



## Events For 2004 Year At Freedom Hill County Park

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● **May**



May 1, 2004 **Loyalty Day** Saturday, 7 p.m. Sponsored by the Macomb County Council VFW. Americans today, more than ever, should reaffirm their loyalty to America in observance of Loyalty Day. This year's program includes a guest speaker and entertainment by the Sweet Adeline's Choir. Hot dogs and refreshments will be served. Free admission and parking.

May 2, 2004 **Bearing Burners Auto Show** This Car Show can't be missed! Come see over 40 classes of vehicles. A total of more than 300 will be on display to view including street rods, classics, race cars and more. Tour through a manufacturers' midway with vendor displays, a car corral and a swap meet area. Sunday, 10 a.m. - 4 p.m. Free admission; parking, \$10.

May 5, 2004 **Outdoor Market** Vendors from all over sell their wares - find antiques, yard art, and more! Located on the west side of the park near the main entrance. Wednesday, 6 a.m. - 2 p.m. Free admission and parking.

May 7, 2004 **Country Western Dance** Andy Williams leads country dancing once a month. Friday, 7:30 p.m. - 11:30 p.m. Admission \$8 and free parking.

May 12, 2004 **Outdoor Market** Vendors from all over sell their wares - find antiques, yard art, and more! Located on the west side of the park near the main entrance. Wednesday, 6 a.m. - 2 p.m. Free admission and parking.

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May 19, 2004 **Senior Swing Dance** Seniors can enjoy the sounds of the Tommy James Band in the Ralph A. Liberato Independence Hall. Wednesday, 7 p.m. Free admission and parking.

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● June



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June 4, 2004 **James Brown** He is known universally as The "Godfather of Soul" but he is also the undisputed "King Of Funk," an American original whose pioneering work has literally helped shape the course of contemporary music. His catalog of classic recordings have made him the most sampled recording artist in history and without any doubt, the rap and hip-hop movements find their very genesis in his music. He is an American national treasure. He is James Brown! With 119 charted singles and over 50 best-selling albums he has sold millions of records since in 1956. He was one of the first Rock & Roll Hall Of Fame inductees and honored with Lifetime Achievement awards by the Grammy's and American Music Awards. Friday, 7:30 p.m. Amphitheatre admission; parking included.



June 6, 2004 **Moody Blues** Since the 1960s the legendary Moody Blues have been one of the biggest and most successful touring and recording bands in the world with a huge fan base. To date, the Moody Blues have sold more than 60 million albums, with three singles hitting No. 1. Sunday, 7:30 p.m. Amphitheatre admission; parking included.



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June 9, 2004 **Country Western Dance** Andy Williams leads country dancing once a month. Friday, 7:30 p.m. - 11:30 p.m. under the pavilion. Admission \$8 and free parking.

June 12 & 13, 2004 **Macedonian Festival** Once again the Macedonians will return to Freedom Hill with delicious food, children's games, music and dancing. Saturday & Sunday, noon - 11 p.m. Free admission; parking, \$6.

June 12, 2004 **Tom Jones** In 1965 Jones hit the charts with a No. 1 song in the U.K., and a Top Ten hit in the U.S. with "It's Not Unusual." He was a 1965 Annual Grammy Awards winner for best new artist. He continues to attract fans of all ages. After releasing the alternative dance-pop album *The Lead and How to Swing It*, in the fall of '94, Jones was a hit with many of the young adults. His hits include "Once upon a Time," "What's New Pussycat?" "Green, Green Grass of Home," "Detroit City," and his remake of Prince's "Kiss." Saturday, 7:30 p.m. Amphitheatre admission; parking, \$6.

June, 2004 **Maze featuring Frankie Beverly, Gerald Levert & Anthony Hamilton** As the creative force and founder, Maze is unquestionably one



of R&B's most consistently popular bands, Frankie Beverly can proudly point to a life filled with accomplishment, achievement and contribution. The story of Maze's rise to fame and consistent success includes a run of close to 30 hit singles since 1977, nine of which have been Top 10 R&B charted singles including the classics 'Running Away,' 'Love Is The Key,' 'Back In Stride,' and 'Too Many Games.' Most recently, Maze and Frankie Beverly's hit single 'Teach Each Other' featured in the motion picture 'The Brothers.' Soul singer Gerald Levert grew up singing in the shadow of his father, Eddie Levert, Sr., of the O'Jays. His talent-filled background provided a strong base for a successful musical career as a singer, songwriter, producer, concert performer, talent scout, and entrepreneur. Rich and gritty, Anthony Hamilton's beautiful voice and equally beautiful songwriting are infused with convincingly wise-beyond-his-years grit. Hamilton is a real musician: equally proficient as a writer, singer and producer, he can front a band as well. Sunday, 7 p.m. Amphitheatre admission; parking, \$6.

June 16, 2004 **Senior Swing Dance** Seniors can enjoy the sounds of the Tommy James Band in the Ralph A. Liberato Independence Hall. Wednesday, 7 p.m. Free admission and parking.

June 19, 2004 **WRIF HarleyFest** This year WRIF, presents the sixth annual HarleyFest benefiting Muscular Dystrophy Association. The day includes great live music, fabulous food and bikes, bikes and more bikes. Be ready for a Best of Bike show with prizes, a vendor village featuring clothes and jewelry, live auctions of autographed memorabilia, and the WRIF Harley Davidson special winners. Saturday, 11 a.m. - 11 p.m. Free admission; parking, \$8.

