

Everyone will be Irish on Sunday

St. Patrick's Day Parade expected to be largest yet with 75 floats

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Downtown Peterborough will be dressed up in green for St. Paddy's Day Sunday.

The 15th annual St. Patrick's Day Parade will begin with a flag raising at 1 p.m. at City Hall, followed by the parade at 2 p.m. on George St. There will also be a 5k run or walk starting on Parkhill Rd. at George St. at 1:30 p.m.

The parade will go south along

George, starting at McDonnell St. and ending on Lansdowne St.

This year's parade is going to be the largest the city has ever seen, with 75 floats and close to 200 people participating in the 5k, said Tim Burke, the parade's chairman.

"It's going to be fun," he said. "We have live music, marching bands, we have horses, we have dogs. We have a little of everything. It's a nice representation of what Peterborough's all about."

It's not surprising that this year's parade is as big as it is, Burke added.

"Peterborough's such an Irish town through and through, that

it's no real surprise the people come out to support the Irish heritage," he said.

In an effort to make the 15th parade special, a lot of work has gone into it, Burke said.

"I'm pretty excited," he said. "We started working on it earlier this year, actually back in late spring, early summer. It kind of paid off because there's some people that may not have come in if we didn't give them enough time."

The Sunday forecast is for sunny weather with a high of 10 C, so it's a perfect day for the event, Burke said.

Parking on George St. will be prohibited after noon on the day

of the parade, according to a press release issued Wednesday by the city.

This is being done to ensure spectators can watch the parade safely and without obstruction, said parking operations supervisor Dennis VanAmerongen.

"We put the parking restrictions in place so that we don't have any vehicles inhibiting people from watching the parade and also people walking in and out of parked cars while the parade's in procession," he said. "Any of the larger parades we have through the year, the same restrictions are in place, again just for safety concerns."

There are several other parking options for people during the parade, he added.

"We've got a number of surface lots downtown which are free on the weekends and both our parking garages offer free parking throughout the entire weekend," VanAmerongen said.

When the parade wraps up, service workers will take down signs so people can park along George St. again.

NOTE: For more information on parking, contact Peterborough's parking division at 705-742-7777 ext. 2802 and for more information about the parade head over to www.pspd.com.

Police warn of CRA scam in area

City police want to make sure residents know about the Canada Revenue Agency (CRA) scam circulating in the area.

Police are still getting calls about the scheme, which involves a caller claiming to be from the tax agency and demanding immediate payment for back taxes.

If you get such a call, police say, don't respond without verifying the identity of the caller. Police note that CRA does on occasion call people about their taxes, and may leave a message. That's why it's crucial to call back on a verified CRA number to discuss your case.

Police also advise that you should never give out credit card information or your social insurance number to a caller.

For business-related calls, call 1-800-959-5525. For individual cases, the number is 1-800-959-8281. To report a suspected fraud attempt, call city police at 705-876-1122 or the Canadian Anti-Fraud Centre toll free at 1-888-495-8501.

Police advise that these callers can be convincing and, at times, aggressive. The caller may threaten a lawsuit or say a warrant will be issued for the person's arrest. Some victims have reported that callers claim to be police officers.

The CRA has posted recordings of some of these scam conversa-

tions online at <http://www.cra-arc.gc.ca/scerty/frdprvntn/frdnttlphn-eng.html>

Police also offered the following advice.

The CRA:

■ Never requests prepaid credit cards.

■ Never asks for information about your passport, health card, or driver's licence.

■ Never shares your taxpayer information with another person, unless you have provided the appropriate authorization.

■ Never leaves personal information on your answering machine or asks you to leave a message containing your personal information on an answering machine.

When in doubt, ask yourself:

■ Is there a reason that the CRA may be calling? Do I have a tax balance outstanding?

■ Is the requester asking for information I would not include with my tax return?

■ Is the requester asking for information I know the CRA already has on file for me?

■ How did the requester get my email address or telephone number?

■ Am I confident I know who is asking for the information?

NOTE: More information is at <http://www.cra-arc.gc.ca/nwsrm/lrts/2015/1150610-eng.html>.

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Peterborough Fire Chief Chris Snetsinger and public educator Amanda Nichols display a few of the prizes from the first fire safety package awarded to Kelly Whetung, the first winner of the Sound The Alarm contest, on Wednesday at the Sherbrooke St. fire hall. Whetung completed the online Sound the Alarms Survey and told them about her smoke and carbon monoxide alarms work. With Daylight Savings Time approaching this weekend, the Sound the Alarms Program aims to raise awareness about the importance of working smoke and carbon monoxide alarms in the community. The Sound the Alarms program encourages residents to test their alarms and tell the fire department through the website www.peterboroughfireservices.ca. People traditionally have been urged to check their alarm batteries each time there is a time change.

Warsaw Caves peeper found dead in Haliburton

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Police say the Warsaw Caves peeper who was wanted in a child pornography investigation has been found dead.

They say a body found Monday in Haliburton County has been

identified as Darren Padilla, 47.

His death is not considered suspicious.

Police alleged Padilla, a Toronto Transit Commission employee, was accessing and storing child sexual abuse images and videos on his computer at his Toronto home.

He was sought on two counts of possession of child pornography and one count of accessing child pornography.



Padilla

Police had warned he was considered armed and dangerous.

Padilla was arrested in July 1995 when he was 26, when he went by the name Darren Laite, after he was spotted by two women hiding in the holding tank of an outhouse at Warsaw Caves Conservation Area in Douro-Dum-

mer Township east of Peterborough.

The case made international headlines at the time.

He pleaded guilty to two counts of mischief in November 1995 in Peterborough court and was sentenced to three years of probation.

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