

# CITY OF HAGERSTOWN, MARYLAND STATUS & INFORMATION REPORT NO. 32 FOR 2022



August 19, 2022

To Mayor Keller and Members of the City Council:

<b>UPCOMING MEETINGS</b>
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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						
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>						
Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	1	2 2pm Work Session 3pm Executive Session 6-8pm National Night Out @ Fairgrounds Park	3	4	5	6
7	8	9 3pm Executive Session 4pm Special Session & Work Session	10 4pm Hagerstown Planning Commission Meeting	11 4pm Board of Traffic & Parking Meeting 4:30pm Hagerstown District Commission Meeting 7pm Board of Zoning Appeals Meeting	12	13
14	15	16 3pm Executive Session 4pm Work Session	17	18	19	20
21	22	23 7pm Regular Session	24	25 4:30pm Hagerstown District Commission Meeting	26	27
28	29	30 No M&C Meeting	31 7pm Hagerstown Planning Commission Meeting			

## COMMUNICATIONS

### **This Week's Headlines & Media Releases:**

- Downtown Business Owner on Drug Abuse: 'Why Do We Put Up with This?'
- Bond Hearing Continued for Hagerstown Teen Charged in Shooting Death
- Health Department Offering Protein-Based COVID Vaccine
- Gaming Commission Doles Out More Than \$2.5 Million to Nonprofit Causes
- Local Superfund Sites among Those that may Benefit from Oil Excise Tax
- Suspects in 2 Incidents Tried to Grab Officers' Guns, Police Say
- Maryland Hospitals Dealing with 'Critical Staffing Shortage'
- Hagerstown Police Seek Hedgesville Man in Sunday Hotel Shooting
- Washington County Health Systems Prepare for Monkeypox Threat
- One in Eight Local Families Struggle to Stay Fed. Here's How to Help
- Homeless Man Gets Plea Deal for October Stabbing
- Hagerstown Teen to Remain at Adult Jail
- Traffic Advisory: Liberty Street
- Traffic Advisory: S. Potomac St. – Wind Down Friday

### **This Week's Video Projects**

- Mayor & Council Special & Work Sessions
- "Council WRap" Segment
- City Park Video Footage
- Preliminary Work on Maryland Theatre Century Club Video

### **Channel 25 Hub City Now Programming:**

- Mayor & Council Meeting
- "Council WRap"
- "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](http://www.hagerstownmd.org) attracted 9,823 user visits for the week of August 11-17, 2022.

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

• Home Page	2,641
• Utility Billing Page	833
• Online Payment Portal Page	573
• Police Page	369
• Potterfield Pool Page	263
• Parks & Recreation Page	209
• Community Yard Sale Page	173
• Downtown Events Page	138
• Firefighters Page	112
• City Park Page	103

- Top searches

- "True"
- "Online payment portal"
- "Police"
- "Parks & recreation"
- "How to use Invoice Cloud"

## COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT

1. Wind Down: Dog Days of Summer – Friday, August 19<sup>th</sup> from 6-9PM on South Potomac Street
2. IMAGINE Hagerstown: End of Summer Celebration – Friday, August 26<sup>th</sup> from 4-9PM at University Plaza
3. Staff submitted a Washington County Arts Council grant.
4. We have over 20 vendors registered for Makers Market on November 19<sup>th</sup>
5. The following is a list of weekend events:

*What's happening this weekend in* **DOWNTOWN HAGERSTOWN**  
A Maryland Main Street Community

*Friday, August 19*

- 11:00 AM "A Summer for Fantasy & Fancy" Exhibit** - Wash Co Arts Council
- 6:00 PM Wind Down: Dog Days of Summer** - South Potomac Street
- 7:00 PM Clue On Stage** - ACT Black Box Studio
- 8:00 PM Jo Blues** - Prohibition Hub

