

CITY OF HAGERSTOWN, MARYLAND STATUS & INFORMATION REPORT NO. 31 FOR 2022



August 12, 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>.

AUGUST 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	4	5	6	7
		2pm Work Session 3pm Executive Session 6-8pm National Night Out @ Fairgrounds Park				
8	9	10	11	12	13	14
		3pm Executive Session 4pm Special Session & Work Session	4pm Hagerstown Planning Commission Meeting	4pm Board of Traffic & Parking Meeting 4:30pm Hagerstown District Commission Meeting 7pm Board of Zoning Appeals Meeting		
15	16	17	18	19	20	21
	3pm Executive Session 4pm Work Session					
22	23	24	25	26	27	28
	7pm Regular Session		4:30pm Hagerstown District Commission Meeting			
29	30	31				
	No M&C Meeting	7pm Hagerstown Planning Commission Meeting				

COMMUNICATIONS

This Week's Headlines & Media Releases:

- Father, Son Charged with Attempted Murder in July Stabbing
- How's the Job Market? Unemployment Rate and Labor Force Totals are Up
- Meritus Receives 'High Performing Hospital' Rating in Five Areas
- Health Department Offering Protein-Based COVID Vaccine
- Person Dies after Being Shot 'Multiple Times'; Police Seeking Suspect
- Meritus to Close Mass Vaccination Site, Expand Mobile Clinic
- 37 Votes Separate Sheriff's Candidates. Will There be a Recount?
- Stadium Authority: Hagerstown Stadium Project Dead without Car Wash
- Police: Man Stabbed Son's Friend During Fight
- Have You Tried 'Bubble' Tea? New Tea Shop is Brimming with New Flavors
- Less Food to Give Out: Local Food Pantry among Many Struggling
- Press Release: Royal Tea Boba & Sweets
- Press Release: Community Yard Sale This Saturday
- Traffic Advisory: N. Mulberry & Jefferson Streets
- Traffic Advisory: Krumpe's Don-nut Alley Rally
- Traffic Advisory: East Avenue
- Yard Waste Advisory: Zone A Collection Delayed

This Week's Video Projects

- Mayor & Council Special & Work Sessions
- "Council WRap" Segment
- Skatepark Construction Progress Video

Channel 25 Hub City Now Programming:

- Mayor, Council & City Administrator Comments
- "Council WRap"
- Mayor Keller & Chief Kifer Facebook Live Video
- "Spring Sprouts" Testimonial Videos
- HYC "Environment" Video
- Imagine Hagerstown Fourth Friday Promo
- Skatepark Construction Progress Video
- PayByPhone Videos
- First Hose Company of Hagerstown Museum Video Series
- "Council WRap" Promo
- Potterfield Pool :30 Spot
- Fit Room :30 Spot
- Hagerstown Greens at Hamilton Run :30 Spot
- MTA Commuter Connection

City Website:

- www.hagerstownmd.org attracted 10,264 user visits for the week of August 4-10, 2022.

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

• Home Page	2,853
• Utility Billing Page	893
• Online Payment Portal Page	627
• Potterfield Pool Page	357
• Police Page	343
• Parks & Recreation Page	181
• Hager House Page	124
• Community Yard Sale Page	122
• Downtown Events Page	118
• Firefighters Page	112

- Top searches
 - "True"
 - "Online payment portal"
 - "Police"
 - "Parks & recreation"
 - "Codes-ordinances"

COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT

1. Farmers Market Week will be celebrated at the Historic City Farmers Market at University Plaza on Saturday from 8AM-Noon. FREE milk giveaway from Deliteful Dairy!
2. Staff held several interviews for Event Planner position. We hope to make a decision by early next week.
3. Staff attended the *High Rock: Momentum Marketing Conference* at Warehouse Cinemas-Frederick and learned about the value of social media and new trends.
4. Staff attended the WCPS Educators Reception at Williamsport High School to welcome new teachers to the area.
5. Staff met with A&E Advisory Council.
6. The following are events happening this weekend:



