



PRESS RELEASE

FREEPORT COMMUNITY BAND ANNOUNCES NEW LEADERSHIP AS IT INAUGURATES ITS 105th CONCERT SEASON

(Freeport, NY) The Freeport Community Band recently announced its new slate of officers for their 2016 concert season. The Band – which traces its roots back to 1911 as the Freeport Firemen's Band based in Freeport, Long Island - has been providing outstanding musical programs for the Village of Freeport and surrounding communities for 105 years. The band also provides an opportunity for local musicians of all ages and backgrounds to come together to experience the joy of performing in a concert band setting for their enjoyment and the enjoyment of others.

William Rothchild of Cedarhurst, NY is the Band's new President. He is a graduate of Yeshiva College and the Wurzweiler School of Social Work of Yeshiva University. After completing an extensive career in social service agency management, Rothchild returned to his musical roots to take over the reins of the Band as it enters its second century.

Other officers for 2016-2017 are Vice-President Josh Stein (clarinet) of Woodmere, Secretary Barry Howard (trombone) of Oceanside, Treasurer Peter Ekstrom (trumpet) of Massapequa, Ombudsman Dale Allinson (flute) of Roslyn, Webmaster Grace Palmisano (clarinet) of Franklin Square, Social Activities Chair Regina Brodley (flute) of North Bellmore, Community Relations Chair Frank Barbuzza (percussion) of Lynbrook and Librarian Nathan Garfinkel (clarinet) of Massapequa.

Sandra A. Vigliotti has served as the Freeport Community Band's Conductor since 2011 succeeding noted local musician Raoul Camus Professor Emeritus of Music at Queensborough Community College and Director Emeritus of the Queens Symphonic Band. She began as a member of the band for many years as a flute and piccolo player. Ms. Vigliotti is a graduate of the Crane School of Music and Columbia University and has been teaching music in the Glen Cove School for over 30 years. In addition to her duties with the Freeport Community Band, she performs as a flute and piccolo player with the North Shore Pops Concert Band and the Long Island Flute Club's Professional Flute Choir. Ms. Vigliotti has a love of musical theatre and often serves as musical director for local theatre companies on Long Island, most recently for Star Playhouse in Commack.

The Freeport Community Band has renewed its ties with the Freeport Schools through its Coordinator of the Arts and Community Relations, Ruth Breidenbach. The band currently hosts

several members from Freeport High School in almost every section. At the end of the school year, the Freeport Community Band will present the first of its annual awards to a deserving musician at the Freeport School's District Music Award Ceremony.

The Freeport Community Band has several concerts planned for the spring of 2016 including a concert at the Port Washington Public Library on Sunday, May 22 and Our Lady of Consolation Nursing Center in West Islip on June 5. Other concerts including performances at the John Philip Sousa Memorial Band Shell in Port Washington on Friday evening, June 17 and the Freeport Arts Council Music Series on the Nautical Mile in Freeport. Date to be determined.

For more information about upcoming concerts, or how you could join the band, please visit the band's website at www.FreeportBand.org or contact President William Rothchild at wrothchild@gmail.com.