

# Dancing Into Sunset – Fruitport 2021

Season 5 Kicks Off

Thursday June 10th at 7:00 p.m. to 9:30-ish p.m.

**Pomona Park at the Bandshell**  
93 S. Third Ave, Fruitport, MI 49415  
with live bands

## The Silverado Band playing your country favorites

Dancing Into Sunset - Fruitport is family friendly music and dancing. In a world of social on-line media, let's social the old fashioned way by meeting friends and family in person in a safe outdoor way.

Please join Dancing Into Sunset – Fruitport and celebrate our 5<sup>th</sup> season held every Thursday night (weather permitting) during the Spring and Summer in Pomona Park at the Bandshell. This 'FREE' community event, for the community, by the community, is supported by the community.

We are on our way to another successful year. Dancing Into Sunset - Fruitport would not be possible without our fantastic sponsors: The Storage Group is returning as a five-year sponsor; Fruitport Orchard Market returns as a five-year sponsor to help celebrate Military Night on July 1<sup>st</sup>, 2021. We will salute and recognize all military men and women as we have done the past four seasons. Mark your calendars as a reminder that we will once again put out a collection box at Fruitport Orchard Market to collect non-perishable items to send to our troops by way of the Blue Star Moms. Plus, mark down as well to bring your letters or cards addressed to the troops so your words will make their day. Let's remember to bring your favorite photos to hang on the Wall of Fame showing off your military loved ones.

Happy to welcome back sponsors Community Foundation of Muskegon County, Hazekamp Meats/Premier Foods, and The Village of Fruitport. Shredded rubber has been donated by Ginman Tire Co. and put down each week with the help of volunteers to help 'soften' the feet and knees while your dance partner swirls you around in the large dance area.

The grassy hill that overlooks Spring Lake makes this location one of the best in the area for an outdoor evening of dancing music, meeting old friends and making new ones, or just be tucked away by one of the trees to listen with enjoyment.

Happy to say we will see the return of PARKSIDE PIZZA N SUBS. They were a great hit with the crowd last season by either ordering from their tent on-site or by calling into Parkside in advance and they will have your order delivered to the tent, or will always have pizza hot and ready to purchase on the spot. Carlson's Hot Almonds will also be returning. If still hungry after you dance the night away you can always walk across the street to Ye Old Tavern for that chili dog special. State Farm Insurance, Doug Heins' Spring Lake office, HAD SUCH A GREAT TIME passing out free ice cream last year! They are returning as a sponsor and will have a table set up the night of July 15<sup>th</sup>, 2021 for many other goodies! The Grand Haven State Farm Insurance office, Michael Heck, is another returning sponsor. Way Point Dock and Spirits and 'Bella', the famous greeting dog, are happy to support Dancing Into Sunset again for the 2021 season. ServPro of Muskegon/North Ottawa is a returning sponsor, also. We welcome Excel Propane, A-Team Construction Co., One Step Up Landscaping and CPS, Inc. (Custom Service Printers). We thank all of you for being part of another successful community event.

The history of Pomona Park is so important to our community, I always like including the following for those who are new to the area to learn about our history or just a refresher for all those that grew up here.

Pomona Park was very popular back in the 40's and 50's for dancing and music. Here is a bit of history by Fox 17 Kevin Craig's West Michigan Stories interview with Brian Zwart.

"Pomona Park sat vacant (except with the old burned out building [Pomona Hotel] on it) until about 1900 or so. It was the electric rail car known as the Interurban that came into existence and began to capitalize on the old boom. The Interurban rail service ran from Grand Rapids, to Coopersville, and rails veered off to Fruitport and Grand Haven. Since the Interurban company had an electric power house and stop in Fruitport, they wanted to

capitalize on it and draw more people in. So they built a huge wood pavilion over Spring Lake on the shore of Pomona Park in 1902. It was a major success!

"The Interurban operated the pavilion until 1928 when it was sold to band leader, Frank Lockage. He began bringing in major, nationally known talent and acts like Glenn Miller, Lawrence Welk, and Buddy Holly just four months before he would die in a plane crash with the famous Big Bopper and Richie Valens. At first the pavilion was a seasonal thing with open areas and unheated. It would later become a year round draw for people to dance and simply party into the wee hours of the night.

"The fun, excitement, and draw went on until January 3, 1963. In the early morning hours of January 4, the pavilion would burn to the ground. Never-before-seen home movies were taken of the fire and are part of the video in our West Michigan Story. Unfortunately, it was never rebuilt and the property sits only as a park today. That said, the original pylons that held the pavilion up over the water are still visible today. The slab of concrete that led into the pavilion is still in tact...even with pieces of the original floor tile still attached."

