

# CITY OF HAGERSTOWN, MARYLAND STATUS & INFORMATION REPORT NO. 41 FOR 2021



October 15, 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>.

<h2 style="margin: 0;">OCTOBER 2021</h2> <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 <a href="http://www.hagerstownmd.org/calendar.aspx">http://www.hagerstownmd.org/calendar.aspx</a></p>						
Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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3	4	5 3pm Executive Session  4:30pm Work Session	6	7	8	9
10	11	12 2:30pm Executive Session  4:30pm Work Session	13 4pm Hagerstown Planning Commission Meeting	14 4pm Board of Traffic & Parking Meeting  4:30pm Hagerstown Historic District Commission Meeting	15	16
17	18	19 9am-2pm Strategic Planning Session  4pm Special Session & Work Session	20 7pm Board of Zoning Appeals Meeting	21	22	23
24	25	26 10am Joint Meet with County Commissioners @ County  7pm Regular Session	27 7pm Hagerstown Planning Commission Meeting	28 4:30pm Hagerstown Historic District Commission Meeting	29	30 6pm Mummers Parade
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## COMMUNICATIONS

### This Week's Headlines & Media Releases

- Hagerstown Education Campaign Focuses on Deck Safety
- State Officials Hear Local plea to Widen I-81 Through Maryland
- Details on Noland Village Apartment Fire Scarce; 4 Taken to Hospital
- Hamilton Run Restoration at Hagerstown's Pangborn Park
- COVID Threat Quashes Mummers Parade—Again
- How Your Washington County Community is Addressing Stormwater Regs
- Two Adults, Two Children Overcome by Smoky Fire in Noland Village
- Gunfire in Hagerstown Leads to I-70 Chase, Arrest
- Harvest Hoedown Brings in the Fall Season
- Site Contamination Stalls Hagerstown Fire Department Headquarters Plan
- Two Children Rescued from Noland Village House Fire Thursday Die
- Local Blood Supply Still Critically Low, Red Cross Asking for Help
- CHIEF Buys Herald-Mail Property for Multiuse Stadium
- Press Release: Fire at 1036-G Noland Drive
- Press Release: Noland Fire Update
- Press Release: Ghost Tours Begin in City Park This Weekend
- Trash/Recycling/Yard Waste Advisory: Columbus Day

### This Week's Video Projects

- Mayor & City Council Work Session
- HPD Graduation Ceremony

### Channel 25 Hub City Now Programming

- Mayor & Council Meeting
- "Council WRap"
- NFPA Video: "Learn the Sounds of Fire Safety"
- NFPA Video: "I Spy the Sounds of Fire Safety" (Kids)
- HFD Smoke Detector PSA
- First Hose Company of Hagerstown Museum Video Series
- "State of the City" Presentation
- "Council WRap" Promo
- Hagerstown Greens at Hamilton Run :30 spot
- "Hub-Bub" Video Podcast
- Stormwater Program Informational Video
- MTA Commuter Connection

### City Website

- [www.hagerstownmd.org](http://www.hagerstownmd.org) attracted 12,696 user visits for the week of October 4-10, 2021.

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

• Home Page	2,044
• Utility Billing Page	1,261
• Harvest Hoedown Page	738
• Ghost Tour Page	266
• Police Page	206
• Hager House Page	204
• Downtown Events Page	180
• Bids Page	171
• Fairgrounds Park Page	169
• Parks & Recreation Page	143

- Top Searches:

- "City wide trick-or-treat"
- "2021 harvest hoedown"
- "Water bill"
- "Jobs"
- "Pay my bill"

## DEPARTMENT OF COMMUNITY & ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

**Business Development:** Staff attended the Quad State Economic Development meeting with Franklin County Area Development Corporation and Herbruck's Poultry Ranch. The meeting was held at Bistro 11 in Hagerstown.

**A&E Update:** Art Outside continues on Wednesdays, October 20 and 27, 10:30 am-2:30 pm. These events have brought a lot of joy to people passing through Public Square, many of whom have stopped to have miniature portraits of their pets done! See [@imaginehagerstown](#) on Facebook for some smiling faces!

