

CITY OF HAGERSTOWN, MARYLAND

STATUS & INFORMATION REPORT NO. 23 FOR 2021



June 11, 2021

To Mayor Keller 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>.

<h3 style="margin: 0;">JUNE 2021</h3> <p style="margin: 0; font-size: small;">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</p>						
Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		1 <i>No M&C Meeting</i>	2	3	4	5
6	7	8 2:30pm Executive Session 4pm Work Session	9	10	11	12
13	14	15 3:30pm Executive Session 4pm Special Session & Work Session	16 7pm Board of Zoning Appeals Meeting	17	18	19
20	21	22 7pm Regular Session	23	24 4:30pm Hagerstown Historic District Commission Meeting	25	26
27	28	29 <i>No M&C Meeting</i>	30 7pm Hagerstown Planning Commission Regular Meeting			

COMMUNICATIONS

This Week's Headlines & Media Releases:

- Animal Experts: Leave Stray Cats Alone
- More Than 70% of Marylanders Have Received at Least One COVID Shot
- Two Men Shot Friday Night in Hagerstown
- Candidates Already Filing for Washington County Offices in 2022
- Man Charged After HPD Says He Dropped Gun in Struggle with Officer
- Washington County Remains Hot Spot for Syphilis in Maryland
- Salute to Independence to be at HCC

- Hagerstown Fire Department HQ Relocation Moves Forward
- As COVID Numbers Improve, County to Lift State of Emergency
- Alleged Gunman Sought Following Jonathan Street Shooting
- South Grad Kaithon McDonald Soars to NCAA Championships
- Press Release: City Park Train Hub Grand Re-Opening & Ribbon Cutting Ceremony
- Press Release: Community Yard Sale This Saturday
- Construction Advisory: Parking Lots to Rear of Maryland Theatre & BISFA

This Week's Video Projects

- Mayor & Council Work Session
- "Council WRap"
- City Park Train Hub Video final post production

Channel 25 Hub City Now Programming:

- Mayor & Council Meeting
- "Council WRap"
- "Council WRap Follow-Up: Panhandling with Cindi Messersmith"
- "Visit Hagerstown" Promo
- "State of the City" Presentation
- "Council WRap" Promo
- "Building City Park" Video Series: Part 2
- Cultural Trail: "Moller's Sustained Wind"- David Gibney
- Fit Room Promo
- Hagerstown Greens at Hamilton Run Promo
- "Hub-Bub" Video Podcast
- Stormwater Program Informational Video
- MTA Commuter Connection

City Website:

- www.hagerstownmd.org attracted 13,157 user visits for the week of May 31-June 6, 2021.

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

• Home Page	2,707
• Utility Billing Page	1,368
• Potterfield Pool Page	887
• Collection-Schedules-Zones Page	502
• Parks & Recreation Page	257
• Police Page	252
• Downtown Events Page	215
• City Park Page	154
• Online Police Report Page	136
• Fairgrounds Park Page	132

- Top Searches:

- "When should I set out trash/recycling/yard waste for collection?"
- "Trash"
- "Residential trash"
- "Pay my bill"
- "True"

DEPARTMENT OF COMMUNITY & ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

Save the Date: A grand opening and ribbon cutting will be held for Phase 1 the Masonic Temple Building on Friday, June 25 located at 54 South Potomac Street. The Masonic Temple Building is a Bowman Development revitalization project.

Events: Upcoming June events include:

City Events:

- Music on the Square June 4 - The Howlers | 5:30 – 7:30 p.m.
- Music on the Square – June 11 – The Wild Whispers | 5:30 - 7:30 p.m.
- Imagine Hagerstown Fourth Friday – June 25 | 5-8 p.m. featuring The Amish Outlaws with The South Mountain Breed opening

City-Sponsored Events:

- June 11-13 – Shakespeare in the Park – University Plaza | shows at 7 p.m. on June 11 And 12 p.m.; 6 p.m. on June 13
- June 18 – Tour of Washington County Downtown Bicycle Race, A&E District | 5–10 p.m.; first race starts at approximately 5:45 p.m.
- June 18-19 – Juneteenth – University Plaza – organized by Doleman Black Heritage Museum | June 18 from 5-9:30 p.m. and June 19 from 9 a.m. - 9:30 p.m.

