

CITY OF HAGERSTOWN, MARYLAND STATUS & INFORMATION REPORT NO. 13 FOR 2022



April 1, 2022

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;">APRIL 2022</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 http://www.hagerstownmd.org/calendar.aspx</p>						
Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
					1	2
3	4	5 3pm Executive Session 4pm Work Session & Special Session	6	7	8	9
10	11	12 3pm Executive Session 4pm Work Session	13 4pm Hagerstown Planning Commission Meeting	14 4pm Board of Traffic & Parking Meeting 4:30pm Hagerstown Historic District Commission Meeting 7pm Board of Zoning Appeals Meeting	15 HOLIDAY City Offices Closed	16
17	18	19 4pm Work Session	20	21	22	23
24	25	26 7pm Regular Session	27 7pm Hagerstown Planning Commission Meeting	28 4:30pm Hagerstown Historic District Commission Meeting	29	30

COMMUNICATIONS

This Week's Headlines & Media Releases:

- Realtors' Leader Sees Housing 'Availability and Affordability Crisis'
- A&E District Expansion Won't Expand Tax Breaks
- Want a Piece of Municipal Stadium? April 6 is Your Chance
- People's Convoy Seeks New Base as Deadline to Leave Speedway Looms
- Hagerstown Councilman in Crowded GOP Field for County Commissioner
- Man Faces Gun Charge After Incident at Hagerstown Speedway Gate
- Tossed: Maryland Congressional Map Ruled Unconstitutional
- Got Your Film Festival Tickets for the Weekend?

- Some Roads Closed Tuesday for Vietnam War Veterans Ceremony
- 50,000 County Voters 'in Limbo' Over Map Challenges
- Parasiliti: Old Municipal Stadium Won't Die, but Will be Put to Rest
- Trucker Convoy Leaving Hagerstown Base for Return to California
- Truist Bank on Dual Highway Robbed Monday Afternoon
- Second Try: MD Lawmakers Vote on Revised Congressional Map
- Man Ordered to Serve 65 Years in Hagerstown Shooting Death
- Man Gets Prison in Robbery, Attempted Holdups with Phony Bomb Threats
- Traffic Advisory: Wesel Boulevard
- Traffic Advisory: South Walnut & West Baltimore Streets
- Traffic Advisory: Antietam Water Main Break

This Week's Video Projects

- "Visit Hagerstown" Promo Video Production

Channel 25 Hub City Now Programming:

- Mayor & Council Meeting
- "Council WRap"
- PayByPhone Videos
- First Hose Company of Hagerstown Museum Video Series
- "State of the City" Video
- "Council WRap" Promo
- Fit Room :30 Spot
- Hagerstown Greens at Hamilton Run :30 Spot
- "Hub-Bub" Video Podcast
- Stormwater Program Informational Video
- MTA Commuter Connection

City Website:

- www.hagerstownmd.org attracted 9,855 user visits for the week of March 23-29, 2022.

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

• Home Page	2,885
• Utility Billing Page	900
• Online Payment Portal Page	639
• Police Page	287
• Parks & Recreation Page	141
• Jobs Page	136
• Firefighters Page	112
• Bids Page	94
• Downtown Events Page	83
• Building Permits Page	81

- Top Searches:
 - "True"
 - "Online payment portal"
 - "Utility billing"
 - "Police"
 - "Building permits"

DEPARTMENT OF COMMUNITY & ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

Economic Development:

- Staff attended the inaugural Black Economic Empowerment Summit at the Maryland Theater on Saturday, March 12. The Department of Community & Economic Development had a display booth at the event with information about investment opportunities, programs and services.
- Staff attended the Fort Detrick Alliance Board Meeting on Wednesday, March 16 on which staff serve in an ex-officio role.

- Staff attended the State of the Chamber breakfast on Wednesday, March 23, and invited two business investors as our guests to learn more about the Chamber.

ENGINEERING

1. **Stadium Demolition.** Power has been removed, bathroom fixtures and other items salvaged by Parks staff, and demolition is set to begin within the week. PCAD delivered flyers to the neighbors on Thursday.
2. **UIP/Cultural Trail.** Pavers will be installed in about a week and landscaping/irrigation will complete our contract. City Light and HPD's security camera installation to be done by the end of April for the May 14th grand opening.
3. **Skatepark.** The excavating contractor completed their work and now Spohn Ranch's staff will be on site Monday to start actual concrete work. Work will take about three full months to complete.
4. **Drainage Improvements at Fine Arts Museum.** Funded by stormwater fees, the contractor will be installing drainpipe and grading swale to direct runoff away from the Museum building.
5. **Fit Room Restroom Renovations.** Work should be substantially complete by the end of next week in time for the first yard sale of the season.