June 16, 2004 **The Sax Pack featuring Jeff Kashiwa, Kim Waters, Steve Cole & Pieces of a Dream** Seattle's Jeff Kashiwa is the force behind the Sax Pack. The dynamic crowd-pleasing performer thought it would be a blast for the performers and the crowd to unite several leading sax stars of this generation for a hot summer tour. To fill out the funk, he called fellow sax man Kim Waters. Kim has become one of the top Artists in the contemporary jazz format, earning top sales and ten No. 1 hit singles on his releases. Chart-topping saxophonist Steve Cole fit into the mix like a glove. Cole is a riveting performer with a knack for creating memorable hooks, and catchy music that makes the crowds move. Cole's soulful style reflects the rich R&B/blues heritage of his hometown, Chicago. Highlights of this brand-new tour will include new music written specifically for The Sax Pack tour. Pieces of a Dream first started playing throughout Philadelphia, and were soon featured on Temple University's pioneering jazz radio station. The group received major recognition from legend Grover Washington, Jr., while performing as the house band on a local television show, City Lights. Wednesday, 7:30 p.m. Amphitheatre admission; parking included.

June 19, 2004 **Clutch, Trapt, Tantric, & Smile Empty Soul** When Clutch takes the stage it's quite clear that their incomparable musical abilities make them no ordinary band. Anyone who has witnessed Clutch's live prowess always comes back wanting more of the brutal nature of the band. With the release of *Live At The Googolplex*, Clutch comes full circle with their career showcasing their best songs in a raw, spontaneous performance. Saturday, 7:30 p.m. Amphitheatre admission; parking \$8.

June 20, 2004 **Ben Folds, Guster & Rufus Wainwright** Ben Folds made his mark as the leader of the Chapel Hill, NC trio Ben Fold's Five. The group's 1995 debut *Ben Fold's Five* followed by the platinum-plus "Whatever and Ever Amen," and 1999's *The Unauthorized Biography of Reinhold Messner* exposed millions to Fold's quirky pop

sensibility. His solo career debut was the 2001 highly anticipated and critically acclaimed release *Rockin' the Suburbs*. Guster has earned critical acclaim. Formed in 1992 at Tufts University, Guster has had two songs prominently featured in the film *Life As A House*. Two songs from *Keep It Together* enjoyed major radio success: "Amsterdam" climbed its way to No. 1 at AAA and to the Top 20 of Adult Top 40 and "Careful" is currently No. 5 at AAA. Rufus Wainwright grew up in Montreal and is the son of singer-songwriters Loudon Wainwright III and Kate McGarrigle (of the McGarrigle Sisters). He began piano at six. By 13 he was touring the U.S. with his sister, mother and aunt. When he was 14, his song "I'm A-Runnin'" was nominated for a Genie (the Canadian equivalent of an Oscar) for Best Song in a Film. Also that year, Wainwright was nominated for a Juno (the Canadian equivalent of a Grammy) for Most Promising Young Artist. Instead of selecting jazz, rock or blues, Wainwright classifies his music as entertainment. Sunday, 7 p.m. Amphitheatre admission; parking included.

June 22, 2004 **Indigo Girls**

Long before Joan Osborne, Sheryl Crow, Liz Phair or Courtney Love ever splashed across the American musical landscape, the Indigo Girls were singing and guitar-slinging their way into the hearts and minds of anyone willing to lend an ear. Their hits include "Closer to Fine," "Get Together" and "Strange Fire." Tuesday, 7 p.m. Amphitheatre admission; parking included.

June 23, 2004 **Older American Festival** Remember the roaring 20s at this year's Older American Festival. Seniors 60 years and older are invited to experience exhibits, demonstrations and activities relating to horticulture and lawn care. Free health tests, free box lunches, an Exhibitor's Information Tent, and Bingo. Sponsored by the Macomb County Board of Commissioners. Wednesday, noon - 4:30 p.m. Gate opens at 11:45 a.m. Free admission; free parking.

June 25, 2004 **Michael BublE**

This kid can really swing. That, in a nutshell, sums up the extraordinary appeal of a 25 year-old Vancouver vocalist with a gift for making some of the greatest songs of all time entirely his own. BublE's style is reminiscent of the great singers of the past. Friday, 7:30 p.m. Amphitheatre admission; parking included.

June 26, 2004 **WMUZ Jazz Festival featuring Isley Brothers, Joe Sample & Norman Brown**

The Isley Brothers began performing together in the 1950s as teens. They first made waves in 1959 with "Shout" but didn't fully break through until 1964. They brought along an unknown guitarist by the name of Jimi Hendrix and their keyboardist was a young player named Elton John. Throughout his career, Joe Sample has confirmed time and again, that a masterful technique is capable of eliciting an equally strong and genuine emotional response. *The Pecan Tree* is the heartfull result of Sample's desire to share the uniqueness of his own personal roots with each listener.

Norman Brown has established himself as one of a handful of preeminent instrumentalists and composers in contemporary jazz realms. His high-energy approach for virtuosity makes "Just Chillin'," Brown's new release, that much more unexpected and exhilarating. Saturday, 2 p.m. Amphitheatre admission; parking included.

June 27, 2004 **WMUZ Jazz Festival featuring Boney James, Brian Culberson & Maysa featuring Michael Lington, Nick Colionne & Alexander Zonjic**

Boney James in one of the most successful instrumentalists to emerge on the contemporary music scene in the past decade. Brian Culbertson writes soundscapes for modern times music for people on the move and in the mood. Songbird Maysa Leak has a rich voice comparable to no other female vocalist in any genre.

Nick Colionne has worked all over the world and as a songwriter, he's been recorded by the likes of Paul Anka and Johnnie Mathis. Now a successful solo artist, Nick delights in his audiences and the feeling is mutual. His personality and showmanship combined with his energy and incredible command of the guitar assures everyone of having a great time! Sunday, 2 p.m. Amphitheatre admission; parking included.

