



NEWS RELEASE

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Cottleville Police Provide Irish Fest Information

Cottleville’s annual Irish Fest will take place on Saturday, March 14, 2026, from 11:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m. in the Old Town Cottleville area. The City of Cottleville has hosted a St. Patrick’s Day celebration since 2008, making it one of the largest single-day events in St. Charles County.

This year’s celebration will again include the “Run for the Helmet” 5K, organized by the Cottleville Fire Outreach Program, along with Irish-themed festivities hosted by private businesses throughout Old Town.

RUN FOR THE HELMET 5K – ROAD CLOSURES

The “Run for the Helmet” 5K will begin at 9:00 a.m. Road closures will begin at approximately 8:30 a.m. in and around Historic Old Town Cottleville. Roads are expected to reopen once the run concludes at approximately 11:00 a.m. Hwy N through Old Town to Weiss Rd. and portions of Cottleville Parkway will be closed during the race.

A list of closed roads will be available on the City of Cottleville and Cottleville Fire Outreach social media pages. Those planning to attend the event or traveling through the area are encouraged to arrive early, carpool, or use ride-share services.

RIDE SHARE LOCATIONS

One designated ride-share pickup and drop-off location will be available in on the north end of Old Town near the entrance to Legacy Park and the Cottleville Police Department:

- Parking lot next to the Cottleville Police Department main entrance (5490 Fifth Street)

EVENT INFORMATION

Irish Fest will feature live music from local bands and Irish-themed festivities hosted by private businesses throughout Old Town.

Private establishments hosting events will not allow backpacks or outside coolers inside their venues. Businesses will conduct ID checks and issue wristbands to guests who are 21 years of age or older for alcohol service.

Additional trash receptacles and portable restrooms will be available throughout the Old Town area to accommodate the large number of attendees.

PARKING INFORMATION

- Parking at Legacy Park will be available on a first-come, first-served basis
 - Additional parking will be available at Cottleville City Hall
 - Parking in residential neighborhoods is restricted to residents only
 - Parking on grass is not permitted anywhere in the city, and vehicles may be ticketed and towed
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POLICE PRESENCE AND ENFORCEMENT

Officers from the Cottleville Police Department will maintain a visible presence throughout the event, including foot patrols in the Old Town area.

Public urination has been a frequent complaint in previous years. Officers will be actively enforcing this violation, and individuals observed doing so may be arrested and issued a court date.

Officers will also strictly enforce laws related to underage drinking, public intoxication, and driving while intoxicated.

The Cottleville Police Department encourages everyone attending Irish Fest to celebrate responsibly. Do not drink and drive. Use a sober driver or ride-share service.

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