

CITY OF HAGERSTOWN, MARYLAND STATUS & INFORMATION REPORT NO. 40 FOR 2022



October 14, 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>.

OCTOBER 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
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2	3	4 3pm Executive Session 4pm Work Session	5	6	7	8
9	10	11 No Meeting – Fall MML Conference	12 4pm Hagerstown Planning Commission Meeting	13 4pm Traffic & Parking Meeting 4:30pm Hagerstown Historic District Commission Meeting 7pm Board of Zoning Appeals Meeting	14	15
16	17	18 3pm Executive Session 4 pm Special Session & Work Session	19	20	21	22
23	24	25 7pm Regular Session	26 7pm Hagerstown Planning Commission Meeting	27 4:30pm Hagerstown Historic District Commission Meeting	28	29 6pm Alsatia Mummer's Parade
30	31					

COMMUNICATIONS

This Week's Headlines & Media Releases:

- President Joe Biden to Visit Hagerstown, Volvo Plant
- Keller Greets Biden at Hagerstown Airport after Air Force One Lands
- More Protestors than Supporters Greet President Biden's Arrival
- President Biden Lays Out Economic Vision at Hagerstown Volvo Factory
- Appeals Court Rejects Cox's Request to Halt Counting of Mail-in Ballots
- Election 2022: Meet the Candidates for Governor
- Comings and Goings: Another Chick-fil-A and new Tech for Candles
- Political Notebook: GOP Dinner set; Grossman, Moore get Endorsements
- Western Maryland Hospital Center Worries Return
- Hagerstown Man Shot in 'Targeted Incident' Tuesday in Stable Condition
- Local Attorney Pleads to Embezzling Money from Shop Owners' Lease Fund
- Maryland Election 2022: Get to Know the Candidates for Comptroller
- Contracts Pulled for Western Maryland Hospital Center
- Dan Cox, Wes Moore Clash on Abortion, Elections and More in Debate
- Press Release: Styles By J Grand Opening Celebration
- Traffic Advisory: Liberty Street
- Trash, Recycling & Yard Waste Advisory: Columbus Day

This Week's Video Projects

- Various City Video Footage
- Branding & Imaging Launch Video Shoots & Post-Production Work
- Roller Skating Event Footage

Channel 25 Hub City Now Programming:

- Mayor & Council Meeting
- "Council WRap"
- "3 Holiday Events on One Day" :30 Spot
- "Spring Sprouts" Testimonial Videos
- "Visit Hagerstown" New :30 Promo
- Cultural Trail Featured Artist Video
- HYC "Environment" Video
- PayByPhone Videos
- City Park Train Hub Video
- First Hose Company of Hagerstown Museum Video Series
- "Council WRap" Promo
- Fit Room :30 Spot
- Hagerstown Greens at Hamilton Run :30 Spot
- MTA Commuter Connection

City Website:

- www.hagerstownmd.org attracted 10,399 user visits for the week of October 6-12, 2022.

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

• Home Page	2,431
• Utility Billing Page	693
• Harvest Hoedown Page	520
• Online Payment Portal Page	518
• Hager House Page	350
• Police Page	309
• Skate Park Page	218
• Collection-Schedules-Zones Page	197
• Meet the Mayor Page	164
• Fairgrounds Park Page	160

- Top searches
 - "True"
 - "Online payment portal"
 - "Police"
 - "Parks & recreation"
 - "Building permits"

COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT

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

Friday, October 14

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

3:30 PM Legos at the Library: October's Spooky Challenge - Wash Co Free Library

6:00 PM Culture & Cocktails: Myths & Lore of Western MD - Wash Co Historical Society

7:00 PM Little Box of Horrors: An 80s Monster Invasion - ACT Black Box Studio

Speed Dating & Karaoke - Vibez Lounge

8:00 PM Sons of Liberty - Prohibition Hub



Saturday, October 15

- 9:00 AM** **Fiber Fest hosted by The Yarn Shop**- University Plaza
- 11:00 AM** **STEAM Saturday: Strawberry DNA Extraction**- Discovery Station
Family Fun Workshop: Make Your Own Caramel Apple - Wash Co Miller House
Little Explorers: Fall STEM Activities - Wash Co Free Library
It's a Blessing to be a Blessing Open House - St. John's Lutheran Church
- 1:00 PM** **Harry Potter Hogwarts Party** - Wash Co Free Library
- 2:00 PM** **Fall Fest** - Blooms Alley
VolunTeen Orientation - Wash Co Free Library
- 3:00 PM** **Rumours** - Prohibition Hub
- 6:00 PM** **Veronica's Room** - Wash Co Play House
- 7:00 PM** **Little Box of Horrors: An 80s Monster Invasion** - ACT Black Box Studio
Ghost Tours hosted by Parks & Rec - Hager House & City Park
- 7:30 PM** **Shakespeare's Macbeth by MEG** - The Maryland Theatre
- 8:00 PM** **Krazy Monkey Karaoke** - Prohibition Hub
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What's happening this weekend in



