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***Irish Flag Raising to be Held at City Hall  
Jersey City's First Lady to be Honored as Irishwoman of the Year***

JERSEY CITY – Mayor Jerramiah T. Healy will raise the Irish flag over City Hall during a celebration in honor of Irish heritage and St. Patrick's Day at **2 p.m. on Thursday, March 1, 2007 at City Hall, 280 Grove Street.**

“Jersey City is a city of many cultures,” **Mayor Healy** said. “We celebrate the diversity and heritage of all the communities and I am especially proud that this year, my wife, Maureen, has been named as the Irishwoman of the Year. Her contributions to Jersey City are many and to my family, have been endless.”

Jersey City's First Lady, Maureen Healy, is a life-long resident of Jersey City and has worked as a nurse at both the Jersey City Medical Center and St. Francis Hospital, where she also served as an educator. For the past nine years Mrs. Healy has served as the school nurse for PS 12 and during that time has volunteered numerous hours as the infectious disease nurse for the Jersey City School District.

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During their 31 years of marriage, the Mayor and Mrs. Healy have raised and educated four children together – Jerramiah, Jr., Suzanne, Catherine, and Patrick. They are also the proud grandparents of little James Brown.

The flag raising, which kicks off the city's St. Patrick's Day events, will feature bagpipers as well as a presentation of the American and Irish national anthems.

This year's flag raising is dedicated to the memory of Kenneth J. Morrelli—the 2003 Honorary Irishman – who died last year. Morrelli served as the Director of maintenance for the Jersey City Public Libraries.

On Sunday, March 11, 2007, the City Division of Cultural Affairs, in conjunction with the Jersey City St. Patrick's Day Committee, will hold the annual St. Patrick's Day Parade. The Parade will kick-off at 12 p.m. at Lincoln Park and will proceed to a viewing stand in Journal Square.

In addition to Mrs. Healy who is Irishwoman of the Year, the other honorees are Michael Nolan, Grand Marshall; Patrick Murphy, Irishman of the Year; Capt. Brian McDonough, Irish Police Officer; Battalion Chief Thomas Fitzgerald, Irish Firefighter; Jeannine Zampella, Honorary Irishwoman; Michael Manzo, Honorary Irishman; and Anna McCarthy, Miss Colleen.

For more information on the Irish Flag Raising, **contact the Division of Cultural Affairs at (201) 547-6921.///**