6. **Engineering Statistics**

Description	Week of 3/28/22	Calendar Year 2022 TOTALS
Traffic complaints received	2	99
Work Orders completed	2	89
Traffic counts completed	3	9
Construction Projects		
Description	Week of 3/28/22	Calendar Year 2022 TOTALS
Construction	0	3
Projects advertised for bids		
RFP's Advertised	0	5
Projects under construction	8	11
Projects completed	1	3

PLANNING & CODE ADMINISTRATION DEPARTMENT

PLANNING

Historic District Commission: The next HDC meeting will be held April 24, 2022 @4:30 pm. There are currently no cases.

Board of Zoning Appeals: Our next BZA hearing will be on Thursday April 14, 2022. The following cases will be presented:

- Z-2022-01: East side of Wakefield Road - Special exception for a fire station applicant: City of Hagerstown
- Z-2022-02: West side of South Potomac Street - Special exception for a fire station applicant: City of Hagerstown

Zoning Verification Letters: There are no current zoning verification letters.

Zoning Certificates: There are currently no Zoning Certificates.

Planning Commission: Our next Planning Commission Meeting will be held April 14, 2022 for a workshop meeting. The agenda is to be determined.

CODE ADMINISTRATION

Weekly Activity Report: March 14–25, 2022

PERMITS								
<u>TYPE</u>	<u>NUMBER OF NEW APPLICATIONS</u>							<u>NUMBER ISSUED</u>
Building	21	Residential -	12	Commercial -	8	Other -	1	43
Electric	70	Residential -	59	Commercial -	7	Other -	4	75
Plumbing	23	Residential -	12	Commercial -	9	Other -	2	22
Mechanical	14	Residential -	14	Commercial -	0	Other -	0	14
Engineering Dept.	74							73
TOTAL	202		97		24		7	227
Est. Value of Issued Building Permit Projects:				FY22 Fiscal Year Totals:				
Residential				\$ 1,922,265.00				\$ 14,420,060.00
Commercial				\$ 516,000.00				\$ 36,617,378.00
Apartment				\$ 274,500.00				\$ 13,659,114.00
Sign				\$ 21,840.00				\$ 561,839.00
TOTAL				\$ 2,734,605.00				\$ 67,258,391.00
Projects of Interest								
-Interior renovations in single family home at 405 Reynolds Avenue - \$80,000								
-Installation of racking and shelves at 17730 Garland Groh Boulevard - \$43,000								
-Convert 33,000 sq. ft. warehouse to self-storage at 775 Frederick Street - \$130,000								
-Convert 36,000 sq. ft. warehouse to self-storage at 700 East First Street - \$185,000								
-Construct 14 single family homes in Hagers Crossing - \$1,680,000								
-Interior renovations in single family home at 421 Salem Avenue - \$45,000								
-Enclose dock area at 560 Western Maryland Parkway - \$107,000								
RENTAL LICENSING PROGRAM YEAR: JULY 1, 2020 – JUNE 30, 2021								
					<u>PROPERTIES</u>	<u>UNITS</u>		
Registrations received week of March 14–25					11	18		
New applications issued week of March 14–25					12	12		
Total 2021-2022 registered					3,493	9,414		
Percentage of rental license renewals that have registered for the 2021-2022 license year					99.0%	99.0%		
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	\$ 1,550							
Weekly adjustment/credits	\$ 225							
INSPECTIONS								
<u>TYPE</u>	<u>NUMBER CONDUCTED</u>							
Building	130							
Electrical	113							
Plumbing	87							
Mechanical	46							
Safety	46							
Neighborhood Vitality	198							
Quality of Life	3							
Preventive Maintenance	4							
Planning & Zoning	6							

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:	1417	Field Interviews:	9
Arrests/Warrants Served:	17	Moving Violations:	12
Domestic Violence Calls:	19	Safety Repair Orders:	2
DUI Arrests:	1	Warnings:	37
Reports Filed:	120		

Media Release: HPD is investigating a bank robbery which occurred at Truist Bank located at 1800 Dual Highway on Monday, March 28, 2022, at 1:15 p.m. An unidentified suspect entered the bank, passed the teller a note demanding money, and left with an undisclosed amount of cash. The suspect is described as a white male, in his mid 60's, wearing dark clothing. No weapon was displayed during the incident. Anyone with information is asked to contact Det. Jason Ackerman with the Hagerstown Police Department at jackerman@hagerstownpd.org or crimetip@hagerstownpd.org.

