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## **2nd Annual Robbinsville St. Patrick's Day Parade – March 19, 2011 Parade Great Success – Award Winners Announced**

March 20th, 2011 Robbinsville, NJ – The 2<sup>nd</sup> Annual Robbinsville St. Patrick's Day Parade, sponsored by the Robbinsville Irish Heritage Association (RIHA), was held on Saturday, March 19<sup>th</sup> in Robbinsville Township, NJ. It was a special day filled with community pride, music and fun.

The parade kicked off with opening ceremonies in front of the Robbinsville Township offices as attending dignitaries from the state, county and municipal levels, and parade spectators listened to Kaeleigh Sturgeon and Molly Doran sing the Irish and American national anthems to great acclaim.

The parade was led by 2011 Grand Marshal Maurice T. Perilli, Chairman of Roma Bank, and Elizabeth Buckley Franken, the 2011 Irish Person of the Year. Marching units from Robbinsville High School, four area bagpipe bands, live music floats, and various community organizations helped boost the line of march for 2011 to a record 55 units.

After the parade, a party was held on the grounds of Ernie's Tavern in Robbinsville. The attending crowd was treated to great food from Glenn's Grillin' and Chillin' and live entertainment from The Kennedy's, Cady Finlayson & Vita Tonga, and Radio Fiction.

At the party, the 2011 parade award winners were announced. This year awards were given out in 9 different categories:

**Most Creative Adult Group** - O'Brien Clan  
**Best Musical Expression** - Freedom Brass  
**Best Civic Group** - Knights of Columbus  
**Most Creative Youth Group** - Daisy Troop 72026  
**Best Banner** - Sons & Daughters of Erin  
**Best Float** – Killarney's Publick House  
**Best Attire** - Dansations South Jersey School of Irish Dance  
**Best Theme** - Girl Scout Cadette Troup 71928  
**Best Pipe Band** - Trenton AOH Pipe Band

The RIHA Parade Committee would like to extend a warm thanks to all who attended this year's parade. RIHA would especially like to thank all of its volunteers and marshals who helped insure that the parade was a great success. We look forward to continuing the tradition on Saturday, March 24<sup>th</sup>, 2012 as we sponsor the 3<sup>rd</sup> Annual St. Patrick's Day Parade in Robbinsville.

RIHA's purpose is to foster an understanding and appreciation of Irish cultural values and heritage, and to be the nexus for cultural events and activities for Robbinsville

Township. The organization also promotes and brings together all good things about Ireland. In addition, they support and promote local charitable activities within our local community, county and state.

For information about RIHA, visit [www.robbinvilleirish.org](http://www.robbinvilleirish.org) or call 609.529.6611.

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