

CITY OF HAGERSTOWN, MARYLAND

STATUS & INFORMATION REPORT NO. 46 FOR 2021



November 19, 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>.

NOVEMBER 2021						
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 2:30pm Executive Session 4pm Work Session	3	4 4pm Board of Traffic & Parking Meeting	5	6
7	8	9 1:30pm Pre-Legislative Forum with Delegation @ HCC 4pm Special Session & Work Session	10 7pm Hagerstown Planning Commission Meeting	11 HOLIDAY CITY OFFICES CLOSED	12	13
14	15	16 3pm Executive Session 4pm Work Session	17 7pm Board of Zoning Appeals Meeting	18 4:30pm Hagerstown Historic District Commission Meeting	19	20
21	22	23 7pm Regular Session	24	25 HOLIDAY CITY OFFICES CLOSED	26 HOLIDAY CITY OFFICES CLOSED	27
28	29	30 No M&C Meeting				

COMMUNICATIONS

This Week's Headlines & Media Releases:

- Former Commissioner, Restaurateur Called 'Great Visionary'
- Veterans Day Ceremony
- WCPS Approves Early Dismissal Policy After Comments from Parents
- Officials Push to Do All of I-81 Work Under Infrastructure Bill

- Another Washington County Commissioner Tests Positive for COVID-19
- Goodbye Farmers Market, Hello \$1 Million Brewery, Distillery
- Rescuers of Hagerstown Firefighter Hurt at His Other Job to Get Awards
- South High Senior Appointed to Hagerstown Youth Council
- WCPS Superintendent to Form Committee on Dress Code Policy
- New COVID Cases Surge in Tri-State; 25 Die Last Week From Illness
- Former Gym Will Become Home for Truck Driving, Other Classes
- Will the Snow Get Plowed? Some Tri-State Governments Short Drivers
- Hearing for Hagerstown Teen Charged in Deadly Shooting Postponed
- Press Release: Downtown Tree Lighting & Holly Fest

This Week's Video Projects

- Mayor & City Council Work & Special Sessions
- "Council WRap" segment
- "Municipal Government Works Month" Video post production
- DCED Elevator Video footage gathering and shooting
- Downtown Tree Lighting Livestreaming testing

Channel 25 Hub City Now Programming:

- Mayor & Council Meeting
- "Council WRap"
- "Municipal Government Works Month" Video
- "Building City Park" 100th Anniversary Video Series Part 6
- 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 attracted 9,572 user visits for the week of November 8-14, 2021.

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

• Home Page	2,200
• Utility Billing Page	1,256
• Police Page	226
• Bids Page	153
• City Farmers Market Page	140
• Firefighters Page	122
• Downtown Events Page	104
• Collection-Schedules-Zones Page	102
• Jobs Page	100
• Parks & Recreation Page	97

- Top Searches:

- "Jobs"
- "When should I set out trash/recycling/yard waste for collection?"
- "Light bill"
- "Online bill payment"
- "Antietam"

DEPARTMENT OF COMMUNITY & ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

Main Street:

- **Holiday Cheer Grant:** Deadline to submit applications is **Wednesday, November 24**. Grants for up to \$300 (\$900 for property owners with multiple tenants) are available for businesses and non-profit organizations in the Main Street District. Funds can be used for decorations (lights, ornaments, garland, trees, etc.), scheduled music services, and installations. For more information, please visit the City's website at <https://www.hagerstownmd.org/1519/Holiday-Cheer-Grant>

Events:

- Tree Lighting: City Center Tree Lighting | Monday, November 22nd from 5–6 p.m. Featuring live music from the North High brass ensemble and holiday songs from the vocal students at BISFA, hot chocolate and Santa! Ryan Smetzer will host. Thank you to Fulton Bank for sponsoring this annual tradition.
- Holly Fest: Holly Fest at the Maryland Theatre will take place Monday, November 22nd at 6:30 pm featuring talented youth performers. The event is free and open to the public.

Grand Openings & Anniversary Celebrations:

- Tri-State Printing. A ribbon cutting event took place on Tuesday, November 16th to celebrate the 50th Anniversary of Tri-State Printing owned by Samuel Wright and Julia Wright Truby and located at 120 Bester Street, Hagerstown, MD.

