

CITY OF HAGERSTOWN, MARYLAND STATUS & INFORMATION REPORT NO. 40 FOR 2020



October 9, 2020

To Mayor Bruchey and Members of the City Council:

UPCOMING MEETINGS

To obtain City Department or City Boards and Commissions meeting information, please visit <https://www.hagerstownmd.org/27/Government>. We encourage you visit our website at <https://www.hagerstownmd.org> for all City-related updates. Other inquiries may be made by visiting the City Resident 311 page at <https://www.hagerstownmd.org/841/Services>.

OCTOBER 2020

For additional information and a complete list of City events, please visit our Calendar of Events on the City's website at <http://www.hagerstownmd.org/calendar.aspx>

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
				1	2	3
4	5	6 2pm Wheaton Park Mural Dedication 3pm Executive Session 4pm Work Session	7	8 4pm Board of Traffic & Parking Meeting 4:30pm Hagerstown Historic District Commission Meeting	9	10
11	12	13 3pm Executive Session 4pm 110 th Special Session 4:10pm Work Session	14 4pm Hagerstown Planning Commission Meeting	15	16	17
18	19	20 4pm Work Session	21 7pm Board of Zoning Appeals Meeting	22 4:30pm Hagerstown Historic District Commission Meeting	23	24
25	26	27 7pm Regular Session	28 7pm Hagerstown Planning Commission Meeting	29	30	31

COMMUNICATIONS

This Week's Headlines & Media Releases

- Hagerstown Council Approves Cole Road Annexation
- Hagerstown Council Member Objects to Pickup Truck Purchase
- Hagerstown Council Approves BMX Track Lighting
- Raid Nets More Than 100 Grams of Suspected Fentanyl Mix
- Creativity on the Court: Artist Creates Mural at Wheaton Park
- Part of Pennsylvania Ave. to Close in Hagerstown on Tuesday for Utility Pole Repair
- Sprinkler Averts Fire Disaster in Downtown Hagerstown Building
- Halloween Dog Costume Contest Goes Virtual
- BOE Member Fischer Resigns Following Social Media Posts
- Biden's Plane Lands in Hagerstown
- Comments Sought on Hagerstown Police Department
- The Arc of Washington County Breaks Ground on \$6 Million Renovation
- Thiam Breaks Barriers as She's Sworn in to Represent Washington County
- Jonathan Street House of Prayer Asks City for Demolition Help
- Press Release: The Arc of Washington County Groundbreaking
- Press Release: Saturday AND Sunday Outdoor Dining
- Traffic Advisory: Pennsylvania Avenue

This Week's Video Projects

- Mayor & City Council Work Session
- Economic Development Marketing Video Footage
- Wheaton Park Mural Ribbon Cutting Event
- Hagerstown Logistics Center Groundbreaking Event

Channel 25 Hub City Now Programming

- Mayor & City Council Meeting
- PayByPhone YouTube Video
- "PayByPhone" Introduction Video
- "Washington County Heroes" Face Covering Campaign Videos
- "Hub Bub" Video Podcast
- Symptoms of COVID-19 Informational Video
- Stormwater Program Informational Video
- MTA Commuter Connection

City Website

- www.hagerstownmd.org attracted 9,916 user visits for the week of September 28 – October 4, 2020.

- The most popular top entrances (the first page users accessed on the website):

• Home Page	2,242
• Utility Billing Page	963
• Civic Alerts Page	588
• Flying Fitness Page	266
• Police Page	208
• Parks & Recreation Page	125
• Bids Page	124
• Firefighters Page	120
• Downtown Events Page	115
• Hager House Page	109

- Top Searches:

- "True"
- "Jobs"
- "Bids"
- "Halloween"
- "Trash"

DEPARTMENT OF COMMUNITY & ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

NorthPoint Groundbreaking: The groundbreaking of NorthPoint Development's Hagerstown Logistics Center was held on Tuesday, October 7, 2020. Lt. Governor Boyd K. Rutherford, Secretary of Commerce Kelly Schulz, along with many state and local elected officials and community partners were in attendance to celebrate this significant development project.



