

The Adelphi Community Band

Adelphi, Ohio
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Newsletter



May 10, 2022

Greetings!

It is still spring, but the first of May brings thoughts about many things: warm(er) weather, picnics, and band schedules. We don't have tidings about the first two, but we do have information about the band schedule.

In preparation for next week's practice, Jeff Mathew provided the play list and location information. For those wanting more detailed information, there is a listing of confirmed, tentative, and declined performances for your calendar. In addition, there is food for thought about how we "do" parades. Dealing specifically with drum cadence, when to play, and how many songs to use, this section will be discussed at future practices and performances. Read it over, and be prepared to make your thoughts known.

John Mathew

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2022 Band Schedule Summary:

Monday May 16, 2022, Practice at 7:30 PM, **CONFIRMED**

Monday May 23, 2022, Practice at 7:30 PM, **CONFIRMED**

Sunday May 29, 2022, Concert at Adelphi Cemetery 1:30 PM, **CONFIRMED**

Monday May 30, 2022, Concert at Hallsville Cemetery 10:30 AM, **CONFIRMED**

Saturday June 18, 2022, Concert at Pickaway County Fair, **TENTATIVE**,

Monday July 4, 2022, Ashville 11:00 Parade, **CONFIRMED**

Saturday July 23, 2022, Concert at Lancaster Festival, 11:00 to 11:45, **CONFIRMED**

Sunday August 7, Concert at Ross County Fair Harness Races, 11:30 AM to 2:30 PM, **CONFIRMED**

Monday September 12, 2022, Practice at 7:30 PM, **CONFIRMED**

Saturday October 1, 2022, Laurelville Festival, 4:30 PM Concert and 6:00 parade, **TENTATIVE**

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Thursday October 13, 2022 1:30 PM, Concert at Fairfield County Fair Harness Races, **CONFIRMED**
Friday October 21, Circleville Pumpkin Show, 8:00 parade only, **CONFIRMED**
Saturday October 22, 2022, Circleville Pumpkin Show, 6:30 concert and 8:00 Parade, **CONFIRMED**

Monday November 14, 2022, Practice at 7:30 PM, **CONFIRMED**

Details on all these events, plus other band news, are on the following pages.

SCHEDULE DETAILS:

CONFIRMED PRACTICES

- A). Monday May 16, 2022 7:30PM
- B). Monday May 23, 2022, 7:30 PM

Calvary UM Church
427 South Washington Street
Circleville, Ohio

** Enter by the door with the ramp off the parking lot and alley in the back

Always bring:

1. Your music
2. Pencil
3. Your own music stand

NOTE: At the May 16 practice, I am going to pass out an adjusted version of "Take Me Out to the Ballgame". The differences between what I will hand out and what you already have in Folder # 1 are minor, and really only amount to eliminating the D.S. and just writing out all the parts. I hate songs with a D.S. We will go over it at the May 23 practice as I want to use that later this year. If you can't make it on the 16th, then I will at least e-mail it to you afterwards so that you can look it over before the 23rd.

The sound file for this song is still on the band web page:

<https://adelphiband.weebly.com/manila-folder--1.html>

Folder # 4 Practice list for Monday May 16 and Monday May 23 (*same as what was listed in other newsletters*):

Separate Music:

1. Anchors Aweigh
2. Thunderer
3. Washington Post
4. Colonel Bogey
5. Stars and Stripes Forever
6. Officer of the Day

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King Book:

492: Aviation Tournament

444: Canton Aero Club

Americana Book:

1. Star Spangled Banner

3. America the Beautiful

4. Hail Columbia

5. Columbia the Gem of the Ocean

6. America (My Country Tis of Thee)

8. Battle Hymn

9. God of Our Fathers

10. Finlandia

11. Marines Hymn

52. Crusader's Hymn (Fairest Lord Jesus)

53. Abide with Me

54. Now the Day is Over

55. Onward Christian Soldiers

56. Nearer My God to Thee

57. Lead kindly Light

58. Rock of Ages

60. My Faith Looks Up to Thee

And "Take Me Out to the Ballgame " on May 23rd.