Sunday, October 16

10:00 AM Coffee & Create - Blooms Alley

2:00 PM The Howlers - Prohibition Hub

3:00 PM Home Free - The Maryland Theatre



DEPARTMENT OF COMMUNITY & ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

Economic Development. Staff attended the HCC Women Owned Business Idea Pitch Challenge on Friday, October 14th. Staff listened and judged participants on business concepts, plans, and overall pitch for the chance to win \$2,500 in funding.

ENGINEERING

1. Engineering Statistics

Description	Week of 10/10/22	Calendar Year 2022 TOTALS
Traffic complaints received	1	225
Work Orders completed	1	204
Traffic counts completed	2	32
Construction Projects		
Description	Week of 10/10/22	Calendar Year 2022 TOTALS
Construction Projects advertised for bids	2	8
RFP's Advertised	0	6
Projects under construction	9	--
Projects completed	2	10

PLANNING & CODE ADMINISTRATION

Historic District Commission:

Introduction of New Commissioners-Glen Grant and Matthew Sherman

The following cases will be heard on October 13, 2022:

HDC 2022-42: 69 West Franklin Street, Carla Thomas, for window signage

HDC 2022-44: 138 West Washington Street, Donald Barnhart, for approval of window signage.

HDC 2022-45: 69 West Franklin Street, Carmel Enterprises LLC, for storefront enclose.

HDC 2022-47: 245 North Potomac Street, Furrukh Jamil, for store front door replacement.

HDC 202243: 31 South Prospect Street, Hagerstown Builders, for approval of window replacement and removal of metal vents from the roof.

The following Workshops are on the Agenda:

939 The Terrace, David Mcginley, to discuss screening in side porch.

1002 Oak Hill Avenue, David Mcginley, to discuss construction of an addition.

245 North Potomac Street, Furrukh Jamil, signage

49 Jonathan Street, Amir Shirazi, storefront windows.

25 West Antietam Street, Joel Merrbaugh, demolition of a structure

Next Meeting –October 27, 2022 at 4:30 p.m.

Board of Zoning Appeals. No current cases

Zoning Certificates & Verification Letters. None

Planning Commission:

Development Review

Paradise Hospitality-(ZS 2022-10)-Dual Highway- Environmental Site Design.

Panera Drive Thru-(ZS 2022-07)-17772 Garland Groh Boulevard Site Plan.

170 West Washington Street-(SA 2022-07)-Parking Lot Site Plan

Unger Property Lot Line Adjustment Plat:

Unger Properies LLC – (S 2022-15)

Planning Commission Public Review Meetings were postponed from October 26, 2022 to November 9, 2022 due to advertising defects by Herald Mail.

POLICE DEPARTMENT

Calls for Service:	1573	Field Interviews:	4
Arrests/Warrants Served:	21	Moving Violations:	22
Domestic Violence Calls:	18	Safety Repair Orders:	0
DUI Arrests:	0	Warnings:	23
Reports Filed:	135		

Intel Summit: HPD's Danielle Staley, MCIN Coordinator for Washington County, coordinated the first ever quad state intel summit at Hagerstown Community College and it was a huge success. Over fifty people were in attendance from various levels of law enforcement across the state of Maryland, Virginia, West Virginia, Pennsylvania, Delaware and New Jersey. Representatives from the Governor's office were present as well as multiple federal agencies, Maryland and Pennsylvania State Police, and various county and local agencies across the remaining states. Topics discussed included crime trends and how the various agencies are handling problems that other areas are currently dealing with. It was a great networking opportunity and new working relationships were formed.

