

Murphy's St. Patrick's Parade, March 13

Murphy's Furniture is now accepting entry forms to the Murphy St. Patrick's parade on Saturday, March 13. Murphy's produces the parade every year as a thank you to the Washington County Community. Murphy's believe it's important to provide the parade as a symbol of the hope brought with spring. Mary and Kathy, daughters of Murphy Furniture founder Ruth Murphy, consider it a privilege to present this community event.

The St. Patrick's Parade began in 1979 as a Chamber project to promote Retail Trade, with Ruth Murphy as project chair and The Portland Timbers Soccer Club as Grand Marshall. More than 75 entrants participated. In the early days the parade was held on March 17, St. Patrick's Day. After a few years it was changed to it's current schedule of the Saturday before St. Patrick's Day.

Murphy's has already received dozens of entries. This year's parade promises to be loaded with royalty. St. Paul, Columbia County, Clark County, Tillamook County, Fair and Rodeo Courts have promised to participate, as well as 2010 Miss Teen Rodeo Ariel Overstreet. Interestingly, Ariel is the daughter of Hillsboro's 1980 St. Patrick's parade Grand Marshall (and 1981 Miss Northwest Rodeo) Diane Elverud! Murphy's encourages more local businesses to take advantage of this wonderful opportunity to "celebrate your businesses' survival" and promote your business in a fun way. This was the purpose of the original celebration, and it's a good time to revisit past successes.

Staging for the March 13th celebration will begin at 9:00 a.m. in the parking lot across from Hare Field, on NE Grant Street in Hillsboro. The parade

starts at 11:00 a.m. at Hare Field. The parade route continues east to Cornell Road, South on Main Street, West on Main to 2nd Ave, North on 2nd to Grant Street, and East back to Hare Field.

The party will continue with the Corned Beef and Cabbage Feed sponsored by Sports Look, whose staff volunteers their time to provide this authentic (and tasty) traditional Irish meal.

The Hillsboro Boys & Girls Club will host games for the kids. These activities will take place in the Hillsboro Civic Center Plaza between 1st and 2nd on Main in downtown Hillsboro. Plan on hundreds of smiling faces and spirited dancing.

Entry forms are available at Hillsboro and Forest Grove Chamber offices or at Murphy's Furniture in Cornelius. 100 percent of the \$20 entry fee will go to the Hillsboro Boys and Girls Club.

For more information call Murphy's Furniture at 503-640-1124, or print off an entry on the events page of www.murphys-furniture.net.

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Learn more by visiting our Search and Rescue web site <http://www.co.washington.or.us/Sheriff/FightingCrime/Special-ResponseTeams/search-and-rescue.cfm> and attend one of two informational meetings for applicants and their parents. Attend on either March 29 or April 3, at 7:00 p.m., at the Sheriff's Office in Hillsboro.

If you expressed your interest online already, be sure to follow up with the hard copy application as soon as possible. To be considered for this year's academy, applications must be received by April 3.

Washington County Circuit Court vacancy was filled on March 1

Governor Kulongoski appointed Eric Butterfield to fill the Washington County Circuit Court vacancy created by the retirement of Judge Mark Gardner. He started in his new position on March 1, 2010.

"Eric Butterfield's commitment to public service, [his] life experience and extensive legal knowledge will be a tremendous value to the Washington County Circuit Court," Governor Kulongoski said. "I am very pleased to appoint a lawyer who has earned such a stellar reputation with judges, prosecutors, public defenders, other

attorneys and law enforcement in Washington County. I believe his service on the bench will be an asset to the people of the State of Oregon for many years to come."

Butterfield received his Bachelor of Arts Degree from the University of Washington and his Doctor of Jurisprudence from Willamette University College of Law in Salem. He serves as a Chief Attorney at the Washington County Office of Metropolitan Public Defenders in Hillsboro.

During his legal career, Butterfield also practiced with the Federal Public Defender and with the firm Baumann & Hull in Guam. He served in the United States Marines Corps Reserve as a Sergeant from 1988 to 1994, and including active duty in Saudi Arabia and Kuwait during the first Gulf War.

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