

CITY OF HAGERSTOWN, MARYLAND STATUS & INFORMATION REPORT NO. 26 FOR 2021



July 2, 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>.

JULY 2021 <i>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</i>						
Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
				1	2	3
4 9:30pm Fireworks @ Fairgrounds Park	5 HOLIDAY CITY OFFICES CLOSED	6 No M&C Meeting	7	8 4pm Board of Traffic & Parking Meeting 4:30pm Hagerstown Historic District Commission Meeting	9	10
11	12	13 2:30pm Executive Session 4pm Work Session	14 4pm Hagerstown Planning Commission Meeting	15	16	17
18	19	20 3pm Executive Session 4pm Joint Meeting with Washington County Commissioners, Work Session & Special 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

- Employee: Rift Between Part- and Full-Time City Workers Over COVID Pay
- Progress on Former Hotel Points Toward Reopening of Jonathan Street
- Commissioners Suspend Reimbursements for Local Fire Company
- City, County Pitch in Again to Help Miss Maryland Pageant
- Maryland Will Pivot Opioid Strategy as Deaths Continue to Climb
- Masonic Temple Renovation Complete
- Meritus Sees COVID Milestone
- 'It's Been a Privilege and an Honor': Rabbi Ari Plost Leaving Hagerstown
- Traffic Signal Installed at Mitchell Avenue Underpass
- Panel Eyes Groups That Spend Taxpayer Dollars with Little Oversight
- Three Firefighters Taken to Hospitals After Battling Fire Near Hagerstown
- Washington County Public Schools Start Aug. 31, with COVID Precautions
- Press Release: Fireworks at Fairgrounds Park
- Traffic Advisory: Mitchell Avenue Reopening
- Traffic Advisory: North Burhans Boulevard
- Trash, Recycling & Yard Waste Advisory: July 4th Holiday

This Week's Video Projects

- First Hose Co. Fire Museum Video production

Channel 25 Hub City Now Programming

- Mayor & Council Meeting
- "Council WRap"
- PCAD "Product Recall" Video
- City Park Train Hub Promo
- "Visit Hagerstown" Promo
- "State of the City" Presentation
- "Council WRap" Promo
- "Building City Park" Video Series: Part 3
- Cultural Trail: "Hense"
- 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 13,734 user visits for the week of June 21-27, 2021.

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

• Home Page	2,598
• Utility Billing Page	1,562
• Electric Division Page	770
• Potterfield Pool Page	664
• Civic Alerts Page	520
• Parks & Recreation Page	305
• Police Page	237
• City Park Page	197
• Downtown Events Page	193
• Fairgrounds Park Page	157

- Top Searches:

- "Power outage"
- "Outage"
- "Power outages"
- "Outages"
- "Electric"

DEPARTMENT OF COMMUNITY & ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

Grand Opening: A grand opening for the Authentic Community Theatre Black Box Studio is planned for Saturday, July 10th at 5:30 p.m. The evening will feature performances in addition to the ribbon cutting. ACT is located at 43 South Potomac Street. The studio will provide more performance space for smaller shows, concerts, productions, events and more.

Events: Imagine Hagerstown event series | 5–8 p.m. | University Plaza
Bring a chair or blanket, grab a bite to eat, bring a drink in a non-breakable container, and enjoy some great music! More info: www.imaginehagerstown.org

- July 23 – Across The Pond with Emily Lehr opening
- August 27 – Jah Works with Dirty Soul opening
- September 24 – The Woodshedders with Rudy and the Bluefish opening

PARKS & ENGINEERING

ENGINEERING DIVISION

1. **Mitchell Avenue RR Overpass Signal.** The traffic signal light is operational and the road was opened on Monday, June 28, 2021. (No more horn beeping required)
2. **North and East Avenue Conversion to One-Way.** Staff met with Public Works to go over the many details of this conversion including signal timing, signs, parking signal removal and traffic control. Department of Public Works is ordering the signs and posts needed.
3. **Public Art Commission.** Met to discuss the following:
 - Shortlisted artists for Cultural Trail aerial art
 - Reviewed new art on Lee Street in partnership with John Barr
 - Replacing the “colorblind” mural
4. **FIT Room Restrooms.** Issued first Addendum with a tremendous amount of interest from contractors. This is CDBG funded.
5. **Engineering Statistics**

