

CITY OF HAGERSTOWN, MARYLAND STATUS & INFORMATION REPORT NO. 34 FOR 2022



September 2, 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;">SEPTEMBER 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
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4	5 HOLIDAY CITY OFFICES CLOSED *Free Parking in City Decks on 9/5/2022	6 No Mayor & Council Meeting	7 4pm Hagerstown Planning Commission Meeting	8 4pm Traffic & Parking Meeting 4:30pm Hagerstown Historic District Commission Meeting 7pm Board of Zoning Appeals Meeting	9	10
11	12	13 3pm Executive Session 4pm Work Session	14	15	16	17
18	19	20 3pm Executive Session 4pm Work Session	21	22 4:30pm Hagerstown Historic District Commission Meeting	23	24
25	26	27 7pm Regular Session	28 7pm Hagerstown Planning Commission Meeting	29	30	

COMMUNICATIONS

This Week's Headlines & Media Releases:

- Hagerstown Man Pleads to Burglary in 2021 Home Invasion
- Deputy Fire Marshal John Crist Dies after Off-Duty Auto Accident
- Two Washington County Teens Dead, One Hurt after Crash on I-81
- Who Were the Clear Spring Students who Died in Thursday Night's Crash?
- Clear Spring Remembers 3 High School Students Killed in Crash

- Safety on I-81: a \$90M Plan would Add Lanes on a 3.5-Mile Stretch
- Comings and Goings: New Metaphysical Shop and Sephora Open
- Balancing the Equation of New Homes and Classroom Seats
- Hagerstown-Area Woman Identified as Driver in Fatal Fiery Crash
- Man Arrested in East Washington Street Stabbing
- Bester Elementary Closed Wednesday after Fire, Water Damage
- Going Purple: Substance Misuse Campaign Launches in Hagerstown
- Fire at Hagerstown Elementary School was Arson
- Press Release: WWTP Participating in National COVID Study
- Press Release: La Lune Metaphysical Shop Grand Opening
- Traffic Advisory: Hood Street
- Traffic Advisory: S. Cleveland Ave.
- Trash, Recycling, Yard Waste Advisory: Labor Day Holiday

This Week's Video Projects

- Various City Video Footage
- Maryland Theatre Century Club Video Shoot
- 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 10,035 user visits for the week of August 25-31, 2022.

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

• Home Page	2,623
• Utility Billing Page	844
• Online Payment Portal Page	623
• Police Page	446
• Potterfield Pool Page	238
• Hager House Page	221
• Downtown Events Page	168
• Bids Page	136
• Firefighters Page	135
• Parks & Recreation Page	121

- Top searches

- "True"
- "Police"
- "Online payment portal"
- "Utility billing"
- "Online forms"

COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT

- Staff hosted a Main Street Business Owners meeting with over 35 people in attendance at the ACT Black Box Studio.
- Staff began planning for the Downtown Hagerstown Halloween Block Party which will take place on Friday, October 28th.
- The following are a list of weekend events:

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

Friday, September 2

11:00 AM "A Summer for Fantasy & Fancy" Exhibit - Wash Co Arts Council
11:30 AM Pre-School Storytime - Wash Co Free Library
2:00 PM Living & Dying with COVID-19: The MD Stories - Wash Co Free Library
6:00 PM Washington Goes Purple Kick-Off - City Park

Saturday, September 3

8:00 AM Historic City Farmers' Market - University Plaza
10:00 AM "A Summer for Fantasy & Fancy" Exhibit - Wash Co Arts Council
11:00 AM STEAM Saturday: Rainbow Salt Circuits - Discovery Station
12:00 PM Brunch & Bubbly - VibeZ Lounge
1:00 PM Read with a Pet: Gimli - Wash Co Free Library
9:00 PM All White Party - VibeZ Lounge

Sunday, September 4

3:00 PM Ruthann V. Monroe Summer Basketball League - Wheaton Park

DEPARTMENT OF COMMUNITY & ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

1. Staff attended the groundbreaking for the Western Maryland Logistics Center located at 2 Western Maryland Parkway. Armin Groeschel and Rob Borris of Workspace PG/Ausblick Development are constructing a nearly 270,000 square foot flexible industrial building that is expected to create up to 250 jobs and include \$22 million in capital investment.
2. Staff attended the Main Street business owners meeting at Act Black Box to connect and discuss initiatives, purpose and passions for doing business in downtown Hagerstown.

COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT

Grand Openings & Anniversary Celebrations. Staff attended the grand opening and ribbon cutting for La Lune Metaphysical Shop located at 107 South Potomac Street. This unique new business in Downtown Hagerstown will feature herbs, tea blends, and crystals as well as books, divination tools and alter supplies. Jacy Bayer, first-time business owner is passionate and focused on making a change in their customers' lives.

ENGINEERING

1. **Field House.** Staff received the final site drawings, 30% architectural drawings, developers agreement and lease agreement for review. We plan to review with the Mayor and City Council on October 4th.
2. **Rylee Ely.** We are excited to welcome Rylee Ely as our new Geographic Information System Coordinator. Rylee takes over the program and brings good experience and energy to keep our program moving forward.
3. **Engineering Statistics**

Description	Week of 8/29/22	Calendar Year 2022 TOTALS
Traffic complaints received	3	206
Work Orders completed	4	186
Traffic counts completed	2	28
Construction Projects		
Description	Week of 8/29/22	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	269	277
	University District Deck	197	197
Number of Student Permits	Central, Market, Rochester Lots	42	41
Number of Patrons Using Decks	A & E Deck	1608	1443
	University District Deck	1204	1180
Number of Citations Issued	(Includes Warnings)	193	173
Late Payment Notifications		10	9
Peak Occupancy (%)	A & E Deck	78% Fri @ Noon	62% Fri @ 6 PM
Peak Occupancy (%)	University District Deck	37% Fri @ Noon	39% Tu @ Noon Wed @ Noon