*Saturday, August 20*

- 8:00 AM Volkswagen Car, Bicycle & Vintage Motorcycle Show** - Fairgrounds Park
- 10:00 AM "A Summer for Fantasy & Fancy" Exhibit** - Wash Co Arts Council
- 11:00 AM Family Fun Workshops: Make Your Own Clock** - Wash Co Historical Society
- Angelo & Marie's Fantastic Bubble Show** - Discovery Station
- 3rd Saturday Brunch Therapy with Owoblo Arts** - Blooms Alley
- 1:00 PM Angelo & Marie's Fantastic Bubble Show** - Discovery Station
- 3:00 PM Rob Lightner** - Prohibition Hub
- 7:00 PM Clue On Stage** - ACT Black Box Studio
- 8:00 PM Krazy Monkey Karaoke** - Prohibition Hub

*Sunday, August 21*

- 2:00 PM Mommy & Me Adore Dolls Tea Party** - 101 E Baltimore St.  
**Luke Johnson** - Prohibition Hub
- 3:00 PM Ruthann V. Monroe Summer Basketball League** - Wheaton Park
- 7:00 PM Hagerstown Municipal Band** - City Park

## DEPARTMENT OF COMMUNITY & ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

### Economic Development

1. Staff conducted a Downtown walking tour, and City-Wide driving tour for recent hires to the Department, highlighting current Economic Development projects and annexations in process.
2. Staff completed settlement of the Market House property located at 25 West Church Street with Hub City Brewing LLC. The sale of the building and parking lot were completed and deeds will be recorded under the new owner. David Blackmon anticipates an aggressive six-month redevelopment of the property before opening their doors.

**Community Development**

1. The Hagerstown Revolving Loan Fund closed a business loan with MarketPlace, LLC for new projects Hub City Brewing, Church Street Distilling Co., and Slate Hill Winery to be located at 25 West Church Street!

**ENGINEERING**

1. **Skatepark.** Three weeks to go until the new Skatepark opens, so the last minute rush of activity is occurring including final concrete pours, grading, synthetic turf installation, murals on two pieces, and of course planning for the grand opening on September 10<sup>th</sup>.
2. **Collegiate Acres Speed Boards.** Staff met with neighborhood representatives who indicated they bought six radar boards for the City to install in their neighborhood. We are working through the details of this request.

3. **Engineering Statistics**

Description	Week of 8/15/22	Calendar Year 2022 TOTALS
Traffic complaints received	2	200
Work Orders completed	2	180
Traffic counts completed	0	24
Construction Projects		
Description	Week of 8/15/22	Calendar Year 2022 TOTALS
Construction Projects advertised for bids	0	6
RFP's Advertised	1	6
Projects under construction	9	--
Projects completed	2	10

**POLICE DEPARTMENT**

Calls for Service:	1507	Field Interviews:	9
Arrests/Warrants Served:	37	Moving Violations:	21
Domestic Violence Calls:	19	Safety Repair Orders:	0
DUI Arrests:	1	Warnings:	50
Reports Filed:	140		

**Bike Patrol:** As part of the Department's community engagement and policing efforts, officers are patrolling downtown on bicycles. The focus area includes Church Street to Antietam Street and Prospect Street to Cannon Avenue.



**Incidents:** This week there were two separate incidents where suspects attempted to disarm officers. The first one occurred on August 11 in the first block of East Avenue on a mental-health related call where the officer was assessing the situation. The officer suspected that the subject was also under the influence of CDS. The subject became assaultive and the officer and suspect ended up on the ground with the male attempting to get the officer's gun out of the holster. The officer was able to radio for assistance. While backup was on the way, the officer deployed his taser and eventually was able to get the suspect under control. The officer sustained a cut to his head and was treated and released from Meritus Hospital. The suspect was also transported to the hospital and eventually taken to the Washington County Detention Center on criminal charges related to this event.

The second incident also occurred on August 11. Officers were dispatched to the first block of North Locust Street for a suspicious vehicle where the subjects were believed to be dealing CDS. On arrival, the subjects in the vehicle fled on foot. One of the officers encountered one of the suspects in a dead-end alley. The suspect was approaching the officer and the officer ordered him to stop at gun point. The suspect attempted to run again and the officer was able to grab a hold of him in order stop him, however the suspect then grabbed the officer's gun before he could place it back in the holster. The officer had to physically pull his gun out of the suspect's hands. He managed to holster his gun and still get the suspect under control by taking him to the ground. The suspect was in possession of a fanny pack that contained over 700 fentanyl pills, 26 grams of crack cocaine and nearly \$4,000 in cash. The suspect was transported to the detention center and criminally charged in matters relating to this incident.

