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Get Your Green On

BY CHUCK RAINEY

What are you doing to celebrate St. Paddy's this year?

Gone are the college days, where all you wanted to do was go somewhere and chug cheap, green-dyed beer. As sophisticated grown-up, what you want from a good time on St. Patrick's day is quality—and real fun. Fortunately, there's plenty to go around in Music City, as the friendly owners and managers let us in on what's going on.

Bosco's (Hillsboro and Cool Springs): Karen Bohannon at Bosco's is brewing up a special cask of Oatmeal Stout served all day for St. Patrick's Day, along with Oatmeal Stout on tap and an Irish Red Ale. The party isn't to be missed. Look for appetizer specials (try the pizza). *boscobeer.com*, *Hillsboro Village*: (615) 385-0050 and *Cool Springs*: (615) 778-1770.

Dan McGuinness (Nashville and Cool Springs): Offers two pubs with a free shuttle between them all day. Opening at 8 a.m. in Nashville, the patio is the place to be, with live music all day. They're tenting off the parking lot to expand capacity. Cool Springs is a shuttle ride away and offers the small pub feel. The bar is the place to be. Start your morning with Kegs and Eggs at 9:30. *Danmcguinnesspub.com*, (615) 252-1991 or *Cool Springs* (615) 435-8121.

McFadden's (2nd Avenue): Is a nonstop party all day, says Tyler. Stop in and enjoy beer and Irish whiskey specials. There will be games, contests and live music till close. (Pace yourself, this is a wild ride.) *mcfaddensnashville.com*, (615) 686-2482.

3 Crow Bar (East Nashville): Pamela says join her and start the 5 Bar Pub-Crawl. (Bring comfortable shoes.) Standing room only as Five Points becomes a neighborhood yard party. Drink specials at all locations, wear your green and meet hundreds of your closest friends. *3crowbar.com*, (615) 262-3345.

McCreary's Pub (Franklin): Wear your green and get a dollar off fish and chips while you enjoy 2-for-1 specials from open to close. Live Celtic music all day, so come early and claim your seat. *McCrearyspub.com*, (615) 591-3197.

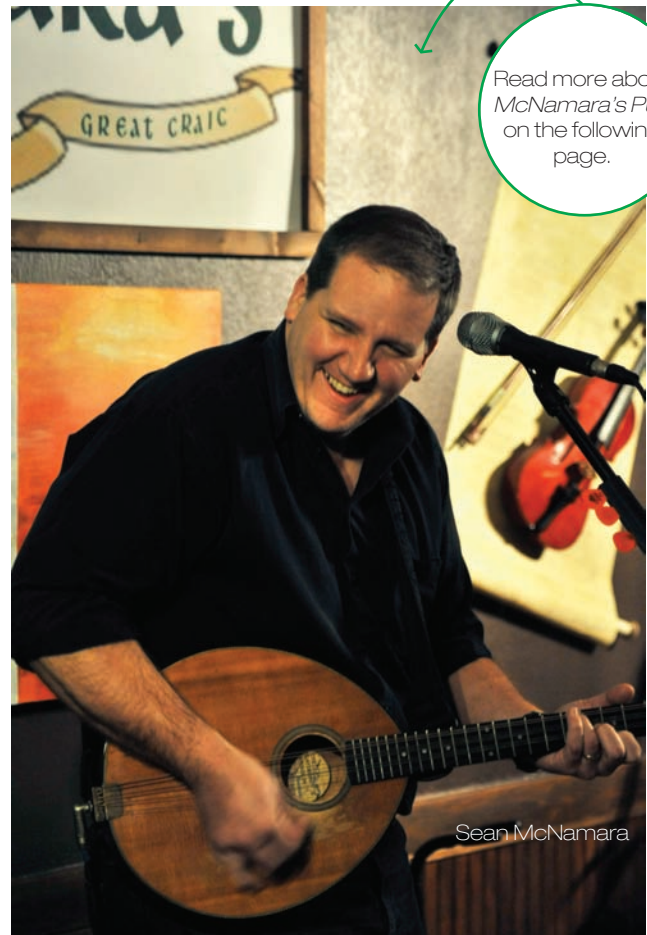
Corner Pub (Green Hills): Jeremy says stop in to the only pub in Green Hills, as they show you how to celebrate St. Patrick's Day with shot and beer specials all day. (615) 298-9698.

Holland House (East Nashville): Christian Dye, executive chef, is cooking up authentic Irish favorites including bangers and mash with homemade garlic sausage. (Bring your appetite) Kegs will be tapped and food specials from \$7 to \$10 all day. Guinness pints are \$4 and Irish whiskey-based drinks \$8, enjoy the live Irish music. *Hollandhousenashville.com*, (615) 262-4190.

55 South (Franklin): Bring your crew in early and get the choice seating across from the bar inside the front door. (Great for meeting and people watching) Drink specials all day. *eat55.com*, (615) 538-6001.

Blackstone Brewery (West End): Sit at the bar or slip past to the comfortable seats in the study. Irish Stout is the beer of the day with corned beef and cabbage, fish cakes and Irish stew to keep your tummy happy. Specials run all day and Blackstone's version of Irish coffee awaits. *Blackstonebrewery.com*. (615) 327-9969.

Sportstown BBQ Grill (Church Street): Join Nikki and Pam and get the games on with green beer and Irish food choices. Drink specials are 2-3-4—\$2 drafts, \$3 well and \$4 wines. March Madness is on plentiful screens and every seat has a great view of the games. *Sportstownbarbqgrill.com*, (615) 678-7116.



Read more about McNamara's Pub on the following page.

Sean McNamara

Luck O' The Irish

McNamara's Pub is the place to eat, drink and listen to music

March madness or Irish pride, there's no better place to enjoy the month than **McNamara's Irish Pub**. It celebrates a one-year anniversary on March 5, with the music of the **Nashville Irish Super Group**, a five-man ensemble, and on March 9 they'll play host to **The Brock McGuire Band** from Ennis, County Clare, Ireland. March 17, of course, is St. Paddy's Day and the place will be standing room only inside and out.

On the menu, the Clare Roasted Chicken is to die for and you can't go wrong with Shepherd's Pie or Steak and Biscuits. The bar in the stage room provides the best view, but every seat in the house is a good one. The best way to feel the Irish spirit is to share a table with strangers and make new friends.

Music brings this rustic old mansion (the former Plantation House Restaurant in Donelson) to life five nights a week, with the best live Irish music in the South. Sean's band **Nosey Flynn** fills the air with raucous joy, while the expert staff fills your glass and your belly with great food and beverages—mostly traditional Irish favorites. This is a family-friendly pub, where everyone feels at home, patrons dance near the stage, clap in time with the band and always leave smiling.

McNamara's offers two dining areas, one with entertainment and one for chatting and quiet talk. Two bars keep the drinks flowing downstairs and upstairs from the newly opened **Kearney's Sports Bar**. It is always busy so call ahead for a table. 2740 Old Lebanon Rd., (615) 885-7262, mcnamarasirishpub.com.

—Chuck Rainey