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BAILEY'S GARAGE
"Saint Patrick's Square"

Hub of the Annual St. Patrick's Day Parade

In 1946, J. Edward "Eddie" Bailey moved his gas station and automobile repair shop to its present location at 9 Orange Street in Abington. For over sixty years, this family run business, now run by his son Jack Bailey, has been meeting the automotive needs of people in Abington and the surrounding towns.

Once a year, this relatively quiet location at the corner of Orange and Washington Streets, which has become known as "Saint Patrick's Square", turns into a boisterous celebration of Irish heritage. What began as a challenge and a bet between friends over twenty five years ago, as to whether a Saint Patrick's Day parade in Abington could ever be established, has grown into one of Plymouth County's most revered traditions.

Thousands of Abingtonians and visitors line the streets from Center Abington to North Abington to watch musical bands, local merchants, politicians and community groups parade through town. Saint Patrick himself, portrayed by Jack Bailey, joins in this celebration. This community event promotes the pride of all who are of Irish descent and those who are Irish for the day.

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