

IRELAND NEWS

Consulate of Ireland Newsletter for U.S. Southwest

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A chairde, dear friends,

Welcome to the St. Patrick's (March) 2018 edition of Ireland News.

Many of you are working on St. Patrick's Day parades and events from San Antonio's famous river parade to New Orleans Irish Channel parade which I hope to join in person - we wish you the very best of luck with the final preparations!

There is also still time to turn local buildings and landmarks green for St. Patrick's week (please contact us for more information).

We look forward to receiving photos from across the region of your St. Patrick's events for inclusion in the next edition of our newsletter but don't forget to copy photos to us via our Facebook and Twitter accounts too (for more information see the 'Stay in Touch' section on the last page of this newsletter).

We wish you a wonderful and above all fun St. Patrick's Day!

Is mise le meas,
Adrian Farrell
Consul General

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MUSIC FROM IRELAND

Ireland at SXSW in Austin promises to be great yet again this year! One of the highlights is Ireland's Taoiseach's (Prime Minister) [conversation](#) with Evan Smith of the Texas Tribune from 2-3 pm on Sunday March 11. If you're planning to be at SXSW that day, don't miss it!

Make sure to also stop by the Ireland stand on the Austin Convention Center floor, and check out some of the great Irish music acts that will be at the festival this year.

There's Still Time to Turn Your City Green!

Don't forget to submit your local 'greenings' for inclusion in this year's global campaign!

We've already got over 10 locations around our region confirmed green for St. Patrick's Day this year, including some exciting newcomers like the Harbor Bridge in Corpus Christi and the Louisiana Superdome in New Orleans!

If you have an idea of a building, bridge, or landmark in your area that could be greened for St. Patrick's Day – send an email to Robert.Teas@dfa.ie and we'll be happy to assist in making it happen.



Around the Region in February



Above: The [Harp & Shamrock Society's](#) annual awards dinner took place on February 17. Congratulations to Kevin Dowd for being named Irish Person of the Year!

Below: [The Celtic Cowboys](#), Austin's local GAA chapter, had their AGM on February 10. CG Farrell attended and enjoyed hearing about the group's exciting plans for 2018!



Left: CG Farrell enjoyed hearing former President George W. Bush speak at an event celebrating the 5th anniversary of the [Clements Center](#) at The University of Texas.

St. Patrick's Day 2018 Events

We're looking forward to St. Patrick's Week and the great parades and celebrations across the region. If your city is not included in the list below let us know!

Place	Date	More Information
Little Rock, Arkansas	March 17	http://www.irisharkansas.org/parade
Hot Springs, Arkansas	March 17	http://www.shorteststpats.com/
Denver, Colorado	March 17	http://www.denverstpatricksdayparade.com/
Ft. Collins, Colorado	March 17	http://downtownfortcollins.com/events/lucky-joes-st-patricks-day-parade/
Colorado Springs, Colorado	March 17	https://csstpats.com/
Topeka, Kansas	March 17	http://topekastpats.com/
Kansas City, Kansas	March 17	http://www.kcirishparade.com/
Lawrence, Kansas	March 17	http://lawrencestpatricksdayparade.com/paradeinfo.html
Baton Rouge, Louisiana	March 17	http://st-patricks-day.com/baton-rouge-st-patricks-day-parade-2017/
New Orleans, Louisiana	Block Parties & Parades March 10, 11, 16, 17, 18	http://www.stpatricksdayneworleans.com/
Albuquerque, New Mexico	March 17	https://www.cabq.gov/culturalservices/balloonmuseum/events/nm-shamrock-fest-2018
Oklahoma City, Oklahoma	March 17	http://www.ocityparade.com/
Austin, Texas	March 17	http://stpatricksdayaustin.com/
Houston, Texas	March 17	http://www.hsppc.org/
Dallas, Texas	March 17	http://www.dallasstpatricksparade.com/
San Antonio, Texas	March 16-18	http://harpandshamrock.org/stpats.php
Corpus Christi, Texas	March 17	https://www.everfest.com/e/st-patrick-s-day-block-festival-at-cassidy-s-irish-pub-corpus-christi-tx

News from Ireland

President Donald Trump has proclaimed March 2018 [Irish-American Heritage Month](#).

The Tánaiste and Minister for Foreign Affairs and Trade, Simon Coveney, has welcomed the publication of the European Commission's proposed [draft EU-UK Withdrawal Agreement](#). The Taoiseach and the British Prime Minister have remained in close contact on current BREXIT issues.

Earlier in February, the Tánaiste also undertook a 3-day visit to the US that included meeting with [Secretary of State Rex Tillerson](#) on Ireland's priorities in the Brexit negotiations, and a visit to UN headquarters as part of Ireland's campaign for election to the UN Security Council in 2020.

In NY on the 20th anniversary of the signing of the Good Friday Agreement, [Simon Coveney spoke](#) of the vital role played by Irish-America and US administrations in the Peace Process and reconfirmed Ireland's continued support for lasting and sustained reconciliation.

The Tánaiste launched a new Brexit website, www.dfa.ie/Brexit, with information on the Government's outreach and input on the negotiations.

Taoiseach Leo Varadkar and the Government launched [Project Ireland 2040](#), a €116bn overarching plan to re-imagine Ireland and prepare for the future.

The Taoiseach [officially opened](#) Microsoft's new 34,000sqm, €134m campus in Dublin, including an innovation and education hub that will host and inspire 100,000 primary and TY students over the next 4 years.

Pod don Eolach is a new Irish language podcast: <http://www.peig.ie/ag-treochtu/pod-don-eolach-podchraoladh-nos>

Riverdance is coming to the USA!

Click on the picture below to find tickets in your city!



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