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

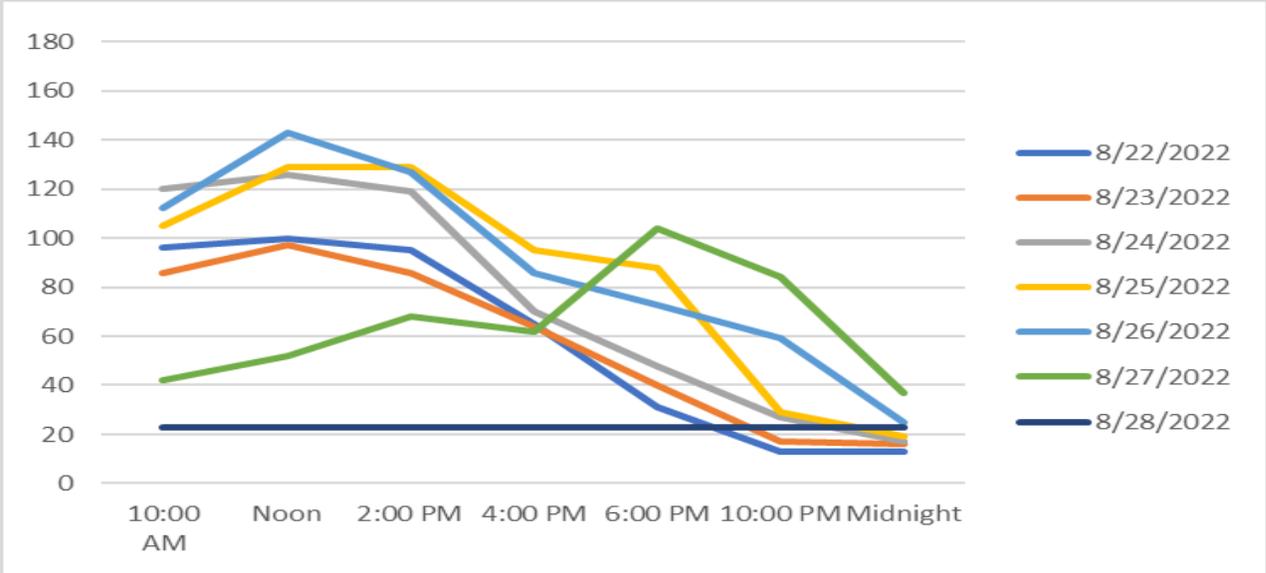
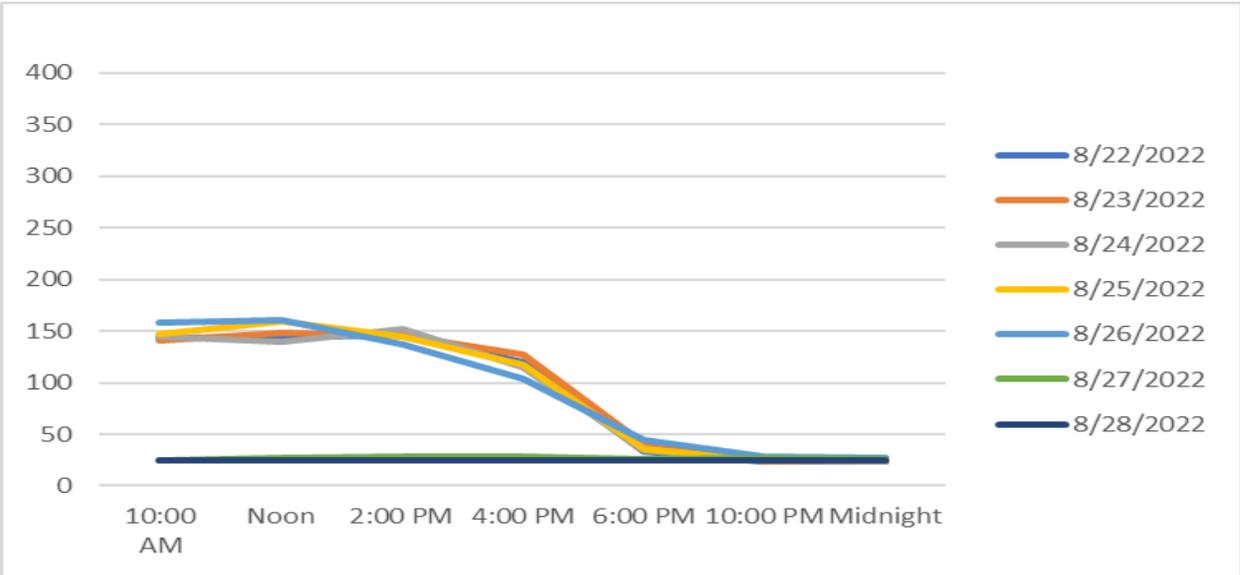


CHART NO. 3 – UD PARKING DECK WEEKLY OCCUPANCY



CENTRAL MAINTENANCE GARAGE REPAIR DATA

	Current Week	Previous Week
DCED	0	0
Planning & Code	1	1
Fire	0	0
Engineering	0	0
Parks & Recreation	6	1
Public Works	3	6
Police	3	8
Water	6	3
Wastewater	2	0
Light	2	0
Human Resources	0	0
Weekly Totals	23	19
Yearly Total	691	668

PARKS AND RECREATION

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

Hager House. Staff met with 3 Roads Communications Inc. who is producing a documentary for National Public Television distribution called The House on Jonathan Street (thehouseonjonathanstreet.com) about the restoration of the cabin at 417 Jonathan Street. As part of the story, they are covering some history of Hagerstown and Jonathan Hager, and stopped by the Hager House to shoot interiors and exteriors at the Hager House. Emily Conrad was interviewed to give background on the Hager House.

Potterfield Pool. The pool is open this Labor Day weekend, September 3, 4 & 5 and then will close for the season. The Humane Society Pooch Plunge is scheduled for Tuesday, September 6, from 6-8 p.m.