June 29, 2004 **Reel Big Fish's Coast to Coast Roast featuring RX Bandits, Catch 22 & Lucky Boy Confusion**

Reel Big Fish is a very powerful ska band, which mixes some great guitar and fabulous horns. RX Bandits' songwriting wit is surpassed in greatness only by its undeniable originality and hearty spunk. Catch 22 was born in the fall of 1996 when budding musicians Tomas Kalnoky and Chris Greer met Kevin Gunther at a local record store. They recently released their new album, *Alone In A Crowd*, and are kicking their release off with a tour of the United States. Tuesday, 3 p.m. Amphitheatre admission; parking included.

June 30, 2004 **Kirk Whalum & Joyce Cooling & Joe McBride**

One has to speak in superlatives when describing Kirk Whalum. He is the most influential contemporary saxophonist of his generation and he is back with his most exquisitely beautiful, vibrant and melodic album to date. Whalum's list of accolades includes a Grammy nomination, three No. 1 album slots on the Billboard Jazz Charts, and several albums in the Jazz Top 10 chart. Joyce Cooling has developed a personal style of finger picking that has given her playing its unique sound and feel. Her introduction to producer Jay Wagner, a keyboardist on San Francisco's Brazilian circuit, gave her the energy that her self-taught chops needed. Becoming a top attraction, Cooling appeared at many of the major West Coast jazz festivals and has performed with such jazz giants as Joe Henderson, Stan Getz, and Charlie Byrd. Wednesday, 7:30 p.m. Amphitheatre admission; parking included.

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 **July**

July 3, 2004 **Family Movies Under the Stars** Ladies Home Journal and Dodge Caravan bring you an evening of entertainment and prizes. Enjoy

Field of Dreams shown at dusk. Saturday, 7 p.m. Free admission and parking.

July 3, 2004 **Aaron Carter - Uncle Sam Jam** Over the course of his music career, Aaron Carter became a teen idol before actually becoming a teen. Carter, age 16, is the younger brother of Backstreet Boy, Nick Carter. Following a European tour, Carter released his first full-length album worldwide in 1998. The album has gone gold in Spain, Denmark, Canada, Sweden, Norway, Taiwan, Indonesia and Thailand. In the Philippines, Carter has achieved platinum sales. Saturday, 7:30 p.m. Amphitheatre admission; parking included.

July 4, 2004 **County Picnic/Fireworks** Once again Macomb County brings you the best fireworks in town!! Come early and picnic at the park. On the staged pavilion enjoy a mix of country, rock and Motown music by Rebel Heart from 6 p.m. -10 p.m. Sunday, Noon - 11 p.m. Fireworks at dusk. Free admission; parking \$5.

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July 7, 2004 **Alex Bugnon & Marion Meadows** Alex Bugnon is one of those rare artists whose recordings completely involve the listener not only in his ultra-melodic, groove oriented music, but his entire creative mindset and lifestyle as well. Marion Meadows has recently released Player's Club, an album dedicated to his fellow musicians and peers. Moving effortlessly between contemporary jazz and soulful R&B, this recording, his ninth album, is the following to In Deep, his best selling 2002 release. Meadows is an outstanding performer and promises to amaze the crowd. Wednesday, 7:30 p.m. Amphitheater admission; parking included.

July 9, 10 & 11, 2004 **Polish Festival** The Polish Festival started back in 1972 at the American-Polish Century Club on 14 Mile and Maple Lane in Sterling Heights as the Mushroom Festival. After a number of years the festival outgrew the facility and it was moved to Freedom Hill. This year's festival will provide a place to celebrate Polish heritage, Come and enjoy the Polish music, Polish dance groups and especially the Polish food. Music will continue through the day and a wooden dance floor will be provided. Also enjoy children's rides, Cool lemonade and the traditional International Beer booth. Friday thru Sunday. Friday, 6 p.m. - 11 p.m.; Saturday and Sunday, noon - 11 p.m. Free admission; parking, \$7.

July 9, 2004 1964 **Tribute to the Beatles** The No. 1 Beatles Show In The World! Hailed by critics and fans alike as the most authentic and endearing Beatles tribute in the world, 1964...The Tribute takes their audiences on a musical journey that has to be seen to be believed. Friday, 7:30 p.m. Amphitheatre admission; parking, \$7.

July 10 **Diamond Rio & BlackHawk** Diamond Rio began their career as "just faces in the crowd" six guys who'd wandered into Nashville with big dreams like thousands of others. Today, those six guys now make up Diamond Rio and they have so many hits they can hardly squeeze them all into one show. BlackHawk has soared to the top of the charts with numerous Top 10 hits. Their new Sony Album Spirit Dancer, is a tribute to

their lost brother Van Stephenson. This rockin', high energy, live show is second to none! Saturday, 7:30 p.m. Amphitheatre admission; parking, \$7.

July 11, 2004 **Counting Crows** The Counting Crows burst onto the scene in a fashion unlike any other band. They went straight from playing small local venues in San Francisco to performing at the Rock & Roll Hall of Fame induction ceremony (filling in for Van Morrison). The Hall of Fame performance along with the up-beat song, "Mr. Jones," shot them to the top. Sunday, 7 p.m. Amphitheatre admission; parking, \$7.

July 14, 2004 **Outdoor Market** Vendors from all over sell their wares - find antiques, yard art, and more! Located on the west side of the park near the main entrance. All vendors will be charged \$15 and new vendors are always welcome. For more information, call Gloria, at 586-772-5264. Wednesday, 6 a.m. - 2 p.m. Free admission and parking.

