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ST. PATRICK'S DAY PARADE FESTIVITIES AND ROAD CLOSURES

PITTSBURGH: On March 12th, 2011 the St. Patrick's Day Festival will be hosted in Market Square from 2:00PM until 6:00PM. The parade will begin at 10AM starting at Liberty and 11th, proceeding to Grant to Blvd. of the Allies and ends at Stanwix Street. **All spectators must remain on the sidewalks of the parade route and are encouraged to dress for any incimate weather.**

Parade Route Closures:

8am – Liberty Ave from 11th – 26th

9:30 am - Grant St from 11th – First Ave
Blvd of Allies from Grant to Commonwealth
Stanwix St from Ft Pitt Blvd to Third Ave

****All roads expected to be open by 2pm****

Market Square:

1:30 pm Forbes Ave between Wood & Stanwix
Graeme Way
Market St
McMasters Way – access only granted to garage
Delray between Liberty & Fourth

Market Square roads open up at 6pm

Southside

- The LCE will have a presence in the Southside in addition to police to enforce under aged drinking, public intoxication, disorderly conduct and impaired drivers.

North Shore

- The North Shore will have police presence

Additional Info:

- No open containers are permitted on parade route – officers will enforce open container law
- Open container law will be enforced in Market Square until 2pm. Open containers will be permitted from 2pm – 6pm.
- All patrons going to Market Square after 2pm will be required to enter through a controlled entrance. No glass bottles/cans or alcohol is permitted to be brought into the Square
- All patrons wishing to drink during the allowed hours (2-6pm) will be required to provide ID at one of the four carding stations and will receive a hand stamp & wrist band. If you do not have a stamp/wristband – you will not be permitted to purchase alcohol at one of the 6 outside vendors.
- Police & LCE will be in the Square enforcing drinking laws (underage drinking, serving minors, etc)
- Last call is at 5:30pm and the streets of the Square will be cleared and opened up at 6pm

- Parking violators in the parade route or where signs are posted will be ticketed and towed at Owner's expense.

- Barricades and fencing will be set up at in various locations. Violators of parking and/or breaching those barriers will be ticketed and towed at Owner's expense.

- Public Safety Personal will be stationed strategically along the parade route for any emergencies.

- Liquor Control Enforcement Agents (LCE) will be on-hand to enforce any underage drinking or public intoxication. Violators will be cited.

- Absolutely no alcohol may be taken outside of Market Square

- No coolers are permitted in Market Square

- No pets are permitted in Market Square unless they are assistant animals.

- No glass bottles are permitted in Market Square. Beverages will be served in plastic cups or cans. Anyone in violation will be told to leave Market Square and dispose of glass container in the trash.

- No vehicles except emergency vehicles will be permitted in Market Square.

- There will be roving DUI checkpoints throughout the City. Officers will also be targeting people with open containers of alcoholic beverages and cited.

- Checkpoints, roving patrols, undercover officers and concerned citizens, chances are if you drive impaired this weekend, you will be arrested.
- **If anyone observes an intoxicated driver, they are urged to call 911 with a description of the person, vehicle and direction of travel.**
- There will be uniformed and plain clothes officers patrolling and enforcing public intoxication and public urination violators.
- Disorderly behavior will not be tolerated and violators may be subject to citations and/or physical arrests.
- The City of Pittsburgh, the Pittsburgh Bureau of Police and all supporting agencies want to ensure that those citizens coming out to enjoy the St. Patrick's Day family friendly festivities are met with a safe and violence free experience.
- Our message is simple: If you drink alcohol and drive impaired, you will be arrested. We encourage anyone planning to drink alcohol to drink responsibly and designate a sober driver.

TIPS FOR IMPAIRED DRIVERS

- Designating a sober driver and not letting friends drive while impaired.
- If you are impaired, call a taxi or a responsible sober family member or friend to transport you home safely.
- **Report impaired drivers to law enforcement immediately.**
- Always buckle up. It's still your best defense against an impaired driver.

TOW POUND

Any vehicles cited and towed by the City will go to McGann & Chester Towing located at 700 Hargrove Street, Pittsburgh, PA 15226 412-381-9400.

PARKING

- Arrive early and pack patience. The use of mass transit, parking structures and open surface lots is recommended.

ALERT

- There is a Pens Game scheduled for 2PM at the Consol Energy Center. There will be no road closures associated with this event. However, we urge those fans trying to get to the Pens Game to be patient as you may incur traffic congestion as this event will coincide with the break of the parade.

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