**Events:**

- Staff met with several downtown restaurant owners about organizing a Downtown Hagerstown Halloween Block Party to take place on October 30. Details are being worked out and will be announced soon.
- Staff is working on details of annual events including the downtown tree lighting and Holly Fest, both scheduled for November 22.

## ENGINEERING

1. **Wesel Boulevard Paving.** Surface paving will be completed at night (from 8:00 pm to 5:00 am) starting October 19<sup>th</sup> and continue until the end of the month.
2. **Pavement Preservation.** Craig Paving will return in early November to complete the list of patching and begin the street overlay work.
3. **Morningside Heights.** Staff met with about 10 neighbors to discuss stormwater conveyance through this subdivision. Staff will survey the area in the coming weeks to develop recommendations.
4. **Green Streets.** Staff started design of a new green street project on West Hillcrest between Pennsylvania Avenue and St. Claire Street. The road will be narrowed and stormwater cleaning facility constructed.
5. **Public Art Commission.** Received nine proposals to replace the deteriorated "Be Colorblind" mural on West Washington Street. The Commission will review those next week and Council will receive the recommendation in November.
6. **FIT Room Restrooms.** Construction of the remodel began this week.
7. **Engineering Statistics**

Description	Week of 10/11/21	Calendar Year 2021 TOTALS
Traffic complaints received	4	199
Work Orders completed	2	152
Traffic counts completed	0	29
<b>Construction Projects</b>		
Description	Week of 10/11/21	Calendar Year 2021 TOTALS
Projects advertised for bids	0	3
RFP's Advertised	0	15
Projects under construction	8	11
Projects completed	0	3

## PLANNING & CODE ADMINISTRATION

**New Development Cases:** ESD Sketch Plan was received for Curwood Hagerstown LLC (Harrison Tract) for two warehouse distribution buildings.

**Consultations:** Staff met with counsel for the owners of the Surrey School regarding minor legal issues in the wording of the Zoning Ordinance provision for Conversion District overlays. Staff from multiple agencies will be meeting with the owners and developers on October 18 for an initial discussion about pursuit of a Conversion District overlay on the Surrey School property for a 29-room boutique hotel.

**Historic District Commission:** No applications were received by the deadline for the October 14 meeting, and it was cancelled. The following have been received for the October 28 meeting:

- HDC Case 2021-36: 115 West Washington Street  
Repair to front and rear of building
- HDC Case 2021-37: 1002 Oak Hill Avenue  
Proposed 6'White Vinyl Tongue & Groove Privacy fence at left of home and rear of yard.

In November, staff plans to begin staff level work on updating the HDC's Design Guidelines, which have not been substantially reviewed and updated in over a decade. Staff is shooting for beginning review with the HDC of any proposed revisions around February.

**Zoning Certificates Issued:** Middle Eastern Restaurant – SMR Enterprises group, LLC-67 Eastern Blvd N.

**Planning Commission:** At its meeting on October 13, the Planning Commission reviewed its draft annual report for Calendar Year 2020. Certain adjustments were requested and the revised document will be brought back for approval. The Commission also began reviewing the proposed annual package of amendments to the Land Management Code. A special meeting has been scheduled for October 20 to continue this discussion. The Commission and staff are looking to complete this work by November 6, at which time the plan is to move the package to public hearing which would be held at the December meeting.

## POLICE DEPARTMENT

### STATS

Calls for Service:	1,545	Field Interviews:	18
Arrests/Warrants Served:	31	Moving Violations:	28
Domestic Violence Calls:	29	Safety Repair Orders:	3
DUI Arrests:	1	Warnings:	31
Reports Filed:	136		

### REPORTS:

**10/07/21:** Officer StClair responded to Concord Street in reference to a robbery. The victim explained he was assaulted when he was walking home on Wise Street. He was approached by three black males who asked him for a cigarette. The suspects then struck him in the back of the head and he fell to the ground. While on the ground they took his wallet and necklace. The suspects fled the area walking west on Wise Street. One suspect was wearing a black "Ravens" hoodie, another male was wearing a yellow "Steelers" shirt and the third male was wearing a gray hoodie and a baseball cap. The victim's total loss was approximately \$250. No further information is available at this time.