Color Splash: The Maryland Criminal Intelligence Network is sponsoring a color splash walk to bring awareness to the rights of crime victims. Come out to Fairgrounds Park on Friday April 29 at 1 p.m. to participate. This free event is being held to bring awareness to the various types of crime victims, to acknowledge the rights of victims, and to demonstrate as a community that no victim fights alone, no surviving family of a victim fights alone. The colors used for the walk will represent different crime victims including: Blue – Child Abuse; Purple – Domestic Violence; Red – Substance Abuse; Orange – Gun Violence; Teal – Sexual Assault/Abuse; Green Mental Health/Mental Illness. Please see the attached flyer for more information.

PUBLIC WORKS

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CHART NO. 1 – GENERAL PARKING SYSTEM DATA

		Current Week	Previous Week
Number of Permit Holders	A & E Deck	205	204
	University District Deck	242	249
Number of Student Permits	Central, Market, Rochester Lots	62	66
Number of Patrons Using Decks	A & E Deck	1,960	2,015
	University District Deck	1,407	1,568
Number of Citations Issued	(Includes Warnings)	323	345
Late Payment Notifications		10	12
Peak Occupancy (%)	A & E Deck	100% Sat @ 6 PM	100% Sat @ 6 PM & 10 PM
Peak Occupancy (%)	University District Deck	42% Tue @ Noon	43% Th @ Noon

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

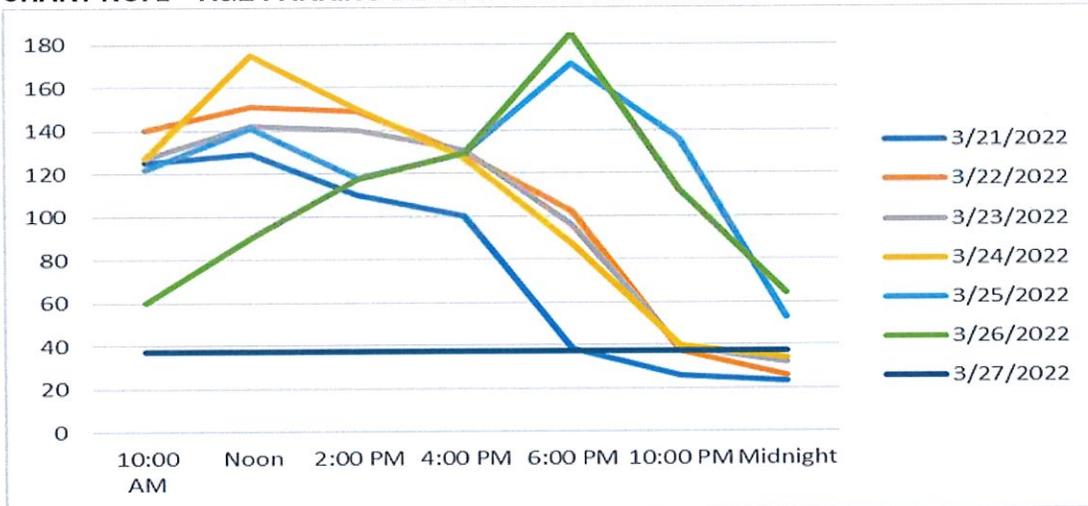
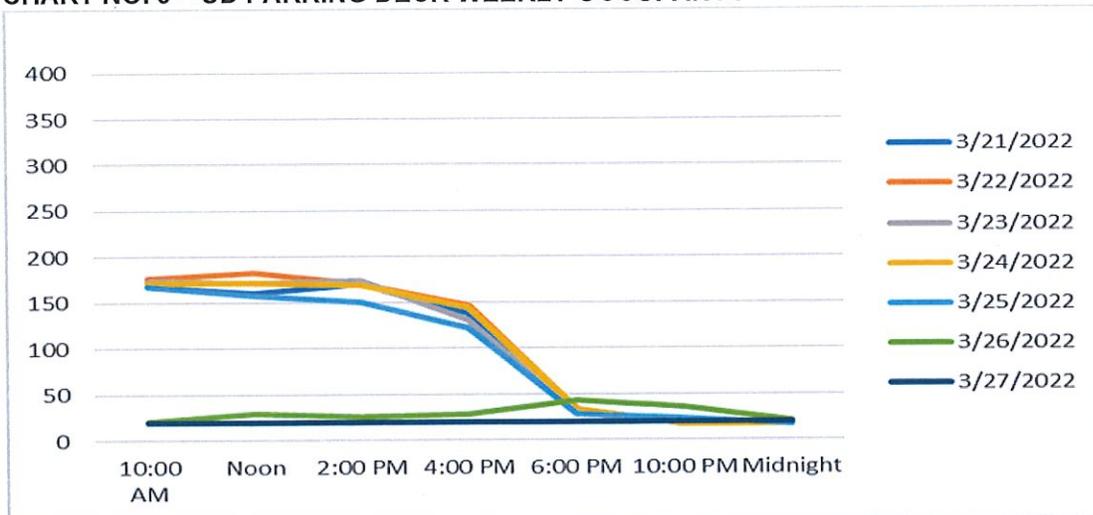