CONFIRMED PERFORMANCE: SUNDAY May 29, Adelphi Green Summit Cemetery,

1:30 PM

Play at 1:30, ceremony is at 2:00

I will check with the VFW that day on whatever else they may want us to do DURING the observance, to possibly include "Taps"

Specifically, it is this cemetery, as most people would be surprised to know just how many cemeteries there are in Adelphi. The cemetery is on 180 just west of Adelphi about ½ mile. The cemetery is on the north side of the road and it is a large cemetery so it is impossible to miss.

We have played for this observance for years. If you have not seen this at other Memorial Day observances, the VFW reads the names of all the veterans buried there. It is a very stirring part of the ceremony.

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Be aware, there were no porta-potties at the cemetery last year. Every year that becomes more important to me to know.

There is a flag pole in the center of the cemetery just inside the main gate. We will set up the chairs close to the flagpole. There will be lots of grass parking along the road just outside the main gate, plus inside the cemetery by the main gate. You can access more parking by entering the second entrance, which is next to the white house just west of the main gate. The odds are that, whenever you get there, you will already see people gathering at the flagpole.

If you use Google Maps or GPS, it looks like an address for the Adelphi Green Summit cemetery is:

11086-11162 OH-180, Laurelville, OH 43135

This is a link to Google Maps for Green Summit Cemetery:

<https://www.google.com/maps/@39.4659574,-82.7529909,16z?hl=en>

CONFIRMED PERFORMANCE: MONDAY May 30, 2022 Memorial Day

10:30 AM at the Hallsville Cemetery

The latest version of the program is on the last page.

We play at 10:30 for an 11:00 service. We will start a couple minutes before 10:30. Then we will play for @ 10 minutes or so in the middle of the program. The whole thing should be done by shortly after Noon, or so. I just talked with our contact for this event. They are going to run it like they did in 2021 and hold the entire observance at the Hallsville Cemetery.

Be aware, there were no porta-potties at the cemetery last year. Every year that becomes more important to me to know.

The Hallsville cemetery is on 180 on the west side of Hallsville at the corner of Walnut Creek Road. The cemetery is on the south side of the road. It is hard to miss.

There is a large monument in the center of the cemetery, and we will set our band chairs up there. Whenever you get there you will probably already find people hanging out by the monument so it won't be hard to find.

There will be parking in the grassy area at the entrance to the cemetery. But, if you want to park closer and save a few steps, as you drive on up closer to the monument there is a large grassy area on the left that you can park at.

If you use Google Maps or GPS, it looks like an address for the Hallsville cemetery is:

6462 OH-180, Kingston, OH 45644

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TENTATIVE PERFORMANCE: Saturday June 18, 2022

Pickaway County Fair Harness Races

Trying to return a call originally made to Glenn Hinton about the Pickaway County Fair, apparently asking us to play. Will advise when I have more info to see if enough of you can play that date.

CONFIRMED PERFORMANCE: Monday July 4th, 11:00 Parade

Ashville July 4th Festival

I have already been in contact with them, and it looks like we may only do a parade, and NOT also that short concert afterwards. The reason is that they are expanding their Arts and Crafts area, and that would probably prevent us from pulling the band wagon into what had been our concert area.

They did not give me a formal offer to play, yet, but I expect that shortly.

NOTE:

Historically, the band wagon has been parked at the intersection of East Main Street and Park Street, just down the road from the Village Chapel Church, 30 Viking Way, Ashville, Ohio

Link to Google Maps for the usual location of the band wagon:

<https://www.google.com/maps/place/Ashville,+OH+43103/@39.7140922,-82.9472674,287m/data=!3m1!1e3!4m5!3m4!1s0x883878863f2b27e7:0x38ef9607140d4ee8a8m2!3d39.7156186!4d-82.9529584?hl=en>

Is there interest to meet the wagon at the Village Chapel Church at a specific time so that people can park there and meet the trailer there so they don't have to walk as far? It will have to be early enough so that the wagon can get into line for the parade. And then it will leave right after the parade and after dropping us off at the Chapel. We will discuss.