Public Events in the Arts & Entertainment District:

- June 13 – Yarn Stop Knit-In World Wide Yarn Outside Day – Free event by the Yarn Shop at University Plaza | 11 a.m.- 4 p.m.
- June 26 – The Weather People – horn quartet in University Plaza | 3 p.m. - Free

PARKS & ENGINEERING

ENGINEERING DIVISION

1. **UIP.** Construction began on “Hatter's Plaza” this week. Staff had met with local neighboring businesses repeatedly to minimize impacts on them.
2. **Professional Boulevard.** Work on the bridge continues and should be completed in the next couple months. The County will be bidding our section of the road work around September.



3. **Skatepark.** The second public meeting will be next Wednesday at 6:30 p.m. in the FIT Room. The preliminary design will be revealed. The Task Force continues to do fundraisers and seek grants and the Tony Hawk Foundation has officially endorsed the project.

4. **Engineering Statistics**

Description	Week of 6/7/21	Calendar Year 2021 TOTALS
Traffic complaints received	2	68
Work Orders completed	2	46
Traffic counts completed	2	16
Construction Projects		
Description	Week of 6/7/21	Calendar Year 2021 TOTALS
Projects advertised for bids	0	1
RFP's Advertised	0	2
Projects under construction	11	11
Projects completed	0	0

PARKS DIVISION

- City Park Outdoor Movies.** Our free Outdoor Movie series starts this Friday, June 11th, with a free movie in the band shell at dusk. Pre-movie entertainment begins at 7p.m. Visit www.hagerstownmd.org/outdoormovies for more information. Rain date is Tuesday, June 15th.
- City Park Train Hub.** Join us for the Grand Re-Opening this Saturday, June 12th at 10:30 a.m. The site will be open all day for free admission. Free activities from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. including rides on Tommy 202, balloon bender, and musical entertainment. The first 100 kids to arrive will receive a free gift bag. Parks staff made minor repairs to the grounds and equipment.
- Potterfield Pool.** Camp swims begin Monday, June 14th. Camps will swim M-F, 10 a.m. – 12 p.m.
- Virtual Programs.**
 - Dance Fitness, Mondays, 6-7 p.m.
 - Fitness Package, Mondays, Tuesdays & Thursdays, 6-7 p.m.
 - Strength Training, Thursdays, 6-7 p.m.
 - Yoga to Relax and Renew, Tuesdays, 6-7 p.m.
 - 50 Miles More, April 25th – June 13th
- Golf Course Stats.**

Golf Course	6/3/20–6/9/20	6/20/21 -6/9/21
# of Golfers	591	480
Total Revenue (golf, merch, concessions, rentals, memberships)	\$10,909	\$9,896

PLANNING & CODE ADMINISTRATION

New Development Cases:

- 332-334 South Locust Street – Ioannis Sarantopoulos & Mauricio Guzman – minor plat.

Weekly Activity Report: June 1–4, 2021

PERMITS								
TYPE	NUMBER OF NEW APPLICATIONS							NUMBER ISSUED
		Residential -		Commercial -		Other -		
Building	7	1	4	2				24
Electric	26	20	5	1				11
Plumbing	9	6	2	1				9
Mechanical	10	6	4	0				10
Engineering Dept.	2							4
TOTAL	54	33	15	4				58

Est. Value of Issued Building Permit Projects:		FY21 Fiscal Year Totals:
Residential	\$ 2,160,759.00	\$ 30,077,541.00
Commercial	\$ 887,317.00	\$ 134,256,544.00
Apartment	\$ 22,000.00	\$ 1,222,384.00
Sign	\$ 0.00	\$ 263,227.00
TOTAL	\$ 3,070,076.00	\$ 165,819,696.00

Projects of Interest

- 13 single-family homes in Hillside Manor - \$2,069,732
- Commercial tenant fit-out on first floor at 101 East Washington Street - \$67,842
- Two modular classroom buildings at 1101 South Potomac Street - \$663,00
- Canopy replacement and exterior façade work at 525 Northern Avenue - \$150,000
- Remove partition wall and install structural beam at 928 View Street - \$60,000

RENTAL LICENSING PROGRAM YEAR: JULY 1, 2020 – JUNE 30, 2021

	PROPERTIES	UNITS
Registrations received week of June 1 – June 4	352	739
New applications issued week of June 1 – June 4	2	2
Total 2020-2021 registered (includes additions and subtractions since 6/8/20)	1,414	3,367
Percentage of rental license renewals that have registered for the 2020-2021 license year	37.0%	34.7%

Notes: The 2021-2022 rental license renewals for 9,709 units in 3,819 properties were mailed on April 30, 2021.