Neighborhoods 1st. The Neighborhoods 1st Leadership team met on Wednesday, November 17th to discuss neighborhood projects and concerns with City Staff and members of HPD."

Hagerstown Youth Council. The Hagerstown Youth Council (HYC) met on Friday, November 12th to select a tree for Hagerstown's downtown holiday celebrations from Good Spirits Tree Farm. The 30-year-old Concolor Fir will be decorated in Public Square until late December.

Economic Development. Staff attended the Fort Detrick Alliance Board Meeting on Wednesday, November 17th on which staff serve in an ex-officio role. Staff joined City officials and the business community at the Washington County Chamber of Commerce Economic Summit on Thursday, November 18th. An economic report and outlook for Hagerstown and Washington County was provided by economist Dr. Anirban Basu.

ENGINEERING

1. **Time Capsule.** The Leadership Washington County Class #34 installed a time capsule in the new section of the Cultural Trail on Tuesday, November 16, 2021. Many thanks to staff for coordinating.



2. **Municipal Stadium.** New team ownership toured the facility with staff this week. The kick-off meeting for the new recreation center Phase I work was also held this week.
3. **Engineering Statistics**

Description	Week of 11/15/21	Calendar Year 2021 TOTALS
Traffic complaints received	9	227
Work Orders completed	10	178
Traffic counts completed	0	31

Construction Projects		
Description	Week of 11/15/21	Calendar Year 2021 TOTALS
Projects advertised for bids	1	4
RFP's Advertised	1	17
Projects under construction	9	12
Projects completed	1	4

POLICE DEPARTMENT

STATS

Calls for Service:	1470	Field Interviews:	3
Arrests/Warrants Served:	18	Moving Violations:	19
Domestic Violence Calls:	23	Safety Repair Orders:	2
DUI Arrests:	1	Warnings:	31
Reports Filed:	130		

REPORTS

11/12/21: Officer Dailey was dispatched to search a female at City Wash Tub, located at 145 Church Street. While Officer Dailey was searching the female, it was determined that she had an active arrest warrant. Officer Dailey transported the female to Washington County Central Booking. While at booking, the female informed a deputy that she had a medical condition. A nurse at Central Booking assessed the female's condition and stated that she needed to be medically cleared by the hospital before she was able to be accepted by Booking. The female was transported to Meritus Medical Center. The medical staff attempted to treat the female but she became angry and erratic. The female then made threats that she was going to kill the nurse and did actually spit directly into her face. A security guard also witnessed the incident and restrained the female. It should be noted that this female had also been treated at Meritus earlier this week. Through an application of charges, the female is being charged with Assault. Body cameras were not activated due to this incident

11/17/21: Officer Dean was flagged down on South Walnut Street by a female who was hysterical and crying. After getting the female to calm down, she advised her ex-boyfriend had taken approximately \$1,000 from her. She stated the ex-boyfriend started pushing her and forced her to walk to the City Park at the northern most entrance and continue on the pathway until they were out of view of the roadway. She stated he then placed his hand around her throat, grabbed her money and pushed her to the ground. She stated he fled the park by crossing the creek and headed East. The City camera system was utilized in an attempt to locate him but was unsuccessful. The suspect has been charged, via application, with Robbery; Second Degree Assault and Theft \$100 to Under \$1,500. No further information is available at this time.

11/17/21: On November 5th HPD was contacted by a store manager at the CVS on Cannon Avenue to report a theft. She was advised to send photos of the suspects to be identified. On November 17th, Officer M. Anderson contacted the CVS store and spoke with a different store manager and requested that he send photos of the suspects and an itemized list of the items stolen since HPD had still not received the information. The second manager immediately emailed photos of the suspects and an itemized list of the stolen items. The suspects were using a gift bag to conceal the items being stolen. The items in the gift bag were valued at \$1,434.53. Officer McNew picked up the DVD from the second manager showing the theft and submitted it to evidence at HPD on 11/17/21. No further information is available at this time.

OTHER NEWS/INFORMATION

Congratulations to Officer Spencer Nigh. Officer Spencer Nigh, a recent graduate from the Police Academy at Hagerstown Community College, was sworn in on Tuesday, November 16, 2021. The swearing in ceremony took place in the Council Chamber at City Hall and was attended by family and fellow HPD officers. Effective Monday, November 22 Officer Nigh will begin Field Training. We wish him much success in his law enforcement career.

