

DINING OUT

Local pubs go green this weekend with corned beef, Irish stew and beer

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St. Patrick's Day, Sunday, March 17, filled with whimsical curled toed little loprochans, symbolic shamrocks, and Fighting Irish has not only gone mainstream (even Steve's Deli on Telegraph in Bloomfield Township is celebrating...food-wise) — this year many dining spots are celebrating for a whole weekend, Irish or not!

We've all seen green beer on St. Patty's Day, pale-green milk shakes at fast food havens, and even green bagels at the local carb factories — but it's those local pubs to keep an eye on, they are planning some great green fun.

Hop in the car and do a pub crawl to some local beer haunts (check for those pubs doing the whole weekend bit) and don't forget on Sunday, there will be no green beer until noon according to Michigan law.

Here are some suggestions and have a great green one.

■ **Aubree's Saloon and Sticks Pool and Pub** — 39 E. Cross Street, Ypsilanti. St. Patrick's Day is filled with more than a weekend of festivities — their big do starts on Thursday. A promotion with St. Brendan's Irish Creme, specifically on that first day, Thursday, March 14, translates to reduced prices and manufacturer giveaways.

Aubree's will offer regular menu plus cream of ruben soup (that has corned beef in it), Irish stew served in a bread bowl, and of course, corned beef and cabbage with a side of potatoes. They're open 11 a.m. to 2 a.m. Monday-Saturday, noon to 2 a.m. Sunday.

■ **Bailey's Pub & Grille** — 1777 Canton Center Road, (south of Ford Road, Canton Center Plaza), Canton Township, (734) 844-1137. The St. Patty's Day brouhaha includes beer specials, party favors, and a Barbecue Smoke House Menu (with the addition of corned beef and cabbage, but of course), 32 TVs and three rooms with music and sports stuff happening around the clock. Restaurant hours are 11 a.m. to 2 a.m. Monday-Saturday, and noon to 2 a.m. Sunday.

■ **Blarney Stone Pub** — 27263 Woodward Ave., Berkley, (384) 541-1881. Will offer live Irish

entertainment, including bagpipers all weekend. This quaint pub will serve corned beef and cabbage with Irish potatoes, corned beef sandwiches, piping hot Irish stew in a bread bowl, freshly baked soda bread, and their famous Susie-Q fish-n-chips.

■ **Cleary's Pub** — 113 S. Main St., Ann Arbor, (734) 476-1822. The Saturday-Sunday menu includes Irish stew, corned beef dinner with potatoes, carrots, and cabbage along with other Irish fare. Live entertainment Friday and Saturday. Irish background music on Sunday. Regular hours are 11 a.m. to midnight Monday-Saturday. Festive decorations along with an array of green and white lights to also help set the mood. Open Sunday, 3-9 p.m. St. Patrick's Day hours are noon to midnight.

■ **Conor O'Neill's Irish Pub** — 318 S. Main St., Ann Arbor, (734) 665-2968. St. Patrick's day at Conor O'Neill's is an experience, not an event. Irish breakfast served 7 a.m. to noon Sunday March 17 along with their normal fabulous Irish menu for the rest of their long day (bar time).

This is a real live authentic Irish pub. The bar, the interior decorations (representational of "Irish life"), the muraled walls, and even the chef, are all imports from the Emerald Isle. Chef Mary Van Esbeck is from Dublin and was trained at the Ballymaloe Cookery School in Shanganry County Cork, Ireland. The food is a standout. The fish and chips are flawless (and not greasy). That isn't found easily anywhere in the UK. Don't miss the traditional Shepherd's Pie and Boxty (stuffed potato pancakes). Regular hours are 11:30 a.m. to 2 a.m. Monday-Saturday, 11 a.m. to 2 a.m. Sunday.

