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Blarney on Belmar: Lakewood Celebrates the First St. Patrick's Day Festival of the Year!

Featuring the Elders, Kansas City's legendary Celtic rock band

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Get ready to kick off your St. Patrick's Day celebrations early! Alameda Connects, The Alameda Corridor Business Improvement District (ACBID) and Bridge33 Capital present **Blarney on Belmar** a **FREE**, family-friendly Saint Patrick's Day festival of Irish music, dancing, shopping, and Belmar's finest food and drink! Headlining the festival are the Elders, Kansas City's most beloved Celtic rock band. Food and drinks will be available for purchase from food trucks and Belmar restaurants.

When and Where:

- **Saturday March 8, 2025, from 11 am – 5 pm**
- **Belmar Plaza, Downtown Lakewood, 439 S. Upham St., Lakewood CO, 80226 (Alameda Ave and Wadsworth Blvd.)**

This year's Blarney features a dynamic lineup of entertainment for all:

The Elders – The Elders are a dynamic 6-piece internationally-touring American Celtic folk-rock group based in Kansas City. Founded by Irish native Ian Byrne (available for interviews), their unique blend of American and Celtic rock showcases varying musical styles, textures and broad harmonies. They entertain with socially conscious and vibrant lyrics about history and life in the United States, Ireland and beyond! <https://www.eldersmusic.com/>

Click here for a **photo** of the Elders: <https://tinyurl.com/blarneyelders>

The MileHighlanders Pipe Band, Denver's Alternative Pipe Band Experience – Formed in 2005 at a local Denver pub, they provide a musical alternative to the traditional bagpipe performance. The MileHighlanders bring together an experienced group of innovative pipers and drummers to win over audiences with a unique show of custom tunes and unusual instruments. <https://milehighlanders.com/>

Reed School of Irish Dance – Championship Irish dancer Zanthia Reed opened the Reed School of Irish Dance in Denver in 1998. Reed performances feature exciting and intricate jigs and reels guaranteed to get your feet tapping and your hands clapping! <http://www.reedschool.com>

Denver's All-Star Irish Session Players – Traditional Irish music "sessions" have an element of spontaneity as Celtic fiddlers, pipers, guitarists, etc. meet up to play live music. This Irish session will carry on the cultural tradition by maintaining the connections to musical customs
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going back centuries. The Irish session is alive and well in several Celtic bars in the Denver metro area, including coming together for a special session at Blarney on Belmar!

“We are proud to kick off metro Denver’s first St. Patrick’s Day festival in Belmar and bring such nationally and internationally renowned talent to Lakewood every year. With music, dancing, food, drink and some of the best shopping in the area, we know this annual event will be fun for the whole family” said Tom Quinn, Executive Director of the Alameda Corridor Business Improvement District and its nonprofit arm, Alameda Connects.

Get the full schedule and event details:

- Blarney Event Page: <http://alamedaconnects.org/2025-blarney-on-belmar-schedule/>
- Event Map and Directions: <https://belmarcolorado.com/directory/>
- Parking: Parking is always **FREE** in all Belmar parking garages.

About Alameda Connects and the Alameda Corridor Business Improvement District:

Alameda Connects, a community-driven nonprofit, is dedicated to revitalization and enhancement of the Alameda Corridor in Lakewood, Colorado. Established in 1997, Alameda Connects has been instrumental in transforming the corridor through strategic partnerships, community development initiatives, and economic growth strategies. The Alameda Corridor Business Improvement District (ACBID), a self-taxing district formed by local commercial property owners, is a key partner in this endeavor. ACBID provides essential funding for various improvement projects and events implemented by Alameda Connects.

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