Media Release:

On 10/7/22 officers executed a search and seizure warrant at 115 South Mulberry Street. Two handguns were recovered, approximately 30 grams of both fentanyl and crack cocaine, and \$5,000 were seized. Nicholas Silverman, age 20, Bronson Benjamin, age 33, both of Hagerstown, and Farrah Wisner, age 19 of Baltimore, were charged with numerous CDS (Controlled Dangerous Substance) charges and weapons violations. In addition, Violet Benjamin, age 53 of Hagerstown, was apprehended on an outstanding warrant. Hundreds "trash cans" were also seized. Trash cans is a term for individual colorful containers used to package and dispense narcotics. Approximately 120 of these were filled and ready to be distributed. These arrests have and will continue to make a significant impact on the surrounding community. A job well done by officers investigating this case.

On 10/11/22 at about 12:30 am, officers responded to the 600 block of South Potomac Street for a report of a shooting. On arrival officers located a victim, later identified as Dayvon Smith, age 35 of Hagerstown, outside in the driveway. Smith had an apparent gunshot wound to the head. Officers rendered aid to the victim until emergency medical personnel arrived on scene. Smith was transported to Meritus Medical Center for treatment, where he remains. Criminal Investigators were called to the scene; this is believed to be a targeted incident and there is currently an active investigation. There is no further information to be released at this time. Any update will be given as appropriate

PUBLIC WORKS

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CHART NO. 1 – GENERAL PARKING SYSTEM DATA

		Current Week	Previous Week
Number of Permit Holders	A & E Deck	232	233
	University District Deck	197	197
Number of Student Permits	Central, Market, Rochester Lots	37	36
Number of Patrons Using Decks	A & E Deck	1905	1884
	University District Deck	1377	1333
Number of Citations Issued	(Includes Warnings)	177	228
Late Payment Notifications		0	5
Peak Occupancy (%)	A & E Deck	100% Sa @ 6 PM	100% Tu @ Noon
Peak Occupancy (%)	University District Deck	46% Tu @ Noon	45% Tu @ Noon

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

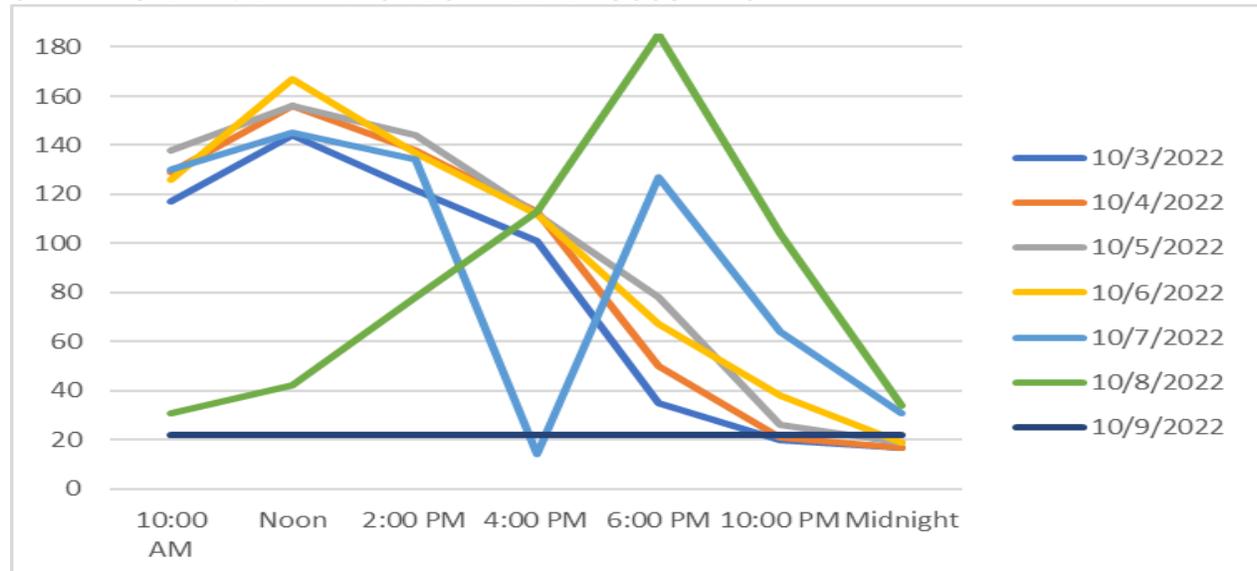
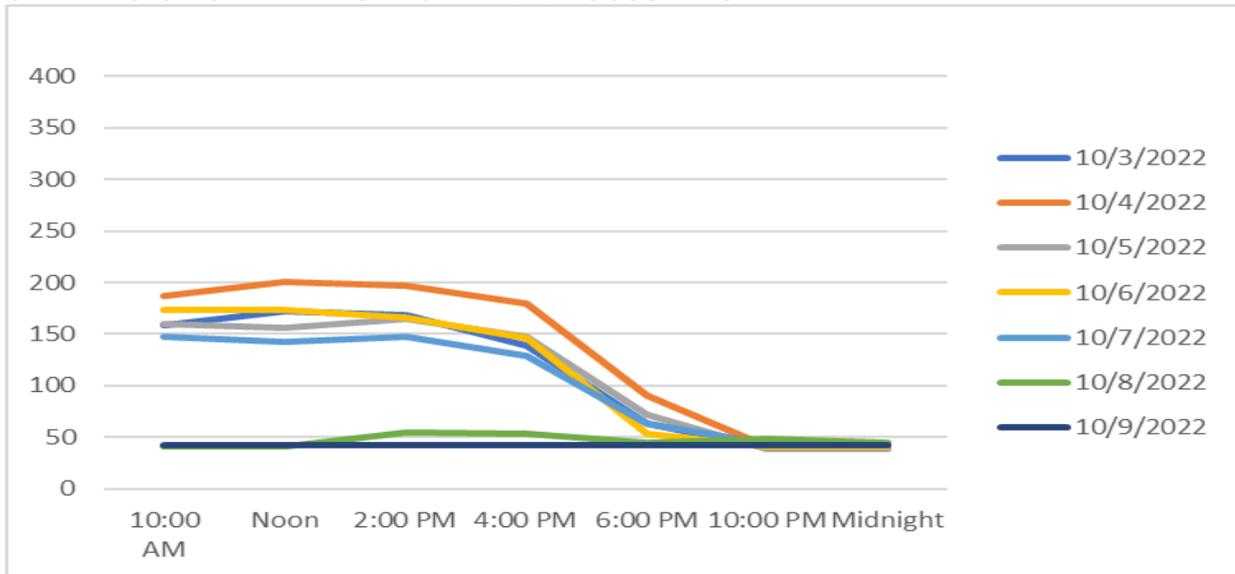


