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# The Westminster Municipal Band

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WMB News

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## WMB Starts Strong in 2001!

**W**ell gang the busy time of year has arrived. I hope you all enjoyed the mini vacation from band rehearsal. Speaking of rehearsal, I want to thank everyone that came out this past rehearsal season. We had great participation and I am sure that Sandy appreciated it as well. I think our Director is doing an outstanding job, and it shows by the support that you have given her. Keep up the good work. I also want to thank everyone who participated in the Loyalty Day parade in Lancaster. We had a great day and we sounded and looked terrific as well. We had 28 musicians with 10 in the band front. We heard many great compliments on the way we sounded and looked. From my viewpoint, the turns looked great, so the marching practice does something after all. Also thanks to everyone for attending our final dress rehearsal at Carroll Lutheran Village. I received a wonderful letter from them complimenting us for making many residents very happy.

The upcoming Memorial Day weekend is almost here. We will start things off at the Pleasant Valley Fire Dept. on Saturday May 26<sup>th</sup>. The concert will begin at 4 P.M. and end at 7 P.M. with a break in between of course. The following day is the parade in Columbia, Pa. The



The WMB prepares to step out at the Loyalty Day Parade in

bus will be leaving at 11:30 A.M. from the band hall. The parade starts at 2:00 P.M. and we will return to Westminster no later than 5 P.M. On Monday, Memorial Day, we will start off with the annual parade in downtown Westminster.

Please meet at the band hall at 9:15 A.M. We will depart from that location at 9:30 A.M. sharp. If you miss us, you can catch us at the parade formation, which is at Monroe & Pennsylvania Avenues. The parade starts at 10:00 A.M. The parade will end at the Westminster Cemetery. We will also attend the Memorial ceremonies immediately following the parade. Our participation includes playing the National Anthem, so have that music with you. We will then march back to the band hall. In the event of a rain out, the ceremonies will be held at the Armory located on Hahn Rd., behind Wal-Mart. The "rain delay" (at the armory) will begin at

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11:00 A.M., and they wish us to participate. The section leaders will call you in the event that the parade is rained out. Our next job will be in Taneytown the afternoon of Memorial Day. The parade starts at 1:00 P.M. at Memorial park. This park is located on the West side of town where the swimming pool is. The parade route has been reversed, and we start this year where we usually end. The parade will end this year at the Legion, which is located on Roberts Mill Road. As in the past, everyone is welcome to attend the luncheon at the Legion immediately following the parade.

On Wednesday May 30<sup>th</sup>, we will be attending the Union Bridge fireman's parade starting at 7:00 p.m. The parade this year will form at the Elmer Wolf Elementary School, which is located on the North side of town near Stambaugh's Excavating truck shop. The parade will move up Main Street and will end at the Post Office.

In June we start off on Wednesday the 6<sup>th</sup>, with the parade in New Windsor starting at 7:00 P.M. This parade starts at the old Middle school on Rt. 75 near the carnival grounds and ends at the same location. On the following week, we will be traveling to Taneytown to participate in their parade on Wednesday the 13<sup>th</sup>, at 7:00 P.M. This parade begins at the former Taneytown Bank located at Trevanion Rd. and East Baltimore St.

And of course we will be traveling due east until we run into a very big swimming pool, more commonly known as the Atlantic Ocean for the week of the 17<sup>th</sup>. If you haven't paid your bill yet, you have until the end of May to do so. Please mail your payment to P.O. Box 11, or give it to me or to Treasurer Delbert. I will give you more details of our Ocean City trip next month.

That's it for now; see you soon. **Greg**

## Director's Corner

### Westminster Municipal Band

**O**ur performance season will be officially underway on Memorial Day weekend! Please help us out as much as you can over the summer months. Whether you make one or thirty-five performances, it's a help! All the information you will need is found in Greg's letter.

On Tuesday, May 8th, I attended a Volunteer Fair at the Eldersburg branch of the Carroll County Public Library. As a representative of the band, I was able to talk with teens and adults about the band and what we do as an all-volunteer organization that is an ambassador for all of Carroll County. While I wasn't able to directly recruit musicians for the band, I feel it was a worthwhile hour in that many people who were not aware of the band's existence now know about us. The library was very happy with the evening as there were in excess of 100 adults and teens who visited with various non-profit volunteer organizations in that hour.

And maybe by the time you read this newsletter there will have been a write-up in the Baltimore Sun about the band. We will see!

See you all at the Strawberry Social in Pleasant Valley on May 26th! Sandy :-)



**WMB prepares to play at Carroll Lutheran Village.**