

Summer Concerts – discussion on Glen Rockers 7/24/2022

Sal Danna On Sunday night's they have outdoor concerts in Hawthorne. On Tuesdays they do outdoor concerts in Elmwood Park. Why can't our town build a bandshell and hire bands to play in Glen Rock? BTW, Tuesday night in Elmwood Park a Clapton tribute band called Bell Bottom Blues is playing. Below is Hawthorne's bandshell.



Sal Danna Here is [Elmwood Park's schedule](#). "The Best of the Eagles" is a great Eagles tribute band, and "Frontier" is an incredible Journey tribute band.

Jon Hendl Ridgewood has one as well - [here's their schedule](#) . Where would you put one in GR?

Victor Quinn If you build it they will come

Michael McNulty Victor Quinn - I was about to say these exact words!

Hal Knapp Great idea..... But. where? And who's paying for it? Or, just have a summer concert series and set up a stage at one of the fields. MANY towns do this.

Debra Meryl Weisberg Walker Wonder if we can build one near the recycling center. Not sure how far the land goes back? I wonder what the cost would be to build one?

Karen Mitchell Omg, don't give this M and C any more ideas on how to spend our money! \$45,000 for Triangle Park is one example. Hal Knapp is absolutely correct. Set up a stage on one of the fields or how about in front of the Municipal Building?

Bryan Morieko Karen Mitchell triangle park was paid for with grant money.....

Karen Mitchell Bryan Morieko What grant? Can you provide some information about it and if that is true, why did a council member tell me at a Senior Advisory meeting that the town paid for it? Nothing was mentioned about a grant. I know that there are minutes from that meeting when it was discussed!

John Nugent Hahn Bryan Morieko where do you think Grant money comes from? Taxpayers.

Cecilia Vanti John Nugent Hahn Not necessarily. Corporate grants are the norm. There are govt grants but they draw from a relatively small percentage of tax dollars. So you can feel better about that. And based on this response the arts are valued among this group.

John Nugent Hahn Cecilia Vanti what does it cost taxpayers to get a grant? Are the grant writers paid up front or a pct of grant received.

Cecilia Vanti John Nugent Hahn I'm not understanding your question. If you're not ok with taxpayer dollars used for grants—be assured it's a small percentage—maybe 3% if that. Grant writers are paid for their expertise on a project-by-project basis by the individuals or entity seeking a corporate grant—not by taxpayers. Have a nice day.

Sal Danna It could be built at the back left corner of Wilde. It is already elevated. There is a driveway for band access. Restrooms, electricity are already there. Since concerts are at night or weekends, parking is available in the commuter lot. Hawthorne's is quite an elaborate bandshell. Elmwood Park's is made of wood and not quite as elaborate.

Ridgewood's is way over the top. An investment for adults and seniors. Isn't that a novel idea for the town.

Hal Knapp Sal Danna My son's band has played at the GR June fairs and usually down by the restrooms-- One downside about Wilde, and the driveway location, is for those that live on Abington Terr... And the "noise" from performances. Elevated/portable stage would work a little further away. The Kasschau Memorial Shell in Ridgewood was built through money from fund raising back in the 50's.... Apparently, a bunch of concerts helped raise the funds. Not money from the town. Wilde is also a Green Acres park -- Not sure what can be done as far as new structures by the town.

John Nugent Hahn 1) we can borrow a portable from Bergen County. 2) there are Free outdoor concerts in Ridgewood, Fair Lawn, Hawthorne, Elmwood Park, NYC, Waldwick. 3) The Glen Rock pops played 7/3 and at the Hermitage. Did you attend those concerts?...

Many are attending Elton at Met Life.

Why spend money to duplicate something that does need duplicating

We just 3.5 million plus maintenance for a plastic field. Let's hold concerts there!

Jon JC Lee John Nugent Hahn Didn't to Pops play on the front lawn of GR Town Hall in July?

John Nugent Hahn Jon JC Lee yes

Sal Danna John Nugent Hahn if the portable is available from the county for free, then that is the answer.

Karen Mitchell John Nugent Hahn And then the new plastic fields can never be used because it's too hot out!! Not good for us old people!

Sal Danna Karen Mitchell Karen, it should be at the back left corner at Wilde. John Hahn said that Bergen County has portable mobile stages which would be perfect. They come complete with lights.

John Nugent Hahn Karen Mitchell I agree 100%. I was suggesting it knowing it is Not a good idea.

Jon Hendl Actually the synthetic fields are probably better to be used for sports activities since they can endure the foot traffic better than the grass. If there's a portable stage, put it up in the back half of faber between the path and the woods by the arboretum and let the people sit on the new grass there if that ever opens.

Hal Knapp Wilde Memorial should be the consideration as other similar events are held there and the natural grass can recover. Stages have been set up for the yearly carnival -- A platform is all that is needed with some reliable electrical power-- Not sure about the lighting though. Unfortunately, the artificial turf at Faber won't likely withstand the use of lawn chairs, traffic, stages. Just look to Ridgewood HS and the countless times they have had to replace their field due to issues (yes..mainly flooding). on 7/4 they closed off their HS field to firework watchers to protect it.

John Nugent Hahn Hal Knapp very good points. Glad I went elsewhere for my fireworks viewing. The mobile Bergen county stage would work great at Wilde Memorial park

Felix Svider That's awesome 🍌

Stephanie Kivett Ohnegian The band in the center of Ridgewood last night was great!

Skip Huisking Great post and suggestion. A formal "shell" is not really needed as Glen Rock Pops have done some great shows on the Borough Hall property - the same approach could be used until the funding and location for a band shell can be developed.

Patti Hahn McHugh Send an email to our director of parks and rec John Fabrazzo. Jfabrazzo@glenrocknj.net . He has a budget and we know the town is sponsoring 3 movies this summer, why not a band? Also support the Arts by becoming a member at ArtsCouncilGR.org . We are a volunteer non-profit in GR. Check out our 2nd ArtsFest 10/8/22. Vendors & Music 10-4 pm.

Robert Maynard I represent a great band that would play. Original music plus some fun covers. Contact me if this ever goes through. (e'lissa jones)

Joe Kardos While I am biased since I live closest to Wilde Park, I think any town performance should be held there or in front of Boro Hall to collect the most people in the center of the town. For those that would drive, there is plenty of parking, and it is closer to downtown which any event should strive to bring more people to downtown either before or after the event.

Andrea Giallorenzo McElroy This is a great idea!

Dawn Falone Mr. AL Bazaz plays in Park Ridge on Thursday August 4 with No Discipline!! Fantastic night out right off Park Avenue behind the Fire Department.

Billy Eichorn he was my kids music teacher all through elementary school (Coleman). He still remembers their names. One is 32 and one is 30.

Eileen Maher Hillock Attended an outdoor concert in Paramus last night. It was great! Bergen County does have a "portable" bandshell available. Years ago, for a GR Street Fair, we borrowed Fair Lawn's portable bandshell. It worked out great. The dog park is also looking into a "Woofstock" in the future!

Stephanie Beaudoin LOVE this idea!!!! So much talent in our town and so many music lovers!

Ken Gazda You offering to pay for it

Chris Plesnarski Ken Gazda That question didn't take long. This is why it will never happen.

ArtsCouncil O'GlenRock Hi Sal, We'd love to give your suggestion some legs - and perhaps consider for our 2023 or 2024 event calendar. Just click here to send us an email: <https://us20.campaign-archive.com/...> (Deadline: SEPT 12)

