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## **Arts Council cooks out before “Three Men” Show**

DELHI TOWNSHIP (July 21, 2008) – The Holt Community Arts Council has been cooking all summer long. Music in the Garden, its free summer music series has been a hit, and audiences continue to grow. Now, the arts council is hoping that the community will show its support for projects like the summer series.

Before the next concert, which will feature popular four-man vocal group Three Men and a Tenor, the arts council will host a cookout to raise money for next summer’s concert series as well as the other projects that it has planned.

“Based on the response we’ve had from the community, it’s clear that there was a real desire for an active, accessible arts group,” said arts council President Kara Hope. “We’re all very pleased to be able to provide free entertainment in such a beautiful public space.”

The group officially formed back in April. Since then, it has spearheaded the search for a sculptor to create a public artwork to be installed as part of the Downtown Development Authority’s beautification of the small green space at the intersection of Holt Road and Cedar Street. The arts council has helped create “Gill,” a popular temporary bluegill-shaped sculpture constructed from recyclable plastic bottles. The small group has also managed to organize and present two concerts so far.

The first show featured Orquesta Ritmo, a popular eleven-piece salsa band that dazzled a crowd of nearly 200. Those Delta Rhythm Kings headlined the second show on July 17. The award-winning “little big band” performed before an enthusiastic audience of more than 300.

“I couldn’t have imagined a better start to our concert series,” said arts council board member and concert organizer Leann Heywood. “Our volunteers, both here at the show and behind the scenes, have worked extremely hard to start Music in the Garden off right.”

The cookout will take place on Thursday, July 31, in Veterans Memorial Gardens behind the Delhi Township Hall. The arts council will begin serving at 5:30 p.m. Presale tickets are currently available for \$5 each at the Delhi Township Clerk’s Office. Tickets will also be available at the gate for \$6. The menu will include a hot dog, chips, a side item, cookie, and a drink.

Three Men and a Tenor take the Veterans Memorial Gardens amphitheater stage at 7 p.m. immediately following the cookout.

Music in the Garden concludes on Sunday, August 10, with Shout Sister Shout: Steppin’ In It with Rachael Davis. The show begins at 3 p.m.