



Membership Newsletter

May 2006

Current News

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Rehearsals:

- Refreshments last Monday of the Month with general cleanup during rehearsal season.

Outside Marching Practice in May

*Remember:
If the snow emergency plan is in effect for any Monday evening, rehearsals will be cancelled .*

The month of May is officially upon us, and the warm weather starts to set in. This month also is the start of a busy summer season for us. I want to thank everyone that attended the rehearsals that came to an end last week. I do believe that we will have a great sound again this summer. I want to thank all the members that attended the American Spirit parade this past Saturday, as we had 33 in attendance. With the small turnout, it sounded great. The parade went well but it was an awful lot of stop and start, with us being in the next to last division. I will let them know that we need to be further advanced in the lineup to get away from that. I appreciate everyone that went and your patience. I will give everyone that went Saturday a raise in your pay.

We will start to get a little busy this month with our first job being at Pleasant Valley Fire Dept. on Saturday May 20th. We will play from 4 – 7 p.m. All the members that are in attendance that day will receive a Fried chicken platter. You will have to pay for your spouse. As in year's past, we will probably eat around 5:30 p.m. Concert uniform is required, meaning the long sleeve white shirt. For the new

members, follow 140 West to Hughes Shop Road. Turn right on Hughes shop and follow to the end. Turn left at the end and you will run into the fire hall. On Sunday May 28th, the bus will leave for Columbia at 11:30 a.m. The parade will kick off at 2:00 p.m. We should return by 5 p.m. at the latest. The next engagements will than be on Monday May 29th with the Westminster Memorial Day parade kicking off at 10 a.m. Please arrive at the band hall by 9:15 a.m. and no later.

We will leave the hall by 9:30 a.m. After the parade, please hang around, as we will be playing at the cemetery, performing the National Anthem and America. After, the ceremony, we will march back to the bandhall. Also, Tristen Zepp will carry the memorial wreath this year in the parade. Tristen's dad is Michael Zepp, who is in the Color Guard. So, when you see Tristen, encourage him on.

We will than proceed West to Taneytown for their parade starting at 1:00 p.m. The parade will form at Memorial park on the West side of town. Follow route 140 through

town, and the park will be on your left. Following the parade, again please hang around, as we will have to perform a few selections during the ceremony. Hopefully, chairs will be provided. After the ceremony, lunch will be provided for us. The last job of the month will be on Wednesday the 31st in Union Bridge, for their fireman's parade starting at 7:00 p.m. We will form at the corner of Route 75 and Main St. We will lead this off, so be prompt.

An early June job will be on Saturday the 3rd, as we will have several engagements that day. Please meet at the band hall at 9:30 a.m. for the 10 a.m. parade. After the parade, we will proceed to the Farm Museum for our concert from 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. Following that concert, we will travel to Timber Ridge for the concert starting at 2:30 p.m. We will play for an hour. A busy day, but it beats having to play again on the following day. I will fill you in on the remaining dates in June next month.

Greg

Attention:

Ocean City Trip will be here before you know it. Payment for your room is due by May 30th.

Memorial Day weekend has multiple jobs and we need your attendance to be successful.

Remember:

Check the Website for the complete schedule

Members Corner

Please have your Ocean City money in to us by May 30th. Make checks payable to the Westminster Municipal band. You should all have your amount due, but if you don't, contact Greg.

We welcome Brian Wantz into the percussion section.

The deadline has passed for the apparel order but if you notify Sandy right away, she should be able to still put that order in.



Director's Message

Hello –

As Greg stated, now that May is here, we are officially off and running in our 2006 performance season. Greg has highlighted all jobs for the next four weeks and as always, please do your best to get to as much as you can.

Greg & I both appreciate it when you will let us know if you are unable to attend a job. It may seem like a small thing to you if you don't make it, but it helps us plan and know where we may need to concentrate efforts to make sure we have sections covered. It especially helps me in concert music planning

as I try to make up a concert listing prior to the job rather than figuring it out as we go.

Also, I received a check in the amount of \$50.00 from Lisa Watkins, Marketing Coordinator/Vice President of Westminster Union Bank. Her note reads as follows:

Please accept this donation as a thank you to the band for reserving the date of April 22, our celebration event at Westminster Crossing. Even though it rained, the event was a huge success and would have been perfect if the band could have begun the day. We appreciate the Westminster Municipal

Band and all it does for our community!

I think that was thoughtful of them to remember us and the time we set aside to play for them.

One Monday, May 1, we previewed the Community Media Center's production about the band. If any of you wish to have a copy, please let me know and for \$5.00 CMC will take care of it for you.

As always, if you have any questions, let us know!

Sandy

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Attention: President
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Upcoming Events

Date	Event	Time
May 20	Concert - Pleasant Valley Strawberry Social	4 - 7 PM
May 28	Parade - Columbia PA - Memorial Day	Bus Leaves 11:30 AM
May 29	Parade - Westminster -Meet at Band hall	10:00 AM Meet by 9:15 AM
	Parade - Taneytown - Meet at Memorial Park	1:00 PM
May 31	Parade - Union Bridge FD	7:00 PM
June 3	Parade/Concert - Fire Muster at Farm Museum	Meet 9:30 Band hall for parade
		11:30 AM Concert Farm Museum
June 3	Concert - Timber Ridge	2:30 PM
June 7	Parade - New Windsor FD	7:00 PM
June 11	Parade - FF Memorial in Annapolis	Bus Leaves 11:30 AM
June 19-21	MSFA Convention - Ocean City MD	Various TBA that week
June 24	Concert - River Valley Ranch	7:00 PM
July 2	Parade - Havre de Grace	Bus Leaves 11:30 AM
July 4	Parade - Kingsville/Catonsville	Bus Leaves 9:15 AM
July 16	Concert - Thurmont	6:00 PM

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