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**TIM MCGRATH, Community Leader & Local Business Owner,
Named Grand Marshal of 16th Annual Eastchester St. Patrick's Parade,
Parade Scheduled for Mar 13 at 3pm**

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The Eastchester Irish-American Social Club's (EIASC) St. Patrick Day Parade is back and will be stronger than ever after a two-year hiatus due to the pandemic. The Parade is Sunday, Mar. 13, 2022 at 3 pm—stepping off at Immaculate Conception Church in Tuckahoe. The Parade route travels to Main St. up White Plains Rd to Lake Isle Park in Eastchester.

Timothy (Tim) C. McGrath, a lifelong resident of Bronxville and President of Fred H. McGrath & Son, Inc., a funeral home in Bronxville, is Grand Marshal for the EIASC 16th Annual Eastchester St. Patrick's Day Parade. McGrath is known for his community service leadership in Bronxville, Eastchester and Tuckahoe.

Grand Marshal McGrath and Parade Honoree Cathleen (Cathie) Deegan, from Eastchester, received their Parade Sashes in 2020 just prior to all activities being put on hold to stop community spread of the pandemic virus. Deegan is being recognized for extensive volunteer support for the EIASC's aim to encourage appreciation of Irish culture in our community.

"Volunteering has always been a priority for the McGrath family and I consider myself privileged to serve the Bronxville and Eastchester communities in areas of health care, academics, business growth, church activities and athletics. " said McGrath. "Being Grand Marshal in the Eastchester St. Patrick's Parade is especially important this year as a "pot of gold" opportunity to help us reconnect with family and friends, while celebrating the contributions of Irish Americans to our community."

McGrath serves many local organizations. He is a member and past board member of the Rotary Club of Bronxville, St. Joseph's Men's Club and Bereavement Center of Westchester Fund. Among other local groups where McGrath has volunteered include Community Fund of Bronxville, Eastchester and Tuckahoe; Bronxville Chamber of Commerce (past president), and The Bronxville School Foundation. The Tuckahoe-Eastchester Lions Club named him their 2017 Man of the Year for his commitment to community.

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McGrath is a third generation Funeral Director, at Fred H. McGrath & Son, Inc., a family-owned and operated business in Bronxville since 1918. He is grandson of its founder, Fred H. and son of Robert. Before joining the family business, McGrath taught and also coached basketball in several local schools. He is a graduate of Fordham Preparatory School in 1987 and Fairfield University Class of 1991.

McGrath's Irish heritage stems from his great grandfather who hails from Donegal and his grandmother from Kerry. He and his wife, Jennifer, have four children, Tim, Jr., Caroline, Sean and Brendan. He is the youngest son of Robert and Barbara "Bumpty" McGrath, who also reside in Bronxville.

Aides to Grand Marshal McGrath who will join him as he leads the Parade's Line of March to its viewing stand at the intersection of Mill Rd. and White Plains Rd. are Tom Okon, John Curran and Steve Doherty. Tom Okon is a high school and college friend who now lives in Yonkers and, like McGrath, is very involved with St. Joseph's Church and School; John Curran, a Bronxville resident; and Steve Doherty, of Eastchester, who attended Fairfield University with McGrath and Okon.

The Green Line Sponsor for 2022 is Fitness & Recovery in Eastchester and its owner Mack Lee Sullivan, MD. The Green Line is painted along the parade route a few days prior to announce the coming parade festivities.

EIASC membership is open to all. Parade and Membership details are at eastchesterirish.org. EIASC is a nonprofit organization founded in 1966 with members from Eastchester, Tuckahoe, Bronxville, Crestwood and surrounding communities.

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