Eat in the Street: The Eat in the Street outdoor dining schedule has been extended to include both Saturdays and Sundays in October. Upcoming dates include:



Grand Openings: Upcoming anniversaries and grand openings include:

- Grand opening: The Krab Joint | Saturday, October 10 at 11:30 a.m. | 4 East Franklin Street
- Ribbon Cutting: Beacon House new location | Thursday October 15 at 5 p.m. | 382 South Cleveland Avenue

FIRE DEPARTMENT

FIRE DEPARTMENT CALLS FOR ASSISTANCE			
Cooking Fires	0	Community Risk Reduction	15
Building Fires	2	Public Service	5
Medical Assistance	25	Personal Injury Collision	8
Assist other Fire Departments	7	Fuel/Hazard Spills	1
Automatic Fire Alarms	4	Animal Rescue	1
Downed Power Lines	0	Investigation: Carbon Monoxide Incident	1
Electrical Wiring Arcing	2	Dumpster/Outside Fires	3

House Fire -- 500 Jefferson Street: Firefighters were alerted to a house fire at 500 Jefferson Street on Thursday, October 8, 2020. Fire crews arrived on scene to what was reported as electric wires on fire on the outside of the home. The fire was quickly extinguished and an extensive overhaul was completed to ensure the fire had not spread through any interior walls.

PARKS & ENGINEERING DEPARTMENT

ENGINEERING DIVISION

- Professional Boulevard.** During the day of October 14th and October 16th, the contractor who is building the Professional Boulevard bridge will receive a shipment of the bridge beams. The beams are too long to pull in directly so they will follow this route:

 - Route 40
 - Pull into Sheetz off Eastern Boulevard
 - Back across Eastern Boulevard to job site

Flaggers will stop the traffic for a few minutes while Eastern Boulevard is shutdown. An official traffic advisory will also be sent.

- Wesel Boulevard Update.** The contractor, C. William Hetzer, has milled 4" of the existing asphalt off of the road between Noland Company and Ridge Avenue, and has installed conduits and other utilities that cross under the roadway. Cement stabilization of the roadbed began this week and has progressed on the north side of the road from Noland Company to the Lowe's Distribution Center. C. William Hetzer hopes to begin placing stone base and asphalt base pavement over the cement stabilization next week.
- Board of Traffic & Parking.** The Board of Traffic & Parking met this week to discuss:

 - Oak Hill Avenue at Hillcrest Road: Request for 4-way stop
 - Oak Street: Request to paint house numbers on parking spaces
 - North Avenue: Request to make street one-way
- Engineering Statistics**

Description	Week of 10/4/20	Calendar Year 2020 TOTALS
Traffic complaints received	4	107
Work Orders completed	0	61
Traffic counts completed	2	25
Construction Projects		
Description	Week of 10/4/20	Calendar Year 2020 TOTALS
Projects advertised for bids	0	13
RFP's Advertised	0	6
Projects under construction	7	8
Projects completed	0	2

PARKS DIVISION

1. **City Park Outdoor Movie – October 10, 2020.** Join us Saturday for a free outdoor movie showing of “The Addams Family” (PG) in the City Park Band Shell. In true harvest hoedown spirit, the first 150 people to attend will receive a free apple, small pumpkin and a candy voucher to redeem at the Park concession stand. Music begins at 6 p.m., movie at dusk. Sponsored by U.S. Cellular.
2. **The Greens at Hamilton Run.** Join us for a free blood pressure screening on Wednesday, October 14th from 9-11 a.m. to learn your numbers and receive education on how to manage your blood pressure. This program is offered for free to the public in partnership with Meritus Medical Center.

Golf Course	10/1/19–10/7/19	10/1/20- 10/7/20
# of Golfers	286	431
Total Revenue (golf, merch, concessions, rentals)	\$5,270	\$8,652

3. **Outdoor Recreation Programs**
 - Croquet Fridays 6-8 p.m. Pangborn Park Lawn Bowling Court
 - Pop-Up Skate Park Mondays 5:30-6:30 p.m. Covenant Church - 1515 Dual Highway
 - Tai Chi Tuesdays 6-7 p.m. Pangborn Park
 - Zumba Saturdays 9–10 a.m. City Park Train Hub

Virtual Programs

 - Gymnastics for Kids Saturday at 7 p.m. & Sunday at 10:45 a.m.
 - Yoga for Weight Loss Mondays & Wednesdays at 5:30 p.m.
4. **Grounds Maintenance.** In addition to tree maintenance, staff are cleaning up landscaped areas and preparing our parks for season closing.