Description	Week of 6/28/21	Calendar Year 2021 TOTALS
Traffic complaints received	3	82
Work Orders completed	7	57
Traffic counts completed	0	16
Construction Projects		
Description	Week of 6/28/21	Calendar Year 2021 TOTALS
Projects advertised for bids	0	1
RFP's Advertised	0	2
Projects under construction	11	11
Projects completed	1	1

PARKS DIVISION

1. **City of Cumberland Visit.** A Councilman, City Administrator, and three other staff visited our pool on Wednesday to learn more about our splashpad, operations, and programs.
2. **Potterfield Pool.** Pool figures from Memorial Day weekend through end of June:

Pool	5/25/19–6/30/19	5/29/21 -6/30/21
Admission	6,482	7,085
Total Revenue	\$21,655	\$33,454

3. **Golf Course.** In partnership with the YMCA, we are hosting a Youth Golf camp July 5-9, 2021.

Golf Course	6/24/20-6/30/20	6/24/21 -6/30/21
# of Golfers	649	569
Total Revenue (golf, merch, concessions, rentals, memberships)	\$12,884	\$12,402

4. **Fit Room.** See Fit Room report attached with upcoming classes for July.

PLANNING & CODE ADMINISTRATION

New Development Cases:

NONE

Planning Commission: The Planning Commission is scheduled to review these cases on June 30:

- Small-Scale Breweries Text Amendment - Public Review Meeting-No testimony taken. Record open for 10 days.
- 55 Sycamore Street – Columbia Gas of Maryland – site plan for environmental remediation- Site Plan Approved, however waiver seeking elimination of requirement for sidewalks along Sycamore Street was denied.
- Residential Subdivisions in the 21st Century – review of recent memorandum to development engineers.

Weekly Activity Report: June 14–18, 2021

PERMITS								
<u>TYPE</u>	<u>NUMBER OF NEW APPLICATIONS</u>							<u>NUMBER ISSUED</u>
Building	24	Residential -	18	Commercial -	5	Other -	1	13
Electric	30	Residential -	22	Commercial -	7	Other -	1	29
Plumbing	9	Residential -	4	Commercial -	1	Other -	4	7
Mechanical	5	Residential -	4	Commercial -	1	Other -	0	5
Engineering Dept.	2							1
TOTAL	70		48		14		6	55
Est. Value of Issued Building Permit Projects:					FY21 Fiscal Year Totals:			
Residential	\$ 575,849.00				\$ 30,860,122.00			
Commercial	\$ 9,449,850.00				\$ 144,008,394.00			
Apartment	\$ 295,000.00				\$ 1,517,384.00			
Sign	\$ 2,078.00				\$ 280,305.00			
TOTAL	\$ 10,322,777.00				\$ 176,664,205.00			
Projects of Interest								
- Remodel basement for common/recreational space, office space, and a dining/serving area at 111 South Potomac Street - \$150,000								
- Construct shell warehouse building only at 790 Wesel Boulevard - \$8,500,000								
- Construct a single-family home in Hillside Manor - \$135,619								
- Construct two single-family homes in Hager's Crossing - \$210,000								
- Temporary fire separation and stabilization of load bearing wall at 90-98 West Washington Street – \$295,000								
RENTAL LICENSING PROGRAM YEAR: JULY 1, 2020 – JUNE 30, 2021								
					PROPERTIES	UNITS		
Registrations received week of June 14 – June 18					246	1,028		
New applications issued week of June 14 – June 18					2	3		
Total 2020-2021 registered (includes additions and subtractions since 6/8/20)					1,863	4,812		
Percentage of rental license renewals that have registered for the 2020-2021 license year					48.8%	49.6%		

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	\$ 77,025
Weekly adjustment/credits	\$ 525

INSPECTIONS

TYPE	NUMBER CONDUCTED
Building	80
Electrical	34
Plumbing	34
Mechanical	13
Safety	8
Neighborhood Vitality	134
Quality of Life	1
Preventive Maintenance	0
Planning & Zoning	4

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. <u>Examples:</u> Uses not permitted in property's zone, construction of new facilities, follow up inspections on open violations.

