

CITY OF HAGERSTOWN, MARYLAND

STATUS & INFORMATION REPORT NO. 18 FOR 2022



May 13, 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>.

MAY 2022						
<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 3pm Executive Session 4pm Work Session	4	5	6	7
8	9	10 4pm Executive Session 5pm Work Session 7pm Special Session & Public Hearings	11 4pm Hagerstown Planning Commission Meeting	12 4pm Board of Traffic & Parking Meeting 4:30pm Hagerstown Historic District Commission Meeting 7pm Board of Zoning Appeals Meeting	13	14
15	16	17 3:30pm Executive Session 4pm Work Session & Special Session	18	19	20	21
22	23	24 7pm Regular Session	25 7pm Hagerstown Planning Commission Meeting	26 4:30pm Hagerstown Historic District Commission Meeting	27	28
29	30 HOLIDAY CITY OFFICES CLOSED *Free Parking in City Parking Decks on 5/30/22	31 No M&C Meeting				

COMMUNICATIONS

This Week's Headlines & Media Releases:

- Labor Leaders, Delegates at Odds over Deputy Unionization Bill Failure
- Community's Top Health Priorities: Mental Health, Obesity, Addiction
- Man Facing Murder Charges gets Jail in Separate Bank Robbery Case
- Woman Shot in Stomach in Oak Hill Avenue Home
- Hagerstown Police get Biggest Raise in 30 Years; What it Means
- Hagerstown Man Charged in Sexual Assault Interrupted by Passerby Shooting into the Air
- Political Notes: Democratic Central Committee Dinner, 6th District GOP Debate
- Hagerstown Tax Rate Might Stay the Same, but Bills Could Still Go Up
- Washington County Delegation Touts Monetary Wins During Annual Post-Legislative Forum
- Woman Charged with Attempted Murder in Oak Hill Shooting
- Teen Charged in Weekend Homicide Case Involving Juveniles
- Herald-Mail Changing to Three-Day-a-Week Publication in July
- Press Release: Hatters Plaza Ribbon-Cutting Celebration
- Press Release: Imagine Hagerstown May 27
- Traffic Advisory: West Antietam Street
- Traffic Advisory: North Burhans Boulevard

This Week's Video Projects

- Mayor & City Council Work Session
- Mayor & City Council Special Session
- Mark Schwenk Hatters Plaza Aerial Artwork Video
- Skatepark Construction Progress Video

Channel 25 Hub City Now Programming:

- Mayor & Council Meeting
- "Council WRap"
- Imagine Hagerstown Amish Outlaws Promo
- Skatepark Construction Progress Video
- 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 9,618 user visits for the week of May 5-11, 2022.

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

• Home Page	2,578
• Utility Billing Page	995
• Online Payment Portal Page	709
• Police Page	343
• Parks & Recreation Page	216
• Bids Page	141
• Downtown Events Page	139
• City Park Train Hub Page	122
• Potterfield Pool Page	117
• Hager House Page	116

- Top searches

- "True"
- "Online payment portal"
- "Utility billing"
- "Police"
- "Building permits"

DEPARTMENT OF COMMUNITY & ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

Economic Development

- Staff were invited to present the Hagerstown Homeownership Initiative program to Remax on Oak Ridge Drive to their agents, and provided an overview of other development currently going on within the City which may assist with their sales.

Grand Openings & Anniversary Celebrations

- Two ribbon cutting ceremonies took place. The first was a celebration of The Arc of Washington County's Grand Re-Opening after major renovations had taken place at two of their buildings on their main campus; their primary administrative building, and "The Weinberg Day and Employment" building. These new state-of-the-art and energy-efficient facilities will better support direct staff and the clients they work with every day. Staff attending were: Executive Director: Troy Van Scoyoc Marketing & Events Manager: Kate Younkins
- President of ANW Wireless – Tyler Lamber welcomed customers and dignitaries to its grand opening of its new location at 12814-C Shank Farm Way, Hagerstown. Operating since 2002, ANW Wireless has been bringing awareness of the products, services, and network strength being offered by US Cellular.

