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Mayors from three Macomb County communities will pour green beer for charity at St. Patrick's Day events Monday morning at various Dooleys Irish Taverns.

Profits from the first barrels of green beer at the Dooleys in Mount Clemens, Roseville and Sterling Heights will be donated to the charity of choice for the mayor in each of the respective communities, according to tavern co-owner Jim Arnone.

“We wanted to do something to give back to each one of the cities because our patrons enjoy the day so much,” Arnone said. “It’s just another highlight of the day for all of the Dooleys.”

Mount Clemens Mayor Barb Dempsey said she has designated the Macomb Children's Hands-On Museum as the receiver of any donations from the event at the Dooleys on Groesbeck Highway north of Cass Avenue.

“The folks from Dooleys asked me if I'd be available and I said ‘I am up for that.’ If you're going to give us money for our efforts to bring this new children's museum to Mount Clemens, I'll be there,” Dempsey said.

In Sterling Heights, Mayor Richard Notte said he's looking forward to meeting people coming out to the Dooleys on Hall Road (M-59) near the M-53 expressway. His charity is the Sterling Heights Community Foundation, which funds programs to boost the city's recreational, educational and cultural activities.

“St. Patrick's Day is good because it gives people something to look forward to in March,” Notte said. “It's becoming a big, big holiday.”

Over at the Dooleys on Gratiot Avenue near Masonic Boulevard, Roseville Mayor John Chirkun is thinking about summer events for his community.

“I've decided to designate our Roseville Fireworks Committee so that we can start fundraising for that event and maybe get a little bit of a head start,” Chirkun said.

The mayor beer pourings will take place between 9:30 a.m. and 10:30 a.m. at the various venues.

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