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Chamber Chat Issue #2 of 2023

Sharon Chamber of Commerce

Business & Community Working Together

PO Box 383 Sharon, Wisconsin 53585

Village Brush Pick Up Information

Starting in April through November

First Tuesday of the Month

Sec. 28-3. - Curbside brush collection.

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Brush to be placed on curb not more than 72 hours before the designated day of collection. No brush shall be placed between the sidewalk and the curb or at any residential section in the village for collection more than 72 hours before the designated day of collection.

Brush pick-up. Brush will be picked up on the first Tuesday of the month, April through November by the public works department. Limbs and branches should be no longer than ten feet in length and 3½ inches in diameter, piled at the curbside with the cut ends pointed toward the center of the street.

- We Continue our efforts to promote our local businesses and develop a working relationship with them.
- Hanging Planters for the Downtown District.
- Continuation and possible enlargement of the Sharon Chamber of Commerce Scholarship.
- Repainting and Repairs needed on the Veterans Park Gazebo.

The Sharon Chamber of Commerce is always in need of Individual Volunteers that would be interested in joining our committees for planning purposes, our long-range planning for future events, and the betterment of the organization.

You do not have to pay for a membership to become involved, everyone is welcome to join us.

Our **Monthly Meetings** are held the **3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of every month at 3:00 pm, at Christ Lutheran Church.**

Please come and join us, all are welcome to attend.

Sharon Chamber of Commerce Updates

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Homestead Saunas, LLC.

- Sharon Chamber of Commerce website is Up and Running:  
[www.sharonchamberofcommerce.com](http://www.sharonchamberofcommerce.com)
- In February, the Sharon Chamber of Commerce began a partnership and involvement with the Multi-Chamber Group. That group includes Delavan, Visit Lake Geneva, East Troy, Whitewater, Elkhorn, WALCO, WCEDA, and Geneva Lakes West. This new partnership will provide additional opportunities to members as well as great exposure for the Village of Sharon, businesses within, and promotion of our events.



**Sharon Community Food Pantry, at St. Catherine's Catholic Church, Needs help.**

The older generation is Retiring and there is a need the younger generation to step up.

The Food Pantry Needs Volunteers to take over the responsibilities of the Organization and Operation of St. Catherine's Food Pantry, located at 125 Pearl Street Sharon, Wi. 53585. Due to its small size the Food Pantry is available to Sharon & Sharon Township Residents Only.

Please Contact **Pat Harvey at (262)736-9144** for further information.

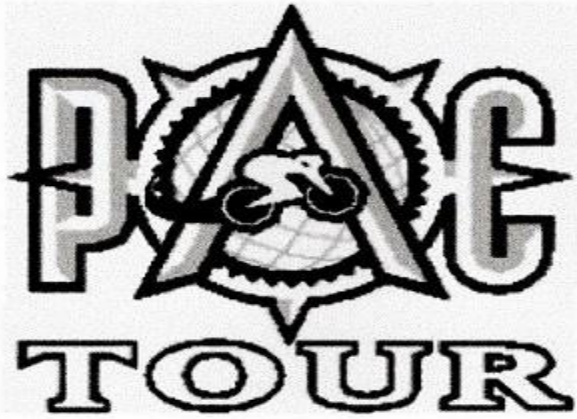
The food pantry has helped many families within the Village and Township. It would be a shame if it had to close. Please "GET INVOLVED", give Pat Harvey a Call for more information.

**Pat Harvey at (262)736-9144**

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The Sharon Chamber of Commerce Will be holding a Quarterly Information Program on Tuesday June 7, 2023 at the Village Hall Community Center from 7:00pm - 8:00 pm There is No Charge for anyone to attend

The program is presented by a Sharon Chamber of Commerce Member, Pacific-Atlantic-Cycling Tour.



Bicycle Expeditions Across America

Humanitarian Projects from Africa to the Amazon Speaker : Lon Haldeman

Lon has made 30 trips in the past 25 years, and has had numerous fascinating and interesting experiences that he will be sharing with everyone. Lon and his family have been involved in projects that range from bike races and tours to helping out in the rural areas of Peru and Ghana. These are just some of the experiences he would like to share.



