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In addition, the majority of the concerts will take place at the Morgan Road Pavilion, which will offer the ability to purchase food and beverages. Bring your family, friends, neighbors and visitors as well as lawn chairs to each performance!

The Summer Concert Series represents one of the many reasons why West Springfield is an ideal place to live, work and play.

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CONCERT 1 – HIPPTOWN

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CONCERT 2 – THE STORYTELLERS

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Thursday, June 6, 2024 – 7:00 PM
Morgan Road Pavilion
459 Morgan Road, West Springfield, MA 01089
Beer, wine, soft drinks, food and snacks available

"Rick V" Kostanski started the Storytellers in the summer of 2016 as a solo act. In the early fall he integrated "Brother Brian" into the act playing a Sunday matinee at the Cove in Southwick. The idea was to take their favorite memories and share them with their friends and family through guitars, vocals and songs.

In 2017, these two West Springfield natives really turned it up and began to play the Springfield area bars and restaurants regularly, as well as some West Springfield icons like Storrowton Tavern, The Crest Room, and the Eastern States Exposition! In 2018, they made some changes to their sound system, integrating a Bose system to get the best possible sound they could. In 2021 they celebrated our 500th show as "The Storytellers" and have now surpassed their 800th show, looking to keep the momentum in 2024 and beyond!

The Storytellers say they have been very blessed with the opportunities that have been given to them for all of these years. They are always looking forward to playing for some new friends they haven't met yet! You're the reason they keep doing it!

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CONCERT 3 – GENERAL GIST

Thursday, June 13, 2024 – 7:00 PM
Morgan Road Pavilion
459 Morgan Road, West Springfield, MA 01089
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General Gist is a 6 piece "High Energy" "Get up and Dance" Classic Rock & Blues Band that has been entertaining crowds in Pioneer Valley for over a decade. Their set list is an eclectic mix of some traditional and modern country, your favorite classic rock hits, mixed with some unexpected tunes performed the Gist way, all with a big bluesy Kick!! This is an all-ages show with tons of fun and music for everyone. Dancing shoes are a must and once you've seen these guys rip it up and you've danced the night away, you will also be saying "I Get the Gist"!

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CONCERT 4 – CHALK DUST

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Thursday, June 20, 2024 – 7:00 PM
Morgan Road Pavilion
459 Morgan Road, West Springfield, MA 01089
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Chalk Dust, Western Massachusetts' premier all-teacher band, has been entertaining crowds with their unique interpretation of hits from many eras and genres. All five band members are teachers at West Springfield Middle School. The group members are: Bryan Ouimet (vocals, 6th grade ELA teacher), Natalie Donze (bass, vocals, 7th grade science), Dan Haryasz (acoustic and electric guitar, 8th grade history), Chuck Dufault (drums, 8th grade ELA) and Chris Taft (guitar, 8th grade science).

The band members share their love of playing music together and playing for their friends, families and fans! Chalk Dust's eclectic range of material includes country, rock, hip hop and rap tunes - quite possibly one of the most genre-bending set lists in New England! The range of music sways almost as much as our weather….if you don't like the current tune, just wait until the next!

Chalk Dust setlists vary widely from gig to gig and new tunes are added at almost every gig. They play locally at several popular venues including The Still, The Polish American Club of Feeding Hills, Knox Trail Inn, Drunken Rabbit, Sunsetview Campground, Kaptain Jimmys, Beaver Brook Country Club, 7Bs, the annual summer series in West Springfield and Suffield, The Waterfront Tavern, and private parties.

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CONCERT 5 – THE NEXT J.E.N. BAND

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Thursday, June 27, 2024 – 7:00 PM
Morgan Road Pavilion
459 Morgan Road, West Springfield, MA 01089
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The Next J.E.N. is a four piece female fronted band playing out of the Springfield, Massachusetts area. The band all met at Theodores Booze, Blues, & BBQ Bar in Springfield over the last few years at the open mic. With diverse musical stylings, they have come together to make it possible to move from a pop song, to a rock song, to a dance song, to a reggae song, and to a country song. The Next J.E.N. likes to branch out to reach many generations of music lovers to keep it interesting and try to create a sound that appeals to anyone listening!