PAYMENT

Weekly payment received	\$ 54,550
Weekly adjustment/credits	\$ 900

INSPECTIONS

TYPE	NUMBER CONDUCTED
Building	85
Electrical	36
Plumbing	29
Mechanical	18
Safety	7
Neighborhood Vitality	75
Quality of Life	1
Preventive Maintenance	5
Planning & Zoning	7

INSPECTIONS KEY:

Categories of Conditions

Safety	Conditions which are or reasonably present a hazard to occupant or public. <u>Example:</u> No smoke alarms, improper wiring, handrails
Neighborhood Vitality	Conditions which cause or tend to cause diminution to property <u>Example:</u> Weeds, trash, debris, junk vehicles, deterioration of a structure.
Quality of Life	Conditions which negatively impact occupants. <u>Example:</u> Damaged surfaces, damages elements, missing screens
Preventive Maintenance	Conditions which are technical violations and need addressed to prevent deterioration. <u>Example:</u> Mortar deterioration, clogged gutters, minor rotting wood

Planning & Zoning	Conditions which violate Land Management Code requirements (zoning, forest conservation, floodplain, historic district and other requirements) and progress inspections of development projects for site plan compliance.
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POLICE DEPARTMENT

STATS

Calls for Service:	1,777	Field Interviews:	12
Arrests/Warrants Served:	23	Moving Violations:	17
Domestic Violence Calls:	22	Safety Repair Orders:	1
DUI Arrests:	1	Warnings:	33
Reports Filed:	144		

REPORTS

06/03/21: Officer R. Dean responded to the rear of a garage on South Potomac Street. The officer made contact with the lessee of the garage who wanted to report a burglary. The lessee stated that he left the garage at 11 p.m. on June 2, 2021. When he returned approximately 10 a.m. the next morning he noticed the door had been forced open and items were missing from the garage. Items missing included tools, a PlayStation 4, and an Xbox One. The officer photographed the damage to the door. There is no suspect at this time.

06/04/21: Officer Wheat was dispatched to BP Gas Station at 1760 Dual Highway for a robbery report. When Officer Wheat arrived on scene, a Washington County Sheriff's Deputy was already there. The suspect had fled on foot but was described as wearing dark pajama type pants and a black hooded sweatshirt. K9 Officer G. Anderson arrived on scene and started a K9 track on foot. The track led to an apartment at Edgewood Circle. The officer made contact with the resident and checked the apartment but the suspect was not found. The officer requested to view the camera footage at the apartment complex. He observed a vehicle park at the complex. The driver who exited the vehicle matched the description of the suspect. A photo of the suspect was sent out to all HPD officers in an attempt to identify the suspect. The investigation is on-going.

06/06/21: Officer B. Decker responded to a call for a stolen motor vehicle on Devonshire Road. The officer made contact with the owner who stated that his truck had been stolen. The owner described his truck as being heavily modified and would stand out if seen. It also had a sticker on the rear window that said "yeeyee" with a cartoon character. Later in the day the owner called HPD to inform that the truck had been found. The owner was contacted by a friend that observed the truck abandoned in Martinsburg, WV. The truck had sustained front end damage and had no fuel. The owner contacted the Berkley County Sheriff's Department and had the truck towed back to Hagerstown, MD. There are no suspects at this time.

PRESS RELEASES

On June 3, 2021 members of the Hagerstown Police Department, Washington County Sheriff's Department, Maryland State Police Computer Crimes Section & Child Recovery Unit combined efforts to target sex trafficking within Washington County, Maryland. Numerous officers from each agency conducted multiple different operations over the entire day. Sex trafficking victims and suspects were targeted, along with child sex predators and individuals supporting sex work in general.

