

# Notes at noon

## Greenfield introduces new Thursday lunchtime concert series at the Town Common

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GREENFIELD — For those looking for something more than a sandwich at lunchtime, the Greenfield Business Association is offering Thursday concerts on the Town Common starting Thursday and running through August.

Kate Snyder, GBA coordinator, said holding concerts at noontime in downtown Greenfield is something she thought about last year. The GBA is the organizer of the concert series.

“I’d walk around at lunch and think about how great it would be to

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have music downtown,” said Snyder. “It was too late in the year, at that point, so I decided to wait until this year. I wanted to do something that would draw people out of their offices and homes.”

Snyder said this year’s concert series will be sponsored by Greenfield Savings Bank, which will host a couple concerts on its veranda on Main Street, and People’s United Bank.

The series kicks off Thursday with Brook Batteau, a Shelburne Falls musician who has led bands in Boston, Los Angeles, Calif. and New Orleans, La.

“The sound is loose and soulful and likely to inspire dancing,” said Snyder.

“What better way to celebrate Greenfield’s beautiful downtown than to invite the community out of their homes and offices and to our common to hear some great local music?” said Snyder. “Music can transform our experience downtown so that it feels dynamic and welcoming.”

Concerts will take place from noon to 1 p.m. each Thursday.

Hattapon’s Thai Kitchen on Main Street and Manna House restaurant on Bank Row will offer a free soda from 11:30 to 12:30 p.m. each Thursday to customers who buy lunch to go while the series is happening.

If it rains, that week’s concert will be held in the Arts Block at 289 Main St., where listeners may bring their lunch.

“This is an effort to make downtown even more vital,” said Snyder. “I grew up outside New York City and lived in the city as a young adult and loved to escape my office for an outdoor activity. It’s fun and it’s really nice to be able to walk safely through the downtown.”

Snyder said there are two

### Thursday concerts on Town Common

The lineup, though subject to change, is as follows:

- ◆ Brook Batteau (soul-pop) on Thursday
- ◆ Freres Lepiere (Indie, happy) on June 14
- ◆ Ellen Cogan (jazz vocals) on June 21
- ◆ Shag (’70s easy listening) on June 28
- ◆ Al Canali and Small Change (original standards) on July 5
- ◆ Pat and Tex LaMountain (folk) on July 12
- ◆ Rob Skelton and Pitchfork (folk rock) on July 19
- ◆ Artspace student musicians on July 26
- ◆ Marcia Hayden Hendrick (singer-songwriter) on Aug. 2
- ◆ Dan Hales (solo or with a frost heave or two/Indie lyrical rock) on Aug. 9
- ◆ Falltown String Band (folk-bluegrass) on Aug. 16
- ◆ Una Jensen (pop-rock) Aug. 23
- ◆ Greenfield All Stars (final concert) on Aug. 30

picnic tables on the common and benches in front of Town Hall where concert goers may sit and eat their lunch.

“It’s going to be a very casual event,” she said. “People can get creative and use their imaginations about how they’d like to enjoy the concerts.”

For more information about the series, contact Snyder at 413-774-2791 or email her at: [gba@franklincc.org](mailto:gba@franklincc.org).

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