July 14, 2004 **Nelson Rangell, Gary Taylor & Joe McBride** Look Again, Nelson Rangell's newest release, urges contemporary jazz fans to appreciate the versatile saxophonist's incredible way with funky and sensuous melodies, sizzling horn arrangements and a multi-faceted emotional approach, which encompasses the soprano, alto and tenor. An integral performer to the smooth jazz scene since the genre's early days, Rangell's ability to constantly challenge himself has inspired a new generation of saxophonists. Since 1991, Taylor has run his own independent label, Morning Crew Music, so dubbed after his job as a morning shift manager at a supermarket. At a time when even legendary artists can't get recording deals, Taylor records whatever and whenever he wants. While many of the execs that turned him down are out of work, Taylor guides his own destiny. He has produced or wrote for Anita Baker ("Good Love"), Jazz legend Grover Washington, Jr., "A Tribe Called Quest," and Vanessa L. Williams. Gary Taylor's musical styles are sure to fulfill your musical tastes. Wednesday, 7:30 p.m. Amphitheatre admission; parking included.

July 17 & 18, 2004 **St. Patty's Day in July** An Irish festival celebrating the Irish in everyone! Savor delicious Irish food, Dance to continuous Irish music with nationally acclaimed Wyndfall and Tom Reese, Charlie Taylor, Shamrock Shores, pipes and drums. Enjoy the Heisman Dancers, children's play area, and more. Wyndfall will hold a one hour children's workshop where children will design and build clay Ocarinas (whistle flutes). Their Ocarina will play six notes in the diatonic scale and they will receive music and fingerings. Free prizes every two hours. Saturday, noon - 11 p.m.; Sunday. 1 p.m. - 11 p.m. Free admission; parking, \$6.

July 17, 2004 **Brian McKnight** Brian McKnight is practically in a category all his own; since the beginning of the '90s, virtually not other solo black male multi-platinum singer, songwriter, producer and musician has enjoyed a decade-long career so filled with accomplishment and achievement. Celebrating his tenth-year as an across-the-board hit maker, "From There to Here" is a testament to the unparalleled impact Brian McKnight has made in the world of contemporary music. Saturday, 7:30 p.m. Amphitheatre admission; parking, \$6.

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July 21, 2004 **Down to the Bone & the Braxton Brothers** Down To The Bone provides jazz lovers with a unique blend of highly talented musicians. The live core band is made up of artists who have previously worked as session musicians. Paul Shilts Weimer was in the horn section for the Brand New Heavies, and Tony Remy (guitar) has toured with Lonnie Liston Smith and Craig David. Neil Angilley (keyboards), Julian Crampton (bass for Incognito), and Adrian Revell (sax who has toured with Jamiroqui), are all important in creating the signature sound. When twin musical brothers Nelson and Wayne Braxton titled their 1997 debut Steppin' Out, they were no doubt considering the upbeat and soulful spirit of their music. What they couldn't have predicted is the way that the title would come to reflect their amazing emergence on smooth jazz radio and as one of the genre's most sought after and dynamic live attractions. "Steppin' Out" hit No. 1 on the Radio & Records and Gavin Report NAC Charts, and its hit singles "When Love Comes Around" and "Happy Again" made the Top 5.  
Wednesday, 7:30 p.m. Amphitheatre admission; parking included.

July 23, 24 & 25, 2004 **Italian Festival** The Italian American Cultural Center invites everyone to this year's Festa Italiana. Delight in Italian foods from the finest local Italian establishments including Andiamo, Picano's, buca Di Beppo, Antonio's, Papa Romano's Nino Salvaggio, Randazzo Markets and Vince & Joe's Fruit Market and many more. Share an old world Italian tradition of folk dancing, Enjoy live Italian music on stage Saturday and Sunday under the pavilion. Mass Sunday, 11 a.m. Columbus Queen Contest Friday, 6 p.m. in the Ralph A. Liberato Independence Building. Teen Night Club, with no alcohol and live bands and a special DJ Friday & Saturday, 8:30 p.m. - Midnight in Ralph A. Liberato Independence Building. Friday, 6 p.m. - 11 p.m.; Saturday and Sunday, noon - 11 p.m. Free admission; parking, \$7.

July 23, 2004 **Tracy Lawrence** In 1991, during the early days of a dramatic boom in country music, an unbridled and talented 23-year-old named Tracy Lawrence released his first record. Thirteen years and nearly ten million albums later, Lawrence has created an impressive and lasting legacy, one that has earned him both critical accolades and secure veteran's status. Friday, 7:30 p.m. Amphitheatre admission, parking \$7.

July 27, 2004 **An Evening with Boston** While maintaining connections to his English rock and classical roots, producer Tom Scholz has ignored the relative safety of classical rock boundaries, and given free reign to the diverse talents of his group. As for Boston's personnel, there are big surprises. Boston guarantees to take command of the stage, performing chart-topping hits from yesterday and today. Tuesday, 8 p.m. Amphitheatre admission; parking included.

July 28, 2004 **Outdoor Market** Vendors from all over sell their wares - find antiques, yard art, and more! Located on the west side of the park near the main entrance. All vendors will be charged \$15 and new vendors are always welcome. For more information, call Gloria, at 586-772-5264.  
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July 28, 2004 **Benoit/Freeman Project & Angela Bofill** Wednesday, 7:30 p.m. Amphitheater admission; parking included.

July 30, **2004 O.A.R. with Howie Day & Matt Nathanson** After four releases that made them one of the most successful indie bands ever, O.A.R. (Of A Revolution) has made the transition to a major label, selling out many college towns, including East Lansing and Kalamazoo. Their hits include "Hey Girl," "Night Shift," "That Was A Crazy Game Of Poker," and "City On Down." The release of Stop All The World Now feels a lot like graduation day for singer, songwriter Howie Day. The 23-year old songwriter from Bangor, Maine continues to explore the themes of love, regret and loss in his lyrics. Matt Nathanson sings beautifully cathartic songs that break your heart so that you can't help but fall in love. Nathanson was most recently featured on the American Wedding soundtrack covering "Laid" by James. Friday, 7 p.m. Amphitheatre admission; parking included.

