

North Hampton Bandstand News

The North Hampton Bandstand had another banner year offering free concerts on our Town Common. We are pleased to announce that for the second year in a row we had a perfect season with no cancellations due to weather. Our free concerts provided entertainment to hundreds of people each week with a variety of bands and acts.

On July 1st, we were honored to have the Air Force Heritage Band chose our Bandstand as part of their East Coast summer tour. The storms stayed away and our largest crowd of the year enjoyed a melody of music that included Patriotic songs, Movie tunes, Rock and Blues. This was a special evening and we want to thank the American Legion Post 35 for providing a delicious dinner for the 43 band members and their support staff.

Other notable acts that performed were Rico Barr, Jumbo Circus Peanuts and Soulmates Band. We also saw the return of the local favorite, The Old Bastards, with some of the Seacoasts best rockers. Some of our new bands included The Rebound Band, On Tap and JC Underwood featuring a spot-on Elvis! This year had maybe our widest variety of bands and we are hoping many of them will return next year.

As always, we would like to thank our sponsors whose support make every season possible. These include the North Hampton Business Association, The 180 Restaurant, Fuller Foundation, Seacoast Memorials of Portsmouth and The Hampton Rotary. If you would like to sponsor one of our concerts next year please contact us for details. You will be supporting a great cause. We would also like to thank the St James Masonic Lodge for providing food each week and working so hard to not only feed our patrons but to help organize and clean up after each show. And let's not forget the ladies of Winnicomette Rebekah Lodge #26 who provided desserts.

Maybe the biggest news of the year is our plan to replace the personalized bricks around the Bandstand free of charge. The bricks are over 23 years old and the New England weather has not been kind to them. Our plan is to replace them with thicker bricks that should last many years longer.

This also gives our patrons and friends the chance to have new bricks made up to add to the existing area. The standard brick will be 4" X 8" and offer 3 lines of text, 15 Characters per line for 75.00. We will also be offering 8" X 8" bricks and 12" X 12" Granite bricks. Application forms will be available at the Library, Town Offices and other locations around the area. You can also print one from our town page on www.northhampton-nh.gov/bandstand-committee. Become part of the ongoing history of our town, community and our Bandstand by ordering a brick soon. Bricks will be available through January 1st, 2018

Lastly, we would like to thank all of our community members that join us on a weekly basis to enjoy music, to laugh, sing and dance. Music is the fabric that binds people together with memories and common experience, touching our soul and feeding our spirit. Our concerts are free for all that attend thanks to the generosity of our sponsors and the patrons that help fill the buckets every week. Thank you for a great summer of music and joy and we will see you all in June.

The North Hampton Bandstand Committee