<http://ashville4thofjuly.com/>

CONFIRMED PERFORMANCE: Lancaster Festival

Concert Saturday July 23 at the Fairgrounds, 11:00 to 11:45

This is the "Family Fun Day" at the Fairgrounds for the Lancaster Festival. There is an admission charge to get onto the Fairgrounds. They do not ever give out admission passes. However, all you have to do is tell them at the gate that you are with the band and they have always let us (*and everyone in the car*) through with no problem.

I would recommend going into the Fairgrounds at the main gate at the intersection of Fair Avenue and Broad Street.

Google Maps for Main Gate:

<https://www.google.com/maps/place/Lancaster,+OH+43130/@39.7241139,-82.602307,287m/data=!3m1!1e3!4m5!3m4!1s0x88478a5e4f80f267:0x136dd5d79e3b4de5!8m2!3d39.7136754!4d-82.5993294?hl=en>

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The stage for us will be on the carny side of the Grandstand and NOT on the track side. You can't miss it. They probably won't let you park close to the stage, but they will send you to the main parking lot on the grounds. However, they have a fleet of golf carts running the parking lot all the time taking people to the grounds. And they will take you directly to the stage. The stage is a temp stage, but is a nice one under large shade trees and with a tarp roof and PA equipment. There are aluminum bleachers under an awning for the audience.

You need to allow yourself enough time to navigate past the street traffic to even get onto the Fairgrounds to start with, let alone to park, get your gear out, and then be shuttled to the stage with all your equipment in order to set up comfortably before the performance time.

CONFIRMED PERFORMANCE: ROSS COUNTY FAIR:

Sunday August 7, 11:30 AM to 2:30 PM (1 day ONLY)

Gate passes will be needed for Sunday. I will let you know when I get them so that I can get them to you in a timely manner. Last year they came about 30 days out.

We will sit in the Grandstand bleachers on the far right side as you face the track. Recommended that you bring a seat cushion. Also, the Bennett Fish Stand is outside the Grandstand at the main gate.

Mmmm...fish sandwiches. Ed Bennett, one of the generations of Bennett's who have run the fish stand, was a musician in the band for many years. One of his daughters who now helps run the stand was also a majorette for the band for many years.

Again, getting into the Fairgrounds and all the way to the Grandstand is going to take a little bit, and you need to allow extra time for that.

I should have some parking information for you shortly, but be prepared to walk a little bit to get to the Grandstand.

<http://rosscountyfair.com/>

DECLINED PERFORMANCE REQUEST:

Sunday September 11, 2022

Salt Creek Valley Festival, 4:30 PM Parade

Richmond Dale, Ohio

Just to keep you informed, I just received an email inquiry for the band to play at the above event. Many in the band will remember that we played there for many years, but then have not played there for a few years.

Since this date (9-11) is one that The Pumpkin Show Band already has 2 possible performances scheduled for (*either a Mt. Oval concert or a 9-11 observance*), and almost all of you also play in that band as well, I have declined the Richmond Dale offer for this year. I will not knowingly schedule the band for something on the same date/time that the

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Pumpkin Show Band already has something scheduled for, and I have been working well with Becky (*Pumpkin Show Band President*) since last year on matters of mutual interest, and in scheduling band performances between the two groups that do not conflict with each other.

CONFIRMED PRACTICE: Monday September 12, 2022 7:30PM

Calvary UM Church
427 South Washington Street
Circleville, Ohio 43113

TENTATIVE PERFORMANCE: LAURELVILLE FIREMAN'S OLD TIME FESTIVAL

Saturday October 1, 2022, 4:30 PM Concert and 6:00 parade

This year, the Festival has been moved FROM June in 2021 TO Wednesday September 28 to Saturday October 1, 2022.

They will bring us chairs to set up right next to the bank and on the sidewalk instead of on the stage. The bank is right on one of the corners at the center of town across from the gas station. The stage is always in the sun across the street from the bank, and next to the bank is always in the shade. We prefer the shade. However, with our part of the Festival being possibly moved to October 1 from the hot, summer months, staying out of the sun on October 1 may be less worrisome and we may move back to the stage. We'll know that day.

The concert generally lasts 45 minutes or so. After the concert, we have always been able to pull the band wagon up close to the bank in order to load up for the parade from there. That will give everyone time to move their stuff to the band wagon, grab a drink or whatever, and take a breather. But don't take too long, because the wagon will have to be on the move to get in line for the parade, and that's a long walk.