Events

- Pre-event planning continues for upcoming Music on the Square, Art Walk, Imagine Hagerstown, Community Clean Up Day and Miss Maryland 2022.

ENGINEERING

1. **Parking Deck.** The third deck (working name "Hub City Garage") was reviewed by the Historic District Commission and obtained useful feedback as the design continues. The preliminary 3D rendering is attached.
2. **Cultural Trail.** The last phase is 100% complete and ready for Saturday's ribbon cutting.
3. **Hager House.** Repointing of the west wall is underway and is 60% complete. We are adding some other masonry work that is deteriorating on site by change orders.



4. **261 South Prospect Street.** Our department is taking over this project from the Community Development staff and hope to wrap it up over the next month or so. This property will then be sold.
5. **Pavement Markings:** Contractor installing pavement markings on newly paved streets along with maintenance of existing pavement markings

6. **Engineering Statistics**

Description	Week of 5/9/22	Calendar Year 2022 TOTALS
Traffic complaints received	5	137
Work Orders completed	4	125
Traffic counts completed	0	13
Construction Projects		
Description	Week of 5/9/22	Calendar Year 2022 TOTALS
Construction Projects advertised for bids	2	4
RFP's Advertised	0	5
Projects under construction	10	15
Projects completed	2	5

POLICE DEPARTMENT

STATS

Calls for Service:	1657	Field Interviews:	13
Arrests/Warrants Served:	19	Moving Violations:	19
Domestic Violence Calls:	13	Safety Repair Orders:	1
DUI Arrests:	1	Warnings:	42
Reports Filed:	115		

MEDIA RELEASE

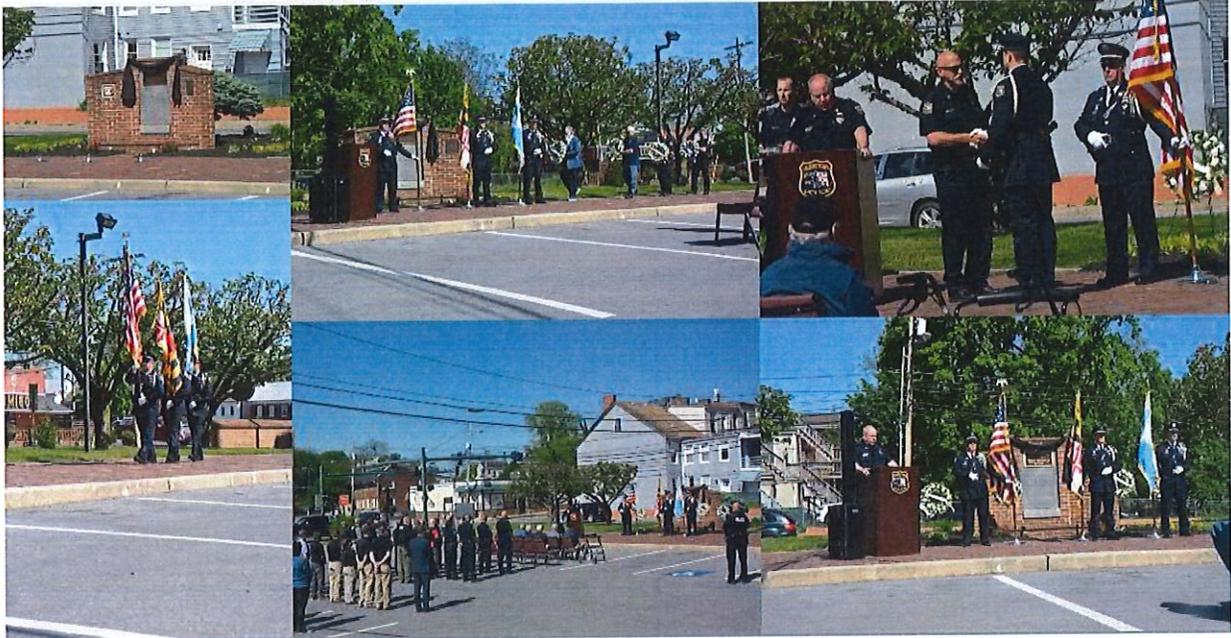
May 5, 2022: On Thursday, May 5, 2022, around 4:35 PM, officers responded to the 600 block of Oak Hill Avenue for a report of a shooting. Upon arrival, officers located a 43-year-old female victim suffering from a gunshot wound to the abdomen. The victim was transported to Meritus Medical Center for treatment of her injuries which are not believed to be life-threatening. Investigation revealed that the victim and the suspect were acquaintances and got into a physical altercation during which the victim was shot inside the common area of an apartment building. The suspect then fled the area. The investigation into this incident is continuing. Neither the victim's nor the suspect's identities are being released at this time. The victim is a resident of Hagerstown. Anyone with information on this incident is asked to contact Det. Tony Fleegal at afleegal@hagerstownpd.org or crimetip@hagerstownpd.org