These events underscore the dangers officers face every day. The Department is grateful that no one was seriously injured. The men and women of this agency are appreciated for the job they do while protecting the community.

**Testing Date:** Our next test date is scheduled for Saturday, September 3rd. We will administer the written exam, physical test and initial interview at the new Washington County Public Safety Training Center, located at 18350 Public Safety Place, Hagerstown. If selected and successfully complete the background process, candidates will be hired at full salary and benefits while awaiting the next academy that begins in January, 2023. For information about salary and benefits visit the Department website at [www.hagerstownpd.org](http://www.hagerstownpd.org). Individuals can sign up to take the test and a recruiter will contact you with more information. HPD is continually looking for good men and women to help protect and serve the citizens of Hagerstown.

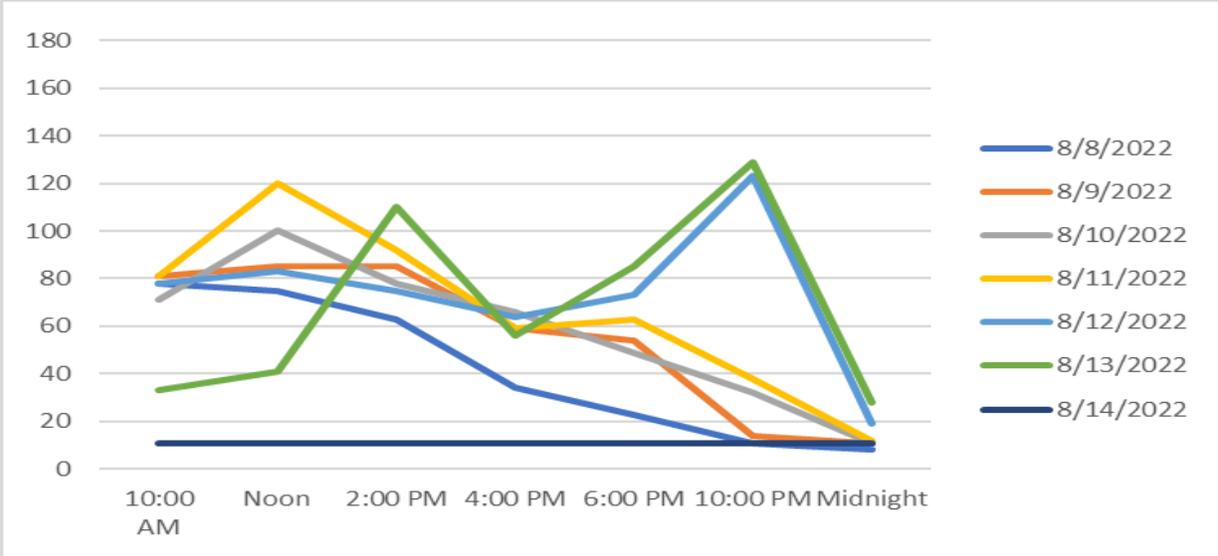
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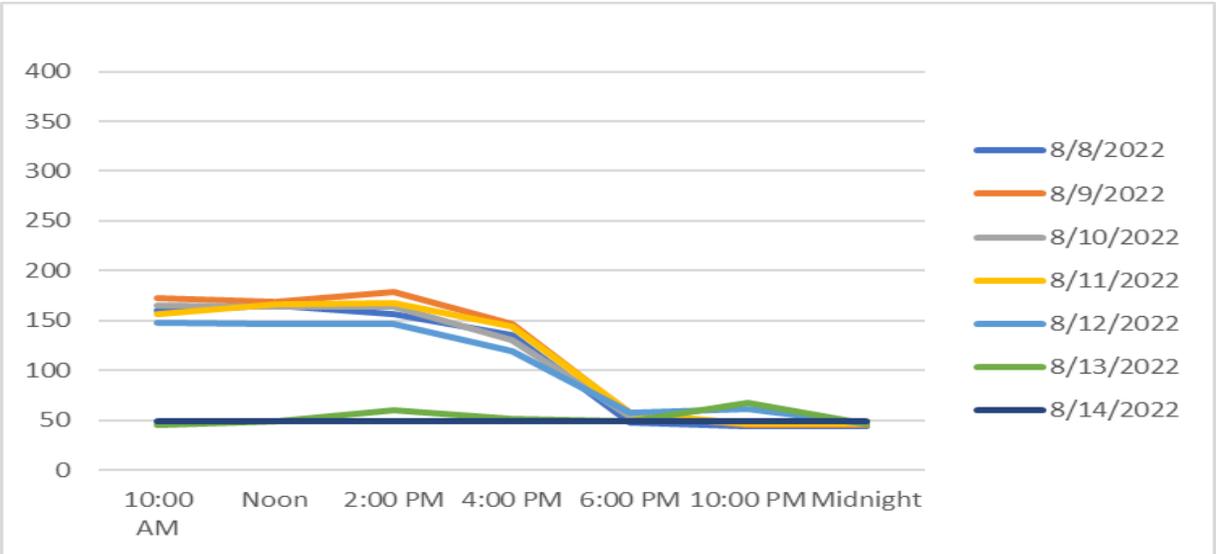
**CHART NO. 1 – GENERAL PARKING SYSTEM DATA**

