

## Dancing into Sunset – Fruitport 2022

### Season 6 Kicks Off

Thursday June 9 at 7:00 p.m. – 9:30ish p.m.  
Pomona Park at the Bandshell  
93 S. Third Ave Fruitport, MI 49415

### The Static Line Band

*Dancing into Sunset – Fruitport Family Friendly Music and Dancing.*

In a world of social online media, let's social the old fashion way by meeting friends and family in person in a safe outdoor way.

Please join Dancing into Sunset – Fruitport to celebrate our 6th season, held outdoors every Thursday night, weather permitting, during the Spring and Summer in Pomona Park at the Bandshell. (And indoors for this year, if rained upon, at the new Fruitport High School Cafeteria, 357 N. Sixth Ave, Fruitport, MI 49415, just down the street from Pomona Park.) This "FREE" community event, for the community, by the community, is sponsored by local businesses. We are on our way to another successful year. Dancing into Sunset – Fruitport would not be possible without those fantastic sponsors.

**The Storage Group** is a returning sponsor.

**Fruitport Orchard Market** is a returning sponsor to help celebrate Military Night, which will be held this year on **Thursday July 7, 2022**. We will salute and recognize all Military men and women as we have done in the past. A new addition to kick off this year's Military night will be the singing group **Voices of Freedom**, from Grand Rapids, who will grace the shores of Spring Lake in the Village of Fruitport with all patriot songs starting at **6:30 p.m. to 7:00 p.m.** (so come early this night), and then again during the Military Celebration around **8:00 p.m.** Mark your calendars as a reminder that we will once again put out a collection box at Fruitport Orchard Market to collect non-perishable items to send to our troops by way of the Blue Star Mom's. Plus, mark down as very important to bring your letters or cards addressed to the troops, so your words will make their day. Let's remember to bring your favorite photos to hang on the wall of fame, showing off your military loved one.

Happy to welcome back **Community Foundation for Muskegon County, Hazekamp Meats/Premier Food, and The Village of Fruitport.**

Shredded rubber has been donated by **Ginman Tire Co.** and will be put down each week with the help of volunteers to help "soften" the feet and knees while your dance partner swirls you around in the large dance area. Oh, the grassy hill that overlooks Spring Lake makes this location one of the best in the area for an outdoor evening of dancing to music, meeting old friends and making new ones, or just being tucked away by one of the trees to listen with enjoyment.

Happy to say we will see the return of **Parkside Pizza & Subs.** They were a great hit with the crowd last season. Get pizza by either ordering from their tent on site or calling into Parkside in advance, and they will have your order delivered at the tent or will always have pizza hot and ready to purchase on the spot.

**Carlson's Hot Almonds** will also be returning.

If you're still hungry after you dance the night away, you can always walk across the street to **Ye Old Tavern** for that chili dog special and a cold one.

**State Farm Insurance Doug Heins Spring Lake office** keep having SUCH A GREAT TIME passing out free ice cream that they are returning once again as a sponsor and will have a table set up the night of July 14, 2022 for many other goodies. The Grand Haven **State Farm Insurance office, Michael Heck,** is another returning sponsor.

**Way Point Dock and Spirits** and 'Bella', the famous greeting dog, are happy to support Dancing into Sunset again for the 2022 season.

**ServPro of Muskegon/North Ottawa** is a returning sponsor, as well as **Excel Propane, A-Team Construction Co,** and **Pinecrest Bar and Lanes.**

New to Dancing into Sunset Fruitport are **Dietz Moving and Storage** and **Source One Digital.** We also welcome **Gordon Realty,** a new sponsor this year.

We thank all of you for being a part of another successful community event.

The history of Pomona Park is so important to our community. I always like including the following for those who are new to the area to learn about our history, or just as a refresher for all those that grew up here.

Pomona Park was very popular back in the 40's and 50's, for dancing and music. Here is a bit of history by Fox 17 Kevin Craig's West Michigan Stories interview with Brian Zwart.

"Pomona Park sat vacant (except with the old burned-out building [Pomona Hotel] on it) until about 1900 or so. It was the electric rail car known as the Interurban that came into existence and began to capitalize on the old boom. The Interurban rail service ran from Grand Rapids to Coopersville, and rails veered off to Fruitport and Grand Haven. Since the Interurban company had an electric power house and stop in Fruitport, they wanted to capitalize on it and draw more people in. So, they built a huge wood pavilion over Spring Lake on the shore of Pomona Park in 1902. It was a major success!

