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PRESS RELEASE

Brighton Kiwanis Concerts and Classic Cars Shows Cancelled for 2026

A 48-year family event has been cancelled for the 2026 season due to site logistics. What started in 1976 at the new Kiwanis Gazebo has seen over 400 concerts including Iggy Pop, MC5, the Contours, Steeve King and the Ditties, and Moose and da sharks, US Army Band and US Marine Band. \$1,000,000 in local sponsorship and over 800,000 attendances. Has been put on hold for the 2026 season. The concerts were held at the Mill Pond Gazebo and later the AMP until four years ago when the Main Street upgrades reduced the seating area at the park, limited the classic car parking on the street and the fees the City of Brighton was charging to close of Main Street. 2023, the concerts were then moved to Brighton High which provided great onsite parking, convenient rest rooms and parking for 225 classic car parking. The new location was successful in attendance and popularity.

In January 2026, BAS Superintendent Matt Outlaw informed Kiwanis of an agreement between BAS and the Pine Creek Homeowners Association which prohibited non school events on Sundays at the athletic field area. An agreement dated 2011 was made to allow for the expansion of the current football field and support areas. Prior to January, Outlaw was not aware of the agreement.

Brighton Kiwanis started to look at alternate locations for the 2026 season to continue the family event, including Mt Brighton which would require special use permitting. The process would not allow Kiwanis to secure a location for the concerts for 2026.

We are considering a series of indoor concerts with many of the bands that would perform on Sundays. Updated information will be found on the Brighton Kiwanis FB.

The concerts and car show not only provided free music but also provided over \$350,000 given back to the community in service projects, scholarships, programs for Brighton Schools both public and private, American Flags on Main Street, funding the Child Life Department at C. S. Mott Children's Hospital and Mill Pond Park improvements.