and fun day!

Registration: 8AM
First Bowl: 9AM
Individuals: 25.00
Teams of 3: 75.00

www.aohsavannah.com/irish-road-bowling

Opportunities

Vendors! With The Savannah Irish Festival having multiple events in 2021 please reach out to us as there will be more than one opportunity to showcase your product(s). Such as the ½ Way To St. Patrick's Day event where programs will be distributed and our sponsors will be recognized for their support throughout 2021. Another opportunity is the Oyster Roast, or one of the concerts. Let's work together and promote your goods!

Email us at: savirishfest@gmail.com

PROGRAM

Don't miss out on the opportunity to have your business highlighted in the 2021 Savannah Irish Festival program that will be distributed at our ½ Way To St. Patrick's Day event in September! Contact us today for sponsorship information!

Family & Memorial Page

Would you like your families names in the 1/2 Way to St. Patrick's Day program? Has a member of your family passed away? Reach out to us for more information to get your recognition.

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Savannah Irish Festival Banner

Thank you

THE SAVANNAH IRISH FESTIVAL BANNER HAS BEEN ORDERED!

THANK YOU TO EACH OF THE SAVANNAH IRISH SOCIETIES AND ORGANIZATIONS FOR YOUR SUPPORT!

THIS BANNER WILL BE DISPLAYED AT EVENTS THROUGHOUT 2021 AND BEYOND!

Savannah Shamrocks Rugby Club vs. Wandering Warriors

Charles C Brooks Field

7001 Johnny Mercer Blvd, Savannah, GA 31410

Saturday, March 6, 2021 with a 1:30pm kickoff

Social following at Rogue Water

SAVANNAH'S SHAMROCK SHIPS

A St. Paddy's Flotilla

SETTING SAIL MARCH 17TH!

SHAMROCKSHIPS.COM

Rising Tide Experiences & the Savannah Irish Festival are proud to partner with the Savannah Convention Center & Outside Savannah as we celebrate safely on March 17th!

- Register Your Boat Join The Flotilla -
- Promote Your Business -
- Charter A Vessel -
- Watch From The Shamrock Soiree -

Certain Proceeds Reserved For Greenbriar Children's Center & Undefeated Warrior, The Anthony M. Lanier II Foundation.

Watch Flotilla Live On SAVANNAH CAMS .com

Thank You To Our Event Partners & Sponsors!

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FRIDAY,MARCH 5 AT 7:30 PM EST
An Evening with Seldom Sober and Carroll Brown
@ Peregrin, Savannah, GA

Perry Lane Hotel presents an evening of Irish tunes and songs with Seldom Sober and Carroll Brown! Come and enjoy an outdoor, socially distanced evening of wonderful music to celebrate the memory of Saint Patrick. Tickets $25/each.

Proceeds from this event will go towards the Savannah St. Patrick's Day Parade.

Celtic Heritage Festival

Saturday, March 13, for our first-ever Virtual Festival!

celticheritagesav.org

CONNECTED Photos by Bunny Ware

PHOTOS FROM LOCAL EVENTS

View more photos online at connectsavannah.com/connected

BILLY'S PLACE HONORS IRISH HERITAGE WITH CEILI SESSION

Guests gather for a ceili session hosted by the Savannah Irish Festival on Feb. 13 at Billy's Place at McDonough's. The session kicked off their first event of a yearlong celebration to honor Irish heritage. This Irish ceili featured music, singing, and storytelling, with proceeds benefiting the Savannah Irish Festival.

Did you see Connect Savannah the week of February 24, 2021? Big thank you to Bunny Ware and the staff at Connect Savannah for posting these photos of the event at Billy's Place on Saturday, March 13, 2021!

www.connectsavannah.com

Save The Dates...

Savannah Irish Festival will be hosting multiple events in 2021 to bring together Savannah's Irish Societies and to celebrate our city's rich Irish heritage and culture. While the Savannah Irish Festival is working on finalizing locations and times as well as entertainment the dates and events are listed below. Please follow our Facebook page for additional information and keep an eye our for our newsletter. Some events listed below are subject to change.

Saturday, February 6 , 2021 at 10:00 AM in the Catholic Cemetery Msgr. William O. O'Neill will conduct a ceremony at the gravesite of Fr. Peter Whelan marking the 150th Anniversary of his death.

Saturday, Febru 3, 2021: 7:00pm a Ceili with Irish Dancers and a Triad Session at Billy's Place above McDonough's. A $5 donation will be taken at the door.

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Sunday, February 14, 2021: S nn h GAA for a Gaelic sporting exhibition at BC at 12:00 pm

Saturday, March 13, 2021 Savannah Irish Fes al B nanas Fundraiser with the Savannah Bananas AND The Savannah GAA vs. Orlando G match at St. Peters starting at 10:00am!

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Wednesday, March 17, 2021: Savannah Shamrock Flotilla! Register a boat for yourself or your business! You can charter a boat from the fleet! Or, you can watch from the socially distanced flotilla watch party! Use code "irishfest" for discounted tickets! Harry O'Donahue live from 10am - 2pm!

April 17, 2021 .5K and Irish Olympics with Beer/Whiskey

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May 12, 2021: Partnering with the AOH at the Irish Proclamation Reading

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June 12, 2021: Pool Party at Grand Lake Club.

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July 10, 2021: Partnering with GSU Irish Studies Program for presentation

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August 7, 2021: Cultural Night with food, dancing, music, and craic

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September 18, 2021: ½ Way to St. Patrick's Day event with printed program with sponsor recognition

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October 2, 2021: Oyster Roast

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November 6, 2021: To Be Announced

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December 11, 2021: Celtic Christmas at Grand Lake Club