CHART NO. 3 – UD PARKING DECK WEEKLY OCCUPANCY



CENTRAL MAINTENANCE GARAGE REPAIR DATA

	Current Week	Previous Week
DCED	0	0
Engineering	0	0
Fire	1	2
Light	1	3
Parks & Recreation	3	9
Planning & Code	1	3
Police	5	6
Public Works	3	7
Wastewater	1	5
Water	3	5
Human Resources	0	0
Weekly Totals	18	40
Yearly Total	245	227

AFTER HOURS CALL BACKS

Monday, March 21, 2022 @ 4:30 PM: Report of missing stop sign at West Hillcrest and Woodland Way. Staff was called and replaced sign.

Wednesday, March 23, 2022 @ 8:00 PM: Dispatch notified of signal in flash at North Burhans Boulevard and West Church Street. Supervisor verified condition and staff reset signal to normal operation.

Friday, March 25, 2022 @ 7:30 PM: Dispatch reported shattered glass in street at 1150 Opal Court. Staff found broken auto glass along curb and removed it.

Saturday, March 26, 2022 @ 2:19 PM: Answering service reported a broken gate arm at the A&E parking deck. The driver accidentally drove through the center gate upon exiting and was still waiting on site for staff. A new gate arm was attached.

PARKS AND RECREATION

2022 Spring/Summer Parks & Rec Guide. The new Spring/Summer Program & Events guide is now available digitally and in print! The 20-page guide features upcoming events and programs in the parks, and all the fun things happening at the recreation facilities. View the new guide here: <https://en.calameo.com/read/00469930324a0b9b2ae01>

Fit Room. The Fit Room Calendar is attached with upcoming classes and rentals in April. There are no private rentals for this weekend.

University Plaza. The University Plaza Calendar is attached for the month of April. There is an event scheduled this Saturday, April 2nd from 1-7:30 p.m.

UTILITIES DEPARTMENT

WASTEWATER DIVISION

Wastewater Treatment Plant at Frederick Street

Date	Flow (mgd)	Rainfall (inches)
Wednesday, March 23, 2022	5.84	0.47
Thursday, March 24, 2022	5.63	0.02
Friday, March 25, 2022	5.48	0.00
Saturday, March 26, 2022	5.17	0.01
Sunday, March 27, 2022	5.37	0.00
Monday, March 28, 2022	5.41	0.00
Tuesday, March 29, 2022	5.43	0.00
Weekly – Avg. Flow / Total Rainfall	5.48	0.50
Mar - Avg. Flow/Total Rainfall	5.64	1.33

- Removed defective effluent pump VFD and installed new one.
- Seeded and put straw in area disturbed during underground (MagOx) leak repair.
- Replaced pump at plant drain pump station.
- Replaced WAS pump in basement of ASPS building
- Routine MVP Plant Work orders & Corrective Work Orders.