**10/08/21:** Officer Zupan was dispatched to North Cleveland Avenue for a report of a parking complaint. A silver Oldsmobile Bravo with a Pennsylvania temporary tag was parked on the street and had not moved for several weeks. It should be noted the officer had marked this vehicle with a penny back on October 1, 2021. On this date the penny was still in the same location. The vehicle was not secured and the officer observed clothing, blankets and drug paraphernalia in the back seat. All items were collected and placed in the HPD evidence dropbox. The vehicle was towed and a hold was placed on the vehicle for valid registration.

**10/09/21:** Officer McDermott responded to Potomac Towers on West Baltimore Street for a report of a theft. The victim stated she and another resident got into a verbal altercation and, in the process, he took her apartment keys. After the altercation the victim left her apartment and when she returned her door was ajar and her television was missing. The officer searched the apartment and the suspect was not there. The value of the television is \$250. No further details are available.

**10/10/21:** Officer Wheat responded to Charles Street for a malicious destruction to property. The victim stated she owns the house and it was just sold. She does not reside in the house but did have furniture inside for the purpose of staging for the sale of the property. She had received a call from her real estate agent to inform her there was damage done to the drywall of the house. It was discovered the basement door was not secured which allowed someone to gain entrance to the basement and then cut a hole in the drywall to gain access to the upstairs. The officer observed the master bedroom to be in disarray. There were food items, clothing, and a phone charger. It also appeared that someone had slept in the bed. The officer advised the victim to place cameras on the property. The property damage was estimated to be \$1,000 for repairs.

**10/13/21:** Officer Wertz was dispatched to East Baltimore Street in reference to a possible burglary. It should be noted this property is a large apartment complex owned by CKW Properties LLC. The maintenance man stated he observed the rear basement door to be kicked in and left hanging open. This area is an unoccupied area and is only used for storage of tools. It did not appear anything was missing, however the door frame and area around the deadbolt was damaged. There are no suspects at this time.

**OTHER NEWS/INFORMATION**

**HDP WEARS PINK.** To support the fight against breast cancer and recognize Breast Cancer Awareness Month, officers of the Hagerstown Police Department have chosen to wear pink badges for the month of October. There are officers at HPD who have lost family members to this disease as well as officers who have family members that are breast cancer survivors. HPD is proud to show support for breast cancer survivors and those impacted by the disease during Breast Cancer Awareness Month. Thank you HPD!

