

CITY OF HAGERSTOWN, MARYLAND STATUS & INFORMATION REPORT NO. 33 FOR 2022



August 26, 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						
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 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:

- Man Awaits Extradition to Washington County on Attempted Murder Charge
- County Awards \$6.6M Bid to Build Phase 2 of Professional Boulevard
- Hotel Shooting Suspect Changed Appearance to Avoid Capture, Police Say
- Involuntary Manslaughter Charge Dropped in New Year's Day 2020 Case
- Average Home Prices Remain High in Interstate 81 Corridor
- County's Job Recovery Outpacing the State Since 2020, Economist Says
- Want to Teach? WCPS is Still Hiring as First Day of School Nears
- Marylanders Filing More Ballots by Mail
- Police: One Hurt Following Five Gunshots on Clarkson Avenue on Monday
- First Monkeypox Cases Reported in Tri-State Area; Officials Urge Calm
- Hagerstown Men Face Charges in Fight, Stabbing
- Press Release: DFM Crist Passes
- Press Release: Imagine Hagerstown This Friday
- Traffic Advisory: S. Burhans Blvd.
- Traffic Advisory: W. Antietam St.

This Week's Video Projects

- Mayor & Council Regular Session
- City Park Video Footage
- Preliminary Work on Maryland Theatre Century Club Video
- Skatepark Video Footage

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 attracted 10,108 user visits for the week of August 18-25, 2022.

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

• Home Page	2,636
• Utility Billing Page	870
• Online Payment Portal Page	639
• Police Page	419
• Potterfield Pool Page	239
• Downtown Events Page	237
• Parks & Recreation Page	190
• Bids Page	130
• Firefighters Page	119
• Hager House Page	118

- Top searches

- "True"
- "Online payment portal"
- "Utility billing"
- "Police"
- "Parks & recreation"

COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT

1. Imagine Hagerstown: End of Summer Celebration – Friday, August 26th, 4-9PM featuring salsa dancing, face painting and FREE live music
2. Applications for the 2022 Holly Fest have been mailed.
3. Downtown restaurants have been invited to be part of Maryland Restaurant Week which will be held September 16-25, 2022.
4. Farmers Market this weekend featuring Dance on the Plaza.
5. The following are a list of this weekend's schedule of events:

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

Friday, August 26

- 11:00 AM "A Summer for Fantasy & Fancy" Exhibit - Wash Co Arts Council
- 4:00 PM **IMAGINE Hagerstown: End of Summer Celebration** - University Plaza
- 5:00 PM **Fourth Friday: After Hours Shopping** - The Foundry Pop-Up Shops
- 7:00 PM **Legally Blonde Night Out** - ACT Black Box Studio
- 8:00 PM **Mark & Da Sharks** - Prohibition Hub

Saturday, August 27

- 8:00 AM **Historic City Farmers' Market** - University Plaza
- 10:00 AM **Dance on the Plaza** - University Plaza
- "A Summer for Fantasy & Fancy" Exhibit - Wash Co Arts Council
- 11:00 AM **Family Fun Workshops: Make Your Own Clock** - Wash Co Historical Society
- STEAM Saturday: DIY Kaleidoscopes** - Discovery Station
- 3:00 PM **The Howlers** - Prohibition Hub
- 6:00 PM **Lucky Stiff** - Wash Co Playhouse
- 7:00 PM **So You Think You Can Drag** - ACT Black Box Studio
- 8:00 PM **Club Medics** - Prohibition Hub

Sunday, August 28

- 1:00 PM **Lucky Stiff** - Wash Co Playhouse
- 2:00 PM **Kam Stewart** - Prohibition Hub
- 3:00 PM **Ruthann V. Monroe Summer Basketball League** - Wheaton Park
- 5:30 PM **Spit Ur Peace** - ACT Black Box Studio

ENGINEERING

1. **Neighborhood Discussion Regarding Stadium Project.** About 35 residents attended a meeting hosted by the Historic Heights Neighborhood First group at St Johns Church on Thursday night to discuss the project. Greg Snook provided comments from his perspective but mostly it was an opportunity for residents to raise their concerns and discuss what should be done to mitigate the issues over the next 18 months. Concerns included residential parking, lights, traffic, trash management, frequency of use and blasting. More conversations will follow.