July 31 2004 **Carrot Top Clad** in floral patterned vests and tie dye, looking more like a free-spirit hippie than a comedian, the red-headed Carrot Top has become one of the top entertainers in the country. Scott Thompson (Carrot Tops's birth name ) has come a long way since his open-mic debut at a Floriday comedy club. He turned his unruly mop of fiery curls into an onstage persona, which in turn has led to a number of comedy awards, television appearances, an entire ad campaign for AT&T's collect-call service, a book and a DVD. The comedian also has a serious side. He serves as vice president of the Muscular Dystrophy Association and supports the American Red Cross, the AIDS Foundation and the Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals. Saturday, 7:30 p.m. Amphitheatre admission; parking \$6.

July 31 2004 **Pet-A-Palooza** WCSX host the third annual Pet -A-Palooza. Bring your family pet out for a day of fun or visit "Adoption Alley" and adopt a new family pet. 14 different animal organizations will be present with over 500 animals that need new homes. On stage activities such as cutest dog, best trick, and pet/owner look-a-like contests will take place with special awards to the animals. Other highlights include: agility demos, clowns, Clifford the big Red Dog, Sponge Bob and various pet vendors. So, come on out to Freedom Hill and celebrate your pet or adopt a new one! Saturday, noon - 6 p.m. Free admission; parking \$6.

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## August

August 4, 2004 **Outdoor Market** Vendors from all over sell their wares - find antiques, yard art, and more! Located on the west side of the park near the main entrance. All vendors will be charged \$15 and new vendors are always welcome. For more information, call Gloria, at 586-772-5264. Wednesday, 6 a.m. - 2 p.m. Free admission and parking.

August 4, 2004 **Country Western Dance** Andy Williams leads country dancing again this month. Friday, 7:30 p.m. - 11:30 p.m. under the pavilion. Admission \$5 and free parking.

August 4, 2004 **Najee & Roy Ayers** Born in Manhattan and raised in Queens, Najee spent his formative years performing with legendary acts like Ben E. King and The Main Ingredient. Through constant performances

in concert and at clubs throughout the country, Najee established a solid and loyal following among the R&B, Jazz and Pop music lovers. As a result, subsequent albums "Day By Day" (1988) and "Tokyo Blue" (1992) became chart winners, achieving gold status in the process. The talented saxophonist, compared by many to Kenny G, has worked with reputable acts such as Quincy Jones, Stanley Clarke and Larry Carlton. Following a tenure with Herbie Mann, the Roy Ayers Ubiquity was formed in 1970. Over the years Ayers has won numerous awards for his contribution to music, and is constantly striving to help the youth, particularly within the black sector. Wednesday, 7:30 p.m. Amphitheatre admission; parking included.

August 6, 2004 **Radio One Mason's Anniversary Show** featuring The Manhattans with Gerald Austin and Blue Lovett, Blue Magic, Ray, Goodman & Brown, and Bloodstone The Grammy, Gold, and Platinum award winning Manhattans sold over 12 million with such great hits as "Kiss and Say Goodbye;" "There's No Me Without You" and "Shining Star." The Manhattans have performed throughout the States and Canada. Romantic, sensual, soothing, and captivating are the words that describe the musical talents of recording artists Blue Magic. In June of 1973, the now world-famous group Blue Magic was formed. Blue Magic reached Gold Status and produced the group's first million-selling hit single, "Sideshow." The sweet soul trio of Harry Ray, Al Goodman, and Billy Brown scored several hits for All Platinum/Stang Records in the early '70s. Their ballad "Special Lady" topped the R&B charts in 1979 and reached number five pop. In 1980 they had one more Top 20 hit with "Inside Of You." Their last Top 10 single was in 1986, "Take It To The Limit." Bloodstone is a multi-talented musical group whose sound is unique in itself. While beginning their career in London, England, their songs were already climbing the charts in America. Upon their return, Bloodstone began a tour with legendary artist, Al Green. To add to their already impressive resume, Bloodstone has had the pleasure of performing with musical icons such as Marvin Gaye, Elton John, Gladys Knight & The Pips and The Temptations. Friday, 7:30 p.m. Amphitheatre admission; parking included.

August 7, 2004 **Scintas** With a genuine appeal to audiences of all ages, The Scintas have quickly become one of the city's hottest attractions combining music, comedy and impressions with tremendous heart. Seemingly out of nowhere, this close-knit Italian family, has taken Las Vegas by storm. Their ability to entertain and create laughter has made them popular, but it is their talent at tugging at audiences' heartstrings with stories of devotion and songs of family strength that has set them apart. Saturday, 7:30 p.m. Amphitheatre admission; parking included.

August 8 **Wynonna Wynonna** launched her extremely successful solo career in 1992 with her album Wynonna, which produced three consecutive number one singles "She is His Only Need," "I Saw the Light" and "No One Else On Earth." This amazing first effort went triple platinum. The following year, she produced her second album, which also went platinum and featured four top ten songs. In early 1996, she released her third album, Revelations. This new work went platinum within four months of its release. Since then she has also released The Other Side and New Day Dawning. Sunday, 7:30 p.m. Amphitheatre admission; parking included.

August 11, 2004 **Outdoor Market** Vendors from all over sell their wares - find antiques, yard art, and more! Located on the west side of the park near the main entrance. All vendors will be charged \$15 and new vendors are always welcome. For more information, call Gloria, at 586-772-5264. Wednesday, 6 a.m. - 2 p.m. Free admission and parking.

