

St. Patrick's Day Parade

GREATER NEW HAVEN, CONNECTICUT

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Dear Honorable Alder Members,

I hope this message finds you well. I am writing to inform you about the upcoming Greater New Haven St. Patrick's Day Parade, scheduled for Sunday, March 15, 2026, at 1:30 PM in our beloved Elm City. As in previous years, we have the honor of renaming the corner of Chapel and Church Street, and sometimes the corner of Elm and Church Street, for the day. This tradition allows us to dedicate the street sign in memory of a deceased individual who made a significant and positive impact on the Greater New Haven Irish Community.

This year, our Parade Committee experienced the loss of two esteemed members of the Irish community, Anne D. Hines and Hugh F. Keefe, Esq. In their honor, we would like to request the renaming of the corner of Chapel and Church Street to Anne D. Hines St., and Hugh F. Keefe Blvd. I have included a brief write-up of each individual below for your consideration.

Anne D. Hines was born in Edinburgh and enjoyed the best of city life in Portobello, Scotland, and country life in Counties Donegal and Leitrim, Ireland, before coming to the US in 1976. She built a life around faith, family, and the Irish community, serving on the board of Kid U Not, as a past officer for Orchard House, a past member of the St. Mary's Ladies Guild, and teaching the 2nd-grade communion class for several years. Her involvement with the Irish American Community Center, New Haven Gaelic Football & Hurling Club, and New Haven St. Patrick's Day Parade Committee made her a beloved figure in the local Irish community. Over the last 25 years, she served these organizations with dedication, earning the 2006 Irish Woman of the Year title and serving as President of the NHGF&HC.

Hugh F. Keefe was born in Somerville, Massachusetts, to Irish immigrant parents. He embodied the pugnacity, rebelliousness, poeticism, and affability of his heritage. Influenced by his father, a former IRA member and meatpacker, and his mother's quiet dignity, he developed a lifelong devotion to the working class, a deep disdain for the abuse of authority, and a temperament marked by civility, patience, and humor. From humble beginnings, he became the first in his family to graduate college and go on to law school. Hugh devoted his entire legal career—from 1967 until his death—to a single firm, Lynch, Traub Keefe & Errante, ultimately becoming one of Connecticut's most respected and formidable trial attorneys.

We believe that renaming the streets in their memory would be a fitting tribute to their contributions and legacy within our community.

Please let me know if you have any questions or concerns regarding this request. I look forward to hearing from you and appreciate your time and attention to this matter.

Kindest regards,
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