2. **33 West Franklin Street.** The owner of this property (former Chevy Chase Bank) applied for a permit to build a fence across the Cultural Trail/Market Walk. This section, built in early 1980 by the City, has a complicated legal ownership. City staff complete hours of research and provided it to the City Attorneys to review.
3. **Grants.** Staff is reviewing about six different Federal and State Grant programs that are recently heavily funded and determining which ones we have the bandwidth to apply for and manage.
4. **Engineering Statistics**

Description	Week of 8/22/22	Calendar Year 2022 TOTALS
Traffic complaints received	3	203
Work Orders completed	2	182
Traffic counts completed	2	26
Construction Projects		
Description	Week of 8/22/22	Calendar Year 2022 TOTALS
Construction Projects advertised for bids	0	6
RFP's Advertised	1	6
Projects under construction	9	--
Projects completed	2	10

PUBLIC WORKS

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CHART NO. 1 – GENERAL PARKING SYSTEM DATA

		Current Week	Previous Week
Number of Permit Holders	A & E Deck	277	189
	University District Deck	197	198
Number of Student Permits	Central, Market, Rochester Lots	41	41
Number of Patrons Using Decks	A & E Deck	1443	1563
	University District Deck	1180	1161
Number of Citations Issued	(Includes Warnings)	173	193
Late Payment Notifications		9	10
Peak Occupancy (%)	A & E Deck	62% Fri @ 6 PM	70% Sa @ 10 PM
Peak Occupancy (%)	University District Deck	39% Tu @ Noon Wed @ Noon	41% Tu @ 2 PM

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

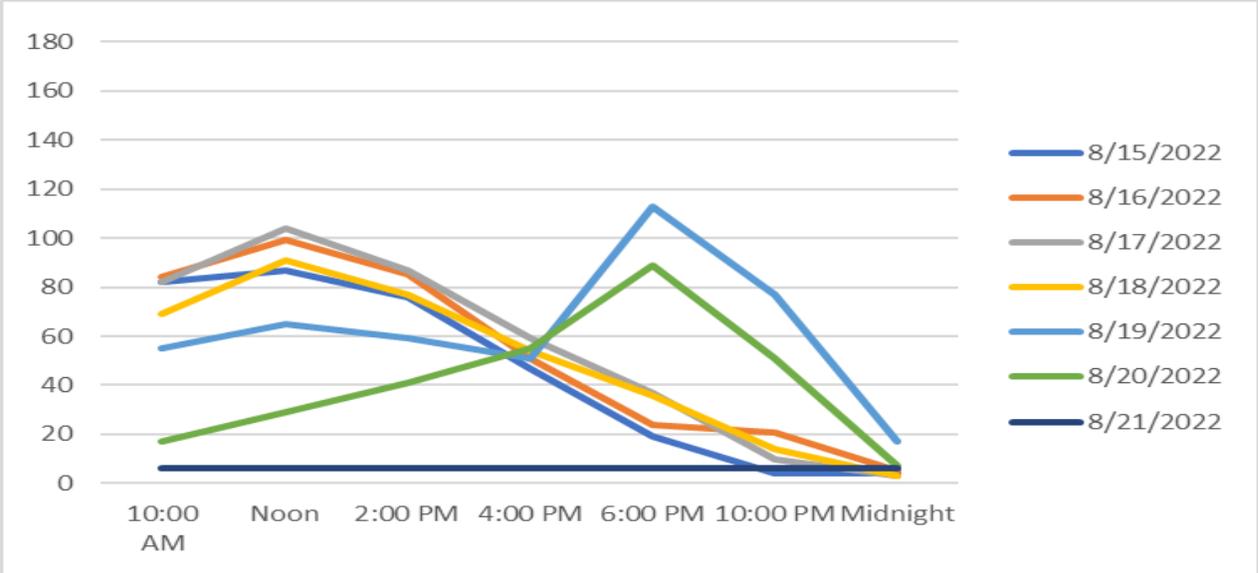
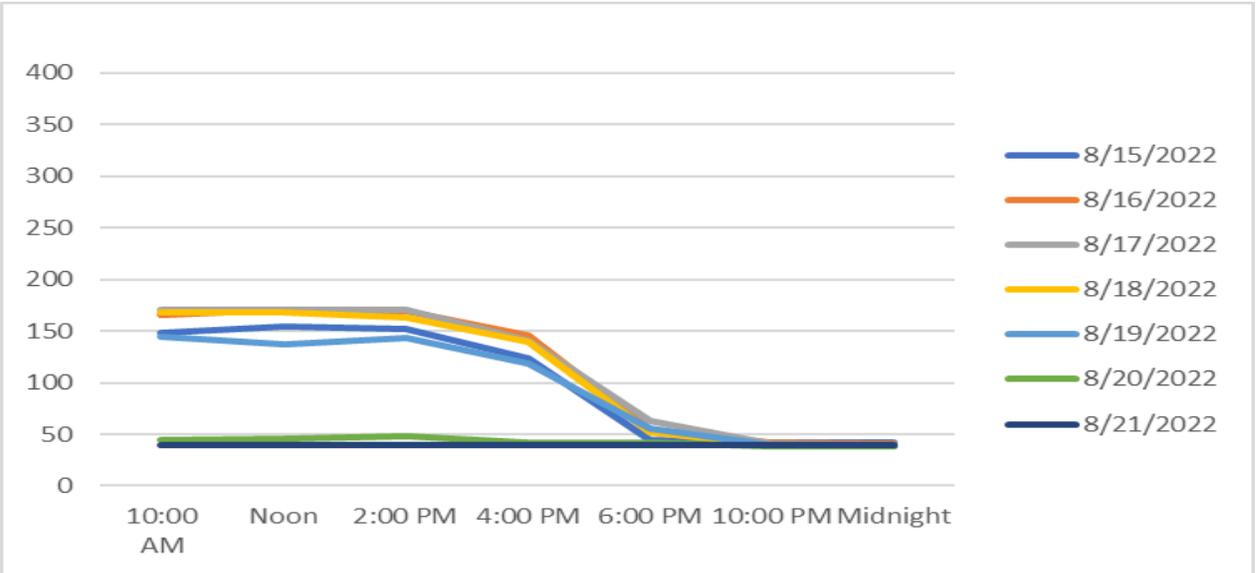