August 11, 2004 **Groovin' for Grover, featuring Gerald Albright, Richard Elliot, Paul Taylor, Jeff Lorber** Groovin' for Grover is a

celebration of the life and spirit of one of the most influential and dedicated figures in soul-jazz & R&B by today's brightest stars in smooth jazz. All of the principal artists paying tribute to Grover Washington, Jr., Richard Elliot, Gerald Albright, Jeff Lorber and Paul Taylor are regularly featured on commercial Smooth Jazz and Urban Adult Contemporary radio stations nationwide. The Groovin' For Grover Tour is committed to enriching the lives of young people through music education. The Grover Washington, Jr. Protect The Dream Foundation maintains the vision, hope and dreams of its founder -to foster, and enrich the musical interests and skills of young people by providing funding to public and nonprofit institutions that are devoted to providing music education. Wednesday, 7:30 p.m. Amphitheatre admission; parking included.

August 13, 2004 **George Benson & Will Downing** Benson, appreciated as both a musician and a vibrant entertainer, has been on the music scene for nearly 40 years, varying his musical style according to his own whims. Benson's memorable songs include "Turn Your Love Around," "Breezin'," "Livin' Inside Your Love," and "Give Me The Night." Will Downing quietly exudes the confidence of a singer extraordinaire who has well-earned a place in the upper echelon of today's truly talented recording stars. Friday, 7:30 p.m. Amphitheatre admission; parking included.

August 18, 2004 **Guitars & Saxes, featuring Euge Groove, Marc Antoine, Jeff Golub, Warren Hill** After working with famed artists Richard Marx, Joe Cocker, Tina Turner and Eros Ramazzotti, Euge Groove is now in the spotlight. Radio was very supportive to his first single "Viny!". As a result, Groove was picked the number one "Breakout" artist for 2001. With his unique Jazz sounds and diverse repertoire, Marc Antoine draws from his many influences in Pop jazz, Brazilian beats and African rhythm that played a significant role in his recovery from a traumatic accident in his late teen years. As a solo artist, Antoine has topped the charts twice while becoming a signature artist on smooth jazz radio. Antoine has lent his distinctive guitar excellence to recordings and performances by Celine Dion, Sting, Cher, George Benson, and Selena. The New York City-based Jeff Golub's kinetic blend of blues, soul, rock, and jazz has made him one of contemporary jazz/blues' hottest artists. In 1980, shortly after his arrival in the Big Apple, Golub was invited to join Billy Squier's band, a stint that saw the guitarist performing on several albums and three world tours. As a solo artist, Golub has reached No. 1 on R&R's NAC/Smooth Jazz Albums chart with "Nightlife." Saxman Warren Hill shines as one of smooth jazz's most popular and exciting stars. After performing at his own graduation from Boston's Berklee College of Music, Hill was approached by producer Russ Titleman to play on Chaka Khan's record Baby Me, which included Stevie Wonder, Prince, Miles Davis, and Dave Grusin. Since then, he has released eight solo albums and is currently working on his ninth. Friday, 7:30 p.m. Amphitheatre admission; parking included.

August 14, 2004 **Bark-in-the-Park** This is not your usual dog or pet show for owners. It's for dogs too! "Bark in the Park" brings together dog lovers and dogs of all kinds for an afternoon of entertainment, information and, all focused on "man's best friend." This festival style event invites the entire family to a day in the park, exciting events and festive food. It also raises much needed awareness and funds for animal charities ..this year our benefiting charity will be Michigan Animal Rescue League which has been a part of Bark in the Park for the last several years. Visitors can also enjoy pet trick contests, dog Look-a-like contest, agility demos, Doggie fashion show and more. Saturday 11 a.m. - 3 p.m. Free admission; parking \$6.

August 15, 2004 **LeAnn Rimes, Phil Vassar & Craig Morgan** If it seems like LeAnn Rimes has grown up in front of our eyes, that's because she

has. The Grammy-winning artist released her first album when she was 11 years old, and ten years later is still recording award-winning tracks. By the young age of 21, her albums have reached No. 1 on Billboard charts and she has won 12 Billboard awards. Rimes' most popular song is "How Do I Live," a rendition of the Diane Warren hit, and the title song on the Coyote Ugly Soundtrack. As singer, songwriter and performer, Phil Vassar is artistically a triple threat. He first exploded up the charts and out of America's radios with his self-titled 2000 Arista Nashville Debut. That CD yielded the No. 1 single "Just Another Day in Paradise," as well as the Top Ten hits "Carlene," "Rose Bouquet," "Six Pack Summer" and "That's When I Love You." He's earned both Country Music Association and Academy of Country Music Awards nominations, culminating in his 2002 ACM win for Top New Male Vocalist. A former member of the U.S. Military, Craig Morgan began his singing career in the armed forces, entertaining fellow soldiers. On the few free days that he had, Morgan returned home to Nashville and began writing songs with fellow songwriter Steve Dean. As time progressed, so did Morgan's singing career. His hit songs included "Something to Write Home About," "Paradise," and "Almost Home." Sunday, 7:30 p.m. Amphitheatre admission; parking included.

August 18, 2004 **Senior Swing Dance** Seniors can enjoy the sounds of the Tommy James Band in the Ralph A. Liberato Independence Building. Wednesday, 7 p.m. Free admission and parking.

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August 18, 2004 **Country Western Dance** Andy Williams leads country dancing once a month. Friday, 7:30 p.m. - 11:30 p.m. under the pavilion. Admission \$8 and free parking.

