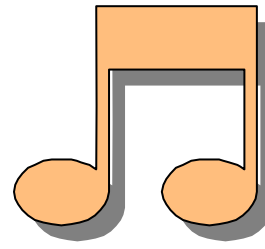


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WEATHER--JULY 2

The current forecast by weather.com for the Ypsilanti area shows no rainfall on July 2. The 9 p.m. temperature is forecast as 73 degrees F, with a 10 p.m. temperature of 69 degrees F and an 11 p.m. temperature of 66 degrees F. Winds will be 5-7 mph, perhaps a bit more close to the water. If you tend to get cold, a light wrap would be appropriate.

START TIME

At Tuesday's rehearsal, YCB Business Manager Michael Kashubosky announced that the start time of our pre-fireworks concert on July 2 had been changed to **9:00 p.m.** instead of 8:00 p.m. as in our previous advertising. Prior to 9:00 p.m., we would be in competition with other performing groups elsewhere on the grounds and this will give us a greater opportunity to generate a very large audience. Please be in place, ready to play, at **8:30 p.m.**

DRESS

The dress for this concert is "white top, khaki bottom." No shorts, please. If you get cold during the concert, feel free to don a light wrap.

TRAVEL AND PREPARATION TIME

You will need to allow plenty of travel time for several reasons. To get driving instructions from your starting point, go to <http://www.lakeshorecelebration.com>. The entrance to the Lakeshore Apartments complex is off of Grove Road, where there are flags at the entrance on the south side of the road.

Traffic will be heavy on Grove Road, so allow time for backups. At the entrance, you will need to give your name, as being part of YCB/WCCB, and you will then be directed to a parking area that is some distance from our performance site.

Shuttle service is scheduled from the parking area to the performance site (and back), but you may have to wait for the next shuttle to arrive. Allow time for this, too.

After arrival at the performance area, you will need to assemble your stand light. Group instruction on how to do so will be provided at 8:15 p.m.

CHAIRS, STANDS AND STAND LIGHTS

Chairs and stands will be provided, the former by Lakeshore Apartments and the latter by the Band. When we ask players to supply their own seating, it results in a great variety of devices, many of which are not appropriate for good playing posture. Simi-

larly, when we have asked players to supply their own stands, many people have only a "wire" stand, which is unsatisfactory in only a slight breeze. Accordingly, the Band has invested in a set of sturdy stands for use at times such as this.

Similarly, if we were to ask players to provide their own lighting, it would be a financial hardship for many to provide something appropriate. The Band's previous investment in stand lights has not been successful. The quantity of light has been insufficient, the batteries drain quickly, the lights break easily, and, frankly, a number of them have "disappeared."

You will be pleased with the Band's recent substantial investment in a new set of stand lights. However, your assistance in caring for this investment in the following ways will be much appreciated:

1. Assemble the stand light according to instructions that will be given at 8:15 p.m., shortly after distribution.
2. Turn it off when not in use.
3. After the fireworks show, remove the batteries and place them in the indicated spot. Put the stand light in its case.
4. Turn in the stand light according to instructions. Please do not keep the stand light after the performance, so that they all can be stored appropriately.

MUSIC PROTECTION

There will be a breeze. Clothespins will be available to help hold music. Use of a sheet of Plexiglas or having your music (photocopied as necessary) in a binder is highly advised.

CONCERT ORDER

There will be little talking during this program, as we have 45 minutes to present what was planned as a 60-minute program. The pre-fireworks concert at 9:00 p.m. will consist of (in order) Star Spangled Banner, America the Beautiful, Star Spangled Salute to George M. Cohan, Original Dixieland Concerto, Crosley March, Big Band Signatures, God Bless the U.S.A., This is My Country, Charter Oak, Armed Forces Salute. We may or may not play Stars and Stripes Forever at this point.

We will take a 45-minute break between 9:45 and 10:15, when the fireworks are scheduled to begin. During the fireworks show, we will play (in this order), Crosley March, Americans We, Black Jack, Charter Oak, Great Race, Klaxon, National Emblem, Thunderer. Please be prepared to move quickly from one to the other. In instances where there is more than one player on a part, swap off playing from time to time.

It is likely that the fireworks will still be going at that point. We will repeat that sequence (Crosley March, Americans We, Black Jack, etc.) until we get a notice that the final "big bang" is about to be set off. Watch for a cut-off in the middle of whatever we are doing at that point. We will play Stars and Stripes Forever (no standing) during the final "big bang."

Efforts will be made to time our music with the final "big bang" so that the fireworks end before we are through with Stars and Stripes Forever. However, we may need to perform this piece twice. We should be through playing about 10:45, but allow time to put equipment away, catch the shuttle back to the parking area, and deal with heavy traffic that will be exiting.