

## Big Easy Eats

Food is part of the fun of Mardi Gras celebrations. Let the good times roll with this menu of classic New Orleans cuisine:
Gumbo - The official state dish of Louisiana, gumbo is a thick stew or soup that is served over rice. There are countless variations, but seafood gumbo and chicken and sausage gumbo are the most popular
Jambalaya - This hearty rice dish includes a mix of meat, seafood and vegetables. Creole versions include tomatoes while Cajun versions do not.
Etouffee — Pronounced "ay-too-fay," it's a seafood stew that most often features crawfish, shrimp or crab, and is served atop rice.
Po'boy -
Whether it's stuffed with fried shrimp, fried oysters or roast beef, the French bread is said to be the key to this iconic New Orleans sandwich. Locals order
 their po'boys "dressed," which means lettuce, tomatoes, mayonnaise and pickles are added.
Beignets - The city's French Quarter is famous for eateries that serve these deep-fried pastries that are covered with powdered sugar. They are traditionally paired with a cup of chicory coffee or a café au lait


## Dear Residents, Families and Friends

Top o' the mornin' to ya! We are getting in the swing of a whole month of Irish fun! Every March 17, thousands of people march in Irish pride parades, eat green clover-shaped cookies and quaff frosty mugs of green beer in celebration of St. Patrick's Day, but do you really know who St. Patrick was and why he is celebrated?

Patrick was born in AD 387 just south of Hadrian's Wall in Britain, which was part of the Roman Empire (that's right, he wasn't Irish!). He was captured by Irish pagans in his early teens and taken to Ireland, where he was enslaved for six
 years. During that time, he grew to like the spirit of the Irish. When he escaped
 and returned to his family, he vowed to one day return to Ireland. Many stories are told in connection with St. Patrick. The three-leaf clover was said to be used by the saintly bishop to explain the Trinity to the pagans, which is why it is such a common St. Patrick's Day symbol.
We have many fun events planned this month, including our "Luck $O^{\prime}$ the Irish" on March 21, at 6:15 p.m. We have our Employee Appreciation Happy Hour on March 1. Outings for March will include Tierney's and Braum's. Also, please join our daily exercise classes that take place in the community room (special thanks to Legacy Rehab and Advanced Rehab Trust). May your troubles be less and your blessings be more, and nothing but happiness come through your door!
Cheers,
Erin Montgomery
Executive Director