"The Interurban operated the pavilion until 1928 when it was sold to band leader, Frank Lockage. He began bringing in major, nationally known talent and acts like Glenn Miller, Lawrence Welk, and Buddy Holly just four months before he would die in a plane crash with the famous Big Bopper and Richie Valens. At first the pavilion was a seasonal thing with open areas and unheated. It would later become a year-round draw for people to dance and simply party into the wee hours of the night.

"The fun, excitement, and draw went on until January 3, 1963. In the early morning hours of January 4, the pavilion would burn to the ground. Never before seen home movies were taken of the fire and are part of the video in our West Michigan Story. Unfortunately, it was never rebuilt and the property sits only as a park today. That said, the original pylons that held the pavilion up over the water are still visible today. The slab of concrete that led into the pavilion still intact...even with pieces of the original floor tile still attached."

The history of Pomona Park is amazing and incredible to say the least. A special thanks to Brian Zwart of the Fruitport Historical Society. Unlike many historical experts in the area, Brian is a much younger man who has researched Fruitport and Pomona Park extensively. His enthusiasm and insight into Fruitport's past is addictive, enlightening, and entertaining. (Search Brian Zwart Fruitport History to view the entire video.) Make sure to view the poster of photos down by the dance area of the good old days of these great dancing times. You might just see grandma or grandpa in the photos. So c'mon, everyone, and let's make history of our own for our kids to talk about 50 years from now by joining Dancing into Sunset every Thursday and signing the journal that gets passed around every week.

All the fun continues into 2022, starting Thursday June 9, 2022 at 7:00 p.m. till 9:30ish (sunset) with live music (NOTE - some nights we start at 6:30 and some nights we end at 9:00 please watch the schedule very closely.) See the full schedule to cut out and put on your refrigerator for quick reference below. Many returning regulars will be there, and a few newbies who have been on the list waiting to join in. Please help spread the word about Dancing into Sunset to continue to share dancing and music with the community. Let's keep the pace going.

In closing, for those that follow Dancing into Sunset Fruitport Dance Party on Facebook, you know that Dancing into Sunset lost a true friend, last Thanksgiving. Sadly and suddenly, Diane Campbell went to join the Lord her Savior to bring him the same joy and laughter she gave all of us.

Diane, you will forever be missed and will always hold a special place in my heart.

## Dancing into Sunset Fruitport Dance Party Season 6 2022 Schedule

**When: Thursday June 9, 2022 thru Thursday Aug 25, 2022, to end the regular season. Then on Tuesday August 30, 2022, add in The Scottville Clown Band. The community welcomed them back to Fruitport with open arms, since they all wanted to come back and play for us again.**

**Where: Pomona Park – Fruitport, at the Bandshell (93 S. 3rd Ave.)**

**Time: 7:00 p.m. to Sunset of course, around 9:30 p.m.**

Please take note of the RAIN LOCATION: **The New Fruitport High School Cafeteria at 3255 Pontaluna Fruitport, MI 49415.** Watch Facebook closely to see if rain may change locations. Many thanks to Fruitport Community Schools for wanting to show off the new high school to many who have attended the school district in years past.

### FULL SCHEDULE

**To kick off the season – Thursday June 9, 2022, 7:00 p.m. – 9:30 p.m.** New to Dancing into Sunset, **The Static Line Band.**

*Gordon and Tom, guitar-playing duo with years of experience, are looking forward to playing in Fruitport.*



**Thursday June 16, 2022, 7:00 p.m. – 9:30 p.m. Bourne Bros Band** – Country Rock (Tom from the Silverado Band, second

band)

**Thursday June 23, 2022, 7:00 p.m. – 9:30 p.m. The Silverado Band** with Woody, MacKenzie, and Tom.



**Thursday June 30, 2022, 7:00 p.m. – 9:30 p.m. Valk Street Band** – Classic

/ Contemporary - Howard Bernard (guitar, vocals), Sonny Boone (guitar, vocals), Tony Graham (bass guitar, vocals), Tim Gibson (drums): classic and contemporary rock & roll.

**Thursday July 7, 2022, 7:00 p.m. – 9:30 p.m. The Silverado Band** with Woody, Tom and MacKenzie, on our Military night.



New to **Military Night** are **The Voices Of Freedom** group of patriotic singers.

Bring a photo of your loved one to hang on our "Wall of Fame".

Stop by Orchard Market Fruitport and donate to the collection box non-perishable items to send off to the troops, and we will have the box on site that night.

Fruitport Scout Troop 4023 will once again help us pay tribute to each Military Branch.

Special treats will be donated by Fruitport Orchard Market and flowers will be donated by Spring Lake Floral.

**Thursday July 14, 2022, 7:00 p.m. – 9:30 p.m. The Adams Family Band** will bring their folk, doo-wop and classic rock back to the Fruitport Bandshell.