This operation was a great success and numerous sex workers/victims were located. The Washington County Health Department teamed up to work with these agencies and stepped in to assist victims with harm reduction programs and assistance that was greatly needed.

In total, the above agencies arrested or detained 19 different subjects. Of those 19 subjects, 7 of them will not be charged at this time as they were placed into harm reduction programs by the Washington County Health Department. The remaining 12 individuals have been charged.

The main goal of these operations is to abolish sex trafficking within Washington County. Sex trafficking of any kind and those who support it, will be aggressively targeted and enforced. Six arrest warrants were served and suspected heroin and methamphetamine were recovered from suspects.

This investigation was a coordinated effort between The Hagerstown Police Department, Washington County Sheriff's Department, Maryland State Police Computer Crimes Section, Maryland State Police Child Recovery Unit and Washington County Health Department under the Maryland Criminal Intelligence Network (MCIN). The Governor's Office of Crime Prevention, Youth, and Victim Services provides grant funding and strategic support to MCIN member sites to identify, disrupt, and dismantle criminal organizations through inter-agency collaboration and data sharing to make Maryland safer.

The Governor's Office of Crime Prevention, Youth, and Victim Services funded this project under subaward number, MCIN-2021-0017. All points of view in this document are those of the author and do not necessarily represent the official position of any Maryland State office or agency.

OTHER NEWS/INFORMATION

Congratulations to Officer Tyler Nichols. Officer Tyler Nichols has been selected as Officer of the Month for April 2021. Officer Nichols has been employed by the City of Hagerstown for one year and is assigned to the Patrol Division. In April 2021, officers from the Hagerstown Police Department were dispatched for a report of shots fired. A description of one of the males involved in the incident was broadcast via police radio. Officer Nichols immediately began searching the area and located an individual matching the description. Officer Nichols was able to safely detain the male who was found to be in possession of a loaded handgun. The male was determined to have been involved in the incident where the shot was fired. Subsequent investigation also revealed the identities of the other individuals involved as well. Based on his utilization of proper tactics in locating an armed subject and for assisting other officers with the investigation, Officer Tyler Nichols has been chosen as Officer of the Month for April 2021. The Hagerstown Police Department is proud to have dedicated officers such as Officer Nichols as one of its own and congratulates him for a job well done.

PUBLIC WORKS

CHART NO. 1 – GENERAL PARKING SYSTEM DATA

		Current Week	Previous Week
Number of Permit Holders	A & E Deck	156	155
	University District Deck	253	253
Number of Student Permits	Central, Market, Rochester Lots	55	54
Number of Patrons Using Decks	A & E Deck	1383	1755
	University District Deck	890	1056
Number of Citations Issued	(Includes Warnings)	176	232
Late Payment Notifications		16	31
Peak Occupancy (%)	A & E Deck	84%	80%
		Fri @ Noon	Tue @ Noon
Peak Occupancy (%)	University District Deck	40%	39%
		Wed @ 2 PM	Tue @ 2 PM