POLICE DEPARTMENT

STATS

Calls for Service:	1,517	Moving Violations:	15
Arrests/Warrants Served:	11	Safety Repair Orders:	0
Domestic Violence Calls:	18	Warnings:	28
DUI Arrests:	2	Reports Filed:	117
Field Interviews:	12		

REPORTS

10/01/20: Officer K. Hill was dispatched to High Street for a report of a damaged vehicle. The caller advised her vehicle had a shattered window. The victim stated her vehicle had been parked along the street in front of her residence window. There was no rock or object laying around or inside the vehicle. There are no suspects at this time. The damage is estimated to be approximately \$400.

10/02/20: Officer StClair responded to Park Place in reference to a burglary. The property owner stated he was in the property (which was currently vacant) to complete some needed work. While there he noticed water leaking from the first floor ceiling. He went to the second floor and found the light to be on and the toilet overflowing. At this point the owner called the police. The officer arrived and found no one on the first floor but heard a noise coming from the second floor. The officer called for the person to come down to the first floor. A male walked downstairs and stated there was a female still upstairs. Both the male and female had a white rock like substance, which appeared to be cocaine, in their possession. It was later discovered they had broken out a glass pane from the back door to gain entry. The male and female were arrested and transported to Central Booking.

10/03/20: Officer Wolfe was dispatched to Taco Bell located on the Dual Highway for a report of an assault. An employee stated he was closing up the dining area when a male tried to enter the restaurant. The employee advised the customer the dining room was closing but he could use the drive-through. The male started yelling, swung a closed fist at the employee, threw him to the floor, and then struck him in the face. After the assault the male fled the restaurant. He was described as a bald black male, wearing a green color camo style shirt and dark pants. The employee stated he did not need medical attention. HPD officers searched the area but were unable to locate the male. The officer requested Taco Bell to furnish the camera footage of the incident. No further details are available at this time.

10/04/20: Officer Miscannon responded to East Wilson Boulevard for a report of a malicious destruction of property. The caller, the transportation manager for Head Start, stated that three of their busses had been trashed. She found the three bus doors and windows open with trash throughout each one. One bus had a cracked back window. It was estimated that the window will cost approximately \$275 to repair. The manger advised this is not the first incident regarding the trashing of the busses and believes it may be homeless individuals using the busses to sleep for the night. No further details are available.

10/05/20: Officer Zupan was patrolling on South Burhans Boulevard when he observed a white Kia Optima parked in the area of Chase Street in a no parking zone. Dispatch advised the no parking signs were valid until October 7, 2020. The officer had dispatch run the tag to find the owner of the vehicle. The name of the registered owner was discovered but had no record of an address or phone number. The officer began knocking on doors in an effort to locate the owner of the vehicle but was unsuccessful. The officer had the vehicle towed since he was unable to locate the owner. The owner was issued a parking ticket. No further details are available.

10/06/20: A citizen advised HPD that he received a call from his bank stating that he had a lower than usual balance in his account. The citizen was confident he had enough funds in his account to more than cover his expenses. The bank further explained that his debit card was used at two Hagerstown locations and those transactions used the majority of his funds. The citizen stated that he had not given his pin to anyone and that he had no explanation for the transactions. The bank closed the account. There are no suspects at this time.

OTHER NEWS/INFORMATION

Accreditation Assessment Team Invites Public Comment. A team of assessors from the Commission on Accreditation for Law Enforcement Agencies, Inc. (CALEA) will be conducting an assessment October 19-21, 2020, to examine all aspects of the Hagerstown Police Department's policies and procedures, management, operations and support services as part of the police department's continued efforts to maintain its accreditation.

The Hagerstown Police Department is part of a select group of law enforcement agencies who have demonstrated professional excellence by participating in the voluntary accreditation process. The purpose of this assessment is to ensure the Hagerstown Police Department continues to meet all applicable standards set forth by the Commission to achieve re-accreditation.

Due to the restrictions in place because of the COVID-19 crisis, a contingency plan for assessment activities has been developed to perform the required activities remotely. As such, public comment will be accepted as stated below.