Update – May 9, 2022: There is an active arrest warrant for Ashley Dawn Taylor, age 36 of Hagerstown, related to the Oak Hill Avenue shooting incident. Taylor and the victim were known to each. The two became involved in a dispute when Taylor produced a handgun and shot the victim in the stomach. If you have any information on the whereabouts of Ashley Dawn Taylor, please call 240-313-4345 or contact Det. Fleegal afleegal@hagerstownpd.org. She is charged with the following: Attempted 1st & 2nd Degree Murder; 1st & 2nd Degree Assault; Numerous handgun violations related to this incident.

Update: May 11, 2022: Ashley Dawn Taylor has been apprehended.

National Police Week: Wednesday marked the start of National Police Week which occurs annually in May. A ceremony was held outside of police headquarters to recognize the six HPD officers that have lost their lives in the line of duty and honor those still serving. This week is a time of remembrance all across the country for those that have made the ultimate sacrifice. Chief Kifer presented awards to multiple HPD officers for exceptional work done in the last year. All of the Department's officers work day in and day out to help keep the community safe. Their hard and dedication is sincerely appreciated. In addition, wreaths were presented by the Hagerstown Fraternal Order of Police, HPD retired employees, the Hagerstown Police Union, and HPD active employees in memory of HPD officers killed in the line of duty. Those officers remembered today include:

- Officer Charles Gall: End of Watch 10/10/1866
- Officer Murphy Flory: EOW 6/26/1901
- Officer John Middlekauff: EOW 8/17/1914
- Chief George Fridinger: EOW 2/28/1918
- Officer Lynwood Newcomer: EOW 6/3/1951
- Officer Donald Kline: EOW 12/13/1975



PUBLIC WORKS

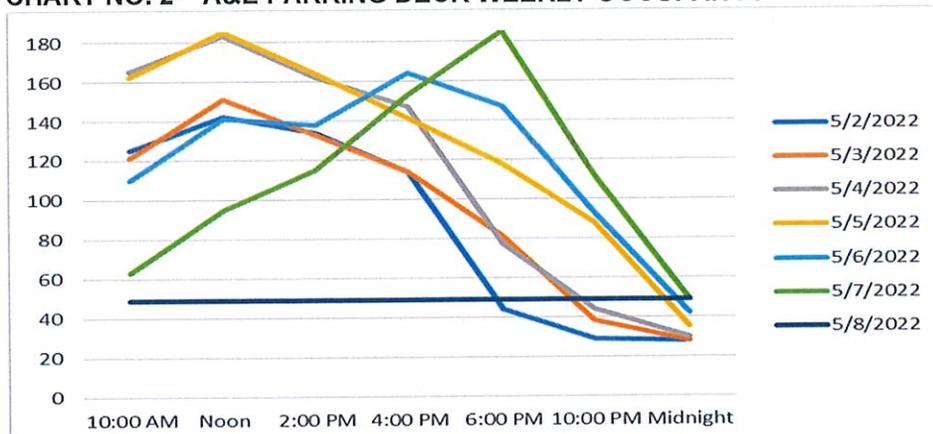
PUBLIC WORKS

CHART NO. 1 – GENERAL PARKING SYSTEM DATA

		Current Week	Previous Week
Number of Permit Holders	A & E Deck	181	183
	University District Deck	212	218
Number of Student Permits	Central, Market, Rochester Lots	45	49
Number of Patrons Using Decks	A & E Deck	2,025	1,916
	University District Deck	18	1,196
Number of Citations Issued Late Payment Notifications	(Includes Warnings)	274	344
		13	14
Peak Occupancy (%)	A & E Deck	100% Th @ Noon Sat @ 6 PM	100% Th @ Noon Fri @ 10 PM Sat @ 10 PM Sun @ 4 PM
Peak Occupancy (%)	University District Deck	N/A*	46% Th @ Noon*

