

**Business of the Village Board
Village of Saranac Lake**

SUBJECT: "Half-Way to St. Patrick's Day Festival" Park Use Approval

Date: 7/28/2025

DEPT OF ORIGIN: Village Manager

BILL # 100-2025

DATE SUBMITTED: 7/21/2025

EXHIBITS: _____

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

Village Attorney

Village Administration

EXPENDITURE
REQUIRED: \$0

AMOUNT
BUDGETED: \$0

APPROPRIATION
REQUIRED: \$0

SUMMARY STATEMENT

Authorize the park use application with permission to serve alcohol for the 1st annual "Half-Way to St. Patrick's Day" Festival

RECOMMENDED ACTION

MOVED BY: Ryan SECONDED BY: Brunette

VOTE ON ROLL CALL:

MAYOR WILLIAMS

yes

TRUSTEE BRUNETTE

yes

TRUSTEE RYAN

yes

TRUSTEE SCOLLIN

abstain

TRUSTEE WHITE

absent

RESOLUTION TO APPROVE PARK USE APPLICATION FOR 1st ANNUAL “HALF-WAY
TO ST.PATRICK’S DAY” FESTIVAL WITH PERMISSION TO SERVE ALCOHOL

WHEREAS, the Saranac Lake Irish Gaelic Organization has partnered with the Village of Saranac Lake and is requesting the use of Berkeley Green for their 1st Annual “Half-Way to St. Patrick’s Day” Festival on September 20, 2025, and,

WHEREAS, the road closure from the corner of Main Street and Broadway to the entrance of the Hotel Saranac parking lot and permission to serve alcohol is being requested, and,

WHEREAS, all parties involved will provide the necessary certificates of insurance naming the Village of Saranac Lake additionally insured, and,

WHEREAS, special event permits from the New York State Liquor Authority will be obtained by vendors and a copy of this permit will be placed on file with the Village.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, the Village Board of Saranac Lake authorizes the use of Berkeley Green and road closure for the 1st annual “Half-Way to St, Patrick’s Day” Festival with the permission to serve alcohol.

1st Annual Half -Way to St. Patrick's Day Festival – September 20, 2025

2:00pm – 6:00pm (set up for vendors starts at 1:00pm / breakdown is from 6:00pm – 7:00pm)

A community street festival, with Irish music and dancing at Berkeley Green bandshell, to acknowledge the mid-year point to the St. Patrick's Day Holiday and Village parade.

Purpose: To increase awareness and participation with the Saranac Lake Irish Gaelic Organization (SLIGO). SLIGO approached the Village for support with the expansion of the annual St. Patrick's Day parade in March. The group recommended a mid-year event to garner community backing and thus bolstering parade attendance and participation. Neither Lake Placid or Tupper Lake have a similar event in September or a St. Patrick's Day parade in March. This is a great opportunity for the Tri-Lakes to collaborate while bringing residents and visitors to downtown Saranac Lake. The event can be enjoyed by all ages and expands the Villages' sense of community. Many visitors travel to the Adirondacks during the Fall and are looking for events to supplement hikes and other nature related activities. The Half-Way to St. Patrick's Day Festival will:

- Provide our residents and visitors with a unique and fun experience.
- Promote Downtown as a lively destination.
- Give visibility to the SLIGO and the March St. Patrick's Day parade.
- Encourage Tri-Lakes residents and visitors to support Saranac Lake downtown local businesses.

Half-Way to St. Patrick's Day, organized by SLIGO with the support of the Village of Saranac Lake Community Development Department and Hotel Saranac will have food, drink (alcoholic and no-alcoholic options), Irish dance, Irish music, and kids activities.

The event will take place on Main St, with area business participation, from the corner of Main and Broadway to the entrance to the Hotel Saranac parking area (keeping access to Hotel Saranac open).

In case of rain, the event will be moved inside Hotel Saranac. A smaller portion of the road will remain closed to accommodate the food and drink vendors. Food and drinks will be allowed to be brought into the hotel.