CHART NO. 3 – UD PARKING DECK WEEKLY OCCUPANCY



CENTRAL MAINTENANCE GARAGE REPAIR DATA

	Current Week	Previous Week
DCED	0	0
Planning & Code	0	1
Fire	1	0
Engineering	0	0
Parks & Recreation	2	0
Public Works	3	2
Police	10	6
Water	1	1
Wastewater	0	2
Light	1	0
Human Resources	0	0
Weekly Totals	18	12
Yearly Total	791	773

PARKS AND RECREATION

Fit Room. The Fit Room Report is attached with upcoming classes. There are no private rentals this weekend.

Harvest Hoedown. Over 1,500 people enjoyed the annual Harvest Hoedown at Fairgrounds Park on Saturday, October 8.



Drive Thru Trick-or-Treat. Staff is preparing for this event on Thursday, October 27 at Fairgrounds Park from 4-8 p.m. Tickets are free to the public, and available at the golf course.

Ghost Tours at the Hager House

Fridays, Saturdays 7 p.m. & 8 p.m., Oct. 14, 15 & 21

Learn the haunting tales that keep this 18th century residence of town founder Jonathan Hager at the top of Maryland's most haunted sites. Take an hour tour and learn common legends of ghosts of the Hager House. Pre-registration online strongly recommended. \$15 indoor, \$10 outdoor.

Ghost Tours, Paranormal Training at The City Park Train Hub

Fridays, Saturdays 7 p.m. & 8 p.m., Oct. 14, 15 & 21

Visit the grounds of the City Park Train Hub and head out with Oculus Paranormal Team among the historic retired rail cars and steam locomotive engine 202, for a nightly investigation demonstrating the use of actual ghost hunting equipment. This is for those who want to create their own ghost stories. \$20.

Rec Programs

- Geocaching, Pangborn Park, Saturday, October 15, 2 p.m.-3 p.m.
- Fun with Paint, Golf Course, Sunday, October 16, 1 p.m.-3 p.m.

