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A full slate of musical entertainment is planned

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The village is bringing back a summer schedule packed with free entertainment. And Recreation Director Shane McAviney said most of the musical acts are new to Mayfield stages.

"I would say that 75 percent of the acts in our summer concert series are new bands from what we had last year," McAviney said. "I always try to bring in new acts to keep it fresh."

The first big event of the summer, as it is each year, will be the Mayfield Village Family Cruise Night, scheduled for Saturday, June 8, at SOM Center and Wilson Mills roads. Hundreds of classic automobile owners will make their way to the village to cruise the main

drag. Musical acts set for this year's cruise include Ricky and the Rockets, Custard Pie and Motor City Gold.

The free after-work Thursday night summer concert series will get underway with a performance by the Santana tribute band Evil Ways on June 27 at the gazebo. It will be Evil Ways' first appearance in the village.

Other acts include the Fleetwood Mac tribute band Rumours, on July 18; Diamond Project, The Neil Diamond Experience on Aug. 1; a night of jazz fusion with Forecast on Aug. 15; the best of the '80s and more with Sunset Strip on Aug. 29; and Twist, "a Motown show and more," on Sept. 12.

All shows take place from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m.

The gazebo is also home to a series of five Wednesday

afternoon lunchtime shows, to take place from noon to 2 p.m. on selected dates from June 26 to Aug. 21.

A couple of highlights will be Malt Shop Memories, performing doo-wop sounds from the 1950s and early '60s, on June 26; and The Classics, with a show of '50s and '60s rock 'n' roll on Aug. 7.

"We sometimes get a crowd of 200 to 300 people for our Wednesday lunchtime shows," McAviney said. "I like to go outside with my lunch and watch."

The schedule at The Grove, the village's amphitheater at 425 N. Commons Blvd., kicks off Saturday, June 29, with the annual Fourth of July celebration. In addition to a day's worth of activities, the entertainment will include two bands.

Attraxion will play music from the 1980s, followed by the Cleveland Jazz Orchestra.

"We'll have fireworks that night," McAviney said. "And we've significantly increased the budget for fireworks this year. It's now up to \$20,000. It had been about \$11,500."

Last year, in heat of 95 degrees, about 5,000 people attended July 4 festivities at The Grove.

When The Grove opens, attendees will notice that two rows of stone seating have been added at the front of the seating area to allow for those sitting in the front rows to better see acts on stage over dancers who dance in the space in front of the stage.

Also, McAviney said, in the center of the three rows of stone seating, a rail has

been installed to make for safer walking.

Lighting has also been added near the top of the grass seating hill and, looking out from the stage to the left, lights and fencing have been installed to make for safer walking.

"People ask why we don't start with shows at The Grove in June," McAviney said. "This year, we couldn't because of these new things that are being added."

Other highlights of The Grove schedule include performances Wednesday, July 3, by Parrots of the Caribbean, a Jimmy Buffet tribute band; the Green Day tribute Greener Days, on Friday, July 12; Bon Journey PA, a Bon Jovi and Journey tribute, on Friday, July 19; the McCartney Project, featuring music of the Beatles and Wings,

on Saturday, July 20; and a four-band concert Saturday, July 27, featuring local acts playing original music.

The Grove season will close Friday, Sept. 6, with a performance by Disco Inferno.

"We're going into September this year, which a lot of other communities don't do," McAviney said.

Concerts at The Grove take place from 7 to 10 p.m.

McAviney said the complete entertainment schedule will be mailed in early April to the Mayfield City Schools for pickup and also will be available at that time at the Mayfield Village Civic Center, 6622 Wilson Mills Road.

The schedule will also be made available at mayfieldvillage.com, the village's website.

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Public indecency, Derby Drive:

Around 3:45 p.m. Feb. 28, a resident reported her babysitter texted her a photo of a man walking a dog and said the man urinated on her tree lawn.

The babysitter advised the same man walks by the home each day.

Responding officers did not locate the suspect that day but did find him walking in the area the following day.

The Mayfield Heights man, 78, spoke with a Russian accent and denied the allegation but also apologized. He was strongly advised not to relieve himself in public and to stay off private property.

Impaired driving, Wilson Mills Road:

An Arizona man, 25, was arrested for OVI after his vehicle was stopped around 3:30 a.m. March 2 for a headlight violation.

Impaired driving, Interstate-271:

After being pulled over for speeding at 12:49 a.m. March 2, a Cleveland man was found to be driving drunk. He was charged with OVI, driving under suspension and expired plates.

Traffic stop, Interstate-271:

A Cleveland woman, 31, was cited for driving under suspension and for having expired plates when her vehicle was pulled over March 1. The plates had been expired since 2016 and were registered to another vehicle. The woman also had an active warrant out of Euclid, but officers were not able to pick her up, so she and her occupants were picked up by a licensed driver. Her vehicle was towed to the station, where a K-9 check hit on a locked compartment. A search warrant was obtained, and a gun was located inside the compartment. Further charges are pending for weapon violations.

Suspicious person, Beech Hill Road:

Officers checked March 1 on a report of a man walking around his van on the roadway near the bridge. The Cleveland man, 31, could not give officers a valid reason for being in the area. He was cited for driving under suspension and arrested on an active warrant out of Strongsville and turned over to officers from that city.

General assistance, Wilson Mills Road:

Officers and paramedics responded to Mayfield High School March 4 for a report of a boy, 14, acting lethargically. He admitted to using a vape pen and turned it over to officers. He was taken to the hospital for treatment and the instrument was sent out to be checked for evidence of drugs.