		<b>Current Week</b>	<b>Previous Week</b>
<b>Number of Permit Holders</b>	A & E Deck	189	189
	University District Deck	198	197
<b>Number of Student Permits</b>	Central, Market, Rochester Lots	41	40
<b>Number of Patrons Using Decks</b>	A & E Deck	1563	1467
	University District Deck	1161	1357
<b>Number of Citations Issued</b>	(Includes Warnings)	193	227
<b>Late Payment Notifications</b>		10	6
<b>Peak Occupancy (%)</b>	A & E Deck	70% Sa @ 10 PM	100% Sa @ 6 PM
<b>Peak Occupancy (%)</b>	University District Deck	41% Tu @ 2 PM	39% Tu @ 10 AM

**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
<b>DCED</b>	0	0
<b>Planning &amp; Code</b>	1	1
<b>Fire</b>	0	1
<b>Engineering</b>	0	0
<b>Parks &amp; Recreation</b>	1	2
<b>Public Works</b>	4	5
<b>Police</b>	5	3
<b>Water</b>	5	4
<b>Wastewater</b>	0	1
<b>Light</b>	2	2
<b>Human Resources</b>	0	0
<b>Weekly Totals</b>	18	19
<b>Yearly Total</b>	649	631

**AFTER HOURS CALL BACKS**

Saturday, August 13, 2022 @ 11:00 AM: Report of stop sign knocked down at North Prospect Street & West North Avenue. Sign was struck by vehicle at unknown time. Staff was called in to replace sign.

**PARKS AND RECREATION**

**Events**

- City Wind Down Friday, August 19, 6-9 p.m., Potomac Street will be closed between Washington and Antietam Streets.

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

**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

**Potterfield Pool**

Morning camps continue through August 26. Open seven days a week through August 28. Then open Labor Day weekend, Sept 3, 4 & 5.

**University Plaza**

- Historic Hagerstown Volksmarch, setting up table on sidewalk outside the Plaza (Washington Street) on Saturday, August 20, 7 a.m. – 3 p.m.
- City Outdoor Farmers Market on Saturday, August 20 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**

- Sat, 8/13
  - 433 North Mulberry Street – lines down; line crews made repairs to triplex service and reattached to house. Time Out: 10.1-11.1
  - 134 Bethel Street – lines down; lines were found to belong to Verizon. Time Out: 12.8-13.3
- Sun. 8/14
  - 1131 Hamilton Boulevard – partial outage; There were no issues with HLD facilities found. Customer informed to contact an electrician. Time Out: 5.6-5.8
  - 344 South Locust Street – partial outage; There were no issues with HLD facilities found. Customer informed to contact an electrician. Time Out: 13.8-14.1
  - 132 South Locust Street – There were no issues with HLD facilities found. Customer informed to contact the landlord to address any internal problems. Time Out: 21.1-21.4

Lamps Replaced	New Fixtures Added	Changeouts	Fixtures Removed
11	0	1	0

- Multiple permit reviews, service upgrade and underground locate requests have been reviewed and/or completed.

