

## Music and Movies Return

Good morning to Woodstock and surrounding towns. I'm glad businesses are able to open up, but I do miss having the pick of parking spaces in the Village! My COVID excitement last week was not the purchase of a new mask, but the number of compliments I received wearing it! Perhaps a new spin on bling.

Here we are mid-summer with the virus still chugging along throughout the country. Despite that we are looking to the school year where we hope to provide creative virtual opportunities for area youth to connect with actors, dancers, choreographers, and musicians where they can safely be creative in a collaborative setting. And have something engaging and exciting to do after school!

Just around the corner we kick off our free *Music By the River Series*, with Pete's Posse on July 24<sup>th</sup> and Interplay Jazz on July 31<sup>st</sup> on the back lawn of the North Chapel.

Fred Haas and Sabrina Brown, the founders of Interplay, will perform with an impressive ensemble that includes: Billy Rosen, guitar, David Westphalen, bass and trombone, Elizabeth Frascoia, trombone and vocals, Tim Gilmore, drums, and possibly, Samantha Haas, guitar and vocals.

I'm thrilled to have Interplay return as for 10 or more years they kicked-off the series when their Summer Workshop was located in Woodstock.

As always, the concerts are free with donations gratefully accepted. We also encourage donations of non-perishable items to the Woodstock Community Food Shelf.

Patrons are required to wear masks except when eating or drinking. Signage on the back lawn will guide folks to properly distanced seating. The Church will not be open for use of the restrooms or any other purpose. On a positive note, we will raffle off gift certificates to area businesses at each concert!

There is NO rain location. The decision to cancel will be made by noon the day of the concert. For the rest of the lineup go to [pentanglearts.org/music-by-the-river](https://pentanglearts.org/music-by-the-river).

In September again in partnership with the North Chapel we will launch a free outdoor movies series. Screenings will be at 7:30 pm every Wednesday and Saturday. Sodas and candy will be on sale. Sorry no popcorn! The Wednesday screenings will be geared to a young adult and adult audience, with Saturday screenings geared for families with young children. The screenings are free with donations gratefully accepted. Safety precautions will remain in place.

Lastly, one my loyal readers asked why I've not shared more outrageous puppy stories. There just is not a lot of news there since she is now a regular at the Kedron Valley Boarding and Grooming operation, which I highly recommend to any dog owner with a pet that has energy to burn.