Agency employees and members of the community are invited to provide comments to the CALEA Assessment Team at a virtual public information session on Zoom on Monday, October 19, 2020 at 6:00 pm. To speak live during the virtual session, please send an email to HPDaccreditation@hagerstownpd.org with the following information: • First and Last Name, • Email address, and • If applicable, what community group, business, law enforcement agency or other organization you are representing. Once the above information is received, you will receive an email containing the necessary login information to access the virtual information session.

Any person who is unable to speak at the virtual public information session but would still like to provide comments to the assessment team may do so by phone by calling 301-791-2530 on Tuesday, October 20, 2020 between 3 p.m. and 5 p.m. Calls will be accepted one at a time. Individuals should call back if they receive a busy signal.

Anyone wishing to provide comments to the assessors in writing may send an email to caleaadmin@calea.org. Comments may also be mailed to: Commission on Accreditation for Law Enforcement, Inc., 13575 Heathcote Blvd., Suite 320, Gainesville, VA 20155.

Telephone comments as well as appearances at the virtual information session are limited to 10 minutes per person and must address the Agency's ability to comply with CALEA's standards. A copy of the standards manual is available at the Hagerstown Police Department and may be reviewed by contacting the Accreditation Manager at 301-739-8577, ext. 305.

PUBLIC WORKS

CHART NO. 1 – GENERAL PARKING SYSTEM DATA

		Current Week	Previous Week
Number of Permit Holders	A & E Deck	155	155
	University District Deck	249	249
Number of Student Permits	Central, Market, Rochester Lots	27	27
Number of Patrons Using Decks	A & E Deck	1293	1147
	University District Deck	990	965
Number of Citations Issued	(Includes Warnings)	188	212
Late Payment Notifications			29
Peak Occupancy (%)	A & E Deck	57% Fri @ 6 PM	52% Thu @ 6 PM
	University District Deck	35% Thu @ 2 PM	35% Tue @ Noon

CHART NO. 2 – A&E PARKING DECK WEEKLY OCCUPANCY

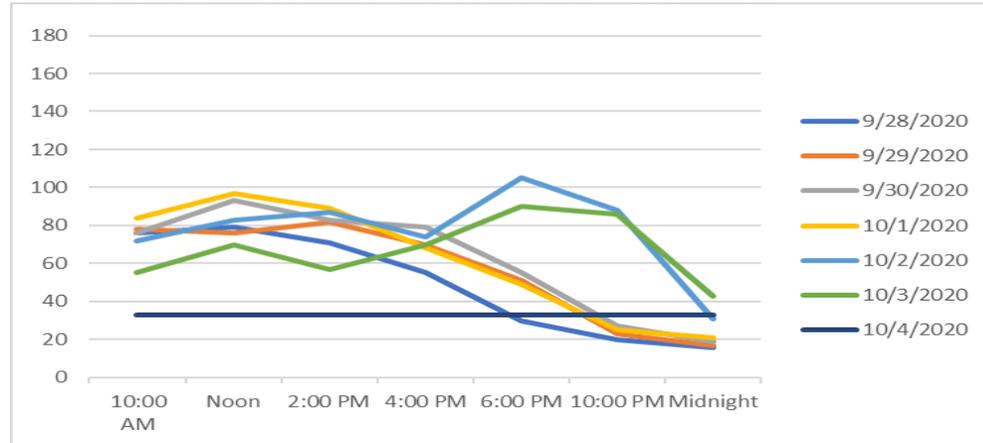
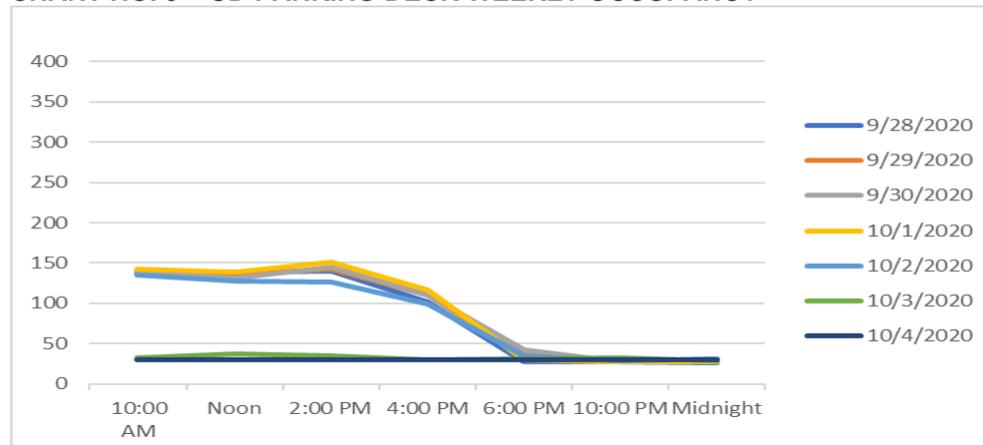


