Music brightens summer nights at Giampietro Park

Music fills the air every Monday night in Vineland from June to August at the annual Summer Concert Series at Giampietro Park, a long-standing local tradition.

The concerts, which launched the new season on June 18, begin at 7 p.m. in the Enrico Serra Band Shell in the park, the only city park with such a facility. An adjacent dance floor adds to the fun.

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In addition to the Monday night concerts, a special Fourth of July program is also presented, this year with the Cumberlads, a vocal group, and the Red, White and Blue Band. In case of inclement weather, concerts are moved to the auditorium at Veterans’ Memorial School on Main Road and Chestnut Avenue.

While the Monday night concerts are popular, the Fourth of July concert is especially well attended, with an estimated 1800 at last year’s event. The location is accessible to those with disabilities and offers picnic areas and a playground that is also handicap friendly. The Cumberland County Office on Aging CATS program (Cumberland Area Transit System) is available to transport senior and disabled persons. For special arrangements for people with disabilities, call (856) 794-4000, extension 4144; for transportation arrangements, call (856) 691-7799 at least 48 hours in advance.

In an effort to expand on the generally “oldies” style music—with the exception of “Four Wheel Drive,” which is country—the city is working to include a rock band and Latin band in next year’s schedule.

Giampietro Park is at 3231 E. Landis Ave., Vineland.

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The Cumberland County Cultural & Heritage Commission is pleased to announce that it has secured $15,000 in grant funds from the Southern Shore Region Destination Marketing Organization (SSRDMO) headquartered in Cape May for use in promoting cultural events in Cumberland County.

The Commission, in cooperation with the Cumberland County Tourism Advisory Council, has selected eight cultural non-profits throughout Cumberland County to re-grant some portion of the funds secured.

“Cumberland County has an array of cultural and historical sites, including some of the most unique in the Mid-Atlantic states,” said John Garrison, Chairman of the Commission. “It is the Commission’s responsibility to bring public recognition to our county’s cultural opportunities.”

The SSRDMO is a non-profit member organization which promotes tourism throughout Cumberland and Cape May Counties. Diane Wieland, SSRDMO Chairperson, believes the relationship between her organization and the Commission is a natural one.

“The Commission’s work directly supports the neighborhood theater companies, historical museums, galleries and other cultural attractions which we want to promote to the hundreds of thousands of tourists who visit our region each year,” she said. “The Commission’s institutional knowledge, combined with our marketing insights, results in a sure-win partnership to get the word out about all Cumberland County has to offer.”

Summer Concerts in Vineland

June 25-Buddy Gale Big Band
July 2-Tony Mascara
July 4-Red, White & Blue Band and The Cumberlads
July 9-John Lolli
July 16-Four Wheel Drive (Country)
July 23-Ross Ippolito Combo
July 30-Joe Luisi One Man Big Band
Aug. 6-Buddy and the Blue Flames
Aug. 13-Corky Gale Combo
Aug. 20-Bud Cavallo Duo
Aug. 27-Frank Marone and The Italians

Admission: Free
Begins: 7 p.m.
Giampietro Park, Vineland