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

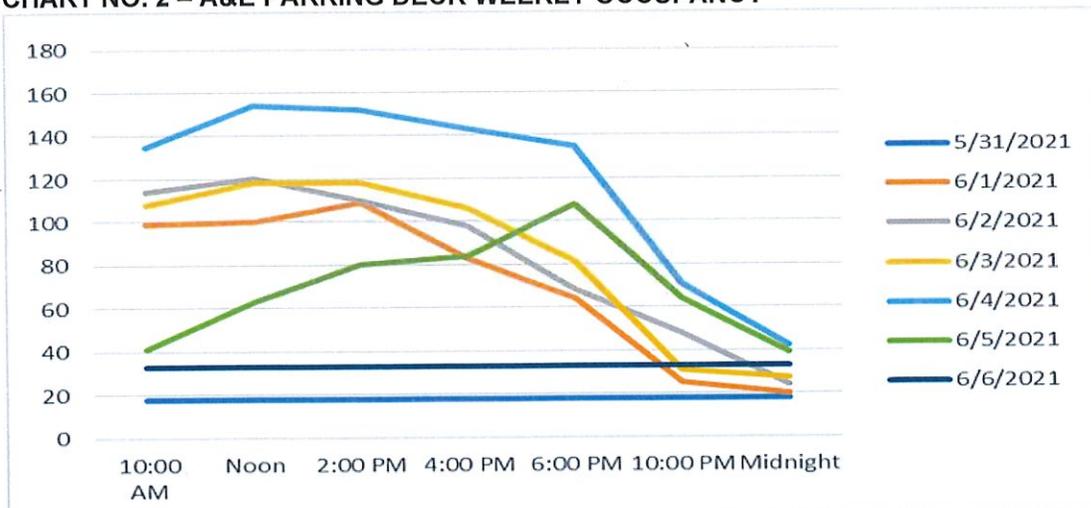
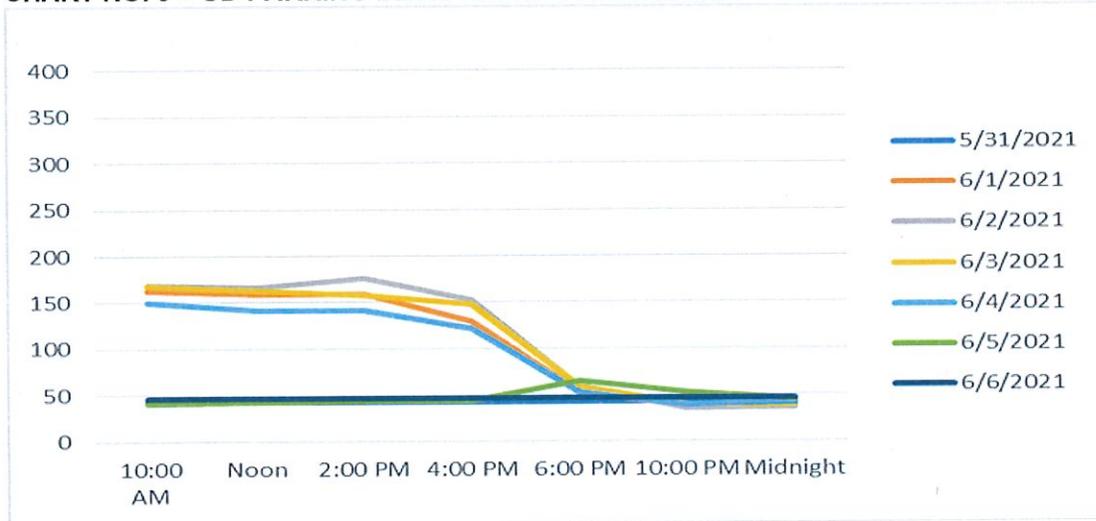


CHART NO. 3 – UD PARKING DECK WEEKLY OCCUPANCY



CENTRAL MAINTENANCE GARAGE REPAIR DATA

	Current Week	Previous Week
DCED	1	1
Fire	0	0
Human Resources	0	0
Light	2	0
Parks & Engineering	1	4
Police	9	6
Public Works	5	3
Wastewater	0	1
Water	2	4
Weekly Totals	20	19
Yearly Total	427	

AFTER HOUR CALL BACKS. There were no call backs during this period of time.

SPECIAL EVENTS. Now that life is getting back to “normal,” events are starting to really happen in a variety of venues. Music on the Square has been occurring with some assistance from Public Works. The first major downtown event is the bike race known as the Tour of Washington County. It will be held Friday, June 18th, with the course using South Potomac Street, Baltimore Street, Hood Street, Summit Avenue and West Washington Street. Portions of the downtown will be closed for the event. Public Works will assist with traffic control and crowd control along the South Potomac Street route. We look forward to more events as the year rolls on.

