

## FESTIVALS & ANNUAL EVENTS



Lackawanna County's rich cultural heritage is represented by a multitude of festivals and seasonal celebrations. Events include First Night Scranton, the fourth largest Saint Patrick's Day Parade in the nation, and LaFesta Italiana.

First Night Scranton ([www.firstnightscranton.org](http://www.firstnightscranton.org)) is a major visual and performing arts festival created to bring in the New Year. Thousands are drawn to Downtown Scranton to enjoy venues suitable for all ages. The night is capped with a spectacular fireworks display over Courthouse Square.

In Scranton everyone is Irish on Saint Patrick's Day. Scranton boasts the fourth largest parade in the nation ([www.stpatparade.com](http://www.stpatparade.com)). Families, college students, and young professionals participate in this "Mardi Gras" type celebration each year.

LaFesta Italiana ([www.lafestaitaliana.org](http://www.lafestaitaliana.org)) draws tens of thousands to Courthouse Square at this annual Labor Day weekend festival. Visitors feast on an endless supply of food choices, while listening to live music and browsing merchandise for sale by local vendors.

Additional events held year round include cherry blossom and wine tasting festivals, music and arts festivals, Fourth of July celebrations, hayrides, and Oktoberfest celebrations.

For more information regarding Festivals and Annual Events visit the **Community Information** section of our web site at [www.scrantonchamber.com](http://www.scrantonchamber.com) or [www.scrantonplan.com](http://www.scrantonplan.com). Click **Arts & Entertainment**.