CONFIRMED PERFORMANCE: Fairfield County Fair Harness Races

Thursday October 13, 2022 1:30 PM

If you bring someone with you, the Fairfield County Grandstand is one of the nicest ones in this area to sit in. For the band, there is a huge cement pad at ground level in front of the Grandstand where the public walks through. We have lots of pics, and some video, of this Grandstand on the band web site. We will set up on the left hand side of that pad as you face the race track.

We will be receiving "Infield Stickers" which are not only a parking pass to be able to park inside the race track, but is also basically our Admission Pass to the grounds for everyone in the car.

Just like for the Lancaster Festival in July, I recommend that you want to enter the Fairgrounds at the main gate at the intersection of Fair Avenue and Broad Street. After you enter and are greeted by lots of people dealing with tickets, just tell them all that you ate

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playing in the band at 1:30. Then just keep straight and you will be next to the racetrack on your right in just a couple hundred yards or so. Follow the track and you will see an entrance to cross over and get inside the track.

Once inside the track, keep driving down the hill (*the inside of the race track is NOT flat*) and back up the other side where they will have people to help you find a parking space. Again, leave yourself enough time to get onto the grounds, grab a drink, and have enough time to get set up. And, having the Infield Sticker is not a guarantee to get in there. If they think that the parking area fills up, I have been told that they will shut people off from coming into the Infield if the races have already started. Plus, there have been stories that if someone comes on the grounds AFTER the races have started, they won't let the car go onto the Infield and will send them to the General Parking area.

As soon as I receive the "Infield Stickers", I will let you know so that I can distribute them to you.

<https://www.fairfieldcountyfair.org/>

CONFIRMED PERFORMANCE: Circleville Pumpkin Show

- A). Friday October 21, 8:00 Parade only
- B). Saturday October 22, 6:30 concert and 8:00 parade

The 6:30 PM concert on Saturday night has been done while sitting on the band wagon. We will stay in our usual configuration on the wagon, and I will move to the front of the wagon to direct. Trying to do something else where all the musicians try to turn their chairs and music stands around to face some other way has never worked well.

Our band wagon for both nights has historically been placed next to the Community UM Church at the corner of Pickaway and Main Street. You need to be aware that on either night the people directing the parade may want us at some time to move the band wagon closer to the intersection of Pickaway and Franklin in order to get us in line. So, if you have already dropped off your stuff at the wagon and go to grab a drink or something, the band wagon may not be in the same spot when you get back.

If you are one of the few that we have been able to grab a closer parking pass for, but you go to do something at the Show before getting your stuff out of the car and make your way to the bandwagon, the organizers may want us to move before you ever get to the band wagon.

In recent years, we have had the privilege of being one of the very first units in both parades.

NOTE:

You will probably need a [music light!](#)

The Pumpkin Show parades are currently the only ones we do after dark. Regardless of how well Circleville has their streets lit, it is not good enough for you to always be able

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read your music even it is on your instrument lyre and just a couple inches from your face. I learned this the hard way my very first year with the band.

You will want any type of music light so that you can see the music. It can be a small flashlight from the Dollar Tree that you tape to a clamp that you fasten to your music stand and only costs a couple bucks or so, or something more formal. But you WILL want a music stand light!

CONFIRMED PRACTICE: Monday November 14, 2022, 7:30 PM

Calvary UM Church
427 South Washington Street
Circleville, Ohio 43113

At this point the November practice is the last event we will hold for 2022.

STILL NEED A DRIVER FOR THE BAND WAGON:

Still looking for a vehicle and driver for the band wagon. It can be a personal vehicle or even business vehicle with all their advertising plastered on it on it, and I will work that into the Announcer speech. We will offer money for time and gas.

If you think you know of someone, please let me know. We only have 4 parades scheduled at this point for 2022. The first one will be July 4th at Ashville.

A DIFFERENT WAY TO HANDLE MUSIC ON PARADE ROUTES?:

Here are some thoughts, and I want your opinions.