POLICE DEPARTMENT

STATS

Calls for Service:	2,119	Field Interviews:	5
Arrests/Warrants Served:	14	Moving Violations:	9
Domestic Violence Calls:	23	Safety Repair Orders:	0
DUI Arrests:	2	Warnings:	24
Reports Filed:	141		

REPORTS

06/23/21: Officer Routzahn was dispatched to Hagerstown Fire Station 4 on West Washington Street for the report of a stolen chainsaw. A fireman, who is the victim, stated he had cleaned off his chainsaw from using it the day before and placed it on a front bench at the station. It should be noted this chainsaw was the victim's personal chainsaw not the Fire Department's chainsaw. The fireman left on a call and when he returned his chainsaw was gone from the bench. The video footage from the station recorded an unknown older white male grab the saw from the bench and leave the area. A photo of the suspect was sent out to all HPD officers in an attempt to identify the suspect. No further details are currently available.

06/25/21: Detective Vogel responded to a parking lot on Little Elliott Drive for the report of a parking complaint. The caller advised a vehicle had been parked on the lot for several months and has not been moved. The white Lotus had a New York registration. The vehicle was found to be reported stolen by the Maryland State Police in Waterloo, Maryland. The vehicle was towed by Nextow to be stored at their secured lot. MSP was notified of the location of the vehicle and the vehicle was removed from NCIC as stolen. MSP will notify the owner.

06/27/21: Officer Wertz was dispatched to Baymont Inn and Suites located on Dual Highway for a disturbance. Dispatch advised a female, who had previously been issued a no trespass from the property, was at the property. Upon arrival the officer observed the suspect exit the hotel on the south side of the property. He made contact with the suspect and was familiar with her from previous incidents at the location. The suspect was issued a Criminal Citation and charged with Trespassing Private Property. No further details are available.

06/28/21: Officer Wertz responded to South Cannon Avenue for a report of a burglary. The caller stated she owns a property on Cannon Avenue and it is currently vacant. She noticed a shopping cart in the back yard and the kitchen curtains had been moved. Officer Wertz and G. Anderson entered the residence and found a male and female on the second floor. They were immediately placed into handcuffs. The suspects stated they entered the residence through the kitchen window. Both subjects were transported to Central Booking and charged with Burglary 4th Degree.

06/29/21: Officer Thompson was dispatched to West Franklin Street for the report of a disturbance. When the officer arrived on the scene, he made contact with a male that was screaming and pacing very fast. The officer attempted to speak with the victim but he just kept cursing at him. The individual advised that an acquaintance of his had hit him with a rock. It was reported that the victim made a statement that he intended to do harm to the male that struck him. CRS arrived but the victim refused to go to the hospital. The officer was unable to locate the acquaintance since he is reported to be homeless. No further details are available.

OTHER NEWS/INFORMATION

Welcome to HPD's New Hires. The Hagerstown Police Department recently hired Dylan Altman, Jordan Cross and Luke Stoner. These young men will enter the Western Maryland Police Academy at the Hagerstown Community College for the Fall semester. Also, Cole Thomas was hired part time to assist with duties at the HPD lobby. We wish all new hires much success in their endeavors at HPD!

PUBLIC WORKS

CHART NO. 1 – GENERAL PARKING SYSTEM DATA

		Current Week	Previous Week
Number of Permit Holders	A & E Deck	151	151
	University District Deck	261	260
Number of Student Permits	Central, Market, Rochester Lots	40	40
Number of Patrons Using Decks	A & E Deck	1529	1364
	University District Deck	1252	1216
Number of Citations Issued	(Includes Warnings)	121	184
Late Payment Notifications		18	17
Peak Occupancy (%)	A & E Deck	100% Fri @ 6PM	100% Sat @ 4PM
Peak Occupancy (%)	University District Deck	64% Wed @ 2PM	44% Wed @ 2 PM

