
The Westminster Municipal Band

WMB News

August 2003

Summer Continues!

The busy month of July is now over as the summer passes quickly. We started the month with a rainout in Manchester, but the rain held out for the rest of our jobs. We traveled to a very hot Kingsville, where it was about 90 degrees in the shade, with a great group. The highlight of the Independence celebrations is always Catonsville, where there are Thousands of people watching. After a light lunch at the Knights of Columbus, we leadoff that parade. It didn't get much cooler for Havre De Grace, but the occasional breeze helped us out. We were number 84 in the parade with 43 in attendance. I want to thank all who gave of your time during the 4th of July events, as it is when we get the greatest exposure during the entire year. It is great to know that we have so many members that are dedicated to this organization. On Tuesday the 8th, we went to Winfield to participate in their parade on a great evening with 28 in attendance. If you can remember last year, we finished just in time as a very strong storm went through causing major damage to the carnival grounds. Not so this year. The Thursday following, the attendance picked up in Thurmont with 38. They always have a nice parade, and they really appreciate us traveling up there to take part. On Sunday the 20th, we made our debut in Emmitsburg at the Memorial park. We had about 30 playing for the light crowd. On Thursday the 24th, we ventured to Mt. Airy to



Governor Ehrlich with WMB at Catonsville!

participate in their parade where we leadoff with 35 attending. The Vice President of the Maryland State fireman's association watched us from the judge's stand at Mt. Airy. For our final job of the month, we attended the Fire Expo parade in Baltimore with a great group of 43. Thanks again to everyone who came out this busy month for making the band sound and look fantastic. We will have about a two week break before our first August job comes around.

This month we have 4 dates to talk about. The first job of the month is rescheduled from our **Thurmont Sousa concert** which was rained out. The concert will begin at 6:00 p.m. at the park in Thurmont on Sunday August 10th. Again, follow Middleburg Road to Keymar and continue straight on Route 77 to Thurmont. The park is located on your left halfway through town. The **Hampstead parade**, which was scheduled to be on Wednesday, the 13th, is **NOW A GO**. Yes, a

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volunteer is taking over organizing the parade, and it will start at 7:00 p.m. The lineup will be the same as last year, which is behind Snyder's Auction on Lower Bechleysville Road.

On Sunday the 17th, we will be playing for about one hour at Dutterer's park in Westminster starting at 1:00 p.m. The City of Westminster, along with the City police and the Fire department, are holding a **Local Hero's Day**. The event will be from 1-4 p.m. at the park, which is located at Monroe St., where all the parades in town begin. The planners intend to make this special with various demonstrations and different activities for the kids. On Sunday the 24th, it is again time for our annual Belle Grove Square concert starting at 6:00 p.m. Sandy will fill you in on the details, but it is a time to show off our talent in front of a home crowd, so let's all make an attempt to be present.

In September, a much talked about job will occur on Saturday the 27th. Yes, I am talking about Delaware, as we will be attending their Fireman's convention parade, representing ourselves of course, but also the Five Points Fire Company in Delaware. Those folks are giving us \$1500.00 to represent them for the Governor's Cup, which is a really big prize to achieve. They have been trying for years to claim the cup away from the current champs of the Citizens Hose fire Company and marching band. Please mark your calendars, as we need to have great attendance that day, since we will be showcasing out talents in front of thousands. The bus will leave the band hall at 9:30 a.m. sharp, and return by around 7:30 p.m. If any of you are driving on your own, I will be getting details of the parade route for you. The parade is in Dover Delaware starting at 1:00 p.m. Also, an early September job will be on Saturday the 6th at Cotactin High School. This concert will start at 7:00 p.m. I will fill you in on the other jobs of September, next month. Greg

Westminster Municipal Band Director's Corner

Hey gang! It's August and the summer wrap-up is beginning - even though we are still pretty busy.

The band voted to attend 3 concerts this month. The first, as Greg mentioned, is the Thurmont Concert beginning at 6:00 p.m. Our biggest fan, Mr. George Wireman, will be on hand to direct a few numbers, I'm sure. Please arrive no later than 5:45. #2 is the concert at Dutterer's Park in Westminster on the 17th. Greg gave you all the particulars for that. Please arrive by 12:45 p.m. #3 is our annual Belle Grove Square concert beginning at 1:00 p.m. Just a reminder that this will be held RAIN or SHINE since we are pencilled in to use the Social hall at St. Paul's UCC next to the park in case it would happen to rain. The Color Guard will again participate - so BRING YOUR FULL UNIFORM!! We will march to the park as in year's past. This year marks the 110th anniversary of the Westminster Band so we will try to do some extra special things of an as yet unknown nature. If you have an idea to share, please contact me as soon as possible. Belle Grove Square is located about 1/2 mile from the band hall at the intersection of Bond and Green Streets. If you need more specific directions, e-mail or call me. sandrami@carr.org or 410-857-0344.

September is bringing some busy times too. To get us going, the concert at Catoctin High School in Thurmont, MD will be held on Saturday, September 6th at 7:00 p.m. We need a great group for this indoor concert so put a big gold star on you calendar!

That's it for me - See you in Thurmont!!
And then Hampstead . . . Sandy

WESTMINSTER MUNICIPAL BAND
2003 SCHEDULE

Sunday August 10	Thurmont concert	6:00 p.m.
Wednesday August 13	Hampstead parade	7:00 p.m.
Sunday August 17	Local Hero's Day concert (Dutterer's Family park Westminster)	1:00 p.m.
Sunday August 24	Belle Grove Square concert	6:00 p.m.
Saturday September 6	Thurmont concert (Cotactin High School)	7:00 p.m.
Sunday September 14	Timber Ridge concert	2:30 P.M.
Sunday September 21	Westminster Fallfest parade	*NOTE TIME CHANGE 3:00 p.m.
Saturday September 27	Dover Delaware parade	Bus leaves 9:30 a.m.
Sunday October 12	Ascension Church concert	4:00 p.m.
Saturday October 18	Millersville parade	Bus leaves 6:45 a.m.

