

Sunday, July 8, 2012 – 6:00 p.m.

J & B Band

Keeping with tradition, Bethel's own Billy Michael opens the Concert Series with his delightful way of mixing music and hometown history. Along with the oldies, polkas and disco selections, anticipate a surprise or two. Six versatile musicians make up the group: Billy Michael, bass/vocals; Jacqui Rodda, vocals; Wayne Gunther, keyboards; Doron Ben-Ami, guitar/vocals; Mike Soldan, drums/vocals; and Will Michael, sax/percussion/vocals. Enjoy the good fun along with the entertaining music from the irrepressible Billy Michael.

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Sunday, July 15, 2012 – 6:00 p.m.

## Highway Robbery

New to the concert scene, Highway Robbery incorporated the members of Murphy's Law to form this brand new group. Led by Ira Pollock (vocals, lead guitar), members include Jeff Reed (vocals, bass), Tom Murphy (vocals, rhythm guitar), Fran Murphy (vocals), and Greg Kalis (vocals, drums). Playing a mix of classical rock, southern rock, blues, and country, Highway Robbery is dedicating this concert to Ted Crane, the recently deceased bass player of Murphy's Law. You'll hear this group around town, especially at the Farmer's Market.

*Sponsored by First Selectman Matt Knickerbocker and Friends of Bethel Seniors.*

Sunday, July 22, 2012 – 6:00 p.m.

## Easton Banjo Society

Bethel concertgoers enjoy going "back in time" between the mid-19<sup>th</sup> century to the 1930's and to the spirited music of their great-grandparents and great-great-grandparents long before the audio technology of today. Enjoy the plinking, plunking, and strumming of a variety of banjos rendering such old favorites as "Ain't She Sweet," "Baby Face," "Somebody Stole My Gal," "Grand Old Flag," and "Yankee Doodle Dandy." The straw hats, bow ties, and red-striped vests help transport us back in time. This musical treasure provides a fine evening of entertainment for all ages.

*Special Sponsorship by Ergo Chef.*



Sunday, July 29, 2012 – 6:00 p.m.

## Hot Cat Jazz Band

Cancelled last year by Hurricane Irene, the Hot Cat Jazz Band comes storming back to share the upbeat renditions that characterize this group. Six instrumentalists – trumpet, clarinet/tenor sax, trombone, piano, guitar/banjo, bass and drums – perform swing standards of George Gershwin, Cole Porter, and Duke Ellington; Big Band hits of Benny Goodman, Glenn Miller, and Tommy Dorsey; Dixieland and New Orleans selections along with Popular Songs from the 1920's. Listen for some favorites such as "Muskrat Ramble,"

"Take the A Train," Sentimental Journey," and "Bill Bailey." You'll recognize the artistry as you appreciate the musical adeptness of this spirited band.

*Sponsored by Attorney Daniel O'Grady, R. T. Vanderbilt Company, Inc., and Union Savings Bank.*



Sunday, August 5, 2012 – 6:00 p.m.

## The Kerry Boys

A favorite of Bethel concertgoers, Mark James and Pierce Campbell have been performing their upbeat Irish selections for over 20 years. Connecticut troubadour for 2007 and 2008, Pierce Campbell teamed with Mark James, originally from County Kerry, Ireland. Their infectious style delights the audience and results in clapping in time, singing the familiar lyrics, or even dancing on the lawn. Listen for the close harmonies in both the traditional and original pieces. You might even find yourself participating in some of the numbers!

*Sponsored by Newtown Savings Bank, Boylan Chiropractic, and Selectman Richard Straiton.*



Sunday, August 12, 2012 – 6:00 p.m.

## Mental Health

Back after a warm reception last year, this local band, formed in the 1980's, derives its sound from the bluesy rock 'n roll music of the '60's and '70's. Original members Richard Madwid (vocals and guitar) and Scott Roland (drums) are joined by Jon Condie (vocals and guitar), Tony DeCamillo (bass), and John Francese (keyboard). All have over 30 years of playing experience. You'll hear musical influences from the Beatles, Elvis Presley, the Rolling Stones, to Eric Clapton. Their latest CD, "Long, Long Time," is a collection of songs from Rick's college years with a rock 'n roll filter that personalizes the sound.

*Sponsored by State Representative Dan Carter and Caraluzzi's Bethel Food Market and Nutmeg Discount Liquor.*

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Sunday, August 19, 2012 - 6:00 p.m.

The Big Beat Oldies Band

Take yourself back to the sounds of the 50's and 60's with this four member band, who are performing at the gazebo for the first time. Founder and leader Joe Neuman sounds just like Elvis Presley! You will probably hear some of his original songs along with favorites from the 50's and the 60's. Completing the group is Bucky Rodriguez (drums), John Serio (saxophonist) and Ron Chase (vocals and bass).

Sponsored by R. E. Lawlor Graphics and Printing, State Senator Toni Boucher, and State Senator Michael McLachlan.

Sunday, August 26, 2012—6:00 p.m.

Phil LoPresti Jr. with the Clark Eno Orchestra

What a terrific way to end the Concert Series! Back after a spectacular show last year, Phil LoPresti Jr. and the Clark Eno Orchestra promise to entertain you with the "Big Band" sounds of an accomplished full-size orchestra along with a talented vocalist. Phil LoPresti Jr. will remind you of Frank Sinatra, Tony Bennett, and Dean Martin as he delivers his renditions of "Old Devil Moon," "The Summer Wind," "Night and Day," and many other favorites from the Big Band era. Well known in the area, it's a special pleasure to have this group of performers at the Gazebo. Relax, enjoy, and end the summer on a positive note!

Sponsored by Selectman Paul Szatkowski, the Bethel Republican Town Committee, and Heitcamp, Inc.

For your convenience, restrooms are available inside the CJH Municipal Center.

Thank you for joining us for our SIXTEENTH consecutive Summer Concert Season. A very warm thank you to all our sponsors.



BETHEL SUMMER CONCERT SERIES

At the Gazebo



CJH Municipal Center Lawn

Free and Open to the Public

*Bring Lawn Chairs, Blankets,
Picnics, and the Family*

*In the event of inclement weather, the
concert will be held in the gym.*