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

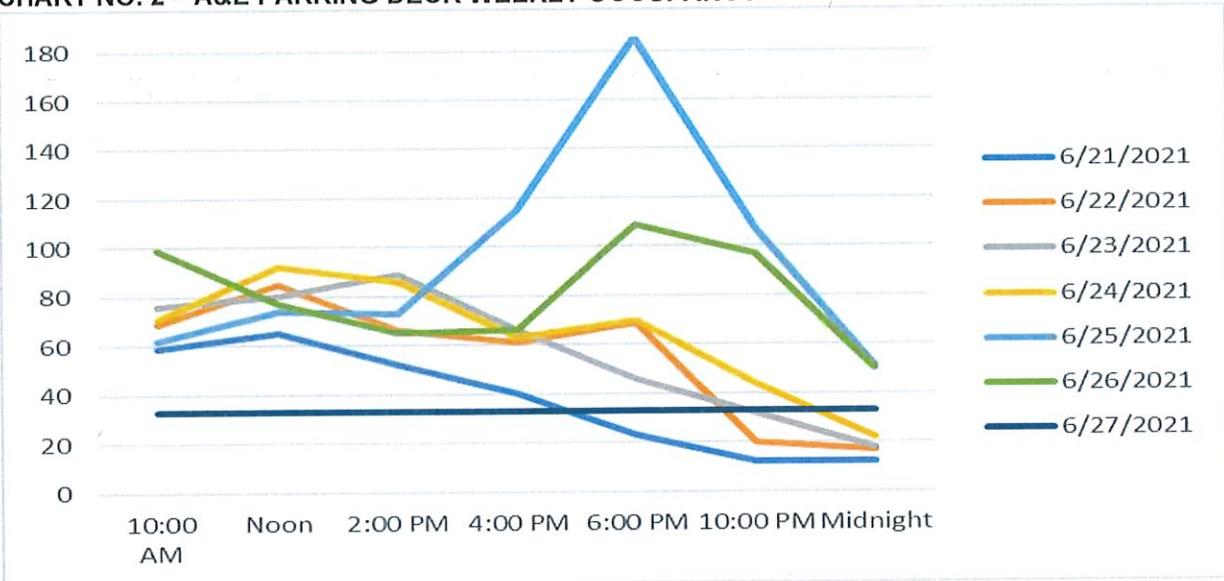
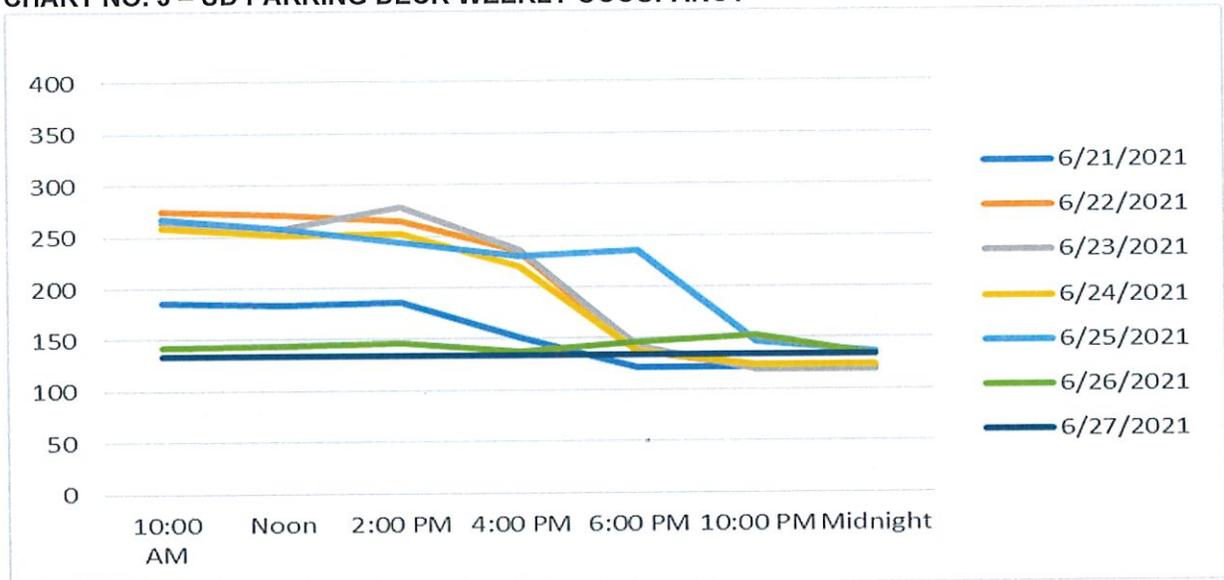