UTILITIES DEPARTMENT

ELECTRIC DIVISION

Service Calls

- Fri. 6/4
 - 800 block of Frederick Street – total outage; a 30T line fuse operated. Time Out: 16.7-17.7
 - 434 East Washington Street – lines down; tree branches caused service wires to burn down. Time Out: 22.2-0.7
- Sat. 6/5
 - 300 block of Vale Street – total outage; bird caused line fuse to operate. Time Out: 7.7-9.0
 - 200 Northern Avenue – partial outage; a transformer fuse operated. Time Out: 12.0-12.5

- 311 Radcliffe Avenue – lines down; lines were found to belong to Antietam Broadband. Time Out: 13.3-13.8
- Sun. 6/6 - Area of Locust Street and Antietam Street – pole damaged; no damage to HLD facilities was found. Time Out: 19.5-20.2
- 323 Mitchell Avenue – total outage; bird caused transformer fuse to operate. Time Out: 20.7-21.4
- Mon. 6/7 - Area of Lanvale Street and Summer Street – total outage; a transformer fuse operated. Time Out: 6.5-6.7
- Tues. 6/8 - 280 South Potomac Street – total outage; squirrel caused transformer fuse to operate. Time Out: 6.3-6.6
- 840 West Washington Street – partial outage; an internal problem was found and the customer was advised to contact an electrician for repairs. Time Out: 17.7-18.8
- 822 Salem Avenue – reconnect service and install meter following completed repairs by an electrician. Time Out: 18.9-19.8
- 276 Hager Street – total outage; a transformer fuse operated. Time Out: 22.5-23.3

Lamps Replaced	New Fixtures Added	Changeouts	Fixtures Removed
2	0	0	0

Engineering

- Multiple permit reviews, underground locates, and service upgrade requests have been reviewed and/or completed by engineering staff.
- The Engineering Designer submitted multiple jobs to Distribution for construction activities.
- Engineering, Administrative, and Distribution employees kicked off our Work Order Management System project with Milsoft/Daffron with two days of meetings to coordinate ideas and processes.
- Engineering and Distribution staff coordinated the removal and installation of a substation power transformer at the Frederick Street Substation.
- Engineering staff continued work to accommodate industrial development in the Wesel Boulevard area.

WASTEWATER DIVISION

Wastewater Treatment Plant at Frederick Street

Date	Flow (mgd)	Rainfall (inches)
Wednesday, June 2, 2021	5.18	0.00
Thursday, June 3, 2021	5.33	0.01
Friday, June 4, 2021	5.03	0.00
Saturday, June 5, 2021	4.86	0.00
Sunday, June 6, 2021	4.88	0.00
Monday, June 7, 2021	4.91	0.00
Tuesday, June 8, 2021	5.00	0.00
Weekly – Avg. Flow / Total Rainfall	5.03	0.01
June – Avg. Flow /Total Rainfall	5.08	0.01

Miscellaneous

- Rebuilt press pump and checked for proper operation.
- Calibrated LEL sensors on OAB.
- Replaced and calibrated polarographic DO sensors.
- Cleaned and organized Mezzanine in preparation for inventory.
- Routine MVP Plant Work orders & Corrective Work Orders

Wastewater Collection**SSES Weekly Progress**

Activity	Districts	L. F. main	Feet of lateral	# inspected
CCTV Inspections	#11 & 22	223'	85'	6
Flushing	#10	9,006'		

Collection System Maintenance Task

- Hydro excavated 10002 Eastwood Drive, replaced broken discharge assembly.
- Preparing for lining project, inspected manholes on Marshal Street, Pump Station #4, and District #11.
- Mowed grass at all Pump Stations as well as at the WWTP.
- Sewer Back up, 1022 Potomac Avenue, problem on the private side.
- Sewer Back up, 1163 Fairchild Avenue, problem on the private side.
- Sewer Back up, 673 Oak Hill Avenue, problem on the private side.
- Grinder pump call, 20115 Teakwood; reset smart switch.
- Cleaned trouble spots throughout system.
- Pump Station #1, pulled and cleaned both pumps, and cleaned wet well.
- Pump Station #3, Pulled #1 pump, reset thermals, and cleaned wet well.
- Downloaded Newgate flow meter readings.
- Cleaned shop and general pump shop work.

Administration

Wastewater Division – Customer Call Log Summary 2021							
Type	Blockages	Grinder Pumps	Odor Complaints	Flushing	WW Pump Station	Other	Totals
Weekly	0	0	1	0	0	0	1
YTD 2021	70	28	2	0	0	73	173

Engineering

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

LAB**Water**

- Process and regulatory testing were routine for the week.
- Water laboratory relocation and renovation continuing.
- Collected 30 Bacteriological Monitoring Samples.
- Collected samples for Monthly Distribution Monitoring.
- Collected & processed composite samples from lagoon discharge.
- Collected monthly TOC removal samples.
- Submitted Bacteriological Monitoring Report for May.
- Prepared and submitted Disinfectant By-Product Monitoring Report for Second Quarter.
- Consolidation of electronic and paper file system in-progress.