CHART NO. 3 – UD PARKING DECK WEEKLY OCCUPANCY



CENTRAL MAINTENANCE GARAGE REPAIR DATA

	Current Week	Previous Week
DCED	1	1
Fire	1	3
Human Resources	0	0
Light	0	1
Parks & Engineering	3	3
Police	8	9
Public Works	4	11
Wastewater	2	0
Water	4	1
Weekly Totals	23	29
Yearly Total	933	

AFTER HOUR CALL BACKS

Monday, September 28, 2020 @ 3:10 PM: A pedestrian traffic signal was struck and knocked down at the intersection of Church/Salem/Burhans. Staff responded to clear the debris and secure the site. Repairs were made through the week and cost approximately \$1600 in material and labor.

Saturday, October 3, 2020 @ 10:15 AM: Staff was asked to inspect a storm drain lid at the end of Conrad Court which is a cul-de-sac. A driver unfamiliar with the street drove too fast and could not stop in time striking the storm drain. The lid was pushed out of place a portion of the curb broken. Staff will address repairs during the normal work week.

¹AFTER HOURS CALL BACK DATA

	Issues for 2020	September	August
Street Issue	Fuel spill	1	3
Parking System			
Traffic Signal	Dead signal, knock downs, flash	6	
Traffic Signs			
Building Maintenance			2
Fleet Maintenance			
Weather Related			
Misc.			1
Total		7	6
Total Call Backs 2020		53	

¹After-hours call out data includes contact with Public Works typically by Washington County Emergency Management. The issues can vary from debris in the street (tree or tree limbs, glass, etc.), traffic signal operations (signal goes into flash operation), traffic signs (call outs are usually only for STOP or YIELD signs), parking system issues (gates at either deck malfunction, equipment malfunctions, etc) to fleet maintenance issues. Field personnel may or may not be contacted depending upon the issue.

STREET SWEEPING DATA

Month 2020	Number of Miles of Streets Swept
January	630
February	1024
March	1274
April	927
May	1066
June	906
July	898
August	974
September	869
Total Miles Swept for 2020	8,568

BULK TRASH COLLECTIONS

Month 2020	Number of Collections
January	21
February	26
March	25
April	10
May	32
June	73
July	60
August	39
September	40
Total Bulk Trash Collections for 2020	326

PROPERTY ABATEMENTS COMPLETED

Month for 2020	Number of Property Abatements
January	13
February	4
March	4
April	11
May	50
June	103
July	79
August	92
September	42
Total Abatements by PW for 2020	398

UTILITIES DEPARTMENT

ELECTRIC DIVISION

Service Calls

Tues. 10/6 - Sweeney Drive – Partial outage; squirrel caused a line fuse to operate.
Time Out: 17.4-18.7

Distribution

- Crews completed reconductoring and reconfiguration of the 34.5 kV feed into the Bulldog Substation. The station has been reenergized at half capacity.
- Pole replacement following a vehicle accident at the intersection of Pennsylvania and Prospect has been completed.

Engineering

- Multiple permit reviews, underground locates, and service upgrade requests have been reviewed and/or completed by engineering staff.
- Staff Engineer developed an action plan with our vendor for substation equipment repair.
- Staff Engineer continued the effort of integrating the customer electrical load data into the GIS system.
- Engineering staff worked on the NorthPoint Building #2 electric service design.
- Engineering staff reviewed multiple plans and submitted designs to Distribution for construction activities.