CHART NO. 3 – UD PARKING DECK WEEKLY OCCUPANCY



CENTRAL MAINTENANCE GARAGE REPAIR DATA

	Current Week	Previous Week
DCED	0	0
Fire	1	0
Human Resources	0	0
Light	1	0
Parks & Engineering	1	0
Police	7	3
Public Works	2	1
Wastewater	1	1
Water	2	2
Weekly Totals	15	7
Yearly Total	465	

AFTER HOUR CALL BACKS

Monday, June 21, 2021 @ 4:30 p.m.: A major storm moved through the area with damaging rain and wind. Due to the strong winds, a large number of trees fell and limbs dropped throughout the city. Staff was called to multiple locations to keep traffic lanes open and assure signals came back on. In the days after the storm, Public Works staff has assisted residents with hauling tree debris resulting from the storm.

Tuesday, June 22, 2021 @ 7:49 p.m.: Staff received a report of signal on flash at Hamilton Boulevard and Northern Avenue. Staff put the signal back into operation.

UTILITIES DEPARTMENT

ELECTRIC DIVISION

Service Calls:

- Thur. 6/24 - 117 Ray Street – total outage; a tree limb was removed from the service. Time Out: 15.2-15.4
- 33 East Avenue – line crews reconnected service follow completed repairs by electrician. Time Out: 18.8-20.1
- Fri. 6/25 - Area of, Pope Avenue and Howard Street – pole damaged; temporary repairs were made to street light pole which struck in a vehicle accident. Time Out: 18.3-18.7
- Sat. 6/26 - 811 Guilford Avenue – total outage; the customer’s main breaker had tripped. Time Out: 14.4-14.9
- 409 Sumans Avenue – total outage; a bird caused fuses to operate. Time Out: 6.7-7.7
- 1040 Fairview Road – total outage; line crews replaced a failed transformer. Time Out: 7.7-9.7
- Sun. 6/27 - 1350 Dual Highway – partial outage; service was found to be outside of HLD territory and customer advised to contact Potomac Edison for needed repairs. Time Out: 6.6-7.1
- Tues. 6/29 - 1052 Security Road – Miss Utility locate; emergency locate for Verizon to make repairs to their facilities. Time Out: 5.4-5.8
- Wed. 6/30 - 305 North Locust Street – tree on wires; wires were found to belong to Verizon and Antietam Broadband. Time Out: 17.7-19.4
- 542 North Mulberry Street – fire; lineman disconnected service to property until repairs and inspections are complete. Time Out: 19.7-20.7

Lamps Replaced	New Fixtures Added	Changeouts	Fixtures Removed
2	0	1	0

Engineering

- Multiple permit reviews and service upgrade requests have been reviewed and/or completed by engineering staff. Distribution staff assisted with underground locate requests.
- Engineering staff assisted with orientation and safety supply for newly hired line workers.
- The Engineering Designer continued work on multiple projects for commercial and residential services.
- The Staff Engineer reviewed Dissolved Gas Analysis reports to determine the health of HLD oil filled transformers and equipment. This data is used to identify and plan remediation and or replacement of HLD oil filled facilities.

WASTEWATER DIVISION

Wastewater Treatment Plant at Frederick Street

Date	Flow (mgd)	Rainfall (inches)
Wednesday, June 23, 2021	5.63	0.00
Thursday, June 24, 2021	5.35	0.00
Friday, June 25, 2021	5.22	0.00
Saturday, June 26, 2021	4.86	0.00
Sunday, June 27, 2021	4.96	0.01
Monday, June 28, 2021	5.00	0.00
Tuesday, June 29, 2021	4.79	0.00
Weekly – Avg. Flow / Total Rainfall	5.11	0.01
June – Avg. Flow / Total Rainfall	5.17	1.38

Miscellaneous

- Worked with IST to tune and calibrate skid in O2 Building. Replaced and rebuilt 6" & 8" valves and actuators that were faulty.
- Conducted 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	#14/#22	517'	21'	3
Flushing	#11	5,347'		

Collection System Maintenance Tasks

- Sewer backup, 13123 Nittany Lion Circle, no issues found in residence.
- Sewer backup, 206 West Irvin Avenue, excavated and repaired connection, installed cleanout.
- Grinder pump call, 11210 Eastwood Drive, reset smart switch.
- Grinder pump call, 11003 Eastwood Drive, replaced pressure tube.
- General Pump Shop repair work.
- Collected Newgate flow data.
- Raised manhole by installing two concrete grade rings.
- Purchased various sized grade rings for inventory.
- Hauled in B10s and CR6 stone for stock pile.
- Delivered four inflow preventers to the Cultural Trail project.

