

# The Blawenburg Band

## Established 1890

Founded in Blawenburg, New Jersey, in 1890, the Blawenburg Band is a community band – part of a great tradition that began when towns depended upon their own people to provide live music. The band is one of the oldest community bands in the State and among the most active. The Blawenburg Band plays many engagements each year, including concerts at holiday parades, community celebrations, church socials, and at many of the nursing homes and retirement centers in our area.

The ~65 members of the Blawenburg Band range in age from their teens to their eighties, and include teachers and students, editors and artists, research scientists and computer specialists, homemakers and active retirees, a nurse, a pharmacist, a lawyer, and a documentary filmmaker. Some players have had years of musical training and professional experience. Others are dedicated amateurs. The members are alike in one way, however. They enjoy making music together. Several members also play in the group's Blawenburg Dixieland Band, a smaller ensemble that plays music in the happy Dixieland style.



## The Blawenburg Band at Hopewell Gazebo

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