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MAYOR MINER TO CELEBRATE IRISH HERITAGE WITH STRIPE PAINTING, CULTURAL CELEBRATION

*Annual Painting of the Green Stripe to Take Place Friday at
9:30 AM on Salina Street, Followed By Irish Heritage
Celebration at City Hall Commons Atrium*

Miner: This is an Exciting Start to St. Patrick's Festivities

SYRACUSE, N.Y.—Mayor Stephanie A. Miner is pleased to announce details of the annual painting of the green stripe and Irish Heritage Celebration at City Hall Commons.

“This is a fantastic start to the always exciting St. Patrick’s festivities Syracuse is known for,” said Syracuse Mayor Stephanie A. Miner. “We are lucky to have such a vibrant Irish-American community in Syracuse and I am pleased to welcome these activities each year.”

At 9:30 AM, the public is welcome to join Mayor Stephanie A. Miner as she begins the painting of the stripe along Salina Street. It will begin directly in front of Clinton Square. The painting will be accompanied by a piper from the Syracuse Kiltie Pipe Band. Mayor Miner will be joined by a number of local officials and Irish-American community activists.

Following the Painting of the Stripe, the City of Syracuse will host an Irish Heritage Celebration at the City Hall Commons Atrium. It is free and open to the public. The event’s Master of Ceremonies will be Marty Masterpole, the Syracuse City Auditor and longtime Irish-American activist. Welcoming guests into the reception will be a group of pipes and drums from the Syracuse Kiltie Pipe Band. During the program, Mayor Miner will present a joint proclamation on behalf of herself and County Executive Joanie Mahoney to the St. Patrick’s Parade

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Committee leadership, Grand Marshal Thomas Maroney, and Gael of the Year Tom Slater. The program will also feature Irish dancers from several local schools.

As a tribute to the work of Gael of the Year Tom Slater, the city asks individuals attending the Painting of the Stripe and the Irish Heritage Celebration bring a non-perishable good to donate to the St. Patrick's Hunger Project, a food drive effort benefiting the Food Bank of Central New York and the Interreligious Food Consortium.

“As President of the Syracuse St. Patrick's Parade Committee, this is one event that means so much to me,” said Janet Higgins, President of the Syracuse St. Patrick's Parade Committee. “It is the kick-off to a wonderful series of fun, cultural, and religious events to celebrate the life of our Patron Saint, Patrick. I would like to thank the Mayor and all the City employees who work so hard to orchestrate this event. I know the placing of the Nancy Duffy Lane signs and the painting of the green stripe are not easy tasks yet they seem to just appear.”

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