



## Broadway and Big Band Favorites!

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Broadway favorites and Big Band standards will be highlighted at the Camarillo Community Band concert on Thursday, July 10th at 7 pm in Constitution Park. The Camarillo Community Band has been proudly sponsored by Pleasant Valley Recreation and Park District for 23 years.

Every Thursday in July the Camarillo Community Band invites a different director who brings his/her own unique musical style and a variety of musical selections for the band and audience alike to enjoy.

We are excited to welcome back Samantha Blake to direct the band on July 10th. Ms. Blake is a graduate of Cal State University, Northridge with a degree in Music Performance on the Saxophone. She received her teaching credential from CSUN, and currently, she is music director at Mesa Verde Middle School in Moorpark. Prior to Mesa Verde Middle School, Ms. Blake taught elementary band and strings in the La Canada School District. She received the WHO, faculty recognition award in 2006 for her leadership and contribution to Mesa Verde Middle School. In addition to teaching privately, Samantha performs regularly with the Lane 29 Orchestra, her own jazz quartet, and has also performed with local acts such as Equinox Ensemble, the Quintessence Big Band, and Shepherd of the Hills Church. Samantha Blake is the proud mother of one fabulous and musically inclined 11 year old daughter.

Bring chairs, blankets and a picnic dinner to enjoy an evening of great music. All children in the audience are given the chance to conduct the band.

Future concerts will be on 7/17, 7/24 and 7/31 at 7 PM at Constitution Park next to City Hall next to Camarillo City Hall.

For further information on the Camarillo Community Band, please contact Dan Rhymes at 805-484-8050 or visit our web site at [www.camarilloband.com](http://www.camarilloband.com)



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