

# Quarter Notes

## Come see us!

Watch our web site for the latest info on our public performances:  
[www.gatewaycitybigband.com](http://www.gatewaycitybigband.com)

### Saturday, September 22, 2018

Ice cream social and outdoor concert to benefit the historic Sappington House in Crestwood (1015 S. Sappington Road) from 7-9 pm. **Tickets may be purchased in advance for \$20 (\$1 for children) at the Loft Gift Shop in The Barn restaurant on the Sappington House property. \$25 at the gate. Bring your lawn chair or blanket. Here's something new! Our concert is one in a series of three at Sappington House in the months of September and October—\$50 in advance for all three! See [historicsappingtonhouse.org](http://historicsappingtonhouse.org) for details.**

### Saturday, September 29, 2018

We'll be back at St. Timothy's (808 N. Mason Road in Creve Coeur) for Friends, Families & Faves featuring picnic food, entertainment for the kids and music across the decades. **Tickets in advance only—\$10 for adults, \$5 for children, \$25 max per family. Child care provided!** Email us at [gcbbstl@gmail.com](mailto:gcbbstl@gmail.com) for tickets or call 314-542-9276.

### Saturday, October 6, 2018

Come dance the night away at the Concord Farmers Club (10140 Concord School Road, 63128— next to Sperreng Middle School). Dancing to all styles of music from 8:00-11:00 pm. Full bar and beverages available for purchase. **Cover is \$10 at the door.**

### Saturday, November 4, 2018

Concert from 2:00-4:00 pm in the Chesterfield Family YMCA theater (16464 Burkhardt Place). **This is a FREE event with donations accepted at the door for our College Assistance Fund.**

## Meet Kevin Walsh

Kevin's not new to the band by any means; he joined us on the drums in 2004! He was reared in Spanish Lake, graduated from Hazelwood East High School and went to Southeast Missouri State in Cape Girardeau, MO, for his Bachelor's Degree. After teaching in St. Genevieve, MO for a year, he went back to North County and worked for the Riverview Gardens and Rite-nour school districts. With his eyes on the future, Kevin achieved a Master's Degree in School Administration at the University of Missouri, St. Louis.



He retired from teaching in June, 2015. These days you might hear him playing drums in the pit orchestra of a local community theatre musical or see him volunteering at the Humane Society as a dog walker. He also enjoys traveling to the Des Moines, IA area to hear his son continue the music tradition as a bass player in area jazz bands.

Kevin has just joined **Gateway's** Board of Directors and we look forward to him keeping the beat for us for years to come!



## Board Members

Rick Sharp - President  
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Karen Sharp - Secretary  
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## MISSION STATEMENT

The Gateway City Big Band, Inc., a non-profit corporation, provides advanced jazz education and performance opportunities for participating musicians. Through its performances, it strives to promote public awareness of the "big band" style of music, to encourage and support music education at the secondary school level, and to assist other non-profit groups with fundraising.

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## President's Message

This is the third year of the **GCBB's** involvement in supporting Harvey Lockhart and the Sheldon's North County Big Band (NCBB) program. The program provides transportation and pays all expenses for North County, City, and East St. Louis high school students to participate in high quality music education at the Sheldon. This program continues to get bigger and better, with a very high percentage of its graduates going on to college, most with scholarships.

To provide even more support for these students, a non-profit known as HEAL's Center for the Arts (HEAL) was formed. HEAL now provides group music lessons, a summer camp, and a program designed to improve the student's verbal and written communications skills called the Intellectual Artist Series.

The Intellectual Artist Series was especially exciting this year as the students read Wynton Marsalis' book "Moving to Higher Ground – How Jazz Can Change Your Life" and discussed and wrote summaries of their reading under the instruction of an English teacher. Wynton came to St. Louis in May to perform with the Symphony and graciously came to the Sheldon to discuss the book with the students IN PERSON! (See *Harvey & Wynton* above.)

Over the last two years **Gateway** has funded \$20,000 in scholarships and instrument purchase assistance for the NCBB's graduating seniors. This year there are seven students who we believe will be eligible for assistance for as much \$9,000 in scholarships.

We are excited to say that many of you have contributed to the **Gateway City Big Band** to help us provide these scholarships, with about \$5,500 of outside contributions this year. We are SO grateful for your help, as we think that helping these talented students attend college is a very worthwhile endeavor. The program is growing, and the need for college assistance will grow with it. If you are interested in helping, please email us!

- Rick Sharp



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