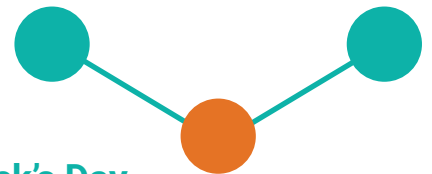


A Dozen Breweries and a Double-Decker Bus – St. Patrick's Celebration in Ballard

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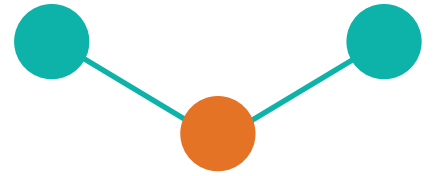
The Ballard Brewery District celebrates St. Patrick's Day as only it can

With the recent opening of two more breweries in Seattle's Ballard neighborhood (Urban Family Brewing and Fair Isle Brewing), the official count rises once again. There are now 12 breweries within the cozy confines of the one square mile known as The Ballard Brewery District. Is there another neighborhood of this size anywhere in the USA with such a high density of breweries? If so, it's news to me.

On Saturday, March 14th, The Ballard Brewery District celebrates St. Patrick's Day, with the local breweries banding together for a St. Pat's Parade O' Pints. Part of the fun, Hale's Ales will run its authentic, London-style, double-decker bus around the neighborhood, operating a hop-on-hop-off route (see the map below). The bus will run from 2:00 – 6:00.

Participating breweries include Bad Jimmy's Brewing, Hale's Ales, Lagunitas Brewing, Lucky Envelope Brewing, Maritime Pacific Brewing, Obec Brewing, Peddler Brewing, Populuxe Brewing, Reuben's Brews, Stoup Brewing, and the aforementioned new kids on the block: Fair Isle Brewing and Urban Family Brewing.





All of the breweries plan to offer special-release beers for the event.

Guests interested in riding the bus can purchase a \$5 bracelet from any of the breweries or onboard the bus (cash only). Proceeds will go to support Seattle Firefighters Pipes & Drums, a band dedicated to honoring fallen firefighters. Pipes & Drums is comprised of active and retired Seattle firefighters, and the band will be playing at different breweries throughout the event.

Check out the Facebook event page.

The bus will stop and go from the following five locations (see map below).

Hale's Ales (4301 Leary Way NW)
Maritime Pacific Brewing Co. (1111 NW Ballard Way)
49th Street between Peddler's Beer Garden & Lagunitas Brewing
NW 52nd St. at 14th Ave NW
NW 49th St at 9th Ave

