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## **34th ANNUAL IRISH FESTIVAL PROMISES FUN FOR ALL.**

**SATURDAY: IRISH PUB NIGHT**

**SUNDAY: IRISH MUSIC FESTIVAL WITH VENDORS, KIDS AREA, FOOD and DRINK**

HAMILTON SQUARE, N.J. – The Ancient Order of Hibernians (AOH), Monsignor Crean, Division One, will host the **34th Annual Irish Festival** on **Saturday, October 7th** and **Sunday, October 8<sup>th</sup>**. All events all weekend long are open to the **general public**.

On Saturday at 7pm at the AOH club at 2419 Kuser Rd. Hamilton NJ 08690, the AOH will host an Irish pub night from 7pm to 11pm, featuring the music of one of New Jersey's best Irish Bands "The Captain and O'Neil". Stop by the club and enjoy a pint and listen to the Scott Sim (The Captain) and Pat O'Neil perform Irish music from bands such as The Wolfe Tones, Saw Doctors, Chieftains and Paddy Reilly to name a few. They also sing a variety of American band favorites, and a rousing set of songs celebrating the great State of NJ. Their unique name is influenced by their profession, Scott is a retired Captain from the Belleville NJ Police Department and Pat is a detective with the Bayonne Police Department.

The weekend's signature event, the 34th Annual Irish Festival will take place Sunday on the club grounds starting at one PM. Admission is just \$5 for adults and children under the age of 15 are free, when accompanied by an adult. Food vendors will once again be on hand to provide festival goers many mouthwatering options. As the area's longest running Irish festival, the committee is proud to announce once again that the festival has an expanded free children's area from 1PM to 5 PM with activities for the kids, which includes free pumpkin decorating for the first 75 kids compliments of Windsor Farms. Also, free for the kids is a petting zoo and a soccer penalty kick contest. For those that love Irish Dance, the festival will feature performances by *Rince O Chroi* a Traditional and Contemporary Irish Dance School and *The Denogla-Armore* Academy of Irish Dance. The award winning Monsignor Crean Pipes and Drums will also play during the day.

Irish bands scheduled to appear are Ryan's Express and one of Philadelphia's most popular Irish Bands the Shanty's, filling out the bill will be Billy O'Neal and Andy Koontz. Music will be continuous from 1:00 pm thru 9:00 pm. Beverages (both alcoholic and non-alcoholic) will be available for purchase throughout the duration of the Festival. There will also be a 50/50 raffle; last year's winner took home \$6,000. A second raffle will be for two game tickets to a Notre Dame football game in South Bend Indiana; air travel, rental car and two nights lodging also included to winner. Vendors will also be on hand. For more information about the Hamilton Irish Festival, please visit the website at [www.hamiltonirishfestival.com](http://www.hamiltonirishfestival.com), like us on Facebook at Hamilton Irish Festival or call Sean Pender at (609) 462-7056. Festival is open to the **general public**. Rain or shine, and guests are invited to bring lawn chairs and blankets to sit back and enjoy two great days of Irish fun and entertainment. No outside food or drinks. No pets only service animals allowed.

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