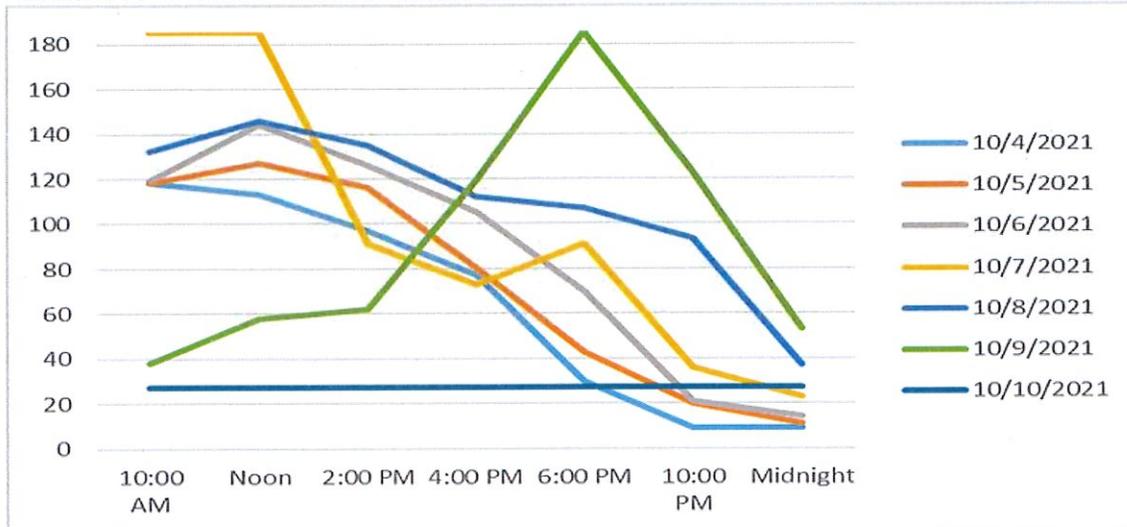
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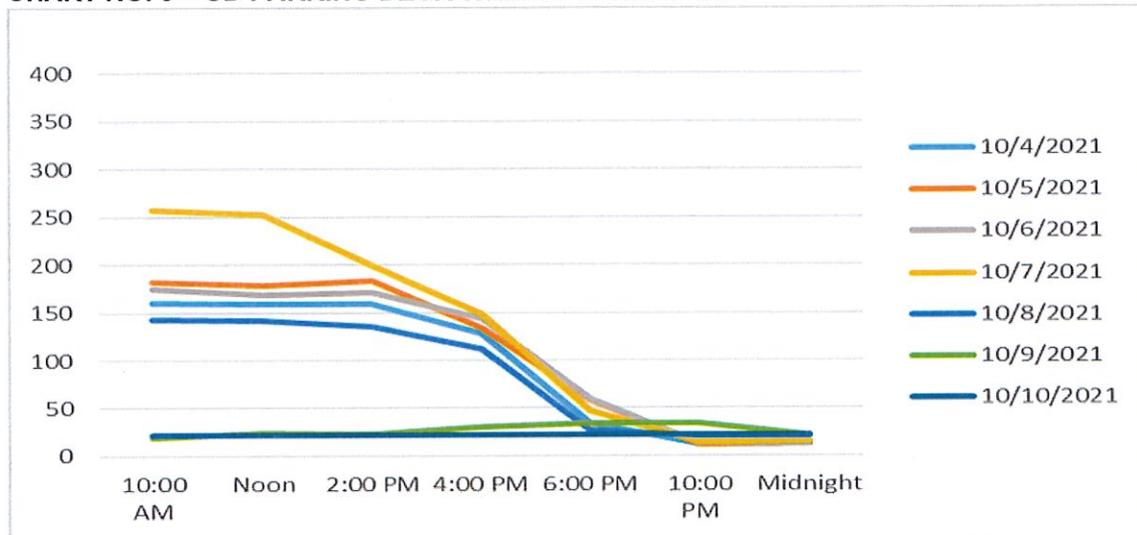
**CHART NO. 1 – GENERAL PARKING SYSTEM DATA**

		<b>Current Week</b>	<b>Previous Week</b>
<b>Number of Permit Holders</b>	A & E Deck	157	157
	University District Deck	273	273
<b>Number of Student Permits</b>	Central, Market, Rochester Lots	73	73
<b>Number of Patrons Using Decks</b>	A & E Deck	1,877	1,760
	University District Deck	1,490	1,455
<b>Number of Citations Issued</b>	(Includes Warnings)	287	237
<b>Late Payment Notifications</b>		8	14
<b>Peak Occupancy (%)</b>	A & E Deck	100% Thurs @ 10 AM Thurs @ Noon Sat @ 6 PM	96% Wed @ 6 PM
<b>Peak Occupancy (%)</b>	University District Deck	59% Thurs @ AM	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	
DCED	1	0
Engineering	0	0
Fire	1	0
Light	0	0
Parks & Recreation	1	0
Planning & Code	0	0
Police	0	7
Public Works	2	5
Wastewater	0	2
Water	0	1
Human Resources	0	0
<b>Weekly Totals</b>	<b>5*</b>	<b>15</b>
<b>Yearly Total</b>	<b>752</b>	<b>747</b>

\* CMG has begun prepping vehicles for snow for the upcoming winter season. This work is not reflected in the numbers for repairs and maintenance.

