
The Westminster Municipal Band

WMB News

September 2002

Summer concludes...

Well, the summer is now winding down as we are fast approaching another autumn. We had a great summer full of excellent turnouts and some great memories. I want to thank you all for another summer well done and for your continued dedication. The month of August was as hot as July (including the hot Hampstead parade). We still did all right even though we probably had our lightest turnout of the summer at that parade with 20 playing and 7 in the Color Guard. But we sounded like we had 40 playing, as we always seem to pick up the pace a little when we are light in numbers. The Belle grove Square concert went very well as we had a huge crowd listening and a great sounding band. That is always a great way to end our summer season. It was nice to have a little break as July was a very busy month, but I can tell you that it doesn't do the lip too well as it gets very lazy during that layoff.

We have some upcoming September jobs to talk about and the first is on Saturday September 7th at Cotactin High School and the following day (September 8th) at Timber Ridge. Sandy will touch more on these two jobs. The next event however, is new to your schedule. The Westminster Fire Department, along with the City of Westminster, is going to be host a dedication of the Sept. 11th attack on America at the World Trade Centers. The ceremony will be held at the Fire hall on John Street starting at 7:00 p.m. on Wednesday evening, the 11th. They want both the band and Color Guard to participate with them in this event. We will be meeting at the band hall at 6:30 p.m. in full dress



Uniformed Police Squadron band at the National Anthem.
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long with God Bless America. This event is open to the public and we were told that light refreshments would be served after the dedication for both our families and ourselves. I think that this will be a great way for us to remember all of the people who perished on that day. On Saturday the 21st, we are going to be participating in an Anniversary parade in Laurel. The bus will be leaving at 7:45 a.m. The parade will start at 10:00 a.m. We need a good group for this gang! The lady that contracted us for the job attends the Ocean City convention every year and she said that she just had to have us for their special event. Let's not disappoint her. On Wednesday the 25th, will be the annual Westminster Fallfest parade. We will depart the band hall at 6:40 p.m. There is always a huge turnout for this parade, so let's lead this one off right with a large group. Also, regarding the Fallfest, they have asked us to play for them sometime throughout the 4-day

event. You all decided that Sunday would be the best for us so we will be playing an hour-long concert starting at 4 p.m. We will be located in front of the family fitness center on Longwell Ave., which is the building where we used to rehearse. As some of you old timers recall, we used to play a concert every year for the Fallfest when they first started it, so it will be nice to participate again, as they draw huge crowds for this event. An early October job to mention is Monday the 7th. Instead of starting rehearsal on that night, we will be having a work night at the band hall. We will start at 6 p.m and we will have pizza available for those who attend. We will be painting over the ugly purple and green trim with something that is a little better to look at and we will be also be hanging some shelves to display our trophies and doing a general clean up. So for those of you that are good at painting or not so good, please make an effort to attend as our very own professional painter (Dave Miller), will be giving lessons on the fine art of wall painting. Just kidding Dave, but we will try to get the room a little more presentable for our rehearsal season.

Some FYI for you. We just purchased some brand new Snare Drums for our Percussion section from Coffey Music. There was a sale on them that we couldn't refuse, so we took advantage of it. The band has never had new Snare's as we have always made do with used, thanks to members like Jay Markle and Mike Buffington who always keep them in good repair. The Snare's that we had were in pretty bad shape so we decided to replace them. Let's take care of them guy's so that they will last another 100 years or so. That's about it! See you in Cotactin. Greg

Director's Corner

ey gang! September has quite a few jobs coming up so I'm going to talk about the concerts.

Saturday, September 7 - Concert at Catoctin High School, Thurmont, MD. I'd like for you to arrive by 6:30 p.m. so we can get everything set up and ready to begin by 7:00 p.m. This is one concert where you don't want to walk in at the last minute. The program for the evening

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