

Music takes to the Park

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July the Fourth may fall on Monday this week, but Manhattan's musical tribute to Independence Day will occur on Tuesday evening when the Manhattan Municipal Band, led by Larry Norvell, will perform a special celebration concert in the Pavilion in City Park.

This week's star attraction in Arts in the Park will be the performance on Thursday evening by Jimmy C. Newman and Cajun Country. Jimmy C. Newman has continued in a line of performers who have kept alive Cajun music with its distinctive sound of accordion and fiddle and has introduced English lyrics and the sound of the steel guitar. The group Cajun Country plays a variety of country music, but all rooted in the Cajun heritage.

Friday evening in the park will see a distinct change of pace, with an opportunity for those who love big band music to indulge themselves, when the Tommy Lee Band takes the stage.

This week's Arts in the Park program is rounded out on Saturday by a return visit from the ever-popular local group, Mainstreet. This talented foursome can be depended upon to provide a concert of entertaining music in a variety of styles ranging from Dixieland to more contemporary jazz to the latest popular hits.

All concerts start at 8 p.m. in City Park.