*Data not available due to technical issues

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



CENTRAL MAINTENANCE GARAGE REPAIR DATA

	Current Week	Previous Week
DCED	0	0
Engineering	0	0
Fire	0	0
Light	2	2
Parks & Recreation	2	1
Planning & Code	0	1
Police	7	10
Public Works	6	2
Wastewater	2	0
Water	6	6
Human Resources	0	0
Weekly Totals	25	22
Yearly Total	363	338

AFTER HOURS CALL BACKS

Saturday, May 7, 2022 @ 1 PM: Report for stop sign down at S. Potomac St. & Sycamore St. Staff was called in to make repair.

Saturday, May 7, 2022 @ 3 PM: Report for signal on flash at W. Franklin St. & Jonathan St. Staff was called in to make repair.

Saturday, May 7, 2022 @ 7:30 PM: Alarm at A&E parking deck, showing deck as full, when in fact it was not. No tickets were being dispersed from station and gate arm would not go up to letting drivers enter the deck. Supervisor rebooted stations twice and no access to server. Issue could not be resolved; entrance gate was raised to allow entry and exit lanes were being raised when attendant left at midnight.

Sunday, May 8, 2022 @ 6:30 AM: Dispatch reported pump 2 at City shed gas station with a severed hose. Staff retrieved damaged nozzle and place out of order sign at pump. Repairs were addressed following business day.

PARKS AND RECREATION

Downtown Events. This Saturday, May 14, join the City for a Ribbon Cutting of the new Hatters Plaza at 11 a.m., followed by the Art Walk sponsored by BISFA. Art Walk takes place along the Cultural Trail to City Park until 4 p.m. See invitation to Ribbon Cutting attached.

Fit Room. The Fit Room Report is attached with upcoming classes and rentals in May. No private rentals are scheduled this weekend.

Outdoor Programs

- Walking to Wellness – Walking Group Meets every Wednesday at East Pavilion in Fairgrounds Park, Noon, May 4 – August 10.
- Saylor House Workshop: Plaster Wall Repairs & Finishing – Held at the Saylor House in Kiwanis Park, Fridays, 9 a.m. – 3 p.m., May 6-20.

University Plaza. The University Plaza Report is attached with upcoming events. Staff is confirming need for electricity and bathrooms for May 13 rental.

Virtual Programs

- Virtual Fitness, Monday – Friday, 6-7 p.m., April 11 – June 30

UTILITIES DEPARTMENT

ELECTRIC DIVISION

Service Calls

- Fri. 5/6 - 701 Northern Avenue – partial outage; large tree branch fell on primaries causing two fuses to operate. Time Out: 16.0-17.0

- Mon. 5/9 - Area of North Locust Street and Broadway – lines down; lines were found to belong to Antietam Broadband. Time Out: 18.7-19.4

- Tues. 5/10 - 76 East Irvin Avenue - wires arcing; the customer's service entrance cable was faulty and was advised to call an electrician for needed repairs.
Time Out: 16.6-18.1

Lamps Replaced	New Fixtures Added	Changeouts	Fixtures Removed
8	2	1	0

- Multiple permit reviews and service upgrade requests have been reviewed and/or completed by engineering staff. Underground locate requests have been performed across the system.

- Engineering staff completed multiple system improvement designs and submitted to Distribution for construction activities.

- The Staff Engineer resumed design work on three circuit upgrades to accommodate upcoming residential developments.

- Engineering staff received refurbished overhead transformer units and dispatched multiple units for refurbishment.