**AFTER HOURS CALL BACKS**

- Thursday, October 7 @ 6:30 PM: Dispatch reported a vehicle accident at S. Potomac and Lee St. where a signal pole was struck on southwest corner of intersection. Staff investigated and did not find significant damage to pole.



**Distribution**

- In coordination with the HLD Engineering Department, HLD crews performed various upgrades and improvements to our system. These improvements have a very positive effect on our reliability to our customer's.
- Crews continue to assist Point Broadband with make ready work. Point Broadband is the new internet service provider rolling out service in the Hagerstown area. Point Broadband will be reimbursing the HLD for any work we perform on their behalf.
- Area of Wesel Boulevard – line crews continue to build the new 34.5KVA line extension for service to Amazon distribution center and surrounding area.

**Engineering.** Staff worked on the following projects:

- Multiple permit reviews and service upgrade requests have been reviewed and/or completed by engineering staff. Staff performed underground locate requests across the system.
- Engineering staff continued support of ongoing electrical construction projects throughout HLD territory.
- The Staff Engineer specified new materials for use on the HLD electric distribution system.
- Staff coordinated the bi-annual testing and inspection of HLD aerial device vehicles.

**WASTEWATER DIVISION**

**Wastewater Treatment Plant at Frederick Street**

Date	Flow (mgd)	Rainfall (inches)
Wednesday, October 6, 2021	5.92	0.00
Thursday, October 7, 2021	5.94	0.00
Friday, October 8, 2021	5.60	0.00
Saturday, October 9, 2021	5.57	0.00
Sunday, October 10, 2021	5.51	0.01
Monday, October 11, 2021	5.53	0.02
Tuesday, October 12, 2021	5.58	0.00
Weekly – Avg. Flow / Total Rainfall	5.66	0.03
Oct - Avg. Flow/Total Rainfall	5.81	0.10

**Miscellaneous**

- Pulled defective mixers from BNR and took to AR&E for repair.
- Replaced faulty DO probe on oxygen aeration basin.
- Installed oilers for 6M/7M and pulled new wire from panel to solenoid valves.
- Pumped water out of underground vaults and repaired junction boxes.
- Routine MVP Plant Work orders & Corrective Work Orders.

**Wastewater Collection**

**SSES Weekly Progress**

Activity	Districts	L. F. main	Feet of lateral	# inspected
CCTV Inspections	N/A			
Flushing	#15	11,715'		

**Collection System Maintenance Tasks**

- Cleaned shop, bathroom, breakroom.
- Collected Newgate flow meter data.
- Pump Station #6: pulled #2 pump, cleaned check valve.
- Fueled all generators and portable pumps.
- Grinder pump call, 20020 Mount Aetna Road, reset smart switch.
- Grinder pump call, 11138 Mahogany Drive, pumped down and reset.
- Grinder pump call, 20016 Mount Aetna Road, reset light, cycled pump.

- Sewer backup, 775 Frederick Street, problem on the private side.
- Sewer backup, 299 Summit Avenue, flushed and cleaned the main line.
- Odor complaint, Salem and Wyoming avenues, County to step up chemical feed rate.
- Mowed grass at pump stations.
- Replaced frame and cover on MH 21106.
- Repaired broken cleanout for Engineering along the cultural trail.
- General pump shop repair work.

**Administration**

Wastewater Division – Customer Call Log Summary 2021							
Type	Blockages	Grinder Pumps	Odor Complaints	Flushing	WW Pump Station	Other	Totals
Weekly	5	1	1	0	0	0	7
<b>YTD 2021</b>	<b>117</b>	<b>70</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>126</b>	<b>321</b>

**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**

- Process and regulatory testing were routine for the week.
- DMR-QA Study 41 Report finalized for Wastewater Operations Manager transmission to EPA coordinator.
- Completed 3<sup>rd</sup> Quarter pretreatment surcharges.
- Synexus conversion to SQL approved, awaiting date from company for installation.
- Reference thermometer at calibration facility.