Service Milestones. The following members of HPD were recognized for years of service to the City of Hagerstown:

Lieutenants: John Lehman and Rebecca Fetchu

Detectives: Shawn Weaver, Jason Ackerman, Tony Fleegal

Officers: Bradley Helman, Thomas Kelley, Heather Aleshire, Timothy Culp, Gary Anderson, Emily Daveler, Michael Anderson, Thomas Wolfe, Andrew Main

Civilians: Pam Keefauver and Brenda Hawbaker.

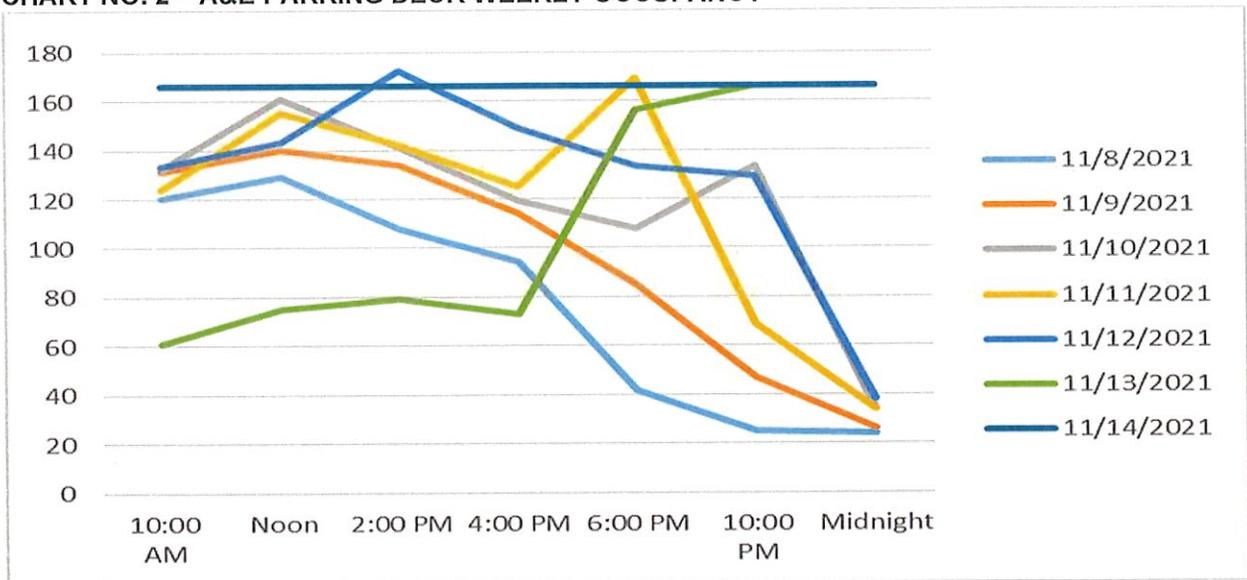
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CHART NO. 1 – GENERAL PARKING SYSTEM DATA