WASTEWATER DIVISION

Wastewater Treatment Plant at Frederick Street

Date	Flow (mgd)	Rainfall (inches)
Wednesday, May 4, 2022	7.73	0.56
Thursday, May 5, 2022	6.51	0.00
Friday, May 6, 2022	10.44	1.49
Saturday, May 7, 2022	15.63	0.98
Sunday, May 8, 2022	13.44	0.00
Monday, May 9, 2022	10.81	0.00
Tuesday, May 10, 2022	10.19	0.00
Weekly – Avg. Flow / Total Rainfall	10.68	3.03
May – Avg. Flow / Total Rainfall	9.26	3.58

- Worked with MTD to replace wiring, controls and VFD in PDPS.
- Worked with Suez to complete upgrade on UV equipment.
- Removed debris/obstruction from Final #4 scum pit.
- Continued pulling new Cat 6 and control wiring from UV PSU to PLC.
- Routine MVP Plant Work orders & Corrective Work Orders.

Wastewater Collection

SSES Weekly Progress

Activity	Districts	L. F. main	Feet of lateral	# inspected
CCTV Inspections	#4	301'	.8'	1
Flushing	#18	8,909'		

Collection System Maintenance Tasks

- New Unit #518 delivered, factory training for Josh Bussard, John Hepburn, Hunter Hamsher and Aaron Hammersmith.
- Collected Newgate flow data.
- Unit #527, replaced leaking front control valve.
- Completed final alley mat repair off Frederick Street, also completed final patch repair on Commonwealth Avenue.
- Drawdown testing.
- Continued station information gathering for new database.
- Hauled the old generator from station #17 back to drying beds to prepare for final sale at Cochran's Auction.
- Sewer backup, 512 Guilford Avenue, problem on the private side.
- Sewer backup, 29 Moller Avenue, problem on the private side.
- Sewer backup, 12419 Gemstone Court, overflowing manhole customer reported was actually storm drain.
- Grinder pump, 11205 Eastwood Drive, replaced pump, cleaned tank, owner brought in electrician for private side issue, repairs complete.
- General pump shop repair work.

Wastewater Division – Customer Call Log Summary 2022							
Type	Blockages	Grinder Pumps	Odor Complaints	Flushing	WW Pump Station	Other	Totals
Weekly	6	3	0	0	0	2	11
YTD 2022	208	118	19	0	0	213	558

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 pretreatment monitoring samples at HUB labels.
- Completed April Data Quality Entry and Analysis.
- Completed monthly pretreatment surcharges for Conagra and Berwick.
- Scheduled pretreatment sampling event with Sierra Nevada.

WATER DIVISION

Plant Flows - System Demand (MGD)

<u>Date</u>	<u>Willson</u>	<u>Breichner</u>	<u>Total</u>
05/05/22	10.70		10.70
05/06/22	10.16		10.16
05/07/22	9.98		9.98
05/08/22	10.14		10.14
05/09/22	10.52		10.52
05/10/22	10.81		10.81
05/11/22	11.38		11.38
Average:			10.53

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 4.22 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 a main break on Pennsylvania Avenue.

Laboratory

- Process and regulatory testing were routine for the week.
- Bacteriological monitoring for May is in progress.
- Collected samples for distribution monitoring – nitrification and Lachat analysis.
- Completed multiple new distribution line sample testings (Bacti & Chlorine).
- Collected customer requested sample at meter.
- Completed Quarter 1 Toxic Chemical Testing Report and processed WETT re-sample results.
- Attended MDWARN Q&A session.
- Collected composite sample from Lagoon discharge.

Engineering

	<u>City</u>	<u>County</u>
Site Plans	-	2
Preliminary Plats	-	-
Grading Plan	-	-
Final Plat	-	1
Building Permits	5	-
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,

Handwritten signature of Scott A. Nicewarner in blue ink.