■ **Cowley's Old Village Inn** — 33338 Grand River Ave., on the north side of Grand River, just east of Farmington Road, Farmington, (248) 474-5941. Doors open at 11 a.m. Serving will start at noon. Take note: There is a \$10 cover charge. Three live bands, green beer, and corned beef sandwiches (there will be some additional hand-held food and no tables and chairs) all stand-up for a big bash. Regulars know the drill — get there early and plan to party until 2 a.m. Normally not

open on Sunday. Regular hours are 10 a.m. to 2 a.m. Monday-Friday, noon to 2 a.m. Saturday.

■ **Danny's Irish Pub** — 22824 Woodward Ave., Ferndale, (248) 546-8331. Open noon to 2 a.m. Sunday — bagpipers every hour on the hour (different groups coming in for a pint) Menu special for St. Patrick's Day is Corned Beef and Bangers and Mash. Expect lots of locals with pints in hand, not exactly a replica of an Irish pub, but it's party time and you can expect those Buds clanking to the pipes!



■ **Dick O'Dow's** — 160 Maple, Birmingham, (248) 642-1136. The weekend will be filled with Irish stuff, full menu and live music. Open noon to 2 a.m. Sunday, and expected to be busy all day. Serving a limited menu, definitely Irish fare, but few selections. Live music all day. Jeremy Kittel, a well known fiddler, will be playing in the afternoon (about 1 p.m.). The evening will bring out the Irish-roots band, Odd Enough. Expect to see some Irish dancers. They'll be the ones who know how to clog. On St. Patrick's Day expect to see bagpipers performing throughout the day. The entire interior of this pub is filled with real Irish antiques — worth a peek anytime of the year, not only on the big green day!

■ **Dunleavy's Pub and Grub** — 34505 Grand River Ave., Farmington, (248) 478-8866. This pub has a full schedule planned for St. Patty's Day. They'll be open noon to 2 a.m. on Sunday. There will be entertainment until 11 p.m. that evening. Hear the bagpipers 1-2 p.m. and Irish singer, Dean Rutledge 3-11 p.m. The St. Patty's Day menu includes traditional Irish fare, corned beef and cabbage and Irish beef stew. Green beer will be flowing. Open 11 a.m. to 2 a.m. Monday-Saturday. On St. Patrick's Day the pub will open at



noon. Normally open Sunday, 4 p.m. to 2 a.m.

■ **Dunleavy's River Place** — 267 Joseph Campau, Detroit, (313) 259-6909. Celebrating all weekend with Friday being the big day (the work crowd will be hanging out!) Limited special menu with corned beef and cabbage, Irish stew in a bread bowl, and some live entertainment. No green beer. "I'd rather decorate in green than drink it" says a host representative. They will reluctantly give you some food coloring if you really want it. Irish-themed pub. Open St. Patrick's Day 11 a.m. to whenever? Regular hours are 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. Monday, 11 a.m. to 10 p.m. Tuesday-Friday, 5-9 p.m. Saturday. Not usually open on Sunday but will be open for the holiday.

■ **Foran's Irish Pub** — 612 Woodward Ave., Detroit, (313) 961-3043. The St. Patrick's Day legendary party begins this year at noon on the 17th and will rage into the night (actually early morning, ending at 2 a.m.) Special Irish menu — the traditional stuff. Bagpipers coming in throughout the day and other live music planned. Don't forget to look up. The 25-foot vaulted ceilings were built in 1912. This was an original ticket window for the train station. Green beer will flow as well as thick stouts. Regular hours don't include Sundays. Open 11 a.m. to 10 p.m. Monday-Friday, noon to 2 a.m. Saturday. Will be open noon to 2 a.m. on St. Patrick's Day.

■ **Fox Hills Golf & Banquet Center** — 8788 N. Territorial Road, Plymouth, (734) 463-7272. St. Patrick's Day celebration beginning at noon Saturday, March 16 in the Log Cabin. Food and drink specials all day. Dancing beginning at 4 p.m. featuring D.J. All Around Sound, Party favors.