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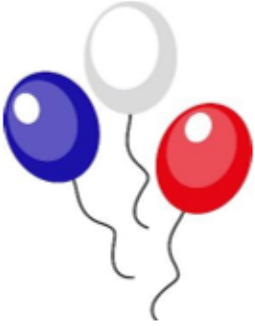
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CONCERT 6 – 4TH OF JULY CELEBRATION
FAMILY FUN ACTIVITIES, JIMMY MAZZ

Thursday, July 4, 2024 – 11:30 AM – 3:00 PM
Town Common
Park Street, West Springfield, MA 01089
Food and snacks available

The West Springfield Park & Recreation Department is pleased to host the Annual 4th of July Celebration! Beginning at 11:30AM, fun activities for all ages will begin on the West Springfield Town Common. Families can take part in different arts and crafts, competitive and cooperative games, and have the chance to see the updated fountain project first hand!



Shortly after the festivities begin, the West Springfield Lions Club will be selling concessions for all who wish to purchase and stay on the Common for a performance from Jimmy Mazz.



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CONCERT 6 – 4TH OF JULY CELEBRATION
FAMILY FUN ACTIVITIES, JIMMY MAZZ

Thursday, July 4, 2024 – 1:00 PM – 3:00 PM
Town Common
Park Street, West Springfield, MA 01089

Jimmy Mazz began singing at the age of 14 in a Junior High School band with a group of friends that called themselves Vitus Pike. Growing up in a small town in Western Massachusetts left Jimmy with big dreams. His early desire to be a musician and performer was that of a rockstar, writing and singing songs. Riding the "new wave music" of British Rock and the punk music scene in the early 80's, Jimmy joined the band Picture This. A few years later, he formed Real World and toured with his original songs, winning many battle of the bands competitions and recording almost 60 songs. Joining the wedding band Breezin' in 1993 changed his direction dramatically. The wedding band experience became invaluable, and those years molded Jimmy into the entertainer he is today.





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CONCERT 7 – SARAH THE FIDDLER

Sponsored by The Eastern States Exposition

Thursday, July 11, 2024 – 7:00 PM
Storrowton Village Green Gazebo
1305 Memorial Ave, West Springfield, MA 01089

Sarah's musical journey began at the age of 4 when she started violin lessons using the Suzuki Method. By the age of 6, she was introduced to fiddle music and began competing in fiddle contests all over New England. Her grandparents suggested having a signature look....so she was known as the girl with the little red hat. Eventually it was her playing that was being recognized as she won hundreds of competitions.

These contests and festivals instilled Sarah's passion for old-time music as she learned and played alongside some of the best old-timers. Even her fiddle was given to her by New England fiddler Willie "Uncle Willie" Lapman and carries a history of over 200 years of song.

The moment her bow touches the strings, Sarah's passion for music is evident. Combining her influences of Old-Time, Irish, World and Classical music, Sarah takes her audiences on a musical journey from old-time sing-alongs, to lively polkas and rousing reels.

Sarah will be performing with her husband Keith DaSilva on drums, Joe Dziok on piano & accordion and special guest Will Gorry on guitar & mandolin. The influences of these four musicians makes for a high energy show loved by audiences of all ages.

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CONCERT 8 – THE ETHEL LEE ENSEMBLE

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Thursday, July 18, 2024 – 7:00 PM
Storrowton Village Green Gazebo
1305 Memorial Ave, West Springfield, MA 01089

We are thrilled, excited, and delighted to be a part of the West Springfield Summer Concert Series again, and we would love to have you join us for another evening of music bound to give you that happy feeling.

I totally agree with Plato who said, "Music is a moral law. It gives soul to the universe, wings to the mind, and flight to the imagination, and charm and gaiety to life and to everything." Let's face it, the way the world is today we need music more than ever. We would love to have you join us on the Big E grounds at the gazebo.

For your listening pleasure you will be entertained by Bobby Ferrier on guitar, Steve Bulmer on bass, Ed Brainerd on flugelhorn and trumpet, Mark Barowsky on tenor saxophone, Clark Seibold on drums, and Ethel Lee as your vocalist.

