
The Westminster Municipal Band

WMB News

April 2003

Spring has sprung!

Spring has officially begun and the winter months are behind us. I want to thank everyone who attended the St. Patrick's Day parade in Baltimore, as we had a great group. The chairman of the parade sent an E-Mail, saying that they greatly appreciated our participation, and that we did a great job. Unfortunately, I did not hear anything about the "Ladder 49" movie deal, so I guess we will not have to worry about how to spend our royalties. It is always a fun parade and we had 53 attending with unusually great weather. In addition, thanks to all who attended the concert at the TownMall, where we had a great group for that performance.

We have 4 rehearsals remaining this season, with our last being on the 28th of this month where refreshments will be served. We do not have any jobs in April to speak of but we do have some details in early May to talk about. On the first Monday in May, we will meet at the band hall at 7:00 p.m. for a marching rehearsal. Some of you might think that you already know how to march, but it is not just for the "straight" marching. We also need to refresh our memories on our starting and stopping procedures as well as keeping our lines straight and bringing our instruments up before playing, which could use some help. It is especially important for all of the new members to be there, but it is equally important for us "old-timers" to help them as well. So if only 15 show up for this, the new



Lining up at the Baltimore St. Patrick's Day Parade.

members will not really benefit. So, let's try to set that date on our calendars so that we can improve our performance, as there is always room for improvement. Another date, which Sandy will discuss, is the 12th of May, where we will be playing at the Westminster Senior Center.

A big thank you goes out to Vice President Flohr for the outstanding job of artwork at the band hall. If you haven't been to rehearsal lately, you need to attend not only for our musical benefit, but to check out the logo that Gator did on the wall. He did a superb job of painting our emblem and devoted a lot of volunteer hours doing it. Great Job!

Ocean City is right around the corner, and your reservations should be in to me as of yesterday. If you haven't contacted me, please do so now. I will be letting you know how much you owe by E-Mail or phone this week. Your

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payment should be made to the Westminster Municipal Band, and the deadline is going to be June 1st. The word deadline means just that this year, DEADLINE! It seems that every year, I am chasing somebody down at the Motel asking for money, but this year I refuse to do that. If your payment is not received by June 1st, your scheduled room will be turned back in to the Motel for vacancy. I truly feel that having 2 months to pay is enough time. Again this year, the band pays your way for Sunday thru Tuesday night if you have made 50% of the jobs or rehearsals. If you haven't, then the band pays 25% and you pay 75%. The only thing different this year is that the Executive Board voted to add a \$10.00 surcharge on each room to help defray the expense of the motel bill. With the price of rooms continuing to escalate each year, it will help with the expenses. You could just think of it as a member donation to help in the expenses. Last year the bill was \$5000.00 (paid out of the band treasury), and each year the cost continues to climb. We want to make this trip a benefit for each member as long as possible, so with a little contribution from you, we can make that happen.

Greg

Director's Corner

Hey Gang - Even though April is feeling like February, we are just a corner away from getting in the swing of performing again!

We will finish up our Monday rehearsals on April 27th. Refreshments will be provided. Please do your best to attend the next couple of Mondays, because we have a lot of music to get through which we will be performing this summer and fall.

Mark May 12th on your calendar for our "End of the Rehearsal Season" concert at the Westminster Senior Center, 125 Stoner Avenue at 7:00 p.m. I've spoken with Paul Garver from

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the center and he is very excited that we want to return and promises an all out effort to get the word out to the community that we will be performing there. Please plan to arrive no later than 6:45 p.m. The concert will last approximately 60 minutes.

RELAY FOR LIFE - May 16th. Arrive at Westminster High School around 7:00 p.m. The organizers want us to march to the stadium and be at the front gate at 7:45 p.m. More information will be posted in the next newsletter about this job.

Lots of stuff will be happening come mid May. As always, please support the band activities as much as possible. All of us giving of our time and energy is what makes this band successful.

2003 is our 110th year! Let's make it a great one!

Sandy



The Westminster Band Mural begins to take shape.

WMB 2003 SCHEDULE

Monday May 5	Marching Rehearsal	7:00 p.m.
Monday May 12	Senior Center concert	7:00 p.m.
Friday May 16	Relay for Life ceremony (Westminster High School)	7:00 p.m.
Saturday May 24	Strawberry Social concert (Pleasant Valley Fire Dept.)	4-7 p.m.
Sunday May 25	Memorial Day parade (Columbia Pa.)	Bus leaves at 11:30 a.m.
Monday May 26	Westminster Memorial Day parade	Meet at bandhall at 9:00 a.m.
	Taneytown Memorial Day parade	1:15 p.m.
Saturday May 31	Fire Muster parade	12 noon
Wednesday June 4	New Windsor parade	7:00 p.m.
Sunday June 8	Mt. Airy concert	6:15 p.m.
June 16 – 19	Ocean City convention	
Sunday June 22	Thurmont concert	6:00 p.m.
Friday July 4	Kingsville & Catonsville parade	Bus leaves at 9:00 a.m.
Saturday July 5	Havre De Grace parade	Bus leaves at 11:30 a.m.
Sunday July 20	Emmitsburg Concert	6:00 p.m.
Sunday July 27	Fire expo parade	Bus leaves at 7:30 a.m.