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*Monthly Meetings and Reminders*

**Village Committee Meetings:** are published on the Village website at [villageofsharon.com](http://villageofsharon.com). All Committee and Board meetings are held at the Village Hall on a Monthly Basis

**General Operation** First Tuesday 5:30 pm

**Streets & Parks** First Tuesday 6:00 pm

**Public Utilities** First Tuesday 6:30 pm

**Public Safety-First** Thursday 4:30 pm

**Finance** First Thursday 5:00 pm

**Village Board Meeting:** Second Tuesday 7:00 pm

**Sharon Chamber of Commerce:** Will hold our Monthly Meetings the 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of every month 3:00 pm, at the Christ Lutheran Church

**The Community Closet:** Located at the Old Bell Tower Church is open Monday, Friday, Saturday from 9:00 am - 12:00 Noon and Tuesday's from 1:00 pm - 4:00 pm.

**Sharon Drift Skippers:** 2<sup>nd</sup> Thursday of every month. meetings start at 6:30 pm and at the present they meet at the Dawson home.

**Library: Has Expanded their hours, New hours are:** Monday-Thursday, 9:00 am-6:00 pm Friday, 9:00 am-5:00 pm Saturday, 9:00 am-12:00 pm

Library Activities:

**Coffee Hour:** Wednesday 10:00 - 11:00 am

**Thursday Nights at the Library:**

**Film Club:** 1st Thursday Each Month at 6:00 pm

**Family Game Night:** 2<sup>nd</sup> Thursday at 5:00 pm

**Family Coloring Club:** 3<sup>rd</sup> Thursday 5:00 pm

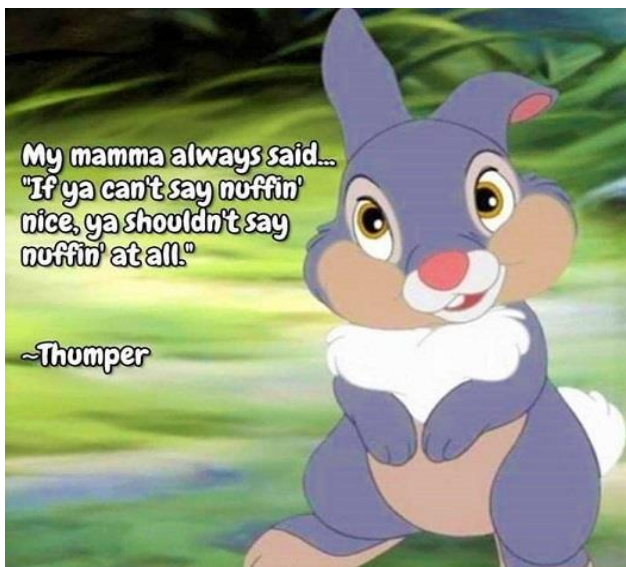
**Cook Book, Book Club:** 4<sup>th</sup> Thursday 6:00 pm

The Chamber Chat is always looking for articles to be submitted by Residents - Businesses - Students or anyone who has something Nice to say or wants to bring information to others. Articles must be in Word Format, no Pdf, please attach to your email.

submit Completed Articles to:

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In the Subject Line: Article for Chat



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Dates and Events to Watch For

April 7, 2023 - No School for the Sharon Community Grade School

April 25, 2023 - The Sharon Chamber of Commerce Placemaking Seminar from 10 am - 12 pm at the Community Center

May 26, 2023 - Last Day of School, early release at 11:00 am

June 1, 2023 - Graduation Day for Sharon Community Grade School

June 4, 2023 - Graduation Day for Big Foot High School at 1:00 pm

If you would like to be included in our Dates and Events, for the next quarterly printing (July, August, September) please submit your information before June 7th, 2023 to Marge Dreksler mdreksl@charter.net Put Chat Event Dates in the Subject Line.

If I don't know about it, I can't include it!

I also accept any Articles you would like to put together and have printed - just put Chat Article in the subject Line. I ask that all articles be submitted to me in Word format with an attachment.

The Sharon Chamber of Commerce

Would Like to invite ALL to attend, a Free Program, given by The Wisconsin Economic Development Corporation. Presented by Errin Welty, at the Community Center on: Tuesday - April 25, 2023 from 10:00 am - 12:00 pm

Intro to Placemaking presented by Errin Welty with the Wisconsin Economic Development Corporation



Free Program Open to the Public Tuesday, April 25th, 2023 10:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. Village of Sharon Community Center

Stakeholders interested in helping create a vibrant downtown district in Sharon are invited to attend this session. Errin Welty, Senior Director of Downtown Development, will provide a presentation on how placemaking initiatives can boost district vibrancy, support small business activity, and increase resident engagement in the community. Following the presentation, the group will conduct a walking audit of the district to identify short and long-term opportunities for placemaking improvements suitable/desirable in downtown Sharon. Based on these priorities, the community will receive a draft work plan to identify, design, fund and implement placemaking initiatives in downtown.