We hope to see you there! Thank you, West Springfield Park & Recreation and concert sponsors!



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CONCERT 9 – BIG E MARDI GRAS BAND

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Thursday, July 25, 2024 – 7:00 PM
Storrowton Village Green Gazebo
1305 Memorial Ave, West Springfield, MA 01089

The 2024 edition of the Big E takes place September 13th through 29th. The Big E Mardi Gras Band performs daily in the Big E Mardi Gras parade. On weekends, they stroll around the Fairgrounds and entertain the crowd with a variety of music, and also take requests. The band performs all original Mardi Gras music like you would hear in New Orleans. The musical selections also include music by Chicago, Bobby Vinton, The Beatles, The Turtles, Roger Miller, Tom Jones and your favorite Irish, Italian and Polish music.

Members of this musical ensemble are: Jim Beucke, Trumpet; Charlie Bongiovi, Guitar; George David, Clarinet and Saxophone; Paul Grzebueniowski, Accordian; Mark Turcotte, Trombone, and Joe Annis, Drums.



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CONCERT 10 – SANTUCCI JAZZ QUINTET

Thursday, August 1, 2024 – 7:00 PM
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For this year's Summer Concert, Cicci Santucci proposes a group with different instruments from his usual formation, by using a vibraphone and a guitar in the place of a piano and a saxophone. The concert will offer some original compositions and some standards.

With **Cicci Santucci** on trumpet and flugelhorn, there are:

Mario De Ciutiis: a vibraphonist/malletKAT player, originally from NYC. He has spent the last 42 years playing percussion in the Radio City Music Hall Orchestra, but has retired and is doing what he loves most – playing Jazz!

Bob Ferrier: a freelance guitarist who holds a B.M. degree in Performance from Berklee College of Music and a M.M. degree in Jazz Composition/Arranging from UMass Amherst. He is a Professor and Director of Jazz Studies at Holyoke Community College, and a Professor of Jazz Guitar at UMass Amherst.

George Kaye: a bass player, and part of the trio that regularly performs with guest musicians every Tuesday night at the "Drake" in Amherst.

John Fisher: a drummer, and one of the best in the area!



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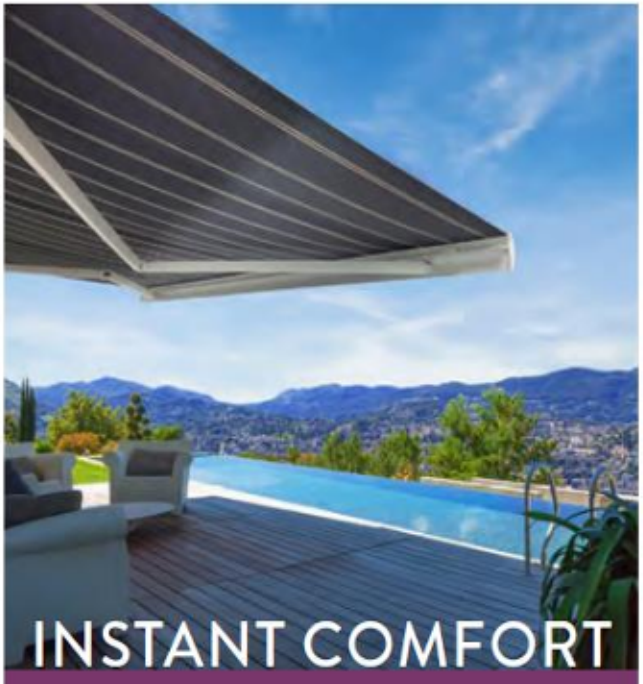
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CONCERT 11 – RICHIE MITNICK & FRIENDS

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Thursday, August 8, 2024 – 7:00 PM
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It's hard to believe that Richie has been a part of our Summer Concert Series for over four decades!!! We have always known our audience and have remained true to performing the best music of the great American Songbook.

Richie's magic happens as his keyboard recreates an entire orchestra. Richie's brother, Alan travels up from New Jersey to wow us on guitar!

I am humbled to accompany some of the finest vocalists from Western Mass. Expect to hear vocalists such as Ethel Lee, Jessie Rivers, Peter Annone, Joe Saimeri, Holly Pearson and the MC of MC's, Brad Shepard! Truly, an evening you won't want to miss!