**WATER DIVISION**

**Plant Flows - System Demand (MGD)**

<u>Date</u>	<u>Willson</u>	<u>Breichner</u>	<u>Total</u>
10/07/21	10.86		10.86
10/08/21	11.00		11.00
10/09/21	10.31		10.31
10/10/21	10.17		10.17
10/11/21	11.00		11.00
10/12/21	10.92		10.92
10/13/21	11.41		11.41
<b>Average</b>			<b>10.81</b>

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

- Staff worked on facility maintenance and routine preventative maintenance.

**Water Production at Breichner / Edgemont Reservoir.** The Edgemont Reservoir pool elevation is currently at 1.30 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 continued replacement of residential meters throughout the water service area.
- Crews repaired service leak on Spruce Street.
- Crews installed new 2" service for Mod Car Wash on South Potomac Street.

**Laboratory**

- Process and regulatory testing were routine for the week.
- Bacteriological monitoring for October in progress.
- Collected weekly samples for distribution monitoring – nitrification.
- Collected Orchard Hills Tank sample for bacti and chlorine.
- Interviewed candidates for open position. Selection paperwork in progress.
- Reference analytical balance weight set sent out for traceability calibration.

**Engineering**

	<u>City</u>	<u>County</u>
Site Plans	-	-
Preliminary Plats	-	-
Grading Plan	-	-
Final Plat	-	-
Building Permits	4	9
Development Plan	-	-

- Construction inspection and quality assurance testing of ongoing projects.
- Updating GIS mapping.
- Review of City permit and site plan drawings.
- Gathering information regarding inquiries about water service and infrastructure location.



Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Scott A. Nicewarner". The signature is fluid and cursive.

Scott A. Nicewarner  
City Administrator

# Fit Room at Fairgrounds Park at Fairgrounds Park

## Monthly Calendar For October 2021

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
					<b>1</b> 7p-8:15p Aerial Fitness, Stretch #7497	<b>2</b> 9a-10a Mind & Body: Zumba -- 7560 10:30a-11:30a Aerial Fitness, Tricks #7537 3p-9p Macy's 17th Birthday #2979
<b>3</b> 11a-12p Mind & Body: Gymnastics for Kids -- 7526 1p-2:15p Aerial Fitness, Stretch #7559	<b>4</b> 5:30p-6:30p Embody Yoga Series, returning students #7377 7:15p-8:30p Mind & Body: Belly Dance Technique & Choreography -- 7320	<b>5</b>	<b>6</b> 5:30p-6:30p Embody Yoga Series, returning students #7377	<b>7</b> 4p-4:30p Princess Ballerina #7577 4:45p-5:15p Mind & Body: Hip Hop -- 7582 5:30p-6:30p Mind & Body: Zumba -- 7568	<b>8</b> 7p-8:15p Aerial Fitness, Stretch #7498	<b>9</b> 3a-7a Blocked for Yard Sales #2514 9a-10a Mind & Body: Zumba -- 7560
<b>10</b> 11a-12p Mind & Body: Gymnastics for Kids -- 7526	<b>11</b> 5:30p-6:30p Mind & Body: Embody Yoga, New Student -- 7521 7:15p-8:30p Mind & Body: Belly Dance Technique & Choreography -- 7320	<b>12</b>	<b>13</b> 5:30p-6:30p Mind & Body: Embody Yoga, New Student -- 7521	<b>14</b> 4p-4:30p Princess Ballerina #7577 4:45p-5:15p Mind & Body: Hip Hop -- 7582 5:30p-6:30p Mind & Body: Zumba -- 7568	<b>15</b> 11a-2p First Aid & Safety: CPR and First Aid -- 7465 7p-8:15p Mind & Body: Aerial Fitness, Stretch -- 7499	<b>16</b> 9a-10a Mind & Body: Zumba -- 7560 10:30a-11:30a Mind & Body: Aerial Fitness, Tricks -- 7539 1p-6p Birthday Party
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