University Plaza

- City Outdoor Farmers Market on Saturday, September 3 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. 8/25 - 1064 View Street – wires down; wires were found to belong to Point Broadband. Time Out: 15.4-15.7
- Sat. 8/27 - 53 East Franklin Street – total outage; the customer’s main breaker tripped. Time Out: 18.9-19.8
- Tues. 8/30 - 122 Fairground Avenue – tree on line; the branch was removed from the service conductors. Time Out: 22.7-22.9
- Wed. 8/31 - Corner of, Spruce Street and Howard Street – reconnection of service for Antietam Broadband. Time Out: 15.4-16.4

Lamps Replaced	New Fixtures Added	Changeouts	Fixtures Removed
17	0	6	0

- Multiple permit reviews, service upgrade and underground locate requests have been reviewed and/or completed.
- Engineering staff performed site visits to various ongoing projects to discuss progress and scheduling with site contractors.
- Staff reviewed additions to the HLD utility electric system and updated the GIS environment with the new facilities.
- Staff continued work with multiple communication companies requesting attachment to HLD utility poles.
- Staff reviewed dissolved gas analysis reports from HLD oil filled equipment to identify units that may be aging or showing signs of failure.

WASTEWATER DIVISION

Wastewater Treatment Plant at Frederick Street

Date	Flow (mgd)	Rainfall (inches)
Wednesday, August 24, 2022	4.64	0.00
Thursday, August 25, 2022	4.74	0.00
Friday, August 26, 2022	4.56	0.00
Saturday, August 27, 2022	4.39	0.00
Sunday, August 28, 2022	4.62	0.00
Monday, August 29, 2022	4.54	0.00
Tuesday, August 30, 2022	5.01	0.58
Weekly – Avg. Flow / Total Rainfall	4.64	0.58
Aug – Avg. Flow/Total Rainfall	4.78	1.36

- Replaced top scraper and repaired proximity sensor.
- Replaced motor and heater on OAB vent blower.
- Replaced leak detection assembly on ferric pump.
- Routine MVP Plant Work orders & Corrective Work Orders.

Wastewater Collection

SSes Weekly Progress

Activity	Districts	L. F. main	Feet of lateral	# inspected
CCTV Inspections	#11, 17, 18	2,808'	343'	13
Flushing	#22	3,076'		

Collection System Maintenance Tasks

- PS #6, adjusted limit switches.
- PS #15, repaired and replaced packing on pump #1.
- PS #23, continued work on SCADA control project.
- Assisted WWTP personnel at the headworks.
- Collected Newgate numbers.
- General pump shop repair work.
- Collected final samples from various locations in Hamilton Run.
- Grinder pump, 11138 Mahogany Drive, reset smart switch.
- Sink hole near cleanout, 1275 Fairchild Avenue, CCTV found lateral to be clear.
- Sewer backup, 51 West Memorial Blvd, main line is clear.
- Odor complaint, 124 North Edgewood Drive, added chlorine tablets to Station #8.

Wastewater Division – Customer Call Log Summary 2022

Type	Blockages	Grinder Pumps	Odor Complaints	Flushing	WW Pump Station	Other	Totals
Weekly	0	2	2	0	0	7	11
YTD 2022	236	150	25	0	0	294	705

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 NWS Program samples for CDC-Biobot COVID monitoring.

WATER DIVISION

Plant Flows - System Demand (MGD)

<u>Date</u>	<u>Willson</u>	<u>Breichner</u>	<u>Total</u>
08/25/22	11.70		11.70
08/26/22	11.64		11.64
08/27/22	11.98		11.98
08/28/22	11.39		11.39
08/29/22	12.00		12.00
08/30/22	11.96		11.96
08/31/22	11.71		11.71
Average			11.77

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 1.56 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 Report.
- Completed 3rd Quarter Disinfection By-Products Report.
- Began collecting September bacteriological monitoring samples.
- Received State Certification from MDE as Certified Water Quality Laboratory.
- Collected multiple line tests for bacteriological sample sets.
- Conducted point-checks for QA/QC on laboratory thermometers.
- Conducted QA/QC checks on new bottle and media lots for bacteriological monitoring samples.
- Prepared RCW operator buffers.

Engineering

	<u>City</u>	<u>County</u>
Site Plans	-	1
Preliminary Plats	-	-
Grading Plan	-	-
Final Plat	-	-
Building Permits	5	6
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,



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