

The Westminster Municipal Band

WMB News

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Spring Has Sprung!

Yes folks, Spring has finally sprung! It has been a long cold winter but it has ended and it is time to get out and enjoy the warm temps. I want to begin by thanking everyone who attended our busy weekend starting at the town mall, where we had a great group for the concert. We also had 43 for the annual St. Patrick's Day parade in Baltimore, on a surprisingly not too bad of a day. We sounded and looked great.

This month marks the end of our rehearsal season on the last Monday, April 26th. On that evening, we will be having a marching rehearsal starting at 7:00 p.m. at the band hall. For those of you that have just joined the band, it is very important that you pencil this date in your calendar and make an effort to be there. It is always a time for us to brush up on our marching maneuvers before the season starts. We also need the old timers to be present to show the newcomers how it's done. We will then have pizza to end the evening.

I am very pleased to announce that the building project is finally well underway. The contractor has moved in and at the end of this week, the back portion of the building will be gone. Condon had another contractor on site to dismantle the building for the wood. Unfortunately, what was thought to be oak, turned out to be mostly poplar. The final portion of the roof was taken away on Friday, March 26th.



Our newest member – Megan Schultz

My dad and I were surprised that morning when we showed up on site to see them attempting to take the final roof trusses down. We were told a week before that it was up to the band members to get the final portion down. So dad and I had a "fun in the sun day" on the roof while their equipment was on site.

The HVAC man, Joe Cooney arrived the week of the 15th and started relocating the furnace. We took out the existing unit and he replaced it with a newer unit that he had at his shop. Mr. Cooney examined and fixed the old duct system, where he found many loose ends. The new unit is now located in our storage room where it will be much more accessible and will operate much better. Mr. Cooney is going to donate the new furnace and A.C. unit for our use. A huge thank you goes out to him, as he is only charging for his labor and some supplies that he

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used. The new unit works great and should for many years to come.

Jay Markle finished his final coat of joint compound on the walls in the existing bath and Dave Miller also finished the final coat of paint. After George West finishes the floor, the water will be turned on and we should finally be able to have a working bathroom. The next step will be to work on getting the old floor up at the garage and move on with that portion of the building. I will let you know of an upcoming workday for that project, and of the overall progress. Another huge thank you goes out to Jim Wantz for being on site everyday and assisting in whatever needed to be done. He also removed the wood around the pillars which really opened the band room up. Great job, dad.

The Ocean City arrangements are being made, so if you have not contacted me yet, do so now. I will inform you of your payment amount later this month by e-mail. Please make checks payable to the Westminster Municipal Band and please have them in to us by May 30th.

We have another new flute player to recognize as a band member, Megan Schultz. Megan will be a student at Winters Mill High School next year.

Please note the schedule of events as our calendar is starting to grow.

That's it, see you at rehearsal.

Greg

Director's Corner

Hey gang! Spring is here even though it feels like the beginning of March. Rehearsals have been going extremely well. Attendance has been phenomenal and the music is really coming together. If you can make the rehearsals on April 12 or 19, please do. The 26th will be an outdoor marching rehearsal, weather permitting. If there is inclement weather, we will have a regular practice indoors.

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Refreshments will also be served by the Refreshment committee no matter what.

We will again play for a very receptive audience on Monday, May 3rd. This concert is for the community of Carroll Lutheran Village. The concert will begin at 7:30 p.m. in the Krug Chapel. Please plan to arrive by 7:15 for set-up. Concert uniform is required. (No jackets, no hats.) If you can't make it, please try to let me know. It helps me in my planning to know who will be in attendance. If you need directions, let Greg or I know.

I am really looking forward to the summer. We've already got lots on the calendar so please do what you can to make us look and sound good all season long! See ya!

Sandy

Editor's Message

It's always a pleasure to add the "Remember When" section, whenever space permits. However, I prefer not to repeat any photos which I've already shown. So, if you have any old photographs of the Westminster Municipal Band, please let me borrow them for a week. I will scan them into my computer and return them to you the following week, good as new. Then, when time and space permit, I will include one in our



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monthly newsletter. Thanks, Jim
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PS – Who's the guy with the cool suit and smile?

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