What's happening this weekend in



Saturday, August 13

- 7:00 AM Annual Community Yard Sale**
Fairgrounds Park
- 8:00 AM Historic City Farmers Market**
University Plaza
- 10:00 AM "A Summer for Fantasy & Fancy" Exhibit**
Washington County Arts Council
- 11:00 AM STEAM Saturday: Liquid Nitrogen Ice Cream**
Discovery Station
- Family Fun Workshops: Make Your Own Clock**
Wash Co Historical Society
- City Clean Up**
Unite: Project Hagerstown - 25 W Church Street
- 2:00 PM Legally Blonde the Musical JUNIOR presented by Authentic Community Theatre**
Maryland Theatre
- 3:00 PM Sam Stilwell & Amanda Wilkens**
Prohibition Hub
- 6:00 PM Lucky Stiff**
Washington County Playhouse
- 7:30 PM Legally Blonde the Musical presented by Authentic Community Theatre**
Maryland Theatre
- 8:00 PM Luke Johnson Band**
Prohibition Hub

What's happening this weekend in



Sunday, August 14

- 2:00 PM Second Hand Reggae**
Prohibition Hub
- 3:00 PM Ruthann V. Monroe Summer Basketball League**
Wheaton Park
- 4:00 PM Boho Macrame Class**
The Foundry
- 7:00 PM Hagerstown Municipal Band**
City Park



DEPARTMENT OF COMMUNITY & ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

Economic Development

1. 8/10/22 – Staff presented to the Hagerstown Rotary an economic development update on recently completed and upcoming developments in Hagerstown.
2. 8/11/22 – Staff attended the Washington County Chamber of Commerce Business Summit focused on small business and non-profit trainings focused on human resources, accounting, finance and leadership.
3. Staff performed a walkthrough of The Rosalyn building at 17-21 East Franklin Street. This was a City Center Grant and Student Housing Grant recipient. Staff noted the vast improvement in quality of life for prospective residential tenants, and will be happy to highlight this as an example of success for the Invest Hagerstown Program.

ENGINEERING

1. **Stadium.** The Maryland Stadium Authority reported that they have agreed to a purchase price for the car wash and work is back on track. We expect City items to be removed and Hood Street to be closed around early September.
2. **City Park Bandshell.** Work on renovations to this structure will begin early September.
3. **Salem Avenue at Rhode Island Safety Beacon.** In partnership with Washington County Public Schools, we designed a pedestrian beacon and crosswalk for students to cross Salem Avenue. This was put out to bid this week.
4. **Police Athletic League Roof.** Staff advertised for bids to replace the large overhanging roof that is part of the grandstand building.
5. **Engineering Statistics**

Description	Week of 8/08/22	Calendar Year 2022 TOTALS
Traffic complaints received	2	198
Work Orders completed	1	178
Traffic counts completed	3	24
Construction Projects		
Description	Week of 8/08/22	Calendar Year 2022 TOTALS
Construction	0	6
Projects advertised for bids		
RFP's Advertised	1	6
Projects under construction	9	--
Projects completed	2	10

POLICE DEPARTMENT

Calls for Service:	1605	Field Interviews:	13
Arrests/Warrants Served:	35	Moving Violations:	17
Domestic Violence Calls:	21	Safety Repair Orders:	0
DUI Arrests:	2	Warnings:	35
Reports Filed:	164		

National Night Out: The Hagerstown Police Department assisted with coordination of the recent annual National Night Out at Fairgrounds Park. The event was well attended with 50 vendors and over 1,000 citizens.



Cannon Avenue Update: On Monday, City staff met with management of Sheetz, McDonald's, CVS and Dollar General all located in the Cannon Avenue area. Attendees included Mayor Keller, Councilmember Bruchey, the City Administrator and staff from Public Works, Engineering and Police. Representatives from the Washington County Health Department also attended. The group discussed a plan to address the on-going quality of life issues that surround these businesses. The staff and business management had an open and honest discussion about how to make this area more desirable for our community.

