

Adelphi Community Band

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Ms. Silvia, Executive Director:

Thank you for your recent inquiry regarding the availability of the Adelphi Community Band to perform for the following events:

- 2024 Memorial Day: Morning parade
- 2024 Memorial Day: Afternoon concert
- Friday September 6, 2024, afternoon concert at the Lithopolis Honeyfest

Sadly, the band is going to have to decline all three invitations for this year.

MEMORIAL DAY:

As we spoke on the phone, the Band has a schedule conflict for Memorial Day, as it has participated in a local Memorial Day observance since at least the early 1950's.

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And while usually not on the same day, in our home town of Adelphi, we have participated in these observances since at least 1929.

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HONEYFEST:

But in checking with the schedules of the musicians, we do not have enough musicians who could commit at this time to the September date for the Lithopolis Honeyfest.

For an event with the history and attraction of the Honeyfest, the band would only want to participate if we were assured that we could bring enough musicians to best present our music.

While we are unable to participate in these events this year, we would certainly welcome the opportunity to be scheduled for 2025.

BAND HISTORY:

In the meantime, you might be interested in some of the material we have placed on our (*unofficial*) band website.

<https://adelphiband.weebly.com/>

Our extensive research has found that there are just a handful of community bands nationwide that can perhaps rightfully claim a start date earlier than that of the Adelphi Community Band.

While the band typically claims a start date of 1880, several written local histories show that the band was actually started as early as 1873. That means that this band has been around for parts of 3 different centuries, 15 decades, and through 5 generations.

This band is older than:

- The gunfight at the OK Corral,
- The Statue of Liberty,
- The Eiffel Tower,
- The Washington Monument,
- Basketball,

and many other things and events.

The band website currently contains well over 3,000 pictures, and also over 3,000 documents, many dating back to the late 1800's and showing the band's role in almost 150 years of history in Southern Ohio.

In addition, the band is in the finishing stages of an @ 1,600 page biography on the band, which is being released FREE on the band web site:

<https://adelphiband.weebly.com/volume-1-adelphi-band-biography.html>

The band is very proud of its history, the music it presents, and its almost 150 year role in the events and lives of the residents of our home communities in particular, and of Southern Ohio in general.

Thank you again for your inquiry.

Please contact me if there are any questions, or if I can be of further assistance.

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