■ **Friendly Sons of St. Patrick** — 8269 Eight Mile Road (on the north side of Eight Mile Road, 2 blocks east of Van Dyke) Warren, (810) 758-7602. The Friendly Sons of St. Patrick is an Irish social club that was established in 1940. This group promotes and develops Irish culture in the greater metro area. Regular activities include darts, charitable events/fundraising, dance classes, an array of outings, and camaraderie with fellow descendants of the Emerald Isle. Call for information regarding their club meetings and membership. Doors open Sunday at 10:30 a.m. for a St. Patty's Day Brunch.

■ **Jack Dunleavy's Grill** — 340 N. Main St., Plymouth, (734) 455-3700. Saturday and Sunday will be filled with festivities. The band is scheduled for Saturday night and throughout the day on Sunday, beginning at noon.

Serving Irish fare as well as their normal daily menu, and green beer. Open 11 a.m. to midnight. Monday-Saturday, kitchen closes at 10 p.m., 4-8 p.m. Sunday, except for this holiday when the restaurant will stay open until 2 a.m.

■ **Gaelic League** — 2068 Michigan Ave., Detroit, (313) 963-8895 or (313) 964-8700. This established 1920 Corktown

League sponsors and promotes cultural events, programs and activities — all Irish (Gaelic dancing, step dancing, and classes in Gaelic language). A great venue for local performers and internationally-known Irish entertainers. Open 2-9 p.m. Friday-Saturday, noon to 2 a.m. Sunday.

■ **O'Grady's Irish Pub** — 585 W. Big Beaver Road, Troy, (248) 524-4770. A weekend of stuff is planned Friday, Saturday and Sunday. The pub is usually closed on Sundays but will be open until 2 a.m. on St. Patrick's Day. Live entertainment, of course. They will serve corned beef and cabbage along with a breakfast buffet (starting at 9 a.m.) Guinness and other beers on tap — lots to choose from. This is a family-owned and operated pub with a stone fireplace, and a bit of that Tartan look. Regular hours are 11 a.m. to 2 a.m. Monday-Saturday.

■ **Sonn O'Callaghan's** — 821 Penniman Ave., Plymouth, (734) 459-6666. All weekend deal (live music on Thursday for sure!) and taped Irish music on Friday and Saturday. No reservations. First come first served, but not before noon (open to 2 a.m.) on St. Patrick's Day. Various live Irish music all day, modified menu from noon to 6 p.m. with Corned beef melt, Pub Burger, Chips and Curry (hand cut fries and mild curry dip). After 6 p.m. cold sandwiches and bagged chips only. Aside from their normal 16 taps at the bar there will be six other kegs situated throughout the pub for more beer service. Regular hours are 10:30 a.m. to 2 a.m. Monday-Saturday, 11:30 a.m. to 2 a.m. Sunday.

■ **The Old Shillelagh** — 349 Monroe, Detroit, (313) 964-0007. Well known party from year to year with tented parking lot space with two tents. Live music all day. St. Patrick's Day menu includes corned beef sandwiches and corned beef and cabbage entrees, Irish stew. The bar is on Monroe (corner of Brush) right on the edge of Detroit's Greektown. Open noon to 2 a.m. Sunday, and weekdays.

■ **Woodland's of Van Buren** — 39670 Ecorse Road, Wayne, (734) 729-4477. St. Patrick's Day Brunch 10 a.m. to 2 p.m., adults \$17.25, children ages 5-10, \$5.95, no charge for children under 6.

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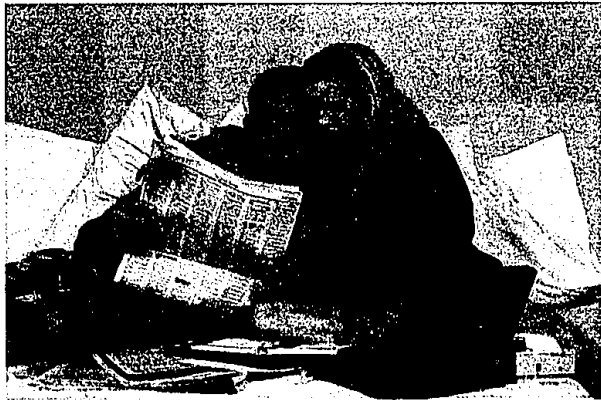
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