This year alone, HPD has responded to these stores a total of 1,172 times. The Department has been working hard to handle incidents in these locations, proactively patrolling the area and still handling calls for the remainder of the city. So far in 2022 HPD have handled 50,593 calls for service, approximately 230 calls a day. The call volume in the Cannon Avenue area is a strain on resources but the Department will continue to do what we can for the businesses and residents in this area.

Media Releases:

Friday, August 5, 2022: On August 5, 2022 at about 11:06 p.m., officers responded to the area of the 1400 Haven Road for a report of a homicide. Upon arrival, they located a deceased victim in the parking lot of the Stone Ridge Apartments and Townhomes. The victim had been shot multiple times. It is believed that the shooting resulted from a verbal argument earlier in the night that escalated once the suspect and victim came in contact with each other at the parking lot. Officers and detectives were able to identify a vehicle involved and several leads that are currently being investigated. The Hagerstown Police Department asks that anyone with information related to this incident contact Detective Fleegal of the Criminal Investigation Unit at 301-790-3700 ext. 245 or afleegal@hagerstownpd.org.

Update (8/8/2022): HPD has identified the victim as Taron Shawnta Trice, 44 years old from Silver Springs, Maryland. The suspect is a 16 year old juvenile being charged as an adult. He has been identified as Ty Shan Jerome Dotson of Hagerstown, Maryland. Trice and Dotson had a verbal altercation earlier in the evening. At some point, Dotson located Trice in the parking lot of the Stone Ridge Apartments and Townhomes and shot Trice multiple times. There does not appear to be any connection to the apartment complex because neither subject resides there. An arrest warrant has been issued for Ty Shan Dotson, but his location is unknown at this time. The handgun has not been located and Dotson is believed to be armed and dangerous. If anyone comes in contact with him, please dial 911. Charges include: 1st degree murder, 2nd degree murder, 1st degree assault, 2nd degree assault, and handgun violations.

Update (8/9/2022): Ty Shan Dotson turned himself in at the Hagerstown Police Department on 8/9/22. He was subsequently transported to the Washington County Detention Center.

Saturday, August 6, 2022: On August 6, 2022 at about 7:53 p.m., officers responded to the area of the 121 East Washington Street for two stabbing victims. Both victims were transported to Meritus Medical Center. One victim sustained minor injuries. However, the second victim later died at Meritus Medical Center. An investigation determined that a father-son domestic disturbance was the initial cause of the altercation that led to one victim sustaining lacerations to the hands and another victim being stabbed in the chest. Thomas Auguster Dorsey DOB: 03/30/1964 was identified as the suspect in this incident and has been charged with first degree murder, second degree murder, two counts of first degree assault, two counts of second degree assault, and two count of reckless endangerment. The Hagerstown Police Department asks that anyone with additional information related to this incident contact Detective Weaver of the Criminal Investigation Unit at 301-790-3700 ext. 237 or sweaver@hagerstownpd.org.

PUBLIC WORKS

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CHART NO. 1 – GENERAL PARKING SYSTEM DATA

		Current Week	Previous Week
Number of Permit Holders	A & E Deck	189	189
	University District Deck	197	197
Number of Student Permits	Central, Market, Rochester Lots	40	40
Number of Patrons Using Decks	A & E Deck	1467	1370
	University District Deck	1357	1009
Number of Citations Issued	(Includes Warnings)	227	228
Late Payment Notifications		6	6
Peak Occupancy (%)	A & E Deck	100% Sa @ 6 PM	57% Th @ Noon
Peak Occupancy (%)	University District Deck	39% Tu @ 10 AM	43% Th @ Noon