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Menu for KIP & DEB's featuring sections for PIZZAS, FRENCH BREAD PIZZAS, TOPPINGS, SANDWICHES, and APPETIZERS with prices listed for various items.

Brigham Memorial Library



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Arntzen Corporation continues to move ahead with their construction. Although there has been no definite date set for them to be fully operational, they are making progress. On Tuesday February 7, 2023 I had the pleasure of attending a walkthrough of the new Arntzen Plant. What an amazing experience to have been a part of. What I truly enjoyed the most, was the Excitement in John Arntzen's voice as he explained the numerous locations within the buildings and plans of operation.

Mr. Arntzen is truly thankful and excited about the opportunity he has laid out with the Village of Sharon. It has been a long process, with much more to go, but it is an experience he had hoped for, for a very long time. Mr. Arntzen expressed how over the years he had always said "he could do this another way, a better way, but we do not have the space." But now having a building that is built to his specifications, he "Can now make it happen"



They are working on the start date for the Rail Spur to go in, as well as Alliant Energy on getting the Electrical Substation installed. Alliant Energy is hoping for around December of this year. Mr. Arntzen is anxiously looking forward to the day when they are in full operation.

We started our tour in the reception and office areas, which will consist of 10 working cubical spaces, 4 restrooms (3 unisex and 1 woman's), a walk-in kitchen area and break room, file room, server room, and a huge copy and print room that overlooks the plant. The windows within the Copy Room will be equipped with Fire Shutters on the plant side, but the room offers a great view into the plant.



Reception Area



Copy Area - Windows into the Plant

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We then headed out into the actual Plant. Where tons of progress has been accomplished there as well. All the operational Offices are roughed in and await finishing. There will be both men and woman's locker rooms, 3 bathrooms and wash areas, a lunchroom area equipped with tables - vending machines and microwaves. And an area set up for Secure Storage of maintenance equipment.



#### Maintenance Area

To continue on, the plant is set up with 3 Operation Bays all heated with 21 Radiant Heat Sources. Set up with Heavy Duty Cranes, able to lift 25 Ton's. All have a 25 foot under bridge which gives them the capacity to handle larger rolled steel. All Cranes are manufactured right here in Milwaukee, Wisconsin at Superior Crane Corporation. The Maintenance Department is located along side Bay #1, the area is large enough to be converted into an Operational Area if needed.

Bay #1, is where the Sheets of steel are brought in, after it arrives by Rail. They slide the sheets into the Bay using Forklifts that handle weights from 30,000 pounds up to 55,000 pounds, the forks are 3" thick and 6" wide. The forklifts slide the steel into the bay far enough to allow for the Crane to be able to pick them up. They are then placed onto the Messer Plasma Cutter, also made here in Menomonee Falls Wisconsin. The Plasma Cutter is equipped with a Downdraft system to exhaust smoke and dust particles out of the building. There are zoned chambers for the exhaust which are mechanically operated by damper doors that automatically open as the machine passes over a zone where the cutting is occurring. Bay #1 also handles a Plate Roller, right now it is just a hole in the ground, with a foundation to hold the actual roller. The Plate Roller sits onto the foundation you see in place, the area around it allows access to the equipment when needed. They are equipped to roll steel that is 20' wide or better and at least 1" thick, the Hardox 450 steel they use is an abrasion-resistant, for long lasting performance, with a nominal hardness which combines both bendability and weldability.



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Plasma Cutter

Area for Plant Rollers



Operation Pit for Plate Roller

Pit Base & Beginning of Roller Foundation

Bay #2 is set up additional Plate Rollers, very similar to Bay #2. Finally, we have Bay #3 that also allows for a smaller Plate Roller, that handles 14' of rolling. Bay #3 is also the home of the Welder, which can automatically weld up to a 14' diameter pipe. After going through all the stage of building the Pipes, they will then leave the plant via truck.