Scott A. Nicewarner
City Administrator



YOU ARE INVITED TO THE
RIBBON CUTTING

CELEBRATING THE COMPLETION OF THE

**URBAN IMPROVEMENT PROJECT PLAZA
AND CULTURAL TRAIL PHASE II**

SATURDAY May 14th
11:00AM

HATTERS PLAZA
(behind the Maryland Theater)

Meet artist Mark Schwenk creator of the new art installation
and see the 26 new Faces of Hagerstown photo murals

Then stay for the
ART WALK

Hosted by the
BARBARA INGRAM SCHOOL FOR THE ARTS FOUNDATION
until 4:00PM

Enjoy art exhibits, children's crafts,
food trucks, and so much more.
Free admission and open to the public!

Fit Room at Fairgrounds Park at Fairgrounds Park

Monthly Calendar For May 2022

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1 9:30a-11a Gymnastics for Kids, intermediate #7754 11a-12p Gymnastics for Kids #7748 1p-2:15p Aerial Fitness, Stretch #7634	2 5:30p-6:30p Embody Yoga #7683 7:15p-8:30p Belly Dance Technique & Choreography #7630	3 7p-8:30p Social Square Dance #7766	4 5:30p-6:30p Embody Yoga #7683	5 4p-4:30p Princess Ballerina #7693 4:45p-5:15p Ballet & Acro #7702 6:30p-7:30p Zumba #7741	6 7p-8:15p Aerial Fitness, Stretch #7650	7 10:30a-11:30a Aerial Fitness, Tricks #7707
8 9:30a-11a Gymnastics for Kids, intermediate #7754 11a-12p Gymnastics for Kids #7748	9 5:30p-6:30p Embody Yoga #7683 7:15p-8:30p Belly Dance Technique & Choreography #7630	10 11a-4p Fed Ex Hiring Event 7p-8:30p Social Square Dance #7766	11 5:30p-6:30p Embody Yoga #7683	12 4p-4:30p Princess Ballerina #7693 4:45p-5:15p Ballet & Acro #7702 6:30p-7:30p Zumba #7741	13 11a-2p CPR and First Aid #7736 7p-8:15p Aerial Fitness, Stretch #7651	14 10:30a-11:30a Aerial Fitness, Tricks #7708
15 9:30a-11a Gymnastics for Kids, intermediate #7755 11a-12p Gymnastics for Kids #7749 1p-2:15p Aerial Fitness, Stretch #7635	16 5:30p-6:30p Embody Yoga #7683	17 7p-8:30p Social Square Dance #7766	18 5:30p-6:30p Embody Yoga #7683	19 4p-4:30p Princess Ballerina #7693 4:45p-5:15p Ballet & Acro #7702 6:30p-7:30p Zumba #7742	20 7p-8:15p Aerial Fitness, Stretch #7652	21 10:30a-11:30a Aerial Fitness, Tricks #7709
22 9:30a-11a Gymnastics for Kids, intermediate #7755 11a-12p Gymnastics for Kids #7749 1p-5p Square Dance #7761	23 5:30p-6:30p Embody Yoga #7683	24 7p-8:30p Social Square Dance #7766	25 5:30p-6:30p Embody Yoga #7683	26 4p-4:30p Princess Ballerina #7693 4:45p-5:15p Ballet & Acro #7702 6:30p-7:30p Zumba #7742	27 7p-8:15p Aerial Fitness, Stretch #7653	28 10:30a-11:30a Aerial Fitness, Tricks #7710
29 9:30a-11a Gymnastics for Kids, intermediate #7755 11a-12p Gymnastics for Kids #7749 1p-2:15p Aerial Fitness, Stretch #7636	30	31 7p-8:30p Social Square Dance #7767				

University Plaza at University Plaza

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1	2	3	4	5	6	7
8	9	10	11	12	13 3p-5p BISFA Family Reunion	14
15	16	17 8a-8p Blocked for Final Testing #3127	18	19	20 11a-2p Drug Court Graduation	21
22	23 8a-8p Blocked for USMH Graduation #3126	24 8a-8p Blocked for USMH Graduation #3126	25 8a-8p Blocked for USMH Graduation #3126	26 8a-8p Blocked for USMH Graduation #3126	27 1p-10p Imagine Hagerstown Fourth Friday	28
29	30	31				