

## 23<sup>ND</sup> Annual Hooley on the Hudson™ Sunday Labor Day Weekend---SEPTEMBER 1, 2024 11:00 AM-900 PM

Kingston, N.Y: The City of Kingston and the Ancient Order of Hibernians Division 1, Ulster County are proud to announce the twenty second annual Hooley on the Hudson<sup>TM</sup> Kingston Irish Festival, to be held on Sunday, September 1, 2024. The Festival will take place at the T R Gallo Memorial Park on the Rondout Creek from 11:00 AM until 9:00 PM. Four main venues will feature live music, step dancing, children's activities, and traditional music for all ages.

The Ancient Order of Hibernians, Fr. Con Colbert Woulfe Division 1, Ulster County, and the City of Kingston invite you to be a member of its "Parade of Dignitaries" at its annual Hooley on the Hudson XXIII to be held on Sunday, September 1, 2024 (the day before Labor Day) from 1100 AM until 9:00PM at the beautiful waterfront at the T.R. Gallo Memorial Park on the Rondout Creek in historic Kingston, New York.

Our "Parade of Dignitaries" is one of the highlights of our Irish Festival and allows our marchers to meet with some of the 20,000 plus attendees from throughout the Northeast who have made "The Hooley" a place to gather and celebrate Irish culture with three stages of Irish music, and a children's activity tent (for the little ones), and numerous food and craft vendors. Focused on family, this event is <u>free to all</u>, Irish or not. Indeed, many families and school groups have made "The Hooley" their meeting venue each year.

The Hooley on the Hudson XXIII promises to surpass last year's record- breaking attendance. Our focus on family entertainment is crucial to our event and our free admission allows families the opportunity to enjoy our proud Irish heritage without financial burden.

This is a free family event sponsored by The Ulster County Division 1, AOH and the City of Kingston. This Festival could not happen without the cooperation of the City of Kingston and Mayor Steve Noble, our other elected officials, and <u>all of our committed sponsors</u>," said AOH Father Con Colbert Woulfe Division 1 Ulster County President Jim Carey. "The continued support of the community, volunteers, and well-wishers, along with the special help of former Assemblyman Kevin Cahill, will make this year's Hooley on the Hudson<sup>TM</sup> as much of a success as last year's." "We depend on the generosity of our corporate sponsors to help keep this event <u>free to the public.</u> So, we ask that you keep our sponsors in mind when you require their services."

Friends of the Festival are also invited to help support this great community event. For information about vendor spaces or a Friend of the Festival sponsorship, Call Frank Carey 845-532-6632- Email: francisjcarey@gmail.com. Join us for this special 'Hooley on the Hudson<sup>TM'</sup> Labor Day weekend. Admission is free.



## Highlights include:

Yosh Staged, Ken Brett (MC) Tommy Flynn (anthems), Kitty Kelly, Farrell Dancers, Andy Cooney, Derek Warfield, Canny Brothers

Feeney Stage, Jimmy Walsh (MC), Little Creek, Celtic Heels, Slainte, Sheridan Ruitin, Mc Groovin. Our Children's Activities will be presented by Play Haven in our Family Rest Play Area throughout the day.

The Yosh and Feeney stages will offer our very own exhilarating Ulster County AOH Pipes and Drums Band led by our Honor Guard as well as the ever-popular Irish dance groups with Celtic Heels and the Farrell School of Irish Dance.



## DIRECTIONS TO THE HOOLEY™

Take the New York State Thruway to Exit 19 (Kingston). You will be exiting the toll booth onto the Kingston Roundabout. Take the second exit from the Roundabout for Washington Avenue. Proceed on Washington Avenue.

There will be signs directing you to parking venues. The City and the AOH have arranged several parking venues for the "Hooley<sup>TM</sup>" that are clearly marked. Free shuttle buses will be provided to the Hooley<sup>TM</sup> site at the Rondout in Kingston.

Parking venues are: The Kingston Plaza, the Cornell Street public lot and Kingston Point. Handicap Parking will be available at Kingston Point

## MORE INFORMATION

Additional information on the Hooley on the Hudson<sup>TM</sup> Irish Festival is available by visiting the Web site at www.ulsteraoh.com. You can email us at events@ulsteraoh.com or by calling 845-532-6632