CHART NO. 3 – UD PARKING DECK WEEKLY OCCUPANCY



CENTRAL MAINTENANCE GARAGE REPAIR DATA

	Current Week	Previous Week
DCED	0	0
Planning & Code	1	1
Fire	0	0
Engineering	0	0
Parks & Recreation	1	1
Public Works	6	4
Police	8	5
Water	3	5
Wastewater	0	0
Light	0	2
Human Resources	0	0
Weekly Totals	19	18
Yearly Total	668	649

AFTER HOURS CALL BACKS

Sunday, August 21, 2022 @ 2:50 PM: Report of an accident at Garland Groh and Bartow. A vehicle struck the pedestrian signal and knocked it down. Staff was called in to disconnect the wires and remove the damaged post and components. A police report was established.

PARKS AND RECREATION

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

Outdoor Programs

- Geocaching in the Parks, Saturday, August 27, Kiwanis Park, 2-3 p.m.

Potterfield Pool

Morning camps continue to August 26. Open 7 days a week through August 28. Then open Labor Day weekend, Sept. 3, 4 & 5. Pooch Plunge scheduled for Tuesday, Sept 6.

University Plaza

- Washington County Recovers, 11 a.m. – 1 p.m. (10:30 a.m. set-up)
- Imagine Hagerstown, Friday, August 26 from 4-9 p.m. (set-up at 1 p.m.)
- City Outdoor Farmers Market on Saturday, August 27 from 8 a.m. – Noon
- Dance on the Plaza, Saturday, August 27 from 10:00 –11:30 a.m.

Virtual Programs

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

UTILITIES DEPARTMENT

ELECTRIC DIVISION

Service Calls

- Thur. 8/18 - Various locations – scheduled overtime patrol of street lighting within HLD territory. Time Out: 203.-22.4
- Sat. 8/20 - 1180 Wayne Avenue – total outage; squirrel caused transformer fuse to operate. Time Out: 7.2-8.2
- Mon. 8/22 - Summit Avenue and Baltimore Street – vehicle struck pole. No damage to HLD facilities found. Time Out: 15.5-16.0

Lamps Replaced	New Fixtures Added	Changeouts	Fixtures Removed
2	2	4	0

- Multiple permit reviews, service upgrade and underground locate requests have been reviewed and/or completed.
- HLD Staff discussed the Eaton AMI system with the City of Harrisonburg, VA to investigate operations, successes, and challenges with the installation and operation as the HLD works toward an AMI solution that best fits operations.
- Engineering staff continued the challenge of material procurement. Covered conductor is the latest commodity to drastically increase in lead time to almost one year.
- Staff continued design work on various commercial and residential developments that require build-out of the HLD utility electric system.

