

*"Music is a life-long love which promotes creativity, community, and joy."*  
 – Tony Beatrice, Music Director

The band operates without regard to sex, race, national origin, marital status, age, political views or affiliation, religious views or affiliation, sexual orientation, disability, or other factors unrelated to the purposes of the band. In general, applicants for membership in the band shall be required to demonstrate satisfactory musical competence as determined by the music director.

Members shall conduct themselves with collegial and respectful demeanor towards the band, its members, conductors and guests, and abide by the requirements and regulations stated in the Band By-laws and the Band Handbook issued by the Board of Directors. By a majority vote of the Board of Directors, an individual may be placed on probation or have his or her membership terminated for failure to meet these responsibilities.



## 2025 BOARD OF DIRECTORS

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## 2025 SECTION LEADERS

Flute/Piccolo/Oboe	Kathy Peavey
Clarinet/Bass Clarinet	Greg Lyons
Alto/Tenor Saxophone	Christine Berube
Trumpet/Cornet	Mike Abusheery
French Horn	Cathy Gauthier
Trombone	Kevin Berube
Percussion/Sound	Sherry Freeburn
Low Brass/Low Wind	Val Hermanson
<i>(Euph/Tuba/Bari Sax/Bassoon)</i>	

The premier community concert band serving Massachusetts' Merrimack Valley.



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## MEMBER HANDBOOK



# MERRIMACK VALLEY CONCERT BAND

*The Merrimack Valley Concert Band is a group of people who love music. It's really that simple. We love to play and perform from "The Great American Songbook" in its broadest interpretation. The Band's purpose is to provide member musicians and the public with opportunities to develop and enhance musical skills, education, and enjoyment, through rehearsals and community concert performances.*

## WEBSITE & GOOGLE GROUP

Schedule changes will be posted to the band's website at [www.MVCBand.com](http://www.MVCBand.com). All band members are encouraged to join the band's Google group at **Merrimack-Valley-Concert-Band**

SEE SECRETARY FOR "GOOGLE GROUP INVITE"

Board meeting minutes are viewable on the Members Only section of the band's website.

## REHEARSALS

Tuesday evenings, 7:00–9:00, Pentucket High School band room, 24 Main St. West Newbury MA

## NEW MEMBER INFORMATION

- Membership is at the discretion of the music director. All new (and returning members as necessary) will be notified of their status within five (5) rehearsals.
- Players must be able to attend weekly rehearsals prior to each performance.

- Sectionals as needed – see section leader for dates and times.
- Participation in concerts will be at the sole discretion of the Band Director, in consultation with the Section Leader, based on the member's ability to play to the level expected.
- Players must be on time and in proper attire for performances.
- Players should notify section leader and Band Director of anticipated absences.

*The vitality of the band rests on weekly rehearsals. Musicians of all ages are welcome, although parents/guardians must accompany minors. No formal audition is required.*

- Full-time membership is required to have a vote in the band's Annual Meeting. Full-time membership means attending at least 50% of the total number of Band rehearsals and concerts (combined) held prior to the Annual meeting in that fiscal year, or 50% of the total number of rehearsals and concerts (combined) held since the member first joined the band, whichever period is shorter. All members may make suggestions or volunteer for committees, regardless of voting rights.
- Members who cannot attend a concert may be required to return their folders to the section leader or librarian prior to the missed event.
- Members are encouraged to serve on committees and to volunteer skills for the benefit of the band.

## CONCERT DRESS

Red MVCB polo shirt. Black pants, socks & shoes, belt or black skirt, shoes & nude or black hose.

Cool weather: MVCB jacket.

### **Formal Concert: Formal Dress**

Men – black pants, socks, shoes and bow ties, white long-sleeved shirt.

Women – Solid black skirt/pants, hose & shoes, solid, dressy white or black blouse (no tank tops or t-shirts).

**To purchase band shirts or jackets** see the Uniform Manager

## CONCERTS

Call time for concerts is one hour prior to start time. Volunteers are always needed to assist with set-up and breakdown at concert venue. All members are encouraged to assist Concert/Stage Manager if they're able.

### **Monthly Appearance Frequency:**

The frequency of concerts may vary, but in general we play:

- 6-8 concerts in the summer/early fall
- 3 Formal Concerts in mid-winter

### **Monthly Appearance Venue:**

indoors/outdoors: May – October  
indoors only: Nov., Dec., March, April  
no appearances: January, February