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**BEL AIR COMMUNITY BAND**

The Bel Air Community Band (BACB) is proud to celebrate our 60th anniversary this year. The band exists so musicians from Bel Air, MD and the surrounding areas can have the opportunity to continue to make music. Our motto is: “We love to make music and that’s why we’re here!”

The band was organized in 1964 by Mayor Werner Buchal, Bill Humbert and the Music Committee. Since the band’s inception, the Town of Bel Air has furnished generous financial support through the Bel Air Recreation Committee. The band has grown from 20 charter members to our current membership of 95, including students from Harford Community College. The BACB rehearses on Monday evenings at Patterson Mill High School and performs a Spring and Winter concert at Bel Air High School. Outdoor concerts include the Memorial Day Ceremony, a Summer Concert, 4th of July celebration and the Bel Air Festival for the Arts. Outdoor concerts are performed at the William A. Humbert Amphitheater.

Visit our website at www.belaircommunityband.org.

**ABOUT OUR DIRECTOR**

Richard Hauf, a native of Harford County, recently retired as the director of instrumental music at Havre de Grace High School after 30 years. Rick received his bachelor’s degree from Towson University in 1993 and his master’s in music education in May 2002 from Peabody Conservatory, where he studied conducting with Dr. Harlan Parker.

Rick has worked with the Phoenix Festival Theatre at Harford Community College and served as their music director for many musical productions. He is a volunteer coach for youth sports and a volunteer Assistant Director for the Good Shepherd Catholic Church choir. He is currently the Music Director at St. Margarets Elementary School in Bel Air.