Item to the right, on the Green Mount is the Welder

Now, I am sure I have left off plenty of information, but wanted to give everyone an insight on the progress being made to get Arntzen closer to full operation. Mr. Artzen is hoping to have another open house when they are further along in the process. The plant will be operating 3 full shifts and providing 40, and possibly more, employment opportunities. Of course, as with any business or operation they will be bringing some of their experienced staff into some of the positions. But as time goes on, they will be adding staff from around the area.

The Village of Sharon and Arntzen Corporation are looking forward to a long and prosperous partnership as we welcome him into our area.

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## HOSTAGE TAKEOVER ON THE AMAZON

By Lon Haldeman



For over 20 years I have been organizing bicycle tours to all corners of Peru. This year was our “Andes to the Amazon” tour and we had a group of 15 including support staff. Alessandra and her sister Samantha were members of the Peruvian woman's cycling team. They were the main organizer for this tour and the proceeds would go to pay for their team's travel expenses.

On our sixth day of cycling, we reached the river port where we boarded a barge-type riverboat to start a 400-mile journey to the city of Iquitos on the Amazon River. Iquitos is one of the most secluded large cities in the world only accessible by airplane or riverboat. Along the way, the riverboat would stop at a few remote villages. I've traveled this way over ten times and it's always been a relaxing trip between challenging cycling days.



Our boat was over 100 feet long and the decks were filled with cargo and passengers. The boat was packed with luggage, families, and hammocks. It was a giant slumber party and everyone got to know their neighbors. The captain predicted we would arrive in the town of Nauta 30 hours later.



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Our first evening on the boat was relaxing as we watched the sunset highlight the silhouette of the trees lining the shore. The river was as wide as the Mississippi River near St. Louis. Watching the jungle float by is one of my favorite pastimes. Our group of riders were exceptional travelers with a great attitudes, and they could make the best of any situation, which would be useful in the days ahead.



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Before we boarded the boat we bought several bundles of school supplies, intending to deliver them to some village schools where the boat stopped. The captain said there was a village ahead where he planned to meet with the village leaders for an hour, giving us plenty of time to deliver the donations.



As we neared the village, three small boats approached, full of men with spears and flying Peruvian flags. Some of them were dressed as warriors, in traditional colorful robes and decorated with warpaint and headdresses. I assumed it was a welcoming party to greet us as we docked the boat. The three boats of village warriors boarded our larger vessel through the rear doorway near the propeller. We heard yelling on the lower deck in the engine room where a fight with the crew ensued. After a few minutes, the yelling, along with the roar of the Caterpillar engine, fell silent. We realized the warriors were not a welcoming party and had in fact stabbed one of the crew members and seized our boat's battery, disabling our engine.

The captain along with his crew were quickly captured and taken back to the village. We were ordered to remain on the boat and told we would be held here for five to six days. Many of the local passengers were angry, but Alessandra kept everyone calm. She spoke with the warriors and encouraged the rest of the passengers not to start a fight.

I immediately started to inventory our water and cookies and determine if we had enough to ration. The boat kitchen was closed so we could not access any supplies. By mid-afternoon, a few warriors ordered everyone to leave their luggage, exit the boat, and assemble on the island for a meeting. They assisted everyone off of the boat and helped us walk along the narrow wooden plank to the shore. They even carried a fellow in a wheelchair down the stairs and up the shore bank.



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The village leaders spoke in Spanish, but we understood they were talking about their village's problems with the oil pipeline that crossed their land. For several years, oil leakage polluted the river and caused health problems. The village did not think they were receiving any benefit from the oil companies drilling on their land.

The passengers were allowed to return to the boat, but Alessandra, Samantha, and I stayed behind with the chief. Alessandra said he must have had some education because he knew the legal terms of taking prisoners. The warriors had been careful not to threaten anyone with the guns they used for hunting only using spears, clubs, and machetes.

Alessandra asked the chief what they needed to improve their lives, he answered: The oil company must stop polluting the river. They needed medical attention for the villagers with cancer or other problems from the contaminated water, as well as a clean water source. They needed more economic opportunities to sell produce or grow food, and lastly, better education opportunities.

Samantha had a job working with the government for economic development in rural jungle villages. The chief was impressed she had contacts with the government. We told the chief about the work we had done building schools and installing water purification systems in the area, as well as educational supplies we regularly donated to other villages. The chief was thankful for our understanding and although we were hostages, we felt the village had reasonable requests.

