

Murphys Irish Day 2016 – Saturday, March 19

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IRISH DAY PARADE ENTRY BLANKS AVAILABLE ONLINE

Plans for the 2016 Murphys Irish Day, the popular community celebration that each year draws upwards of 10,000 people to the historic Gold Rush town, are well under way. Always presented on the third Saturday in March by the Murphys Business Association (MBA), this year's event will be held Saturday, March 19, from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.

One of the first orders of business is the creation of the Irish Day Parade that will wend its way down Main St. to the swirl of bagpipes starting promptly at 11 a.m. Recognized as one of the premiere parades in the Mother Lode, it always presents a wide array of Irish-themed floats, marching bands, youth groups, community organizations, classic cars and other motorized vehicles. Local fire departments and law enforcement are well represented and there is bound to be a leprechaun or two.

“We are happy that so many crowd pleasing entries return year after year,” says Carrie Nelson, who along with her husband Gerry are parade organizers. “But we are always looking for new participants who will make the parade even better.”

High on the list of desired entries are ones featuring music and those that pay homage to Murphys Irish heritage. Commercial entries are limited to major financial sponsors of Irish Day.

Any groups or individuals who would like to be considered for inclusion in the 2016 parade should visit the MBA's website, visitmurphys.com, download an application and read the list of rules and procedures.

“Because of the size of the parade formation area, we are limited to the number of participants we can handle,” states Nelson. “So we may not be able to accept everyone who would like to enter.”

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