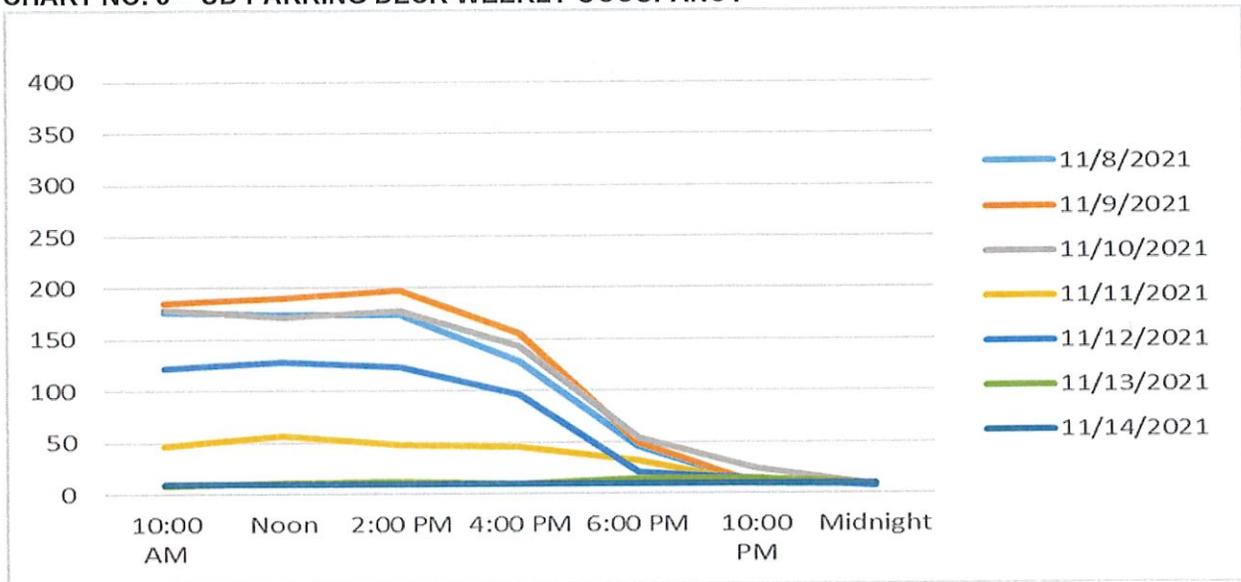
		Current Week	Previous Week
Number of Permit Holders	A & E Deck	167	163
	University District Deck	281	280
Number of Student Permits	Central, Market, Rochester Lots	85	85
Number of Patrons Using Decks	A & E Deck	1,644	2,051
	University District Deck	1,216	1,515
Number of Citations Issued	(Includes Warnings)	152	289
Late Payment Notifications		10	18
Peak Occupancy (%)	A & E Deck	93% Fri @ 2 PM	100% Fri @ 6 PM
Peak Occupancy (%)	University District Deck	45% Tues @ 2 PM	58% Tues @ 2 PM

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



NOTE: Due to a programming error at the deck itself, the data shown above for Sunday is incorrect.

CHART NO. 3 – UD PARKING DECK WEEKLY OCCUPANCY



CENTRAL MAINTENANCE GARAGE REPAIR DATA

	Current Week	Previous Week
DCED	0	0
Engineering	0	0
Fire	2	0
Light	4	1
Parks & Recreation	3	1
Planning & Code	1	1
Police	6	8
Public Works	2	2
Wastewater	3	0
Water	0	3
Human Resources	0	0
Weekly Totals	21	16
Yearly Total	870	849

PARKS AND RECREATION

Fit Room. The Fit Room Report is attached with upcoming classes and rentals November. A private rental is scheduled for this Saturday.

Municipal Stadium. No rentals scheduled.

Outdoor Programs. No outdoor programs this weekend.

- Recreation Events.** Upcoming events include:
- City Park Lighting Friday, December 3 7 p.m.
 - Holiday Ham Drive Saturday, December 11 12-2 p.m.
 - 100 Miler, begins January 14, 2022. Registration opens the week of November 14, 2021.

Golf Course. Congrats to all the players and winners of the Turkey Cup!
1st Place: Score 89
 Tim Lewis, Sean Lewis
 *won tie breaker with score on hole 3

2nd Place: Score 89
 Bryan Milburne, Scott Woods

3rd Place: Score 91
 Jon Schenck, Gary Williams

4th Place: Score 93
Leon Adler, Mac Lee

Skill Contest — Closest To Pin:
Hole 4, Matt Houghton
Hole 7, Bill Elgin

Virtual Programs

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|-------------------------|-----------|----------------|
| - Bellydance (Hybrid) | Mondays | 7:15-8:30 p.m. |
| - Dance Fitness | Mondays | 6-7 p.m. |
| - Yoga to Relax & Renew | Tuesdays | 6-7 p.m. |
| - Strength Training | Thursdays | 6-7 p.m. |

Benefit Buckets. On the initiative by Eden Teodorovici and the approval by Mayor and Council, two Benefit Bucket stations have been installed on the Cultural Trail. Eden constructed one station that was placed on the trail at Antietam Street. Parks staff constructed a “sister” station that was placed near Baltimore and Hood Streets. They look great and should provide some incentive for others to help pick up trash along the trail in downtown.