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

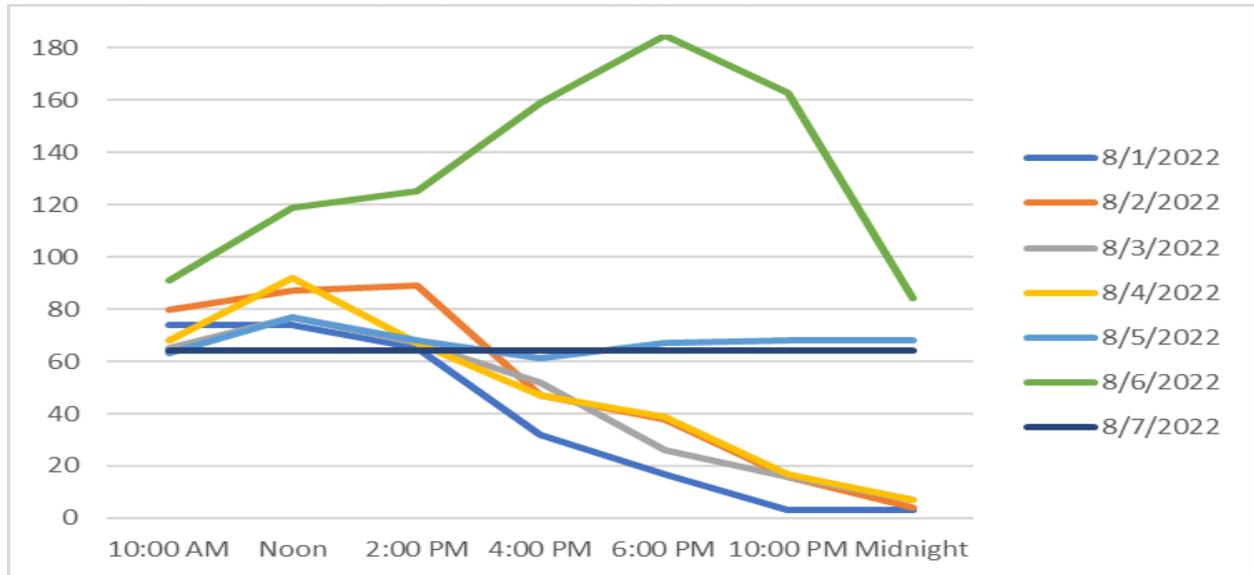
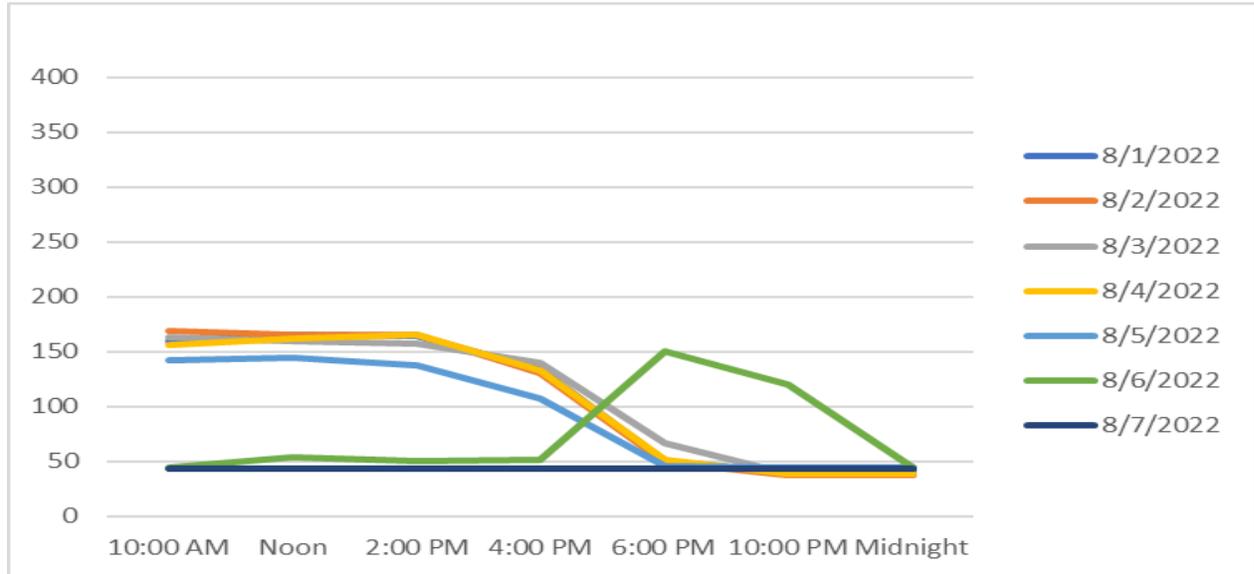


