

WHAT'S UP NEXT DOOR AND AROUND THE CORNER

## Long Beachers go (Irish) green

### Hibernians hold 19th annual parade-festival

Long Beachers got their Irish on at Saturday's 19th Annual Saint Brendan the Navigator Division 17 Irish Day Parade, hosted by the Long Beach Division of the Ancient Order of Hibernians.

The day began with a 9 a.m. Mass at Sacred Heart Church in Island Park, after which some 50 groups, including pipe bands, local fire departments, the Nassau County Police Department's mounted unit and various civic groups, assembled on Washington Boulevard around 11:30 a.m. and began marching to the West End at noon. Leading the way was grand marshal Carol O'Neill.

Following the parade and throughout the day, West Beech Street was closed to traffic and lined with many street vendors selling Irish-themed and other merchandise, as well as rides for the whole family.

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**GRAND MARSHALL CAROL O'NEILL WITH RAY McCANN**, past county board president of the Ancient Order of Hibernians and chairman of the 19th Annual Saint Brendan the Navigator Division 17 Irish Day Parade.



**THE AOH NASSAU COUNTY BOARD** and other Long Island Ancient Order of Hibernians divisions marched in Div. 17's St. Brendan the Navigator's Irish Day parade. Above, Hibernian John King, right, and Hibernian Joseph Gleason walked the green line with pride.



**HIBERNIAN** dignitaries and parade officials, including Parade Chairman Ray McCann, left, Dan Corbett, Mike McCarthy, Div. 17 President Andrew Healy, Donal Mahoney, John Dunleavy and, at the lectern, announcer Ed Cunningham, watched from the reviewing stand.



**IRISH DAY PARADE GRAND MARSHALL CAROL O'NEILL** was honored at a dinner Thursday night in Long Beach. Pictured with her, from left, is Eddie Friel, Ancient Order of Hibernians' state director; county Supreme Court Judge Thomas Phelan of Oceanside, a member of AOH Div. 17 that organized the annual St. Brendan the Navigator Irish Day Parade; and James Burke, AOH state treasurer. O'Neill is the president of the Michelle O'Neill Foundation.