UTILITIES DEPARTMENT

ELECTRIC DIVISION

Service Calls:

- Thur. 11/11 - 433 Ridge Avenue – total outage; a squirrel caused a transformer fuse to operate. Time Out: 9.2-10.1
- Berger Alley and South Locust Street – total outage; a squirrel caused a transformer fuse to operate. Time Out: 10.8-11.3
- Sat. 11/13 - 1016-1018 Potomac Avenue – lines down; a tree branch was removed and the service conductors were reattached. Time Out: 13.7-15.1
- Sun. 11/14 - 732 George Street – partial outage; triplex service conductors failed and were in need of replacement. Time Out: 13.5-14.8
- Tues. 11/16 - 31 Madison Avenue – arcing transformer; no issues were found. Time Out: 17.7-18.5

Distribution:

- Various upgrades and improvements to the distribution system have been completed.
- The Holiday Tree was set and decorated in the square in preparation for the tree lighting on Monday 11/22.

Lamps Replaced	New Fixtures Added	Changeouts	Fixtures Removed
6	0	3	0

Engineering

- Multiple permit reviews and service upgrade requests have been reviewed and/or completed by engineering staff. Staff performed underground locate requests across the system.
- Staff met with and provided information to multiple businesses that are looking to relocate their operation within the HLD electric service territory.
- Staff met with a steel and aluminum pole manufacturer to discuss current and future needs of the HLD.
- Engineering staff continued the challenge of sourcing materials as lead times and availability continue to worsen.

WASTEWATER DIVISION

Wastewater Treatment Plant at Frederick Street

Date	Flow (mgd)	Rainfall (inches)
Wednesday, November 10, 2021	5.13	0.00
Thursday, November 11, 2021	4.97	0.02
Friday, November 12, 2021	7.30	1.00
Saturday, November 13, 2021	5.74	0.02
Sunday, November 14, 2021	5.69	0.00
Monday, November 15, 2021	5.49	0.00
Tuesday, November 16, 2021	5.49	0.00
Weekly – Avg. Flow / Total Rainfall	5.69	1.04
Nov - Avg. Flow/Total Rainfall	5.46	1.06

Miscellaneous

- Started hydronic heating system and purged units. Replaced defective heat tape, insulated and wrapped exposed piping.
- Installed blacktop on roadway where new MagOx underground lines were installed.
- Worked with ChemScan representative to make necessary repairs to unit.
- Routine MVP Plant Work orders & Corrective Work Orders.

Wastewater Collection

SSES Weekly Progress

Activity	Districts	L. F. main	Feet of lateral	# inspected
CCTV Inspections	Truck	At Rausch		
Flushing	#15	5,928'		

Collection System Maintenance Tasks

- Continued cleaning trouble spots throughout system.
- Hydro-excavated grinder pump canisters at 612 & 614 Fair Meadows Boulevard, replaced discharge assemblies and removed check valves.
- Downloaded meter data in District #29 and #30.
- Installed new hydro hammer on Unit #560, James River to perform start-up this week.

- Located potential inflow issues at building #540 and #506 Pangborn Heights, will evaluate further when CCTV is back in service.
- Pump Station #19; prepped for new transfer switch installation next week.
- Grinder pump call, 1660 Woodlands Run, changed the pressure tube.
- Grinder pump call, 20304 Parkwood Court, power issue, owner responsibility.
- Grinder pump call, 1523 Kensington Drive, breaker issue, owner responsibility.
- Grinder pump call, 1529 Kensington Drive, reset smart switch.
- Grinder pump call, 1539 Kensington Drive, reset smart switch.
- Sewer backup, 1310 Cedarwood Drive, problem on the private side.
- Cleaned shop, garage, restroom and break room.
- General pump shop repair work.

Wastewater Division – Customer Call Log Summary 2021							
Type	Blockages	Grinder Pumps	Odor Complaints	Flushing	WW Pump Station	Other	Totals
Weekly	1	5	0	0	0	9	15
YTD 2021	126	85	9	0	0	140	360

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.
- Culligan: deionized water system estimate received.
- Entered Data Quality Management numbers.
- Contacted Praxair to attempt to resolve inventory tank rental billing discrepancies.
- Pest management treated wasps around windows.
- Quanti-seal equipment upgrade information under review.
- Collected Industrial Pretreatment samples from HBP.
- Evaluation of nutrient analysis alternatives to upgrade Lachat system.