BACKGROUND:

As stated above, for 2022 we expect to have 4 parades:

- 1). Ashville, July 4th
- 2). Laurelville, Saturday October 1
- 3). Friday Night Pumpkin Show
- 4). Saturday Night Pumpkin Show

The Laurelville parade is fairly short, compared to the other 3.

I have admitted many times that I like variety in music, and (*for me*) playing the same song multiple times through the longer parades becomes tedious.

However, on those times I have been in bands on band wagons where we are constantly rotating between 2 or more songs and switching songs after each play, I find that trying to constantly change music to be both awkward and scary for possibly dropping my instrument. For me, I have to try to balance a Trumpet, Euphonium, or Trombone somehow on my lap while on a moving, bouncing, wagon and still needing both hands to

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both change the music and put back in place the appropriate amount of clothes pins to secure it to the music stand.....in the wind.

I can easily imagine that those musicians who play any of the other band instruments while on a moving, bouncing, band wagon would have similar concerns.

So, here are my thoughts for how to do some things differently, and hopefully better, on the parades. I want to know your thoughts.

POSSIBLE PARADE CHANGES:

1). We only play 2nd endings:

Some of you, at various times, have mentioned this openly as a preference, and I kind of understand why.

Each song is shorter to play and it doesn't take as much wind or lip before we are done and can rest a little. However, this will take some care in selecting parade songs to make sure that everyone is on the same page as to what we are doing since some songs for some instruments are totally written out in the Trio instead of using repeat signs , 1st and 2nd endings, Interludes, etc. Or the instruments have a different number of measures in either the 1st or 2nd endings, or both. It's crazy.

I will admit, however, that I will probably be the first one to screw this up, since there is so much "muscle memory" for me in playing a march, and I tend to gawk at stuff along the parade route,

2). We will plan on using 2 songs per parade, except for possibly Laurelville which is pretty short, anyway

However, instead of switching every time we play one song, we will only switch once somewhere around the mid-point of the parade. Instead of a parade where we maybe play the same song 10 or more times, we will possibly only play each song 5 or more times. And using 2nd endings.

3). Especially when we are able to have a snare drummer on a parade, I like to hear a drum cadence all the time. Silence is boring for everybody, especially the audience. Sometimes I will see bands of various sorts in parades on band wagons (*Dixieland, concert bands from civic and social groups, etc.*), and they drive by me on the parade route in total silence. If they are a band, I at least want to hear something. There is nothing to me more anticlimactic than watching a band drive by me in total silence. I feel cheated.

4). We will always play as we drive by an Announcer Stand.

This one isn't really new for us, but just an affirmation of what we can continue to expect.

Some parades that we play in have few Announcer Stands. One of the many great things about the Pumpkin Show is that they have several. But, trying to always be able to time out music so that we can finish a song, and then have a well-deserved few seconds rest before we start up again as we approach the next Announcer's Stand, just isn't possible. Almost all parades lurch and stop frequently for whatever reasons.

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Just so that there isn't any confusion, I will be the one to pull the trigger on when we play in a parade, so any criticism related to that will be mine to bear. But, I will pass the word to you in advance to give you all a head's up that you can expect a "Roll Off" shortly to start the next song. Some of you have mentioned after the 2021 Saturday night Pumpkin Show Parade, where that happened more by accident than design to announce in advance that we would be "Rolling Off", that you appreciated the extra advance warning to get ready to play. I totally understand that.

But, with this concept in mind of always playing in front of an Announcer's Stand, and even with the best intentions, we might occasionally have to start a new song, right after completing one.

5). Change in Drum Cadence:

I confess that, with the welcome addition of Bill (*Snare Drummer*) to the Percussion Section, my first thoughts on a drum cadence for the band was to continue with what we had been using, and I had messaged that thought to both Bill and Mrs. Brown. However, I subsequently received wise counsel that something more interesting could (*should?*) be used.

So, in spite of the fact that I had already messaged Mrs. Brown and Bill to keep what we had used, I subsequently changed my direction and shared that change in thought with both of them.

I'll ask Bill to preview for all of us a new cadence in the May practices. Now that I am wedded to the idea of doing something new, I really look forward to hearing it.

Give this entire topic some thought, and I'll put this on my discussion list for the May practices.

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