

## Supervisor Brian Kulpa's - July 2022 Column



I hope that you all enjoyed a safe and joyous Fourth of July. I want to thank the Town's Youth and Recreation Department and Erie County Wind Ensemble for presenting a wonderful concert to celebrate Independence Day. This was the kick off of wonderful events happening throughout the town this summer.

The [Summer Concert Series](#) at Bassett Park (359 Klein Road) continues throughout July and August. All concerts start at 7:00 p.m. and the schedule is as follows: Wednesday, July 13 - Red Blazer Men's Glee Club; Wednesday, July 20 - Shakespeare in Delaware Park; Tuesday, July 26 - Buffalo Philharmonic Orchestra (Sponsored by Aesthetic Associates Centre); Wednesday, July 27 - American Legion Band of the Tonawandas; Wednesday, August 3 - Bobby Militello; Wednesday, August 10 - Bar Room Buzzards; and Wednesday, August 17 - Friends of Harmony.

Enjoy the outdoors with free family-friendly films being offered at [Movies in the Park](#). The next event is Friday, July 29 with Jungle Cruise being shown at Island Park at 9:00 p.m. We'll also have Clifford – The Big Red Dog at 8:30 p.m. Friday, August 5 at Willow Ridge Elementary and Encanto at 8:30 p.m. Friday, August 26 at Bassett Park.

New this year is an exciting event at Veterans Canal Park, 1040 Tonawanda Creek Road. This waterfront park is a beautiful location for kayaking and canoeing. To introduce this launch site to more users, the town will host "[Row, Row, Row Your Boat](#)" from noon to 5:00 p.m. Saturday, July 30 with West Side Rowing Club and the Amherst Police Department. The event will feature popular food trucks, Shuck Shack, Steaksters and Sweet Lisa's, and performance by Stationwagon band. See [www.facebook.com/visitamherstparks](http://www.facebook.com/visitamherstparks) for info.

Don't forget to catch the final two [Markets at Bassett Park](#) from 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. Saturday, Aug. 14 and 9:00 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. Saturday, Sept. 18. Sponsored by Highmark – Western New York, each market features over 30 unique vendors, food trucks, live music, lawn games, and more. This is a great opportunity to shop local.

The [Glen Park Art Festival](#) returns this year on July 30 and 31, and the Town's Arts and Culture in Public Places Board will host [Music on the Move](#), a series of concerts at great locations throughout Amherst. The first event is at 7 p.m. Thursday, July 21 at Glen Park with Anderson Big Band. For complete schedule, see the Town's website. As we close out the summer, stop by the [Amherst Food Truck Rodeo](#) from 5-8 p.m. Friday, Aug. 26 at the Amherst Center for Senior Services. There will be live musical performances, nature walk in Walton Woods, crafts, sidewalk art, and more.

I also welcome you all to join the [Amherst Veterans Committee](#) for the extremely moving Unveiling of Names Ceremony at Veterans Memorial Wall in Amherst State Park. This event, honoring town veterans for their service and sacrifices, will be held at 2:00 p.m. Sunday, Aug. 21.

I want to thank our partners, committee members, volunteers, talented performers and the hardworking staff who make these events possible. Without them we wouldn't be able to come together to enjoy our parks and recreation spaces throughout town. For additional details, including rain locations for the concerts, visit the Town's website, [www.amherst.ny.us](http://www.amherst.ny.us), and the Youth and Recreation Department's website, [www.amherstyouthandrec.org](http://www.amherstyouthandrec.org).