August 25, 2004 **Outdoor Market** Vendors from all over sell their wares - find antiques, yard art, and more! Located on the west side of the park near the main entrance. Wednesday, 6 a.m. - 2 p.m. Free admission and parking.

August 25, 2004 **Senior Swing Dance** Seniors can enjoy the sounds of the Billy Rose Band in the Ralph A. Liberato Independence Building. Wednesday, 7 p.m. Free admission and parking.

August 25, 2004 **Rachelle Ferrell, Walter Beasley, Joe McBride** **Rachelle Ferrell** epitomizes artistry, in its truest form. With her remarkable vocal instrument, weaving a new tapestry of musical colors and textures. Like a much-needed breath of fresh air - amid a musical landscape noted more for derivation - she's back and without a doubt, better than ever. Renowned multi-saxophonist Walter Beasley's sure to get a great reaction on his tour as his loyal following is certain not to be disappointed with the release of Go With The Flow, his seventh CD overall. Packed with seductive quiet-storm melodies and hypnotic contemporary rhythms, Beasley's latest project is distinguished by its heartfelt instrumentals and soulful vocals. Wednesday, 7:30 p.m. Amphitheatre admission; parking included.

August 27, 2004 **B.B. King Blues Festival featuring B.B. King, Dr. John, Shemekia Copeland & Elvin Bishop** The King of Blues, B.B. King is the definitive blues musician with over 50 albums and a recording career that started in the late 1940s. His music is traditional blues, but he mixes it with jazz swing, mainstream pop and jump to form a unique sound. King

has lent his richly melodic playing and singing to many television specials, television programs, special albums and collaborations. Hailing from New Orleans, Dr. John has proved himself as an accomplished R&B performer, as well as the originator of "Voodoo Music" - a fusion of New Orleans R&B, rock, and the spirit of Mardi Gras wrapped into a unique music style. Since the mid-'60s, Dr. John has enthralled audiences with his unique blend of musical talent. Shemekia Copeland began her musical career early, first appearing with her father, the late Texas blues guitar legend Johnny Clyde Copeland, when she was just eight years old. She then began to open his shows at the age of 16, only to appear on her own one year later. Copeland received five 2002 W.C. Handy Blues Award nominations, including Blues Album of the Year, Blues Entertainer of the Year, and Blues Band of the Year Elvin Bishop is a true American original. He's blended blues and rock with just a taste of country and plenty of good-time fun in a career that includes over a dozen solo albums and over twenty years of live performances worldwide. Bishop has never lost his love for the blues, nor his desire to make every record and live performance fun for everyone. Friday, 6 p.m. Amphitheatre admission; parking \$6.

August 27, 28 & 29, 2004 **SummerFest** This 2004 SummerFest is sponsored by St. Ronald's of Clinton Township. Enjoy three fun-filled days including Vegas and bingo, white elephant sale, crafters, hourly 50/50 cash raffles, fun kid games, moonwalks and rock climbing. Live entertainment on Friday with the Teen Angels, Saturday afternoon relax with Mike Zelenak and Saturday evening Moose & Da Sharks featuring Da Sharkettes. Sunday afternoon with Big Daddy Lackowski and his La-Dee-Da's and Sunday evening back to the oldies with an Elvis impersonator performed by Sherman Arnold, Tribute Artist. Throughout the weekend enjoy various dance groups performing and the Fraser High School Jazz Band. Friday, 6 p.m. - 11 p.m.; Saturday, noon - 11 p.m.; Sunday, noon - 10 p.m. Free admission; parking, \$6.

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## ● September

September 1, 2004 **Outdoor Market** Vendors from all over sell their wares - find antiques, yard art, and more! Located on the west side of the park near the main entrance. All vendors will be charged \$15 and new vendors are always welcome. For more information, call Gloria, at 586-772-5264. Wednesday, 6 a.m. - 2 p.m. Free admission and parking.

September 4, 2004 **Travis Tritt** Freedom Hill welcomes back one of the most respected and idolized country artists today, Travis Tritt. Recently, Tritt signed a new record deal with Sony Nashville, allowing him to continue putting out the kind of music that has made Travis one of the most loved and respected musicians in the music business. Some of his hits include: "Country Club," "I'm Gonna Be Somebody," "Put Some Drive In Your Country," "Can I Trust You With My Heart" and "Foolish Pride." Saturday, 7:30 p.m. Amphitheater admission; parking included.

September 5, 2004 - **Italian Happening Car Show** For over 25 years the Italian Happening has celebrated the Ferrari, Lamborghini, Maserati, Alfa Romeo, DeTomaso, Ducati, Moto Guzzi and all other Italian cars and motorbikes. Sunday 10 a.m. - 4 p.m. Free admission; parking \$10.

September 8, 2004 **Outdoor Market** Vendors from all over sell their wares - find antiques, yard art, and more! Located on the west side of the park

near the main entrance. All vendors will be charged \$15 and new vendors are always welcome. For more information, call Gloria, at 586-772-5264. Wednesday, 6 a.m. - 2 p.m. Free admission and parking.

September 9, 2004 **Jack Johnson, G. Love & Special Sauce & Donavon Frankenreiter** Johnson began playing the guitar at 14 years after listening to musical influences, such as The Beatles, Jimi Hendrix, Bob Dylan, and Bob Marley. Most Recently, Jack headlined a tour with Ben Harper during the summer of 2003 and his album, *Brushfire Fairytales*, was a hit nationwide. G. Love & Special Sauce has garnered a strong following with college students, playing at campuses across the country. In addition, G. Love has performed alongside The Black Crows and Blues Traveler and made their own well-received tours of Europe, Japan, and Australia. Thursday, 7 p.m. Amphitheatre admission; parking included.

