

## WELCOME TO THE CENTERVILLE COMMUNITY BAND

Welcome! We're pleased that you've chosen our Band over many other regional bands. We are an integral part of the community; we practice and play hard to keep our audience (and our members!) coming back; and, we are always eager to recruit new members. Following is an overview of answers to some of the questions you may have about the group. Enjoy your experience with the Centerville Community Band (CCB)!

History. The Centerville Community Band was directed and founded as a summer band in 1983 by Mr. Wayne Markworth, former Director of Centerville High School Bands. After the second summer about a dozen members decided to make it a year-round band with Mr. Markworth serving as director; he then turned it over to Diana Wightman. The Band was and is supported in part by the City of Centerville. From the original 20+ members we are now 75 strong from various parts of the Miami Valley.

Rehearsals and Concerts. The band rehearses weekly, Tuesdays from 7 – 9 PM, and enjoys the use of the Centerville High School orchestra room. The band performs at locations throughout the area as well as in parades. For parades the band employs a flat-bed truck (no-marching). Concert and rehearsal schedules and directions are provided during rehearsals and via email. Schedules are also posted on our web site, <http://www.centervilleohio.gov/ccb/index.html>. If the Centerville Schools are closed during the regular school season, rehearsals are also canceled.

Membership. No tryouts are required for membership in the band although prior band experience is recommended. The conductor or section leader will place members in the section as needed. Seating is not permanently assigned to any individual.

Music. Music folders are provided for rehearsals and performances. If you have taken a folder home and cannot attend a rehearsal or performance, you must make arrangements for the folder to be available to other players prior to the rehearsal or performance.

Uniforms. Unless otherwise informed, the uniform for performances is black trousers, black socks and shoes, and white knit shirt with the CCB logo. The first shirt is free; a second or replacement shirt is available for \$20. A logo-marked cap is also available for \$12.

Dues. There is a \$20 semiannual charge or \$40/yr. for membership dues in the band. Funds raised by the semiannual charge are used to purchase music and to provide operational support for the band. Dues are payable on January 1 and July 1. Checks may be payable to CCB and mailed to the Treasurer, John Lee, at 2235-F Coach Drive, Kettering, OH 45440 or paid at rehearsal.

Attendance. Attendance at rehearsals and performances is an integral part of being a member of the band. If a member cannot attend a rehearsal or performance, we request that the member inform one of the conductors as soon as possible since this seriously affects the selection of music as well as having the correct number of chairs for our setup. To perform a concert, a member must attend the rehearsal prior to the concert; exceptions can *only* be made by the conductor. For notifications of any absences, please contact Gerry Foster, Conductor – [fosterge@woh.rr.com](mailto:fosterge@woh.rr.com) .

Thank you for participating with the CCB. Please feel free to contact the conductors or any member of the band about any questions that you have about the band and its operations. Also, please inform Jay Finley of your name, address, email address and phone number for our records and communications either at rehearsal or at [jotaito@aol.com](mailto:jotaito@aol.com).