

Celebrating St. Paddy's Day around town

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Think you're seeing green today? Don't worry because it's St. Patrick's Day. It's also a perfect excuse to go out (you don't have to be Irish, but it helps) and celebrate.

If you really want authentic Irish fare, go to Molly Maguire's Irish Pub. The special for the day is (do you need help with this one?) corned beef and cabbage. (There are no drink specials.)

Spanky's is also featuring corned beef and cabbage along with Black and Tan (a traditional Irish drink) and Irish whiskey as the specials for the day. Special St. Patrick's Day T-shirts will also be on sale.

And Darryl's will be providing an Irish motif with a table of (yes, you guessed it!) corned beef and cabbage with roast pig at noon. There will be specials on Irish beers and drinks. Kegs will be set up on the upper level.

Sometime during the day, WTRC's Mark Patrick will be at Darryl's to hand out a \$100 bill to the first three people to recognize him. From 9 p.m. to 1 a.m., the band Cream of Soul will be playing. At midnight, there will be a raffle for a 19-inch television. Anyone over 18 years of age can register for it. And there will be various green Darryl's paraphernalia on sale all day.

If corned beef and cabbage

doesn't appeal to you, what about Irish stew? WFUN and McCarthy's Restaurant are having a large celebration together and offering complimentary Irish stew from 5 to 8 p.m. Irish Kiss cocktails are \$1.50 and Irish beer is \$1.25.

The celebration will take place under a green and white tent in WFUN's parking lot from 5 to 11 p.m. Admission is \$3 per member and \$4 per guest.

Entertainment under the tent will include a deejay, live bagpipers and Irish musicians. Guests can go inside the club to dance.

WFUN and McCarthy's isn't the only St. Patrick's Day combination

effort: WRDU 106 FM will be broadcasting live from Applebee's. Green beer will be served for \$1.06 from 5 to 10 p.m. Leprechaun Wings (Buffalo chicken wings) will also be \$1.06.

Cash prizes of crisp green \$100 bills will be handed out through out the evening. There will be Irish jigs and a contest for the best Irish costume.

Also one winner will be selected to compete with winners from the other four Triangle Applebee's for a trip to Daytona Beach, Fla., for the Spring Fest. The prize also includes two sets of tickets and backstage passes to see Robert Cray and the Squeeze.

According to some revelers, there's simply no other way to get into the Irish spirit than with spirits. Ham's is offering Leprechaun Shooters for \$1.75; Dr. Pepper's for \$2.75; Irish Coffee for \$2.75; and light pitchers for \$2.75, plus a wide selection of Irish beers. Pyewacket is having a special on Irish beers and whiskeys.

Troll's Bar is serving souvenir cups with American Lite for \$1.25 and Milwaukee's Best for 75c. He's Not Here is offering Harp, Guinness and Bass by the pint (16 oz.) for \$1.75, along with green beer; the bar is also giving away hats and shirts.

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