CHART NO. 3 – UD PARKING DECK WEEKLY OCCUPANCY



CENTRAL MAINTENANCE GARAGE REPAIR DATA

	Current Week	Previous Week
DCED	0	0
Planning & Code	1	1
Fire	1	2
Engineering	0	0
Parks & Recreation	2	1
Public Works	5	1
Police	3	8
Water	4	14
Wastewater	1	3
Light	2	2
Human Resources	0	0
Weekly Totals	19	32
Yearly Total	631	612

AFTER HOURS CALL BACKS

Friday, August 5, 2022 @ 8:30 PM: The parking deck attendant reported credit card machines at both decks rejecting payments. Staff investigated and found out that City internet was down. Gate arms were raised for remainder of night and signs were posted on pay stations to inform patrons.

Saturday, August 6, 2022 @ 7:12 AM: Internet was back in service. Staff was called in to lower gate arms at the parking decks and remove out of order signs.

Saturday, August 6, 2022 @8:30 PM: The parking deck attendant reported PayOnFoot machine was not working. Staff found a jammed dollar bill and removed it from the machine. The machine rebooted itself and the system returned to working order.

PARKS AND RECREATION

Events

- Krumpe’s Do-Nut Alley Rally 5k is this Friday, August 12 with a 7:30 p.m. race time start.
- The annual Community Yard Sale at Fairgrounds Park happens this Saturday, August 13, in the stables from 7 a.m. – 2 p.m.

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

Golf Course. In partnership with the YMCA, the Course is hosting a Youth Golf Camp this week from August 8-12.

Outdoor Fitness Programs

- Aqua Yoga at Potterfield Pool:
 - Tuesdays, 6:15-7:15 p.m., June 21 – August 23
- Aqua Zumba at Potterfield Pool:
 - Saturdays, 10–11 a.m., through August 20; rain make-up date Sunday, August 21
 - Mondays, 6:30-7:30 p.m., through August 22
- *Walking to Wellness – this group has temporarily moved to the HCC to use the indoor walking loop due to heat*

Potterfield Pool

- This Friday, August 12, is US Cellular Day at the pool from 12:30-2:30 p.m. US Cellular and Ryan Smetzer from Alpha Media will be on site to do live radio promotions, giveaways, and first 100 kids will receive a free popsicle.

University Plaza

- City Outdoor Farmers Market this Saturday, August 13 from 8 a.m. - Noon

Virtual Programs

- Virtual Fitness, July 7 – October 1:
 - Mondays – Thursdays, 6-7 p.m.
 - Saturdays, 10–11 a.m.

UTILITIES DEPARTMENT

ELECTRIC DIVISION

Service Calls

- Thur. 8/4 - 246 Summit Avenue – partial outage; lineman checked all HLD facilities and voltage and found issue to be internal. Advised customer to contact electrician for needed repairs. Time Out: 16.4-17.1
- Sat. 8/6 - Buena Vista Avenue and West Washington Street – pole damaged; vehicle struck utility pole in accident however, lineman found no damaged to any HLD facilities. Time Out: 14.5-15.1
- Mon. 8/8 - 200 West Franklin Street – pole damaged; street light was struck in vehicle accident. Lineman removed street temporarily until follow repairs and replacement were completed the following business day. Time Out: 22.8-23.1
- 1034 Concord Street – house fire; service was disconnected and meter was removed at request of Code Enforcement. Time Out: 18.0-18.4
- 419 Michigan Avenue – lines down; lines were found to belong to Antietam Cable Television. Time Out: 16.6-17.0
- Wed. 8/10 - 200 Northern Avenue – pole damaged; vehicle struck utility pole in accident. Pole was found to belong to Potomac Edison company and they were notified of needed repairs. Time Out: 18.2-18.4

Lamps Replaced	New Fixtures Added	Changeouts	Fixtures Removed
11	0	4	0

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 continued design of multiple projects requiring modifications and additions to the HLD utility electric system.

