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### City of Burlington Cancels St. Paddy's Day Bash in response to COVID-19

BURLINGTON, NC— In light of the expanding Coronavirus Pandemic, we have made the difficult but responsible decision to cancel the [Downtown Burlington St. Paddy's Day Bash](#). The City of Burlington is supporting the request made on Thursday March 12 by Governor Roy Cooper and the North Carolina Department of Health and Human Services (NCDHHS) to cancel events that draw more than 100 people ([view briefing here](#)). The St. Paddy's Day Bash certainly exceeds that limit. The event was scheduled for March 14<sup>th</sup> from 5:00pm-9:00pm in downtown Burlington.

However, that doesn't mean the fun has to stop for everyone on Saturday. If you are not in a group at high risk of severe illness from COVID-19 (see below\*) and if you are not sick, some fantastic Downtown businesses involved with the St. Paddy's Bash are moving forward.

- [Burlington Beer Works - St. Paddy's Day Bash](#) – Kegs and Eggs! From 10am – 1pm and drink and food specials until closing.
- [Front Street Bottle Shop and Tasting Room](#) has [live music and specials](#) in their tasting room from 6pm-8pm.
- [Smitty's Homemade Ice Cream](#) is featuring three festive ice cream flavors: Guinness, Irish Coffee, and Lucky Vanilla
- [GeGe The Neighbor Cupcakery](#) will have seasonal flavors and plenty of green icing.

\*The [NCDHHS](#) says people at high risk include anyone:

- Over 65 years of age
- With underlying health conditions including heart disease, lung disease, or diabetes
- With weakened immune systems

Gather responsibly, drink responsibly, wash your hands a lot, elbow bump instead of handshake, and support our local businesses.

The City will reignite the spirit of St. Paddy's Day and create our own celebration when its safe for our community to do so.

The Irish toast **sláinte** means **health** and this year we really, really mean it.

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Our Mission:

“The City of Burlington is dedicated to providing high quality municipal services within our diverse community in a friendly, professional and efficient manner in order to promote the safety, health, and quality of life of residents and employees.”

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