Wastewater Collection
SSES Weekly Progress

Activity	Districts	L. F. main	Feet of lateral	# inspected
CCTV Inspections	#5, 7, 14	665'	318'	9
Flushing	#17	5,125'		

Collection System Maintenance Tasks

- Sewer backup, 1533 Crestview, main line clear, flushed as a precaution, problem was on private side, cleared prior to our arrival.
- Sewer backup, 106 North Edgewood Drive, problem on the private side.
- Sewer backup, 304 Church Street, problem on the private side.
- Sewer backup, 613 Westwood, problem on the private side.
- Grinder pump, 1502 Kensington Drive, pulled and replaced pump.
- Broken flushing valve, 1929 Dual Highway, FCV on #27 FM, broken, repaired connection.
- Unit #508, replaced broken back light.
- PS #1, replaced bad float and cleaned wet well.
- PS #7, installed new drive unit, project complete.
- PS #10, installed new SCADA box.
- PS #24, removed old Motorola SCADA system.
- PS #27, replaced block heater.
- Cleaned breakroom, kitchen, restroom, office, pump shop and garage.
- General PS repair work.
- Collected flow data from Newgate.
- Unit #529, replaced loader wheel bracket on broom attachment.
- Unit #560, 592, performed general PM.
- Unit #589, replaced brakes and bad wheel bearing.
- Unit #591, installed salt spreader.
- Completed full-depth blacktop repairs at 213 and 220 Daycotah Avenue, 20 tons of base.

Wastewater Division – Customer Call Log Summary 2022							
Type	Blockages	Grinder Pumps	Odor Complaints	Flushing	WW Pump Station	Other	Totals
Weekly	2	1	1	0	0	5	9
YTD 2022	193	110	19	0	0	181	503

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.
- Collected NWWWS Program samples for CDC-LuminUltra COVID monitoring.
- Collected DI water parameter check samples.
- Completed sampler tubing maintenance.
- Completed monthly pretreatment surcharges for Berwick and Mack.
- Exchanged DI water mixed-bed tanks with Culligan.

WATER DIVISION

Plant Flows - System Demand (MGD)

<u>Date</u>	<u>Willson</u>	<u>Breichner</u>	<u>Total</u>
03/24/22	10.52		10.52
03/25/22	10.41		10.41
03/26/22	10.03		10.03
03/27/22	10.25		10.25
03/28/22	10.59		10.59
03/29/22	10.52		10.52
03/30/22	10.46		10.46
Average			10.40

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 3.05 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.
- Repairs were made to a main break on East Antietam Street.

Laboratory

- Process and regulatory testing were routine for the week.
- Collected DI water parameter check samples.
- Collected distribution line samples at Downsville Pike (Bacti & Chlorine).

Engineering

	<u>City</u>	<u>County</u>
Site Plans	1	-
Preliminary Plats	-	-
Grading Plan	-	-
Final Plat	-	-
Building Permits	15	1
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,



Scott A. Nicewarner
City Administrator

CRIME VICTIM'S RIGHTS AWARENESS COLOR SPLASH WALK

FREE---FREE--- OPEN TO THE PUBLIC ---FREE---FREE

This event is being held to bring awareness about various types of crime victims, to acknowledge the rights of victims, and to demonstrate as a community that no victim fights alone, no surviving family of a victim fights alone.

Your community is fighting with you, alongside you, supporting you.

Come as an individual, gather a team of friends or staff members
and come join together as a community for this event.

Wear a white shirt so the colors pop that day, and bring sunglasses or something to protect your eyes.
Feel free to make signs or posters representing crime victim awareness to carry along with you through
the walk if you choose.

Feel free to dress up creatively or create a team outfit for the event.

We do ask that any signs or posters not display profanity, derogatory language or statements, and not display offensive or sexual images. Additionally, clothing/fun outfits for that day must not expose intimate body areas.