WASTEWATER DIVISION

Wastewater Treatment Plant at Frederick Street

Date	Flow (mgd)	Rainfall (inches)
Wednesday, August 3, 2022	5.18	0.00
Thursday, August 4, 2022	5.15	0.06
Friday, August 5, 2022	5.02	0.06
Saturday, August 6, 2022	4.86	0.00
Sunday, August 7, 2022	4.82	0.00
Monday, August 8, 2022	4.84	0.08
Tuesday, August 9, 2022	4.98	0.06
Weekly – Avg. Flow/Total Rainfall	4.98	0.20
Aug – Avg. Flow/Total Rainfall	5.05	0.27

- Rebuilt #2 Digester feed pump.
- Troubleshoot of loss of communication on PLC 1-1.
- Rebuilt/replaced condensate drains on air storage tanks.
- Rebuilt WAS pump #2 in ASPS.
- Routine MVP Plant Work orders & Corrective Work Orders.

Wastewater Collection

SSES Weekly Progress

Activity	Districts	L. F. main	Feet of lateral	# inspected
CCTV Inspections	#10, 17	1,758'	420'	10
Flushing	#22	2,030'		

Collection System Maintenance Tasks

- Mowed all lift stations.
- Grinder pump, 11131 Eastwood Drive, pulled and replaced pump due to grease.
- Sewer backup, 7 Lehigh Drive, flushed main line problem on the private side.
- Collected Newgate data.
- General pump shop repair work.
- Began PS #23 SCADA/Control project.
- Completed final patches that were still on the books.
- Sprayed weeds at stations.
- Flushed trouble spots.

Wastewater Division – Customer Call Log Summary 2022

Type	Blockages	Grinder Pumps	Odor Complaints	Flushing	WW Pump Station	Other	Totals
Weekly	0	3	0	0	0	7	9
YTD 2022	229	14	22	0	0	264	661

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.
- Completed weekly QC (pH, Cl, Conductivity) on DI water.
- Collected monthly HPC samples on DI water.
- Collected NWWWS Program samples for CDC-Biobot COVID monitoring.
- Collected environmental samples from Hamilton Run.
- Lachat returned and repaired.
- Completed sampler tubing maintenance.
- Exchanged DI water mixed-bed tanks with Culligan; exchanged conductivity light; discussed tank upgrades due to bed depletion.

WATER DIVISION

Plant Flows - System Demand (MGD)

<u>Date</u>	<u>Willson</u>	<u>Breichner</u>	<u>Total</u>
08/04/22	11.58		11.58
08/05/22	11.06		11.06
08/06/22	10.99		10.99
08/07/22	11.75		11.75
08/08/22	12.07		12.07
08/09/22	11.65		11.65
08/10/22	11.43		11.43
Average			11.50

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

- Staff worked on facility maintenance and routine preventative maintenance.
- Staff installed level controller on Fluoride bulk tank at R.C. Willson.

Water Production at Breichner / Edgemont Reservoir. The Edgemont Reservoir pool elevation is currently at 2.03 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.
- Collected samples and sent out results for LCRR 2022 analysis.
- Collected samples for August Bacteriological Monitoring.
- Preparation for upcoming inspection is in progress.
- Collected one new line test bacteriological sample set.
- Completed one customer concern sampling and testing.
- Technician completed Water Sampler Certification renewal course.
- Collected composite sample from lagoon discharge.
- Collected 3rd Quarter Disinfection By-Products (TTHM/ HAA5) samples.

Engineering

	<u>City</u>	<u>County</u>
Site Plans	-	-
Preliminary Plats	-	-
Grading Plan	-	-
Final Plat	-	-
Building Permits	-	-
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, with a large loop at the end of the last name.

Scott A. Nicewarner
City Administrator