The history of Pomona Park is amazing and incredible to say the least. A special thanks to Brian Zwart of the Fruitport Historical Society. Unlike many historical experts in the area, Brian is a much younger man who has researched Fruitport and Pomona Park extensively. His enthusiasm and insight into Fruitport's past is addictive, enlightening, and entertaining. (Search Brian Zwart Fruitport History to view entire video.)

So c'mon everyone, and let's make history of our own for our kids to talk about 50 years from now. All the fun continues into 2021 starting Thursday, June 10th, 2021 at 7:00 p.m. till 9:30-ish (sunset) with live music by 'The Silverado Band' (follow them on Facebook), a hometown favorite. You will see the full schedule below (weather permitting), to cut out and put on your refrigerator for quick reference. You will not want to miss this year's lineup. Please help spread the word about Dancing Into Sunset to continue to share dancing and music with the community. Let's keep the pace going!

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## 2021 FULL SCHEDULE

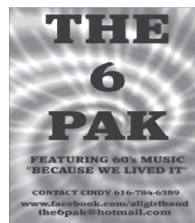
KICK OFF the Season on **Thursday June 10th** – 7:00 p.m. to 9:30 p.m. Welcome back hometown favorites Cheryl, Woody and Tom from



**THE SILVERADO BAND!**

**Thursday June 17th 2021** – 7:00 p.m. to 9:30 p.m.  
**TOM BOURNE BROS BAND**

**Thursday June 24th** – 7:00 p.m. -9:30 p.m.  
**THE 6 PAK BAND**  
60's Rock n Roll



**Thursday July 1st** –7:00 p.m. to 9:30 p.m. Cheryl, Woody and Tom from **THE SILVERADO BAND** as well as our Military night. Bring photos of loved ones to hang on our 'Wall of Fame.' Stop by Orchard Market in Fruitport and donate to the collection box non-perishable items to send off to the troops and we will have the box on site that night. Fruitport Scout Troop 4023 will once again help us pay tribute to each Military Branch. Special treats



**Church bulletin quote:**  
**The sermon this morning: 'Jesus Walks on the Water.' The sermon tonight: 'Searching for Jesus.'**

donated by Fruitport Orchard Market!

**Thursday July 8** - 7:00 p.m. to 9:30 p.m.  
**TOM BOURNE BROS BAND** (Tom from the Silverado Band - second band)



**Thursday July 15th** – 7:00 P.M. TO 9:30 P.M. – **THE ADAMS FAMILY BAND** will bring their folk, doo-wop and classic rock to the Fruitport Bandshell.

**Thursday July 22** - 7:00 p.m. to 9:30 p.m. – **THE SEA CRUISERS** all the way from Lansing! They bring their 50's, 60's, and 70's rock and roll music to listen and dance to.



**Thursday July 29th** –7:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m.  
**THE CARL WEBB BAND**



is a blend of rock, blues, jazz, country, folk and Latin as well as original music influenced by all of these. You will enjoy dancing

and listening to this local favorite.

**Thursday August 5th** – 7:00 p.m. to 9:30 p.m.  
**BUTCH GRENNELL AND UNBREAKABLE PRIDE BAND** – Country rock



**Thursday August 12th** 7:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m.  
**SWEET JUSTICE BAND** who will bring you their style of Oldies to Classic to New Country!



**Thursday August 19th** – 7:00 p.m. to 9:30 p.m.

One more time folks, Cheryl, Woody and Tom  
**THE SILVERADO BAND**



**Thursday August 26th** - 7:00 p.m. to 9-ish. New to Dancing Into Sunset to close out the season is easy listening and dancing music of



**STEVE SPEES**, Saxophonist/Entertainer. This will be our **Wesco Popcorn Night!**

And that's a wrap, folks!!! Hope all will look forward to joining the 5<sup>th</sup> Season of Dancing Into Sunset - Fruitport. Make sure and save this schedule and help pass the word the old fashioned way, word of mouth!!!

## Dancing into Sunset Fruitport Seeking Sponsors Season Starts June 10

Dancing into Sunset Fruitport would so appreciate adding more sponsors in order to keep Dancing into Sunset Fruitport a FREE weekly event all summer long. There will be 12 nights of music and dancing. Sponsors are mentioned each Thursday. Thank you in advance for your consideration of a sponsorship. For further details, contact Sue at (231) 865-3134.

### Church bulletin quote:

**Ladies, don't forget the rummage sale. It's a chance to get rid of those things not worth keeping around the house. Bring your husbands.**