



# West Michigan Bluegrass Music Association

*Promoting and preserving bluegrass music in West Michigan*

## President's Corner

Hello WMBMA Members and Wishing You the Best for 2017!

There has been a major date change for JuneGrass this year due to a conflict with the Charlotte Bluegrass Festival. They changed their dates to the same weekend as ours. This being the case, we will move JuneGrass back one week this year to avoid the conflict. It will move to the last weekend in June, so the dates are now June 30 and July 1, 2017.

Our headliner group for JuneGrass will be the **Trinity River Band**. We also have **Johnny Campbell** and **The Bluegrass Drifters** joining us. We are also bringing back our local favorite **Steam Powered Bluegrass** along with a number of other bands soon to be booked.

We have been pretty busy for 2017 with booking of bands for JuneGrass, scheduling "Hot Band" Fundraisers, Monthly Meetings and Jams at the Fairgrounds, and the WMBMA monthly jams at the Caledonia library and our new jam at the Unitarian Universalist Fellowship on Montgomery Ave. in Muskegon. See our website for more details. We are still holding our monthly meetings in the King Building at the Fairgrounds in Lowell. They are always on the third Saturday of the month at 1:00pm and feature some great pickin. These meetings are open to all bluegrass fans and we would love to see you there. Our next meeting is January 21, 2017.

Remember to mark your new 2017 calendars for JuneGrass, June 30 & July 1, 2017, and our FallFest Camp & Jam, September 14-16, 2017. They both promise to be great festivals, so start promoting JuneGrass **NOW!** I will have flyers available shortly so if you need any just let me know.

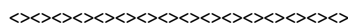
Have a Bluegrass kind of day and keep on pickin!

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WMBMA President  
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## Thinking about Volunteering?

Please consider these opportunities for volunteering your time to the association:

- Junegrass Gate shifts
- Bands needed for fundraising shows (Fall through Spring)
- Food for monthly meetings
- Bake sale at our festivals – please consider bagging up your cookies, breads and pies to help the association in their fundraising efforts.
- Distributing Flyers to Local businesses and other music venues
- Setting up fundraiser shows
- Bringing your instruments and making new friends at our jams



We wish to welcome all new members and look forward to knowing you! Please visit us at our next meeting or contact us to see how you can get involved. Thank you!



## On the Calendar:

### WMBMA Meeting and Jam

January 21 & Feb 17, 2017  
Meeting at 1 p.m. and jamming directly after.  
Kent County Youth Fairground  
King Building  
225 S Hudson Street  
Lowell, MI

### Muskegon Jam

February 4 & March 4, 2017  
Unitarian Universalist Fellowship  
1296 Montgomery Ave  
Muskegon, MI  
Doors open at 6:30  
Send for more info at:  
[jimasa@aol.com](mailto:jimasa@aol.com)

### Pass it on Jam

February 14 & March 14  
5:00 – 8:00 P.M.  
Caledonia Library  
6260 92<sup>nd</sup> Street  
Caledonia, MI

### Junegrass

June 30 – July 1, 2017  
Kent County Youth Fairground – Lowell, MI