NORTH WILDWOOD -- "The Largest Irish Festival on the East Coast" begins on Thursday, September 19th and concludes on Sunday, September 22, 2024. Once again we are looking forward to having record crowds. This Festive Four Day Event is sponsored by the Cape May County, James J. Reilly, Division 1, Ancient Order of Hibernians (AOH). The AOH is an organization which fosters and preserves Irish culture and heritage.

The Festival activities begin on Thursday, September 19th, at 8 AM with the AOH Irish Open Golf Tournament at Cape May National Golf Course, Route 9 and Fairway Drive, (2 miles south of Route 47). The fee is \$130.00 on or before September 8th and \$140.00 after September 8th and includes green fee and cart, lunch, refreshments and many prizes. Space is limited and reservations are suggested. For additional information, please contact the AOH.

BOXING is back! On Thursday evening, ten amateur boxing bouts will feature Boxers from NJ, PA DE & NY representing the U.S.A. vs. the Crumlin Boxing Club from Dublin, Ireland. Doors open at 5:30 PM and first bell is at 6:30 PM and takes place at Wildwood Catholic Academy in North Wildwood, NJ. In Advance Tickets prices are \$30 General Admission, \$40 Premium Seats and \$50 Ringside and \$40 General Admission at the door. For advanced ticket sales please visit the Anglesea

Pub, North Wildwood NJ. For additional information please visit Nolimitboxingacademy.org.

On Friday, Saturday and Sunday the FESTIVITIES will take place on Olde New Jersey Avenue, beginning at 8 AM each morning until 7 PM. Here the street vendors will display their Irish memorabilia, and the food vendors will offer a variety of Irish and non-Irish treats, while patrons are enjoying Free Live Entertainment on Friday and Saturday continuously from 12noon until 8:30 PM. Opening Ceremony will start at 11:45AM with the singing of the National and Irish Anthems.

Featured performers include: Brothers McGillian, Natterjacks, Birmingham 6, Broken Shillelaghs, McHugh and Company, Ballina, and Timmy Kelly In addition, Peters School of Dance, Emerald Isle School of Dance and Shades of Green School of Dance, will perform throughout both days

Saturday begins with the Irish Jog, a 5K RUN & 1 Mile Walk. The cost to run is \$30. You can per-register at <a href="https://www.runsignup.com/Race/NJ/Wildwood/IrishJog5K">www.runsignup.com/Race/NJ/Wildwood/IrishJog5K</a>. There will be race day registration at 8 AM at the AOH tent (between 1st and 2<sup>nd</sup> Avenues) on Olde New Jersey Avenue.

Saturday at 10 AM the BRIAN RILEY PIPE EXHIBITION will take place at Bill Henfey Park located at 8th and Central Avenues, North Wildwood. This event attracts thousands of spectators every year. Come see and hear some of the Best Pipe Bands in the East!

Also on Saturday, the AOH/LAOH will host Free IRISH DANCE LESSONS at the Knights of Columbus Hall, 206 N. New York Avenue, North Wildwood from 10 AM until 12noon. All are welcome.

On Sunday, Everyone is welcome to celebrate our faith and heritage at Saint Ann's Roman Catholic Church in the Notre Dame de la Mer Parish, Glenwood and Atlantic Avenues, for 10:30 AM MASS. There will be a procession starting at the main entrance to the altar by the Protectors of the Faith Guards, the Cape May County Emerald Society Honor Guard and a liturgical bag piper soloist.

Sunday at 12:30 PM, the PARADE begins at 20th and Surf Avenues and will continue to Spruce and Olde New Jersey Avenues. The parade features many fraternal organizations, bag pipe bands, Irish dance groups and much, much more. Once again, Bob Kelly will join us, as well as a few other special guests.

All AOH and Irish organizations are welcome to be a part of this celebration of Irish history and heritage.

Irish food and entertainment will be available at most of the clubs and pubs in North Wildwood all weekend long.

Jitney service will be available in North Wildwood on Friday, Saturday and Sunday starting at 10 AM.

The Irish Loop Jitney will depart from the festival area via 3<sup>rd</sup> Avenue, South on Surf Avenue to 26<sup>th</sup> Avenue then return North on Surf Avenue to 4<sup>th</sup> Avenue and into the festival area. \$3.00 Fare Each Way

Friday, 9/20 10AM till Closing Saturday, 9/21 10AM till Closing Sunday, 9/22 12noon till 8PM

This festival is sponsored, in part, by the Greater Wildwood Tourism Improvement and Development Authority and the City of North Wildwood.

As a result of this extremely successful annual fundraising event, the AOH achieves significant charitable accomplishments. These contributions reflect the loyalty and ideals which have helped to strengthen our families, community, and national character.

The AOH would like to acknowledge and thank Mayor Patrick Rosenello, City Council and the City of North Wildwood for their annual support of this event!

For additional information contact the AOH at 609 729 0075 or visit www.cmcaoh.com. Please continue to monitor this site for additional information and updates.



# North Wildwood's 33RD Annual IRISH FALL FESTIVAL

Thursday, September 19th

## LIVE AMATEUR BOXING IS BACK!

Location: Wildwood Catholic Academy
No Limits Boxing vs. Irish Boxing Start time 6:00PM

#### A.O.H. GOLF TOURNAMENT

\$120. before 9/5 and \$130. after 9/5 Cape May National Golf Course, Time: 8AM Rt. 9 & Fairway Dr. - 2 miles South of Rt. 47 Includes: Green Fee & Cart, Refreshments and Buffet Lunch

# Friday, September 20th

VENDORS - 8AM to 7PM Olde New Jersey Avenue LIVE IRISH ENTERTAINMENT - 12PM to 8PM

# Saturday, September 21st

5K RUN & 1 Mile Walk - 8AM SIGN-UP - \$30. fee Olde New Jersey Ave. {prizes awarded} BRIAN RILEY PIPE EXHIBITION

10AM at Bill Henfey Park

VENDORS - 8AM to 7PM Olde New Jersey Avenue IRISH DANCE LESSONS - FREE

10AM to 12PM - Knights of Columbus Hall LIVE IRISH ENTERTAINMENT - 12PM to 8PM

## Sunday, September 22nd

CATHOLIC MASS - 10:30AM Saint Ann's R.C.
Church, Glenwood & Atlantic Avenues
Protectors of the Faith Guards, the Emerald Society Color
Guard & Bag Pipers including a liturgical bag pipe soloist
PARADE - 12:30PM Starting at 20th & Surf
to Spruce & Olde New Jersey Avenues
VENDORS - 8AM to 7PM Olde New Jersey Avenue

## ISLAND WIDE JITNEY SERVICE AVAILABLE

Download the Jitney Surfer App

1-800-IRISH-91 www.cmcaoh.com





SEPT. 21ST DOORS OPEN 5:30PM FIRST BELL 6:30PM



FOR MATCH-MAKING OR MORE INFO

EMAIL: Info@nolimitsboxingacademy.org \$25 IN ADVANCE TICKETS AVAILABLE AT ANGLESSEA PUB \$30 AT DOOR



