



TOWN OF STRATFORD  
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**STRATFORD ST. PATRICK'S DAY FESTIVITIES SET FOR MARCH 17<sup>th</sup>**

*Irish Flag to be raised, Irish Mayor for the Day named, Soda Bread Contest for the Public*

STRATFORD – This year's St. Patrick's Day festivities at Town Hall in Stratford will begin with the raising of the Irish flag in a ceremony on the green on front of Town Hall at 9:00 a.m. on Tuesday, March 17<sup>th</sup>. **Mayor Laura R. Hoydick** will name the Irish Mayor for the Day, and **State Senator Kevin Kelly** will be master of ceremonies.

The day's events will also feature the customary Irish Soda Bread Competition open to all Stratford residents. If you think your recipe has what it takes, please bring your entry to Room 213 in Town Hall, second floor, by 8:30 a.m. on March 17<sup>th</sup>. All entrants will be judged by a professional panel of Irish Soda Bread experts. The following rules apply:

- A name tag and telephone number should be placed with each entry;
- Entries must be made from an original recipe and not store bought;
- Entries containing nuts or related ingredients should be clearly indicated on name tag;
- The decision of judges in final; and
- Immediate family members of judges may not submit entries.

This year's committee for St. Patrick's Day includes Eileen Murphy, Attorney Tom Cotter, Chief of Staff Michael Downes, Police Chief Joe McNeil, Fire Chief Brian Lampart, and Public Works Director Moe McCarthy.

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