

WELCOME TO THE COLONIE TOWN BAND

The Colonie Town Band has approximately 50 members and was organized in 1964. The band provides free concerts to the public and to residents of senior living facilities and similar establishments. Financial and logistical support is provided by the Town of Colonie Parks and Recreation Department.

In October 2005 Jane Oppenlander and Joe Trupia were appointed co-directors of the band. They replaced Frank Waddington who retired after more than thirty years as director and who now plays in our baritone section.

Membership in the band is open to all. While auditions are not required and new members are always welcome, it's important to first contact the band at info@coloniatownband.org before joining.

A variety of pieces are played, including show tunes, light classics, marches, novelty numbers and holiday selections. The music's level of difficulty is comparable to what a high school band might perform. Our members range from middle and high school students to retirees.

We meet on Monday nights, year round, and rehearse from 7 to 8:45 p.m. Rehearsals are in the old courtroom in the Colonie Town Hall (across from Siena College) at 534 Loudon Road, Newtonville and include a 15 minute break.

Concerts are held at a variety of sites, usually within 15 miles of the town hall. Venues include senior living facilities, parks, the town library and the Cohoes Music Hall. In the summer many of our concerts are held outdoors. For special concerts, such as Old Fashioned Sunday at the Pruyn House, we occasionally vary from our Monday night schedule. Summer dress for our concerts is white Colonie Town Band shirt with dark trousers/skirts and dark shoes. In winter we substitute a white dress shirt with tie/white blouse for the band shirts.

Members must provide their own instruments (except for percussionists) and music stands. It is a good idea to also have some clothes pins or similar gadgets for securing music during outdoor concerts.

Music is from the band's library and stored in folders. The folders are distributed before each concert or rehearsal. Members are encouraged to take folders home for practice but must insure that the folders are returned for the next band session. If you don't take the folder with you, you should promptly return it to the storage box at the end of each concert or rehearsal.

We are a relaxed group but members are expected to exercise good band practices. These include regular attendance, punctuality, limited talking during concerts and rehearsals, and observance of the conductor's directions.

The band also has a Web site at www.coloniatownband.org and a Facebook page at www.facebook.com/coloniatownband where the current schedule is posted as well as other pertinent information. A weekly email is sent with rehearsal and performance reminders and other important news.

Notification of last minute cancellations or changes is handled through a phone tree, and is also posted on the Web site and distributed via an email as time permits. Be sure to fill out the attached New Member Form to get on the phone tree and the email list.

COLONIE TOWN BAND NEW MEMBER FORM

CONTACT INFORMATION

Name:

First

Middle Initial

Last

Home Phone:

Work Phone:

Cell Phone:

Email Address:

Street:

City:

State:

ZIP Code:

Instrument:

Instrument(s) You Can Double
On:

EMERGENCY CONTACT

Name:

Address:

Phone:

City:

State:

ZIP Code:

Relationship:

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

I can help the band with the following (check all that apply):

Publicity

Percussion Transportation

Scheduling

Phone Tree

Set Up

Other (please specify):