Wastewater

- Process and regulatory testing were routine for the week.
- Office, break/ storage area, lab analysis area renovation in-progress.
- Lab technician completed MCET course training class.
- Consolidation of electronic and paper file system in-progress.

WATER DIVISION

Plant Flows - System Demand (MGD)

<u>Date</u>	<u>Willson</u>	<u>Breichner</u>	<u>Total</u>
06/03/21	10.70		10.70
06/04/21	10.79		10.79
06/05/21	11.29		11.29
06/06/21	11.37		11.37
06/07/21	11.74		11.74
06/08/21	11.86		11.86
06/09/21	11.54		11.54
Average:			11.33

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

- Staff worked on facility maintenance and routine preventative maintenance.
- Staff completed annual maintenance on chlorinators.
- Staff completed annual maintenance on back flow preventer.

Water Production at Breichner / Edgemont Reservoir. The Edgemont Reservoir pool elevation is currently at 1.04 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.

Water Distribution

- Crews performed customer service work and new meter installations as needed.
- Crews performed fire flow tests throughout the water system.
- Crews repaired a valve on Cannon Avenue.

Laboratory

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Engineering

	<u>City</u>	<u>County</u>
Site Plans	-	-
Preliminary Plats	-	-
Grading Plan	-	-
Final Plat	-	-
Building Permits	4	3
Development Plan	-	-

- Review of site plan and city permit drawings
- Construction inspection of ongoing projects
- Meeting with City staff regarding CIP projects
- Water service inquiries and future project discussions



Respectfully submitted,



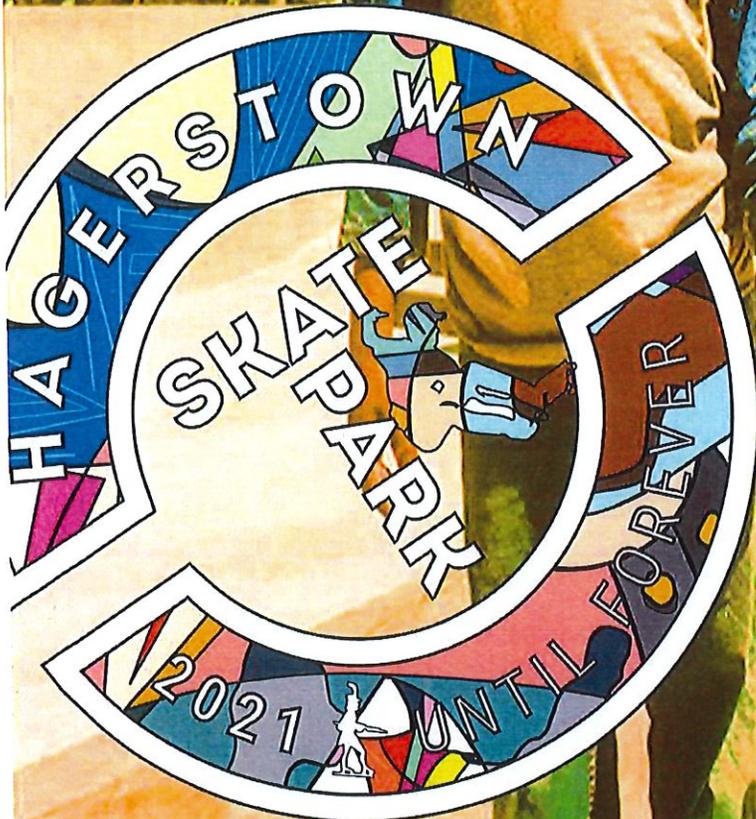
Scott A. Nicewarner, City Administrator



**SPOHN
RANCH**
SKATE PARKS



SKATEPARK DESIGN/REVEAL INPUT SESSION



**Wednesday
6/16 @ 6:30pm
FIT Room @
Fairgrounds Park
532 N. Cannon Ave.**

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