WATER DIVISION

Plant Flows - System Demand (MGD)

Date	Willson	Breichner	Total
11/11/21	11.41		11.41
11/12/21	11.02		11.02
11/13/21	10.73		10.73
11/14/21	10.82		10.82
11/15/21	11.24		11.24
11/16/21	11.35		11.35
11/17/21	11.30		11.30
Average			11.12

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

- Staff worked on facility maintenance and routine preventative maintenance.
- Staff repaired actuator filter 3 at R.C. Willson plant.
- Staff repaired cable in remote I/O panel at R.C. Willson plant.
- Staff repaired vacuum priming system at R.C. Willson plant.
- Staff repaired sulfuric acid flow switch at R.C. Willson plant.
- Staff repaired pump 1 at pump station 6.

Water Production at Breichner / Edgemont Reservoir. The Edgemont Reservoir pool elevation is currently at 1.78 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.

Laboratory

- Process and regulatory testing were routine for the week.
- Bacteriological monitoring for November is in progress.
- Collected one (1) new service line sample for Bacti and Chlorine.
- Collected weekly samples for distribution monitoring – nitrification.
- Completed Lachat analysis on distribution samples.
- Began preliminary site assessments for site sampling plan for Bact collections.

Engineering

	<u>City</u>	<u>County</u>
Site Plans	-	-
Preliminary Plats	-	-
Grading Plan	-	-
Final Plat	1	-
Building Permits	12	-
Development Plan	-	-

- Construction inspection of ongoing projects
- Review of City permit and site plan drawings
- Review of County building permits
- Updating GIS mapping
- Concept design of upcoming capital improvement projects



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 November 2021

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	1 5:30p-6:30p Mind & Body: Embody Yoga, New Student -- 7521 7:15p-8:30p Mind & Body: Belly Dance Technique & Choreography -- 7320	2	3 5:30p-6:30p Mind & Body: Embody Yoga, New Student -- 7521	4 4p-4:30p Princess Ballerina #7577 4:45p-5:15p Mind & Body: Hip Hop -- 7582 5:30p-6:30p Mind & Body: Zumba -- 7568	5 7p-8:15p Aerial Fitness, Stretch #7501	6 9a-10a Mind & Body: Zumba -- 7560 10:30a-11:30a Aerial Fitness, Tricks #7541 2p-7p Birthday Party
7 11a-12p Gymnastics for Kids #7527 1p-2:15p Aerial Fitness, Stretch #7563	8 5:30p-6:30p Mind & Body: Embody Yoga, New Student -- 7521	9 11a-3p Fed Ex Ground Hiring Event	10 5:30p-6:30p Mind & Body: Embody Yoga, New Student -- 7521	11 4p-4:30p Princess Ballerina #7577 4:45p-5:15p Mind & Body: Hip Hop -- 7582 5:30p-6:30p Mind & Body: Zumba -- 7568	12 11a-2p CPR and First Aid #7466 7p-8:15p Aerial Fitness, Stretch #7502	13 9a-10a Zumba #7562 10a-3p Fun with Paint & Crafts
14 11a-12p Gymnastics for Kids #7527 1p-2:15p Aerial Fitness, Stretch #7564	15 5:30p-6:30p Mind & Body: Embody Yoga, New Student -- 7521	16	17 5:30p-6:30p Mind & Body: Embody Yoga, New Student -- 7521	18 4p-4:30p Princess Ballerina #7577 4:45p-5:15p Mind & Body: Hip Hop -- 7582 5:30p-6:30p Zumba #7570	19 7p-8:15p Aerial Fitness, Stretch #7503	20 9a-10a Zumba #7562 10:30a-11:30a Aerial Fitness, Tricks #7543 3p-8p 18th Birthday Party
21 11a-12p Gymnastics for Kids #7527 1p-5p Square Dance #7488	22 5:30p-6:30p Mind & Body: Embody Yoga, New Student -- 7521 7:15p-8:30p Belly Dance Holiday Style #7471	23	24 5:30p-6:30p Mind & Body: Embody Yoga, New Student -- 7521	25 5:30p-6:30p Zumba #7570	26	27 9a-10a Zumba #7562
28 11a-12p Gymnastics for Kids #7528	29 5:30p-6:30p Mind & Body: Embody Yoga, New Student -- 7521 7:15p-8:30p Belly Dance Holiday Style #7471	30 5p-9p Embody Yoga Makeup Class				