September 10, 2004 **Country Western Dance** Andy Williams leads country dancing once a month inside the Ralph A. Liberato Independence Building. Friday, 7:30 p.m. - 11:30 p.m. Admission \$8 and free parking.

September 11, 2004 - **L.E.T.S. E.A.T. Food Drive** - The Macomb County Food Program brings you a fun-filled day of entertainment while gathering food and raising dollars for Macomb County families in need. This day-long event includes classic cars, live entertainment for all ages, plus lots of fun for the kids, including moonwalks, face painting. Macomb County Fire Stations and Macomb County VFWs will be involved along with many local businesses Don't miss a New Corvette Raffle with many other prizes.. Free admission and parking. [www.letseatatmacomb.com](http://www.letseatatmacomb.com)

September 12, 2004 **Battle of the Brits Car Show** The Detroit Triumph Sports Car Club and the Metro Triumph Riders invite you to Michigan's 22nd annual all-British car and motorcycle show. View England's finest bikes and cars from the 50s, 60s and 70s. Food and refreshments. Sunday, 10 a.m. - 4 p.m. Free admission; parking, \$8.

September 15, 2004 **Outdoor Market** Vendors from all over sell their wares - find antiques, yard art, and more! Located on the west side of the park near the main entrance. All vendors will be charged \$15 and new vendors are always welcome. For more information, call Gloria, at 586 - 772-5264. Wednesday, 6 a.m. - 2 p.m. Free admission and parking.

September 15, 2004 **Senior Swing Dance** Seniors can enjoy the sounds of the Tommy James Band in the Ralph A. Liberato Independence Building. Wednesday, 7 p.m. Free admission and parking.

September 19, 2004 **Best Fest Car Show** Best Auto celebrates their 10 year anniversary with the Best Fest Car Show featuring classic cars and hot rods. Spend the day showing your car, browsing the swap meet and enjoying the live entertainment. Trophies awarded. Sunday, 8 a.m. - 4 p.m. Free admission; parking, \$10.

September 22, 2004 **Outdoor Market** Vendors from all over sell their wares - find antiques, yard art, and more! Located on the west side of the park near the main entrance. All vendors will be charged \$15 and new vendors are always welcome. For more information, call Gloria, at 586 - 772-5264. Wednesday, 6 a.m. - 2 p.m. Free admission and parking.

September 24, 25 & 26, 2004 **Apple Harvest Festival** The 26th annual Apple Harvest Festival, is sponsored by St. Raymond Catholic Church of Detroit. Savor Polish, Italian and American food. Test your luck in the Vegas room, BIG grand prize raffle and 50/50 raffles. Sing and dance to live music from the '50s on up and celebrate traditions with live Polish

music on Sunday. Families will love our game tent, rides and many other activities including arts & crafts, theme baskets and much, much more. Friday, 6 p.m. - 11 p.m.; Saturday and Sunday, noon - 11 p.m. Free admission; parking \$6.

September 29, 2004 **Outdoor Market** Vendors from all over sell their wares - find antiques, yard art, and more! Located on the west side of the park near the main entrance. All vendors will be charged \$15 and new vendors are always welcome. For more information, call Gloria, at 586 - 772-5264. Wednesday, 6 a.m. - 2 p.m. Free admission and parking.

September 29, 2004 **Senior Swing Dance** Seniors can enjoy the sounds of the Billy Rose Band in the Ralph A. Liberato Independence Building. Wednesday, 7 p.m. Free admission and parking.

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### **October**

October 1, 2004 **Country Western Dance** Andy Williams leads country dancing once a month inside the Ralph A. Liberato Independence Building. Friday, 7:30 p.m. - 11:30 p.m. Admission \$8 and free parking.

October 9, 2004 **Columbus Day Parade** New this year Freedom Hill welcomes the Columbus Day Parade which will march throughout the park. See Italian clubs, local businesses and high school marching bands. Saturday, 9:30 a.m. - 2:30 p.m. Parade begins at 11:30 a.m. Free admission and parking.

October 20, 2004 **Senior Swing Dance** Seniors can enjoy the sounds of the Tommy James Band in the Ralph A. Liberato Independence Building. Wednesday, 7 p.m. Free admission and parking.

October 27, 2004 **Senior Swing Dance** Seniors can enjoy the sounds of the Billy Rose Band in the Ralph A. Liberato Independence Building. Wednesday, 7 p.m. Free admission and parking.

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### **November**

November 5, 2004 **Country Western Dance** Andy Williams leads country dancing once a month inside the Ralph A. Liberato Independence Building. Friday, 7:30 p.m. - 11:30 p.m. Admission \$8 and free parking.

November 17, 2004 **Senior Swing Dance** Seniors can enjoy the sounds of the Tommy James Band in the Ralph A. Liberato Independence Building. Wednesday, 7 p.m. Free admission and parking.

November 24, 2004 **Senior Swing Dance** Seniors can enjoy the sounds of the Billy Rose Band in the Ralph A. Liberato Independence Building. Wednesday, 7 p.m. Free admission and parking.

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● **December**

December 3, 2004 **Country Western Dance** Andy Williams leads country dancing once a month inside the Ralph A. Liberato Independence Building. Friday, 7:30 p.m. - 11:30 p.m. Admission \$8 and free parking.

December 15, 2004 **Senior Swing Dance** Seniors can enjoy the sounds of the Tommy James Band in the Ralph A. Liberato Independence Building. Wednesday, 7 p.m. Free admission and parking.

December 29, 2004 **Senior Swing Dance** Seniors can enjoy the sounds of the Billy Rose Band in the Ralph A. Liberato Independence Building. Wednesday, 7 p.m. Free admission and parking.

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