- Engineering staff replaced and installed new warning signage on HLD substation fences to inform the public and any passers-by that dangerous facilities are contained within and trespassing is prohibited.
- Oil sampling was performed in various pieces of substation equipment and sent to a lab for Dissolved Gas Analysis. The HLD will review the values returned from the analysis to determine the health of HLD oil filled electrical equipment.

WASTEWATER DIVISION

Wastewater Treatment Plant at Frederick Street

Date	Flow (mgd)	Rainfall (inches)
Wednesday, August 17, 2022	4.85	0.21
Thursday, August 18, 2022	4.64	0.00
Friday, August 19, 2022	4.72	0.00
Saturday, August 20, 2022	4.43	0.00
Sunday, August 21, 2022	4.60	0.00
Monday, August 22, 2022	4.67	0.04
Tuesday, August 23, 2022	4.66	0.00
Weekly – Avg. Flow / Total Rainfall	4.65	0.25
Aug – Avg. Flow/Total Rainfall	4.83	0.78

- Installed new Hach SC 200 monitor on OAB.
- Made temporary repair to lower bearing and sprocket on #1 Bar Screen.
- Located and removed obstruction on #2 Digester Feed Pump.
- Replaced motor starter and thermal overloads on BNR mixer.
- Routine MVP Plant Work orders & Corrective Work Orders.

Wastewater Collection

SSES Weekly Progress

Activity	Districts	L. F. main	Feet of lateral	# inspected
CCTV Inspections	#3 & 4	2,040'	51	3

Collection System Maintenance Tasks

- Unit #518, changed oil and filters on generator, downloaded all recent CCTV work to NAZ.
- Cleaned wet wells at stations #2, 3, 5, 9, 22.
- Assisted operators at WWTP.
- Assisted Engineering with inspections.
- Manhole inspections.
- Pump shop repair work.
- Collected Newgate data.
- Moved meter at Washington County Detention Center.
- Potomac Heights, continued sampling and CCTV of area. Sewer mains have been lined, and as expected, no issues found. Sampling has shown area of concern to be duck pond at Rest Haven Cemetery.

Wastewater Division – Customer Call Log Summary 2022							
Type	Blockages	Grinder Pumps	Odor Complaints	Flushing	WW Pump Station	Other	Totals
Weekly	4	0	1	0	0	9	14
YTD 2022	236	148	23	0	0	287	694

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 NWWWS Program samples for CDC-Biobot COVID monitoring.
- Collected Industrial pretreatment sample from Berwick.
- Annual calibration and PM conducted by Hach on handheld spectrophotometers and Lachat.
- Completed July & first-half August QA/QC data entry for Data Quality Management.

WATER DIVISION

Plant Flows - System Demand (MGD)

<u>Date</u>	<u>Willson</u>	<u>Breichner</u>	<u>Total</u>
08/18/22	10.92		10.92
08/19/22	11.56		11.56
08/20/22	11.07		11.07
08/21/22	10.93		10.93
08/22/22	11.39		11.39
08/23/22	11.50		11.50
08/24/22	11.52		11.52
Average			11.27

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

- Staff worked on facility maintenance and routine preventative maintenance.
- Staff upgraded lighting in filter gallery at R.C. Willson.

Water Production at Breichner / Edgemont Reservoir. The Edgemont Reservoir pool elevation is currently at 1.89 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.
- Completed August bacteriological monitoring.
- Attended MDE post-inspection supplement meeting for interim certification and submitted additional documentation materials.
- Collected new line test bacteriological sample set.
- Conducted two water sampler certification practicums at R.C. Willson.
- Technician completed water sampler certification renewal class.
- Annual calibration and PM conducted by Hach on handheld spectrophotometers.
- Reviewed EPA webinar from August 10th: Getting the Lead Out. Guidance for Developing LSL Inventories & Funding Information on BIL and associated Excel database guidance documents.

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