
The Westminster Municipal Band

WMB News

May 2003

Our Schedule Grows

I want to begin by thanking everyone who attended our rehearsals during the long cold winter. We had great turnouts despite the weather and we are looking forward to the summer season. We started off the busy month of May with a marching rehearsal on the 5th. Thanks to everyone who attended. It helps to brush up on our marching techniques and to help the newer members' adapt to our methods. It takes practice to keep our lines straight, so it is always good to start the year with a warm up so to speak. We began at 7:00 p.m. at the band hall and refreshments were served afterwards.

On Monday the 12th, we will officially conclude our rehearsal season at the Westminster Senior center with a concert starting at 7:00 p.m. On Friday the 16th, we will perform at the Relay for Life at Westminster High School. Sandy will give more details on this performance.

The month of May of course holds the traditional Memorial Day holiday, with this year holding more meaning than in year's past because of the recent war in Iraq. I am sure that the crowd attendance will be high with everyone wanting to get into the spirit, and I am also sure that we will hear much applause with the fabulous sound and appearance that we always demonstrate, thanks to our dedicated members. The holiday weekend starts with the annual Strawberry Social at the Pleasant Valley Fire hall on Saturday the 24th. The following day, Sunday



Sandy directs at our final rehearsal of the year.

the 25th, we will travel to Columbia Pa. for their traditional Memorial Day parade. The bus will leave the band hall at 11:30 a.m. For those of you who elect to drive, the parade begins at 2:00 p.m. On Monday morning, the 26th we perform at the traditional parade in Westminster. Please meet at the band hall by 9:15 a.m. so that we can move out by 9:25 a.m. at the latest. The parade will

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start at 10 a.m. at the usual location of Monroe Street and Pennsylvania Avenue. Immediately following the parade is the ceremony at the cemetery, where we will be performing the National Anthem. As usual, we will be marching back to the band hall after the ceremony. The Taneytown parade will follow with a start time of 1:00 p.m. They will not start the parade until we are assembled and ready to go, because they know that we are coming directly from our first parade. On Wednesday night the 28th, will be the Union Bridge parade, which starts at the Elmer Wolfe Elementary School. This parade will start at 7:00 p.m. Last but not least will be the Fire Muster parade on Saturday May 31st. The Fire Muster parade will begin at 9:30 a.m., so we should meet at the band hall no later than 9:00 a.m.

An early June performance will be in New Windsor on Wednesday the 4th. This parade will start at 7:00 p.m. and we will meet at our usual location behind the old Middle school next to the carnival grounds. Please arrive by 6:45 p.m. for all of the fireman's parades that begin at 7 p.m.

Let's all say a prayer for Bill Myers, as he recovers from surgery this week.

That's it for now, see you in May. Greg

Director's Corner

Hey gang! The busy month of May is upon us. Lots and lots of stuff for us to do! Greg's has hit the highlights.

Please arrive at the Westminster Senior Center no later than 6:45 p.m. for the last rehearsal/second concert of the season. I'm really hoping that the Senior center has really picked up the ball and has worked on getting the word out about this event!

I just want to add that the team organizing the Relay for Life event is very excited to have us be a part of the festivities again. Have all you marches handy PLUS the little version of "God Bless America", "Armed Forces Medley" and the

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National anthem. We will meet in the parking lot directly across from the Westminster Nursing Home on Rt. 32 at 7:00 p.m.

ADDITION TO THE MARCH FOLIO: Please put "Armed Forces Medley" in as #6. It was suggested at rehearsal to place this in the parade line-up as people will be most likely be expecting something patriotic at our performances, both concert and parades.

Thanks again for your attendance and enthusiasm this rehearsal season - we've made a lot of progress and have added some new music to the repertoire. It means a lot to have your support. Helps make my job easier!!

Is it June yet?!?!?!? Sandy



Remember When...

Here's a picture that Earl Lambert lent me for the newsletter. It looks like Ocean City and on the back of the photograph is written "1958". Looks like an early version of our "boardwalk band".

If you have any old photos of the band at home, bring them by the band hall any evening during rehearsal. I will make copies while you wait and return your pictures that same evening. Early photos of current members from their school days are especially prized. Jim Mayola

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 9:15 a.m.
	Taneytown Memorial Day parade	1:00 p.m.
Wednesday, May 28	Union Bridge parade	7:00 p.m.
Saturday May 31	Fire Muster parade	9:30 a.m.
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.
Sunday August 24	Belle Grove Square concert	6:00 p.m.