We had limited cell phone coverage, but managed a few calls to the American Embassy and received many different reports of what would happen. Some said a rescue boat was on the way, and others said the police were coming but even the fastest motorboat would take 10 hours to reach our remote location.

During the night, a large boat similar to ours had docked across the river. Unfortunately, it wasn't for us. Alessandra was on the phone with the Amazon Navy trying to find out why we couldn't use the recently arrived boat. Finally, after a long negotiation, our original captain agreed to pay everyone's fair, including the local travelers, for the new boat to bring us to Nauta.

The new boat pulled alongside ours, and everyone started climbing from one boat to the other. We soon found out that the new boat was narrower and shorter. All the hammocks that barely fit on the original boat were even more tightly crammed together. Luckily, everyone on the boat were friends by now, and could put up with some discomfort. The village warriors helped transfer bags of rice, bundles of bananas, and other cargo from the lower deck of our old boat. Before we left the village, Alessandra and I gave the chief the school supplies we had been carrying. It was a small token of support for their village compared to what they needed, but they were pleased.

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Our boat left the riverbank in late afternoon, and we finally headed toward Nauta. We were relieved to be moving. We made good progress on the river that night but we were still over 30 hours behind our schedule, but eventually made it to Iquitos safe.

We were fortunate that everything worked out. We had a fantastic group on our tour who pulled together to make the best of a bad situation. Everyone was impressed with how Alessandra negotiated with the village and the other boat passengers to keep everything under control. It is not an experience we want to repeat, but it was an adventure we will all remember.

Samantha and Alessandra will be coming to Sharon this summer for 3 months and traveling with our tours in the United States. In October we will be returning to the hostage village to install a water well pump and filter system in their village.

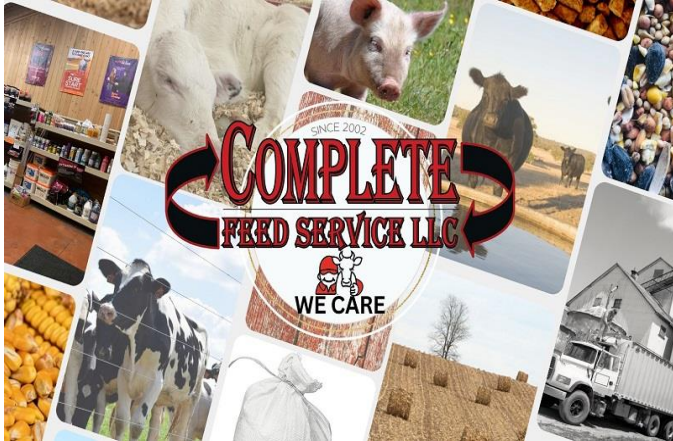
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Sharon Chamber of Commerce is looking for Volunteers to Join Us. We Need Businesses and Residents to become Involved.

Make a difference, get Involved!

How about a Bit of Humor

- As I get older and I remember all the people I've lost along the way, I think to myself, maybe a career as a tour guide wasn't for me.
I went to see the doctor about my short-term memory problems - the first thing he did was make me pay in advance.
Light travels faster than sound. This is why some people appear bright until they open their mouths.
Do I lose when the police officer says papers and I say scissors?
Women should not have children after 35. Really, 35 children are enough.
Why did the scientist install a knocker on his door? He wanted to win the No-bell prize!
Knowledge is knowing a tomato is a fruit. Wisdom is not putting it in a fruit salad.
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Bingo At Pat's Brew & Que

Pat's Welcome Spring Schedule
Bingo Dates March - June
March Wednesday's
March 8th
March 15th
March 22nd
March 29th
Bingo Dates April Wednesday's
April 12th
April 26th
Bingo Dates May Wednesday's
May 10th
May 24th
Bingo Dates June Wednesday's
June 14th
June 28th

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We invite you to join us at a co-sponsored event held by:

**The Village of Sharon and  
The Sharon Chamber of Commerce**  
*“Music in the Park”*

Held at Veterans Park Wednesday Evenings  
from 6:00 pm - 9:00 pm

**June 14<sup>th</sup>**

Matthew Wundrow Band (polka & classic country)

**June 28<sup>th</sup>**

Loriann Bowdish (Acoustic Variety) playing a variety of genres. including pop, country, and 80's.