<u>EVENT DATE</u> Friday April 29, 2022	<u>EVENT TIME</u> 1:00 pm (Approximately a 1 mile walk)	<u>EVENT LOCATION</u> Fairgrounds Park
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*The colors used for this walk will represent different crime victims. Blue – Child Abuse, Purple – Domestic Violence, Red – Substance Abuse, Orange – Gun Violence, Teal – Sexual Assault/Sexual Abuse, Green – Mental Health/Mental Illness

Any Questions? Contact Danielle Staley – MCIN Coordinator For Washington County
Email - dstaley@hagerstownpd.org or cell - 240-500-4765

Fit Room at Fairgrounds Park at Fairgrounds Park

Monthly Calendar For April 2022

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
					1 7p-8:15p Aerial Fitness, Stretch #7645	2 10:30a-11:30a Aerial Fitness, Tricks #7704
3 11a-12p Mind & Body: Gymnastics for Kids -- 7596 1p-2:15p Aerial Fitness, Stretch #7632	4 5:30p-6:30p Mind & Body: Embody Yoga, New Student -- 7523 7:15p-8:30p Belly Dance Technique & Choreography #7630	5	6 5:30p-6:30p Mind & Body: Embody Yoga, New Student -- 7523	7 4p-4:30p Arts & Entertainment: Princess Ballerina -- 7615 6:30p-7:30p Zumba #7741	8 7p-8:15p Mind & Body: Aerial Fitness, Stretch -- 7646	9 7a-2p Blocked for Yard Sales #3026
10 11a-12p Mind & Body: Gymnastics for Kids -- 7596 1p-5p Birthday party #3119	11 5:30p-6:30p Mind & Body: Embody Yoga, New Student -- 7523 7:15p-8:30p Belly Dance Technique & Choreography #7630	12	13 5:30p-6:30p Mind & Body: Embody Yoga, New Student -- 7523	14 4p-4:30p Arts & Entertainment: Princess Ballerina -- 7615 6:30p-7:30p Zumba #7741	15 8a-7p Block for Rentals 7p-8:15p Aerial Fitness, Stretch #7647	16 10:30a-11:30a Aerial Fitness, Tricks #7705 12p-9p Block for Rentals
17 9:30a-11a Gymnastics for Kids, intermediate #7754 11a-12p Gymnastics for Kids #7748 1p-2:15p Mind & Body: Aerial Fitness, Stretch -- 7633 3p-9p Block for Rentals	18 5:30p-6:30p Embody Yoga #7683 7:15p-8:30p Belly Dance Technique & Choreography #7630	19	20 5:30p-6:30p Embody Yoga #7683	21 4p-4:30p Arts & Entertainment: Princess Ballerina -- 7615 6:30p-7:30p Zumba #7741	22 7p-8:15p Mind & Body: Aerial Fitness, Stretch -- 7648	23 8a-3p 100-Miler Finale #3033 3p-10p Block Rentals for Final Walk Weekend
24 9:30a-11a Gymnastics for Kids, intermediate #7754 11a-12p Gymnastics for Kids #7748 1p-5p Square Dance #7760	25 5:30p-6:30p Embody Yoga #7683 7:15p-8:30p Belly Dance Technique & Choreography #7630	26	27 5:30p-6:30p Embody Yoga #7683	28 4p-4:30p Arts & Entertainment: Princess Ballerina -- 7615 6:30p-7:30p Zumba #7741	29 7p-8:15p Aerial Fitness, Stretch #7649	30 10:30a-11:30a Aerial Fitness, Tricks #7706

University Plaza at University Plaza

Monthly Calendar For April 2022

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
					1 9a-3:30p Summer Camp #3072	2 1p-7:30p Return to Jesus Evangelism, Music & Projector Show
3	4 9a-3:30p Summer Camp #3072	5 9a-3:30p Summer Camp #3072	6 9a-3:30p Summer Camp #3072	7 9a-3:30p Summer Camp #3072	8 9a-3:30p Summer Camp #3072	9
10	11 9a-3:30p Summer Camp #3072	12 9a-3:30p Summer Camp #3072	13 9a-3:30p Summer Camp #3072	14 9a-3:30p Summer Camp #3072	15 9a-3:30p Summer Camp #3072	16
17	18 9a-3:30p Summer Camp #3072	19 9a-3:30p Summer Camp #3072	20 9a-3:30p Summer Camp #3072	21 9a-3:30p Summer Camp #3072	22 11a-2p Rosc Recovers Community Resource Fair	23
24	25 9a-3:30p Summer Camp #3072	26 9a-3:30p Summer Camp #3072	27 9a-3:30p Summer Camp #3072	28 9a-3:30p Summer Camp #3072	29 9a-3:30p Summer Camp #3072 6p-8p Spoken Word Event (by Washington County Health Dept.)	30