- The Staff Engineer attended meetings with the Department of Energy's Office of Cybersecurity, Energy Security, and Emergency Response (CESER) to learn about and contribute to the launch of the Rural and Municipal Utility Advanced Cybersecurity and Technical Assistance Program (RMUC). Subsequent meetings and learning opportunities are scheduled as this program is built around the actual needs of small Municipal and Rural utilities. The HLD is taking an active part in this process.
- Engineering staff reviewed and approved bids for stock materials and approved new materials for use on the HLD system while retiring previous materials that are no longer used or are antiquated.
- Staff reviewed documents related to the current state of the commodities, materials, and transportation markets.
- Staff continued design work on various commercial and residential developments that require built-out of the HLD utility electric system.
- Administrative staff with members of Customer Service and Billing welcomed the Milsoft CIS development team to the City this week. The work group discussed our current billing, reporting, and other processes that will need developed and provide information to decipher the data coding to be transferred.

**WASTEWATER DIVISION**

**Wastewater Treatment Plant at Frederick Street**

Date	Flow (mgd)	Rainfall (inches)
Wednesday, August 10, 2022	4.95	0.14
Thursday, August 11, 2022	4.97	0.00
Friday, August 12, 2022	4.70	0.00
Saturday, August 13, 2022	4.52	0.00
Sunday, August 14, 2022	4.46	0.00
Monday, August 15, 2022	4.63	0.12
Tuesday, August 16, 2022	4.72	0.00
Weekly – Avg. Flow / Total Rainfall	4.71	0.26
Aug – Avg. Flow/Total Rainfall	4.90	0.53

- Installed upgraded caps on OAB DO probes.
- Fabricated temporary chemical delivery system for headworks.
- Replaced Hach DO monitor on OAB flow path.
- Finished rebuilding #2 Digester Feed pump and put online.
- Routine MVP Plant Work orders & Corrective Work Orders.

**Wastewater Collection**

**SSES Weekly Progress**

Activity	Districts	L. F. main	Feet of lateral	# inspected
CCTV Inspections	#22	10,619		
Flushing	#17	787	439	25

**Collection System Maintenance Tasks**

- Grinder pump, 20204 Plumwood Drive, replaced faulty plug.
- Grinder pump, 11008 Plumwood Drive, spoke with owner about grease issues in her tank.
- Sewer backup, 414 East Irvin Avenue, problem on the private side.
- Continued PS #23 project, SCADA, PLC, wiring.
- General Pump Shop repair work.
- Collected Newgate data.

Wastewater Division – Customer Call Log Summary 2022							
Type	Blockages	Grinder Pumps	Odor Complaints	Flushing	WW Pump Station	Other	Totals
Weekly	3	1	0	0	0	14	18
<b>YTD 2022</b>	<b>232</b>	<b>148</b>	<b>22</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>278</b>	<b>680</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.
- 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.
- Continued maintenance on Raw sampler tubing.
- Collected Industrial pre-treatment sample from Stoner/Culligan.

**WATER DIVISION**

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

<u>Date</u>	<u>Willson</u>	<u>Breichner</u>	<u>Total</u>
08/11/22	11.37		11.37
08/12/22	11.52		11.52
08/13/22	10.95		11.95
08/14/22	11.03		11.03
08/15/22	10.63		10.63
08/16/22	11.09		11.09
08/17/22	11.00		11.00
<b>Average:</b>			<b>11.08</b>

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

- R.C. Willson and Pump Stations. Staff worked on facility maintenance and routine preventative maintenance.
- R.C. Willson-Upgraded the lighting in the Caustic room.
- PS4-Replaced the PH/CL2 sample line from the Hellane effluent vault to the pump station.

**Water Production at Breichner / Edgemont Reservoir.** The Edgemont Reservoir pool elevation is currently at 2.04 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 2022 LCRR analysis.
- Collected samples for August bacteriological monitoring.
- Completed the MDE lab inspection.
- Collected new line test bacteriological sample set.
- Collected nitrification analysis samples for distribution monitoring.

**Engineering**

	<u>City</u>	<u>County</u>
Site Plans	-	1
Preliminary Plats	-	-
Grading Plan	-	-
Final Plat	-	-
Building Permits	14	24
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".

Scott A. Nicewarner  
City Administrator