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**MONMOUTH COUNTY PARK SYSTEM TO HOST
SUMMER PERFORMANCES AT THOMPSON PARK**



LINCROFT— Soak up the sounds of summer when the Monmouth County Park System presents its annual series of free concerts in Thompson Park, 805 Newman Springs Road, Lincroft. Open to all ages, these shows are held at the Theater Barn, unless otherwise noted. Concert goers are invited to bring lawn chairs or blankets, food, and soft drinks to outdoor performances. Performances will move indoors if weather is inclement.

The schedule is as follows:

Colts Neck Community Band

Friday, June 5 at 7:30 p.m.

Enjoy an evening of music with the Colts Neck Community Band at the Thompson Park Activity Barn. The band has been recognized as one of the finest in the state of New Jersey, and will perform a variety of music, from light classical to marches to Broadway favorites.

Sentimental Journey Big Band Concert - America's Swinging Two-Fifty!

Friday, June 12 from 7-8:30 p.m.

There's no better way to celebrate America's 250th anniversary than with American music! Hear the Sentimental Journey Big Band, featuring vocalist Altha Morton, perform classic patriotic-themed melodies of the 20th century.

American Folk Rock with Jackson Pines

Friday, July 17 from 7-8:30 p.m.

This Billboard and PBS-featured band is from the Pine Barrens and plays original and centuries-old folk songs. Known for their live shows, the band weaves fingerpicking, fiddle, and stand-up bass with vocal harmonies. Jackson Pines just released their new album "Wheel" and were recently named "Band of the Year" by NewJerseyStage.com and The Aquarian Magazine.

JO & the Highland Express Concert

Friday, August 21 from 7-8:30 p.m.

Recreating the musical masterpieces of funk and soul greats, this band puts their own original spin on each song. The show includes the music of Stevie Wonder, Aretha Franklin, Kool & the Gang, The Commodores, The JB's, Maceo Parker, and many others.

I Hear America Singing

Saturday, August 22 from 7-8:30 p.m.

In honor of the 250th anniversary of the founding of the United States, Creative OPERATIONS presents *I Hear America Singing*. This event brings together three professional vocalists, a pianist, and projected visuals that highlight composer stories and historical moments for an immersive and educational experience. **Please note: This free event is held inside the Theater Barn and requires registration; available online at www.MonmouthCountyParks.com or by calling 732-842-4000, ext. 1.**

For additional information about these shows, please visit www.MonmouthCountyParks.com or call 732-842-4000, ext. 4312. For persons with hearing impairment, the TTY/TDD number is 711. The Monmouth

County Park System, created in 1960 by the Monmouth County Board of County Commissioners, is Monmouth County's Open Space, Parks and Recreation agency.

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