

## For Immediate Release



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## **Sounds of Summer**

East Hartford Mayor Marcia Leclerc is happy to invite community members and neighbors to enjoy a magical music experience this summer under the shady trees, overlooking the banks of the Connecticut River and the Hartford skyline. The Sounds of Summer, a series of free, family-friendly concerts are back for the summer and will be held at Great River Park, which is the perfect spot to listen to your favorite music. The Great River Park is located at 301 East River Drive in East Hartford. Please, bring a picnic basket, your friends & family and join us for this free event. **The shows will begin on July 5 and go through August 9. There will be a show every Thursday from 6-8 p.m. In case any concerts are cancelled due to inclement weather, the rain date is Thursday, August 16.**

### **Thursday, July 5: ESPADA**

Connecticut's top Salsa & Jazz Band

### **Thursday, July 12: LOCOMOTION**

The Locomotion lineup consists of a full power-house horn section, two lead singers, and super tight rhythm section to deliver a wide range of music including classic Motown hits, funk, rock, 80's dance, disco, standards, swing, and rhythm and blues.

### **Thursday, July 19: DAN MINOTT & THE HIGH VOLTAGE REGGAE BAND**

Dan Minott & the High Voltage Reggae Band is a high energy reggae and Caribbean music band. This is sure to be a fun night with happy tunes and lots of dancing! Don Minott / High Voltage Reggae Band is based in East Hartford CT. They have toured all of Northeast USA, Germany, Serbia, Macedonia, Montenegro & Cape Verde Islands. Roots & Lovers Rock is a recording artist. There will be originals and covers played.

### **Thursday, July 26: THE AL FENTON BIG BAND**

A well-renowned Jazz Big Band will present music from the "Golden Era of Swing" alongside more modern big-band arrangements of contemporary tunes. That mixed repertoire has always made the music of the Al Fenton Big Band appeal to young, old, and all-in-between.

### **Thursday, August 2: OFF THE RECORD**

"Off the Record" plays music from the 50's, 60's, and 70's through today!

**Thursday, August 9: SOUL SOUND REVUE**

“Soul Sound Revue” by far the hottest nine-piece Motown show this side of Detroit that performs the greatest hits in the true “Motown Tradition.” “Soul Sound Revue” recreates the dynamic vocal harmonies and styling of classic Motown groups of the sixties, seventies, and eighties: “The Four Tops,” “The Temptations,” “Stevie Wonder,” “Earth Wind & Fire,” and many more. With all its flash and finery, reminiscence of a time when the band’s looks were as important as their sound, “Soul Sound Revue’s” three-lead vocalists explode onto the stage, backed by a power house rhythm and horn section! Audiences of all ages will “groove” through the sixties and “boogie” through the seventies with “Soul Sound Revue.” “Soul Sound Revue” guarantees to make your even the most exciting and fun-filled party ever.

For information on other summer events held at the Great River Park, please visit [www.riverfront.org](http://www.riverfront.org).