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36TH Annual Woodbridge St. Patrick's Day Parade & Ceremonies Set for Sun., March 8

American Irish Association of Woodbridge & Mayor John E. McCormac to Lead Town Hall Ceremonies... Parade Steps-Off at 1:30 on Main Street

WOODBIDGE – Public ceremonies for the 36th Annual Woodbridge St. Patrick's Day celebration and parade will get underway on **Sun., March 8** at **9:00 a.m.** with the presentation of Proclamations to the St. Patrick's Day honorees and the raising of the Irish Flag at Woodbridge Town Hall (1 Main Street), Mayor John E. McCormac today announced.

“The annual St. Patrick's Day celebration allows us the opportunity to come together as a community to honor and recognize the heritage, culture and contributions of our Irish forefathers who participated in the early settlement and later development of Woodbridge Township,” said Mayor McCormac. “As Mayor, I am honored to represent the Township of Woodbridge and the American Irish Association as we salute our Irish-American residents and neighbors with the pomp and circumstance of the annual St. Patrick's Day Parade and celebration.”

Mayor McCormac noted that the festivities get underway at 9:00 a.m. in Woodbridge Town Hall as the Administration and Municipal Council recognize the Irish-American community of Woodbridge with the reading of Proclamations and the symbolic raising of the national flag of Ireland. At 1:30 p.m., the parade steps-off from Woodbridge High School, moves to Freeman Street, onto Linden Avenue, to Route 35 and continues down Main Street concluding in front of Town Hall.

Enjoy more than 80 marching units, including traditional Irish Pipe Bands, marching bands representing all three Woodbridge Township High Schools, special floats and displays, representatives from Township fire departments, first aid and emergency response squads, members of Woodbridge scouting organizations and community, civic, sports and neighborhood associations.

The 36th Annual Woodbridge St. Patrick's Day Parade will be led by Grand Marshall Lynn Killmurray of Sewaren. The 2009 American Irish honorees include Ann Donegan, Irish Lady-of-the-Year and Marc Lewis, Irish Man-of-the-Year. This year's Miss American Irish is Megan Coppa and her Lady-in-Waiting is Kylie Shaughnessy. Parade Chairman Ken Egan and representatives of the American Irish Association of Woodbridge will join Mayor McCormac, Municipal Council President Robert G. Luban, Council Vice-President James H. Major and Councilpersons Gregory Bedard, James V. Carroll, Rick Dalina, Gregg Ficarra, Charles Kenny, Patricia Osborne and Brenda Yori Velasco to announce the St. Patrick's Day festivities.