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Resolutions from MWRD celebrate the contributions of the St. Patrick's Day Parade and Shannon Rovers



Metropolitan Water Reclamation District of Greater Chicago President Mariyana Spyropoulos (left) and Vice President Barbara McGowan (right) presented a resolution to Parade Queen Erin Mulcaby and Parade General Chairman James Coyne.

St. Patrick's Day festivities kicked off early this year with the Metropolitan Water Reclamation District of Greater Chicago's (MWRD) Board of Commissioners pausing to recognize parade organizers and the Shannon Rovers bagpipers who paraded through the aisles of the boardroom.

The 62nd Annual Chicago St. Patrick's Day Parade will be held on March 12, kicking off at noon at Columbus Drive and Balbo Drive. Sponsored by the Chicago Journeyman Plumbers Local Union 130 UA since 1955, this year's parade will feature Illinois House Speaker Mike Madigan as grand marshal and Erin Mulcahy as queen of the parade. The MWRD Board

of Commissioners presented the queen and Parade General Chairman James Coyne with a resolution to commemorate the upcoming parade.

Also receiving a resolution from the MWRD Board of Commissioners were the Shannon Rovers Irish Bagpipe Band. Formed in 1926 by a group of mostly Irish immigrants that came to Chicago in the 1920s, the Rovers have performed in the parade every year since it began, in addition to thousands of local, national and international events. Closer to home, they have become a cultural fixture at Chicago area parades, weddings, funerals and other important events for generations of Chicago's Irish community.

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St. Patrick's Day Parade and Shannon Rovers *(continued)*

“We know parade organizers and the Shannon Rovers will be busy in coming weeks, so we wanted to host them early to acknowledge their contributions to the community and wish them well on another fabulous parade and St. Patrick's Day festivities that celebrate

Chicago's rich history of Irish culture and heritage,” said MWRD President Mariyana Spyropoulos.

To learn more about the parade, visit <http://www.chicagostpatsparade.com/>.



Metropolitan Water Reclamation District of Greater Chicago Board of Commissioners and Executive Director David St. Pierre welcomed the Shannon Rovers and the 2016 Chicago St. Patrick's Day Parade General Chairman James Coyne (front, fourth from left) and the Chicago St. Patrick's Day Queen Erin Mulcahy to the March 3 board meeting. The MWRD commissioners plan to participate in several Chicago area St. Patrick's Day parades to acknowledge the many contributions of the Irish community to the region.

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Established in 1889, the MWRD (www.mwr.org) is an award-winning, special purpose government agency responsible for wastewater treatment and stormwater management in Cook County, Illinois.