University Plaza

- Fiber Fest, Saturday, October 15 from 9 a.m. – 4 p.m.
<https://theyarnshopmd.com/event/hagerstown-fiber-fest/>

Virtual Programs

- Virtual Fitness, October 4 – Dec 22
 - Tuesdays & Thursdays, 6 p.m.-7 p.m.
 - Saturdays, 10 a.m. – 11 a.m.

UTILITIES DEPARTMENT

ELECTRIC DIVISION

Service Calls

Sun. 10/9 - 923 Armstrong Avenue – partial outage; line crews removed tree branch from service. Time Out: 15.5-17.5

Lamps Replaced	New Fixtures Added	Changeouts	Fixtures Removed
4	0	27	0

- Multiple permit reviews, service upgrade and underground locate requests have been reviewed and/or completed.
- Engineering staff continued work to prepare facilities for stadium construction.
- Staff performed substation inspections across the HLD system.
- Engineering staff prepared bid documents for substation power transformers.

WASTEWATER DIVISION

Wastewater Treatment Plant at Frederick Street

Date	Flow (mgd)	Rainfall (inches)
Wednesday, Oct 5, 2022	5.49	0.00
Thursday, Oct 6, 2022	5.17	0.00
Friday, Oct 7, 2022	5.01	0.00
Saturday, Oct 8, 2022	4.80	0.00
Sunday, Oct 9, 2022	4.90	0.00
Monday, Oct 10, 2022	4.82	0.00
Tuesday, Oct 11, 2022	4.86	0.00
Weekly – Avg. Flow/Total Rainfall	5.01	0.00
Oct - Avg. Flow/Total Rainfall	5.22	1.09

- Troubleshooting of PLC 1.1 not communicating with main server, causing sporadic equipment shutdowns.
- Replaced packing and eccentric on #2 Digester pump and brought online.
- Replaced faulty wiring on OAB mixer #4.
- Removed piece of metal that was lodged in top of bar screen.

Wastewater Collection
SSES Weekly Progress

Activity	Districts	L. F. main	Feet of lateral	# inspected
CCTV Inspections	#15 & 18	868'	170'	10
Flushing	#25	7,197'		

Collection System Maintenance Tasks

- Grinder pump, 11002 Eastwood Drive, replaced pump, cleaned tank.
- Grinder pump, 11023 Plumwood Circle, replaced pump and pig tails.
- Grinder pump, 20305 Parkwood Court, replaced pressure tube.
- Grinder pump, 11138 Eastwood Drive, reset smart switch.
- Grinder pump, 20115 Teakwood Drive, reset smart switch.
- Sewer backup, 241 Bryan Place, problem on private side, CCTV lateral.
- Sewer backup, 81 Edgewood Drive.
- Collected Newgate data.
- Excavated and replaced broken section of main line, 516 East Wilson Blvd.
- Unit #527, general maintenance, and replaced site tubes and leader hose.
- 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	1	2	1	0	0	6	10
YTD 2022	249	161	28	0	0	334	772

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 NWWIS Program samples for CDC-Biobot COVID monitoring.
- Completed 3rd Quarter Toxic Chemical Report.
- Ordered backup composite sampler control modules for plant.
- Completed September Data Quality Analysis.

WATER DIVISION

Plant Flows - System Demand (MGD)

<u>Date</u>	<u>Willson</u>	<u>Breichner</u>	<u>Total</u>
10/06/22	11.70		11.70
10/07/22	11.59		11.59
10/08/22	11.06		11.06
10/09/22	11.21		11.21
10/10/22	11.61		11.61
10/11/22	11.66		11.66
10/12/22	11.75		11.75
Average			11.51

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

- Staff worked on facility maintenance and routine preventative maintenance.
- Staff replaced sensors in south basins at R.C. Willson.

Water Production at Breichner / Edgemont Reservoir. The Edgemont Reservoir pool elevation is currently at 1.86 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 for October bacteriological monitoring.
- Collected samples for distribution monitoring – nitrification analysis.
- Responded to customer concern on water quality.
- Collected composite sample from lagoon discharge.
- Conducted one water sampler practicum for R.C. Willson Plant.
- Attended work group on LCRR with facilities from Rockville, Aberdeen, Frederick, and Washington counties.

Engineering

	<u>City</u>	<u>County</u>
Site Plans	-	-
Preliminary Plats	-	-
Grading Plan	-	-
Final Plat	-	-
Building Permits	7	-
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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