**July 12<sup>th</sup>**

Frank Whiting (Lead Singer, Guitar Player, and the “F” in JFK the band) Playing songs you sing along with.

**July 26<sup>th</sup>**

Carl Fritz (Taking Audience Requests DJ)

**August 9<sup>th</sup>**

Open Mic Night (contact Jessica to sign up, [jessica.bauman@live.com](mailto:jessica.bauman@live.com) or phone her 815-517-2548)

**August 23<sup>rd</sup>**

Glenn Davis (Blues & Old Rock n Roll)

*Christ Evangelical Lutheran Church*

Last year, Christ Lutheran Church hosted a book giveaway in the spring. The ELCA (Evangelical Lutheran Church in America) was inviting congregations to apply for grants that would support any event that fostered connections in the community. The purpose of providing these grants was to help congregations reconnect with their neighborhoods after the isolation of COVID19. Members of the church decided to apply, and came up with the idea for a book giveaway. During the pandemic, kids experienced an interruption in their learning. Receiving a book would be a small but positive step to help children on their learning journey. The grants were chosen randomly via computer, and Christ Lutheran was not chosen. However, there was so much excitement about the idea, the endowment committee of the congregation chose to fund the project, and they hosted the event in June.

The giveaway was held at Goodland Park. A free kid-friendly meal was provided, and children chose a book from a wide selection of appealing books for all age groups purchased from Scholastic. Almost 90 children from the community, ages infant through eighth grade, participated. Christ Lutheran decided to make it a yearly event and invite other organizations in the community to donate toward purchasing books to make the event sustainable.

**The date and time are yet to be determined, but plans are underway to host another giveaway this spring.** If your organization is interested in partnering in this project, please send an email to [clcsharon1845@gmail.com](mailto:clcsharon1845@gmail.com)

Please note that any emails you send to this account may be accessed by church volunteers. If you wish to send a confidential email to the pastor, she can be contacted at [kbarkholtz@yahoo.com](mailto:kbarkholtz@yahoo.com).

*Entertainment Schedule for*

*Pat's Brew & Que*

**PAT'S BREW & QUE SPRING/SUMMER ENTERTAINMENT**  
**LOOK FOR "BACKYARD POP UP PARTIES" NEW!!**

- APRIL 14TH/FRI 7 PM NATE & BRIDO
- APRIL 23RD/SUN PAUL HIESER 12 PM - 3 PM
- APRIL 29TH/SAT BIKER WELCOME DAY! CHAPEL HILL BAND RETURNS! 1 PM - 4 PM
- MAY 6TH/ SAT 7 PM ELVIS RETURNS! (DAKOTA CARL)
- MOTHER'S DAY SPRING FLING MAY 13TH/SAT 12 PM - 4 PM RED PANDA BAND RETURNS!
- MAY 19TH/FRI 7 PM BREE MORGAN RETURNS!!
- MAY 28TH/SUN TIM O'GRADY JR 1ST BACKYARD POP UP PARTY 12 - 3PM
- JUNE 3RD/SAT ELVIS RETURNS AGAIN- 8 PM
- JUNE 10TH/SAT HERITAGE DAYS & TRACTOR SHOW NEWLUDYTUNES 12 PM - 3 PM
- JUNE 16TH/FRI 7 PM JOHNNY B RETURNS
- JUNE 24TH/SAT PB & J 7 PM
- JUNE 25TH/SUN MATTHEW ADAM BACKYARD POP UP PARTY 12 - 3PM
- JULY 4TH/TUES- PARADE DAY! FAST LANE BAND BEGINS 2 PM
- JULY 16TH/SUN BILL "HORSE" BOSSINGHAM BACKYARD POP UP PARTY 12 - 3PM
- JULY 21ST/FRI BREE MORGAN RETURNS! 7 PM
- JULY 23RD/SUN PETE SMITH BACKYARD POP UP PARTY 12 - 3 PM
- JULY 29TH/SAT NEW BAND! GENR8R 6 PM - 9 PM TAKE THE STAGE!
- JULY 30TH/SUN PAUL HIESER BACKYARD POP UP PARTY 12 - 3 PM
- AUGUST 5TH/SAT GOLF OUTING- CHAPEL HILL BAND- TBD TIME
- AUG 26TH/SAT BIKE RUN MEMORIAL PIG ROAST RED PANDA BAND TBD TIME