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CONCERT 12 – JUST GO WITH IT

Thursday August 15, 2024 – 7:00 PM
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Just Go with It is an enthusiastic modern rock band that keeps the audience on their toes by playing hard rock, originals, radio staples, punk, emo anthems, and up-tempo dance music to keep everyone partying and moving.

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CONCERT 13 – THE WILDCARDS

Thursday, August 22, 2024 – 7:00 PM
Morgan Road Pavilion
459 Morgan Road, West Springfield, MA 01089
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Meet "The Wildcards," where Mike and Mike join forces to create a harmonious musical experience. They produce rich, authentic tones that resonate with the spirit of the greatest hits from the 60s to the 90s. It's not about egos and volume; it's all about the celebration of the songs you love. Join them for a journey through the decades where music takes center stage, and nostalgia comes to life through their harmonies and heartfelt tones. Come listen to them play some to the tunes that they love and hopefully you will too.





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CONCERT 14 – UNIONJACK

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Thursday, August 29, 2024 – 7:00 PM
Morgan Road Pavilion
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UnionJack British Invasion Band is a 5 piece band based in Western Massachusetts. The band has appeared annually at the Abbey Road on the River festival, the World's Largest Beatles Themed Music Festival annually since 2009. UnionJack has also appeared at the 2022 and 2023 International Beatleweek in Liverpool, UK, including playing 10 shows on the Famous Cavern Club Stage where the Beatles played 225 times!

UnionJack is not an imitation but a celebration of the British Invasion Groups of the 1960s: The Beatles, Stones, DC5, Moody Blues, Gerry & The Pacemakers, Searchers, Hollies, etc. They also feature the sounds of many American groups from the same period.

They appear throughout New England, and are based mainly in the great Springfield, MA region.

UnionJack has opened for such nationally known acts such as Peter Noone's Hermans Hermits, Bo Diddley, Ritchie Havens, The Band, The Commodores and others!

The band's members are David Lempke, Drums and Vocals, Jim Brown, Guitar and Vocals, Peter Schindelman, Bass and Vocals, Jim Stough, Guitar, Keyboards and Vocals, and Garry Santinello, Guitar and Vocals.



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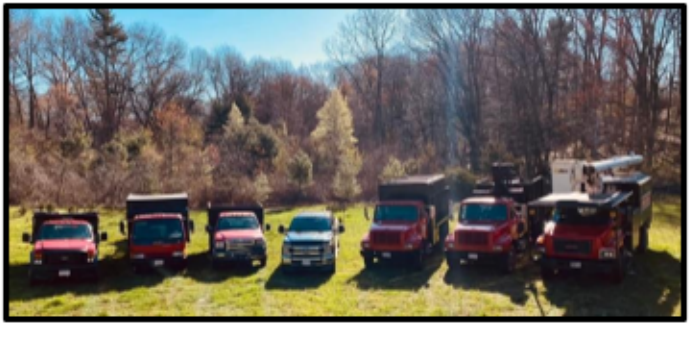
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SARAH CALABRESE-DUNPHY
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I extend my heartfelt gratitude to our amazing donors for their generous contributions, along with the Rotary Club Board of Directors and members for their unwavering dedication and hard work throughout the year. Rotarians, your commitment to **Service Above Self** is truly motivating and has brought about a positive change in our community and in the world. Collectively, we have accomplished remarkable feats, and I am honored to have guided such a passionate group of individuals.

As we look ahead, I am excited about the opportunity to continue making a major impact. I encourage organizations and individuals to apply for grants, sponsorships, and college scholarships provided by the Rotary Club. Our goal is to promote development, learning, and advancement within our community and across the globe. For more information, visit www.WestSpringfieldRotaryClub.com.

I also want to acknowledge Mayor Reichelt, the Town of West Springfield, and Parks & Rec for their invaluable collaboration and support. Lastly, I want to say a sincere thank you to our guest speakers for their generous contribution of time, resources, and expertise during lunch meetings.

Here's to another year of service, fellowship, and making a difference. Together, we can continue to be a force for good in our community and beyond.

Warm regards,

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