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THE RETURN OF CONCERTS IN THE PARK

The Township of Old Bridge Cultural Arts Committee is pleased to bring back Concerts in the Park.

Old Bridge Township, NJ – The committee had kicked off the summer concert season with the local band “READY WILLING & ABLE” featuring the sounds of Tommy Tafaro on the guitar, John (JD) De Servio featured as lead vocalist and bass guitarist, Gregg Lo Cascio is the band’s drummer & on vocals, Also on vocals and keyboard was Joe Sherbin , Spencer Reyes on the Baritone Saxophone and the band featured female vocalist Kim Moscarillo. The performance was held at the Mayor’s Health & Wellness Park Party on June 22. The mist of rain did not interfere the show went on. They played an eclectic blend of songs including ZZ TOPS ‘Cheap Sunglasses’; ‘Play that Funky Music’ by Wild Cherry; AC/DC ‘The Jack’; Hit Me with Your Best Shot’ by Pat Benatar; ‘Shot Gun’ by Jr Walker featured an OBHS recent graduate Spencer Reyes on the sax.

The celebrations from the Fourth of July continued the next day at Geick Park. It was a picture perfect sunset to the sounds of the ‘We May Be Right; Billy Joel Tribute Band’. They highlighted several of Billy Joel’s greatest hits such as “Piano Man”; “Moving Out (Anthony’s Song) ; ‘The Stranger’; ‘Scenes of an Italian Restaurant’; ‘Ballad of Billy the Kid’, The bands lead vocalist and piano player Karl Dietel delighted audience goers with the song ‘She’s Always a Woman’. The band featuring Perry Andrews on the Saxophones, Luke Kessel on the Bass, Jim Ruffi on Drums and Derek Davodowich on Guitar performed an original song called “Don’t Give Yourself Away” from the Karl Dietel Five CD of original music the song won Relix Magazine’s Jam Off Competition earlier this year. Cultural Arts was pleased to present an open air gallery presenting works of art from local artists Janet Esposito and Smiley from Chakra Art and Tattoos.

This August the Cultural Arts Committee is excited to be presenting three more FREE concerts for the public. August 2nd Sonic Reign will be performing Rock from AC/DC to ZZ Top . This 5 piece band from Somerset, NJ consists of Drummer Andy Janowiak, Keith Benicaso on the Bass; Vocalist Mark Porchik and Guitarists Frank Leotti and Bruce Williams. Feel free to ride your motorcycles over for a bike show at the circle in front of the Camp Robin Building in Geick Park beginning at 6:00pm. The band will begin their performance at 7:00pm.

Also at Geick Park on August 16th at 7:00pm The Cultural Arts Committee is happy to bring back the 1960's. The name says it all, Strictly 60s is a group of veteran musicians dedicated to giving its listeners the best songs and sounds of the 1960's. Relive an extraordinary decade of musical innovations and creativity with the sounds of The Strictly 60s Band. They will be bringing the audience back to a great musical era - Beatles - Stones - Elvis - Motown - 4 Seasons - Doors & more. Strictly 60's is comprised of those kids who were caught up in the explosion of those great 60's sounds! They are committed to keeping the music of this magical decade of music not only alive but explosive! The band leader and vocalist is Joel Bridgewater, Dave Hurley is the Lead guitarist, also on vocals is Roger Toothacker, Bass Guitar and vocals, Greg Tymes on Drums and Mark Elgart on the keyboards and vocals.

Parking will be at the OBHS Parking lot for both performances at Geick Park.

Closing out the summer concert series at Cheesequake Park at 7:00pm is one of the Jersey Shore favorites THE NERDS. Their performance will begin at 7:00pm The Nerds (Spaz, Biff, Stretch, and Mongo) are America's Party Band Fun-omenom! Since forming in 1985, the band has wowed audiences from their home state of New Jersey all the way to the Bahamas. They have performed on shows like *The View* and *Last Call with Carson Daly* and were named the house band for MTV's 'Ultimate Cover Band Contest.' They have played many celebrity-hosted events and have provided entertainment for countless corporate clients including Microsoft, Google, Merrill Lynch, and the pharma companies throughout the Princeton Corridor. The Nerds have shared the stage with some of music's biggest acts – including Sheryl Crow, Earth, Wind & Fire, and Train – and have performed for a number of prominent political figures. Every so often, you may even catch a famous fan like Jon Bon Jovi, David Bryan, or Dickie Betts joining them on stage for a couple songs! What a FuN-Tastic way to close out our Summer Concert Series. Their performance begins at 7:00pm

Bring your lawn chairs to all the concerts and come enjoy your dinner Al Fresco. Our favorite local food vendors will be at all three events: Nikki's Dawgs, Empanda Guy, Friendly's, Giuseppe's Pizza & Fine Italian Food and Romeo's Oriental BBQ. These concerts would not be possible if it was not for the support of our local businesses Excel Urgent Care; Solterra Recycling Solutions, Chakra Tattoos and Think Printers that have co-sponsored these performances.

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