Administration

Wastewater Division – Customer Call Log Summary 2021							
Type	Blockages	Grinder Pumps	Odor Complaints	Flushing	WW Pump Station	Other	Totals
Weekly	2	2	0	0	0	2	6
YTD 2021	80	36	2	0	0	86	204

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

- Routine testing was performed for the week.
- Sampling for industrial pretreatment completed.

WATER DIVISION

Plant Flows - System Demand (MGD)

<u>Date</u>	<u>Willson</u>	<u>Breichner</u>	<u>Total</u>
06/24/21	10.82		10.82
06/25/21	10.65		10.65
06/26/21	10.66		10.66
06/27/21	10.64		10.64
06/28/21	11.39		11.39
06/29/21	11.69		11.69
06/30/21	11.42		11.42
Average			11.04

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

- Staff worked on facility maintenance and routine preventative maintenance.
- Staff replaced camera on walkway and repaired VFD #10 at R.C. Willson.
- Staff replaced 4-way function valve on pump #3 at pump station #3.

Water Production at Breichner / Edgemont Reservoir. The Edgemont Reservoir pool elevation is currently at 2.60 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 resumed replacement of residential meters throughout the water service area.
- Crews started insert on Indian Lane.
- Crews made a large tap on Oakmont Drive.
- Crews worked with Washington County on street overlay.

Laboratory

- Process and regulatory testing were routine for the week.
- Sampling for industrial pre-treatment completed.

Engineering

	<u>City</u>	<u>County</u>
Site Plans	-	-
Preliminary Plats	-	-
Grading Plan	-	-
Final Plat	-	-
Building Permits	8	2
Development Plan	-	-

- Construction inspection of ongoing projects
- Review of site development, concept, and city permit drawings
- Developing and evaluating alternatives for the northern end (Zone 3) of the water system.



Respectfully submitted,

Scott A. Nicewarner
City Administrator

Fit Room at Fairgrounds Park at Fairgrounds Park

Monthly Calendar For July 2021

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
				1 6p-7p Hobbies & Interests: Chinese Brush Calligraphy Basics – 7433	2	3
4	5	6	7	8 6p-7p Hobbies & Interests: Chinese Brush Calligraphy Basics – 7433	9 11a-1p CPR and First Aid #7325	10 10:30a-11:30a Aerial Fitness, Tricks #7414
11 11a-12p Mind & Body: Gymnastics for Kids -- 7337 1:30p-2:45p Mind & Body: Aerial Fitness, Flow & Stretch -- 7423	12 7:15p-8:30p Mind & Body: Belly Dance Technique & Choreography -- 7319	13	14	15 6p-7p Hobbies & Interests: Chinese Brush Calligraphy Basics – 7433	16 7:15p-8:30p Mind & Body: Aerial Fitness, Flow & Stretch -- 7403	17 9a-10a Zumba #7457
18 4a-8a BMX Regional Gold Cup Qualifier #2509	19 7:15p-8:30p Mind & Body: Belly Dance Technique & Choreography -- 7319	20	21	22 6p-7p Hobbies & Interests: Chinese Brush Calligraphy Basics -- 7433	23 6:30p-9p Square Dance #7459	24 9a-10a Zumba #7457 10:30a-11:30a Aerial Fitness, Tricks #7415
25 11a-12p Mind & Body: Gymnastics for Kids -- 7337 1:30p-2:30p Aerial Fitness, Tricks #7429	26 7:15p-8:30p Mind & Body: Belly Dance Technique & Choreography -- 7319	27	28	29	30 7:15p-8:30p Aerial Fitness, Flow & Stretch #7404	31