WASTEWATER DIVISION

Wastewater Treatment Plant at Frederick Street

Date	Flow (mgd)	Rainfall (inches)
Wednesday, September 30, 2020	5.99	0.10
Thursday, October 1, 2020	5.16	0.00
Friday, October 2, 2020	4.76	0.00
Saturday, October 3, 2020	4.69	0.00
Sunday, October 4, 2020	4.50	0.00
Monday, October 5, 2020	4.73	0.06
Tuesday, October 6, 2020	4.56	0.00
Weekly – Avg. Flow / Total Rainfall	4.91	0.16
Sept – Avg. Flow/Total Rainfall	4.84	1.72
Oct - Avg. Flow/Total Rainfall	4.73	0.06

Miscellaneous

- Disassembled #1 nitrate recycle pump and prepared for new installation.
- Re-piped truck fill line to ferric tank.
- Located, removed and replaced defective underground wiring that serves #2 Pista Grit at headworks of plant.
- Replaced air lift on ENR Filter Cell 4; Module 6.
- Routine MVP Plant Work Orders and Corrective Work Orders.

Wastewater Collection

SSES Weekly Progress

Activity	Districts	L. F. main	Feet of lateral	# inspected
CCTV Inspections	#2,6,11,16	614'	351'	13
Flushing	#8	4,995'		

Collection System Maintenance Tasks

- Excavated and replaced copper discharge assemblies with stainless steel on grinder pumps at 11117, 11120 and 11125 Eastwood.
- Hauled in a load of sawdust for the WWTP.
- Completed sewer/septic location spreadsheet.
- Sewer backup, 12960 Little Hayden Circle, problem on the private side.
- Sewer backup, 17625 Potter Bell Way, cleaned out lateral.
- Pump Station #7, completed transfer switch installation and electrical upgrade.
- Pump Station #9, began prepping for SCADA and control upgrades.
- Pump Station #24, changed out LED bulbs, repaired loose wires.
- General pump shop repair work.

Administration

Wastewater Division – Customer Call Log Summary 2020							
Type	Blockages	Grinder Pumps	Odor Complaints	Flushing	WW Pump Station	Other	Totals
Weekly	3	0	1	0	0	3	7
YTD 2020	38	66	14	0	1	103	222

Engineering

- Review of Site Development and City Permit Drawings.
- Gathering information for service inquiries.
- Updating GIS databases completed with water projects.
- On-going construction Inspection of ongoing water projects.

WATER DIVISION

Plant Flows – System Demand (MGD)

<u>Date</u>	<u>Willson</u>	<u>Breichner</u>	<u>Total</u>
10/01/20	10.32		10.32
10/02/20	10.09		10.09
10/03/20	9.98		9.98
10/04/20	9.77		9.77
10/05/20	10.33		10.33
10/06/20	10.42		10.42
10/07/20	10.68		10.68
<i>Average</i>			<i>10.22</i>

Water Production at R. C. Willson & Pump Station Distribution

- Staff worked on facility maintenance and routine preventative maintenance.
- Staff repaired carbon feed system at R. C. Willson.

Water Production at Breichner / Edgemont Reservoir. The Edgemont Reservoir pool elevation is currently at 3.64 feet. Site evaluation continues per the contract with Hazen and Triad. City staff and Hazen and Sawyer continue to work with MDE Dam Safety on the final Dam Evaluation Report, design criteria and project schedule. Emergency Action Plans have been completed.

Water Distribution

- Crews performed customer service work and new meter installations as needed.
- Crews continue to replace residential meters throughout the water service area.
- Crews are continuing work in the airport area performing tank and system maintenance.
- Crews made a 16x10 tap for Northpoint building #3 on Wesel Boulevard.

Laboratory

- Process and regulatory testing were routine for the week.

Engineering

<u>Reviews:</u>	<u>City</u>	<u>County</u>
Site Plans	2	1
Preliminary Plats	-	-
Final Plats	-	-
Replat	-	-
Grading Plan	-	-
Development Plan	-	-
Building Permits	17	4

- Review of Site Development and City Permit Drawings
- Ongoing updates to the GIS databases
- Construction inspection and testing of ongoing construction projects
- Gathering information regarding inquiries for water service



Respectfully submitted,

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