MUSIC ON THE GRAND

We are so excited for the 2025 Music On The Grand summer events series! This year celebrates the 55th year of music on Grand Haven's waterfront. Music On The Grand is proud to be a part of maintaining this long standing family friendly tradition. In addition to live music, we include an area for dancing which is why sometimes we are also referred to as Dancing On The Grand!

Grand Haven is home to the Lynne Sherwood Waterfront Stadium where we host a variety of music all summer long on **Wednesday** evenings. We welcome music lovers, dancers, and people watchers. Whatever your interest, the venue is both stroller and wheelchair accessible and provides a beautiful backdrop with all sorts of boats traveling up and down the Grand River. Sometimes we even get to see a large carrier ship pass!

Our summer event series begins the first Wednesday in June and ends the last Wednesday in August. Performances in June and July are from 7:00-9:00 p.m. and 6:30-8:00 p.m. in August to adjust for the earlier setting sun.

This year, our lineup is as follows:

Wednesdays, 7:00-9:00 p.m.

June 4: Spring Lake High School Jazz Band

June 11: Livin' The Dream

June 18: Backwoods Express

June 25: Thornapple River Band

July 2: Guinness Brothers

July 9: Silverado

July 16: Reason Band

July 23: Frank Eimer Band

July 30:We take a break for Coast Guard events

Wednesdays, 6:30-8:30 p.m.

August 6: Carl Webb Band

August 13: Lakeshore Big Band

August 20: Two Dudes In Flip Flops

August 27: House Cats

Opening our 2025 summer event series on Wednesday, June 4th is the fabulously **Spring Lake High School Jazz Band**. We are lucky to have these talented teens perform for us before they head off to summer jobs and college.

Join us Wednesday, June 11th for Livin' The Dream. Band members Lee, Greg, and Scott bring their veteran and seasoned musical expertise to those favorite 60's, 70's, and 80's pop and rock songs that audiences love.

We welcome **Backwoods Express** to our stage on Wednesday, June 18th. Backwoods Express is an American Classic Country, Classic Rock and Roll band based in the Fremont area. They strive to play the most fun music they can from Merle Haggard and Johnny Cash, Dixie Chicks and Journey, to Matchbox 20, Van Morrison, Elvis, Tom Petty and Cross Canadian Ragweed plus many others.

Also new this year is the **Thornapple River Band** on June 25th. They are a Grand Rapids based Folk/Rock/Americana group, specializing in tight energetic vocal harmonies and classic hit songs from the 60's 70's and 80's

Returning to the stage on July 2nd is the **Guinness Brothers** Band. They are an eight-piece horn-fueled R&B powerhouse group with vocal and infectious dance grooves which will have you on your feet before the show is over.

On July 9th, **Silverado** is returning with their classic country music sound in addition to a wide selection of polkas, waltzes and line dances.

Specializing in classic rock hits from the 70's, 80's, 90's and beyond will be the **Reason Band** on July 16th. The Reason is a local Grand Haven group comprised of members Lee Nelson, Jeff Kruizenga, Susan Iacovoni, Carl Nelson and Jeff Post.

On Wednesday, July 23rd we will be featuring the **Frank Eimer Band**. Frank Eimer, a professional musician for 65 years is honored in the Michigan Legends Rock 'n Roll Hall of Fame as one of the best. The band brings a fun groovy vibe to both current and older tunes.

After our break for the Coast Guard Festival, we welcome **Carl Webb Band** on August

6th. Together for 28 years, this group is an Americana band featuring an eclectic blend of rock, country, blues, jazz, folk, and Latin music, including cover songs and originals.

Please join us on August 13th for **The Lakeshore Big Band**. Based in Spring Lake and entertaining audiences throughout West Michigan since 1990, the Lakeshore Big Band features a large library of tunes from the early days of jazz to present day. Classic Big Band and ballroom dance music at its finest!

Two Dudes In Flip Flops is a "Trop Rock for your Caribbean Soul" band consisting of Greg and Jeff Grossenbacher. Entertaining up and down the West Michigan shore for many years, "Brothers Grossenbacher" will take you away to the islands and have you out dancing on August 20th.

We close the 2025 season with **The House Cats** on August 27th. The House Cats are a band of seasoned musicians from the West Michigan area who have been working and performing in numerous venues in the region for decades. With their energetic variety of cover tunes, you will experience Rock, Pop, and Country, along with a bit of Blues and a touch of Soul. Members include Stephen Bennett (bass guitar and lead vocals), Landon Knoppers (keyboards and effects), Steve Holsinger (lead guitar and vocals), Rick Bennett (drums and vocals). Whatever your tastes, a great time will be had by all.

Music On The Grand on Wednesday evenings is a wonderful addition to all of your activities you enjoy while in Grand Haven for the day, the week, or the summer. After a day at the beach, hikes or bike rides through our local city, county and state parks in the area, or a stroll through our local shops, you can grab an early dinner before coming down to the waterfront stadium. Or, grab a dinner to go and enjoy your picnic meal at the waterfront stadium. Listen to a wide variety of music each week, maybe dance a little, and enjoy the last of the sun for the day. When the concert is over, you already have the perfect seat to enjoy Grand Haven's Musical Fountain.

Check out our Facebook page "Music On The Grand in Michigan" for event schedule, bios on the bands, weekly photos and videos of the bands and more!

Question For the Township Treasurer

Q. What is a property tax deferment?

A. A property tax deferment gives you a longer time to pay your property taxes without penalty and interest. A form must be completed every year. The property must be your principal residence. Other requirements are age and income limited. Age: must be 62 or older; Income: must be \$40,000 or below. There are other categories that may qualify such as totally and permanently disabled.

The summer property tax deferral is given by the MI Department of Treasury. You can get access to that form by contacting you local treasurer's department.

The Winter property tax deferral is given by the Muskegon County Board of Commissioners. They have voted this through every year since before 1996 when I was elected as treasurer. If you qualify for a summer deferment, the County Treasurer rolls it over to include winter.

The deferment is used by many township residents as it gives them the ability to get their income taxes done to help pay for that year's property taxes.

For more information about a property tax deferment contact: Fruitport Treasurer's Office 231-865-3151 Option 5 or email: rdillon@fruitporttownship.com

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