

Please note: In the following article, 41North is referred to as "Zinc", as it was written before the band changed its name.



Zinc band members (from left to right) Zach Thomas, James McCawley, Stephen Hackett, Tom Koski and Zach Lockwood perform Saturday at Rockin' Around The Block in Town Woods Park.

Rock The Blocks for Kids

New Family Music Festival Saturday benefits OL Children's Learning Center

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Families and friends are invited to pack a picnic basket, bring blankets and lawn-chairs and enjoy four hours of live musical entertainment, games, refreshments and fun at the first annual "Rockin' Around the Blocks" Family Musical Festival at Town Woods Park this Saturday, July 23 from 3 to 7 p.m.

The event features music by Connecticut's state Troubador Thomasina Levy, "Mighty Breeze," and the widely acclaimed local rock and pop band "Zinc."

Levy is an internationally recognized mountain dulcimer player, singer and song writer. There are no spectators at Thomasina's concerts. Her infectious energy draws audiences to clap, dance and sing. Her original and traditional compositions appeal to a wide range of audiences from children to grandparents.

In contrast, "Mighty Breeze" is a trio playing blues and bluegrass music with a stand up bass, fiddle, percussions, washboard, flute, harmonica and vocals. The band members are Matt McCawley, Rachel Maloney and ChrisTurner. By all accounts, the music makes the audience feel like dancing.

"Zinc" are well known in this area. Comprising members James McCawley (bass guitar), Stephen Hackett (keyboards), Tom Koski (drums/percussion), Zach Thomas (guitar vocals and sax), and Zach Lockwood (guitar and vocals), they play pop, rock, blues and classics, along with original numbers. All five boys attend Lyme Old Lyme High School, where they will be entering their junior year in August.

Hamburgers, hotdogs, snacks and drinks will be on sale, and some local vendors will also be on site as well. Organized games will be facilitated by volunteers from the Parks and Recreation Department, and there will also be a 50:50 raffle. The event will be held rain or shine – but the organizers ask you to keep their fingers crossed for sunny day.

Tickets are \$5 per person in advance, with under age 3 free of charge. Tickets are available for purchase at The Bowerbird, or from Andrea Fenton at 434-2468. Tickets at the gate are \$6

The event is sponsored by Old Lyme Children's Learning Center (OLCLC) and all proceeds from the event will support programs at the center. The OLCLC provides childcare and educational stimulation for children from infants to toddlers, pre-school for three to five-year olds, a Before and After School Program, and a summer camp for children of working families in grades K through 5 in the towns of Lyme and Old Lyme.

It is a non-profit organization and receives no state or town funding. Tuition payments cover most of the staffing expenses, but, in all other aspects, OLCLC relies on fundraising to pay for capital improvements, facility maintenance, and tuition assistance for those in need.