

PRESS RELEASE:

The Guilderland Town Band will present a "Bicentennial Concert", part of the year around celebration of Guilderland's history. The concert will be performed on Thursday July 17, at 7:30 PM in the Guilderland Performing Arts Center, in Tawasentha Park, Guilderland.

The concert will begin with an exciting opener "Celebration Fanfare" by Steve Reineke. Guilderland's Town Supervisor Ken Runion will be narrating a newly composed piece called "Jefferson: A Vision for America". Guest vocal soloist RaeJean Teeter will sing "More Than You Know" by Vincent Youmans. The program will include the march "Americans We" by Henry Fillmore, "Parade of the Tall Ships" by Jay Chattaway, written to commemorate America's Bicentennial celebration in 1976. "An American Elegy" by Frank Ticheli, a composition composed in memory of those who lost their lives at Columbine High School in April 1999. "Suite of Old American Dances" by Robert Russell Bennett, Armed Forces Salute and a final celebration closing with John Philip Sousa's Stars and Stripes Forever.

The band will be under the direction of Kathleen Ehlinger. Guilderland Town Band performs three concerts each summer under the auspices of the Town of Guilderland Parks and Recreation Program. The concert is free and open to the public. The Guilderland Performing Arts Center is located in Carl Walters Tawasentha Park on Route 146 ¼ mile south of Route 20 in Guilderland. Parking is free and refreshments are available at the concession stand. The public is encouraged to bring a blanket or lawn chair. There is no rain date planned for this concert. Information on cancellations and other GPAC concerts may be had by calling the GPAC telephone number 456-8604.