



# CITY OF HAGERSTOWN, MARYLAND STATUS & INFORMATION REPORT NO. 6 FOR 2023

February 17, 2023

To 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 to 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;">FEBRUARY 2023</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 <a href="http://www.hagerstownmd.org/calendar.aspx">http://www.hagerstownmd.org/calendar.aspx</a></p>						
Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			1	2	3	4
5	6	7 4pm Work Session	8 7pm Hagerstown Planning Commission Meeting	9 4pm Board of Traffic & Parking Meeting  4:30pm Hagerstown Historic District Commission Meeting  7pm Board of Zoning Appeals Meeting	10	11
12	13	14 9 to 3 Catherine Pfeilsticker – Deferred Comp Plan Rep.  4pm Work Session	15	16	17	18
19	20 <b>HOLIDAY</b> <b>City Offices Closed</b>  <b>Free Parking in City Decks</b>	21 4 pm Work Session	22	23 4:30pm Hagerstown Historic District Commission Meeting	24	25
26	27	28 7pm Regular Session				

## COMMUNICATIONS

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

- Hagerstown among Bed Bath & Beyond's Latest Store Closures
- Abortion Rights in Maryland Could be Headed to 2024 Ballot
- Hagerstown Ballerina Named Youth Ambassador
- WCPS Wants Feedback on Local Blueprint Education Plan
- Political Notebook: GOP Central Committee Taps Election Board Nominees
- Maryland Gov. Moore Calls for Gap Service Year after High School
- Man who Died after Police Struggle on I-81 ID'd as Hagerstown Resident
- Jake Day, Many other Nominees on Fast Path to Join Wes Moore Cabinet
- Hagerstown Man Pleads in Stabbing Case in which His Dad is Co-Defendant
- Press Release: Bistro Grill Grand Opening Celebration
- Press Release: Application Process for City Council Vacancy
- Traffic Advisory: Linganore Avenue
- Traffic Advisory: Mechanic Street
- Yard Waste Advisory: Collection Resumes the Week of Feb. 26

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

- Mayor & Council Work Session
- "Council WRap" Segment
- "State of the City" Video Interview Shoots
- "State of the City" Post Production Work

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

- Mayor & Council Meeting
- "Council WRap"
- Black History Month Video
- New Logo Reveal Video
- Invest Hagerstown Video
- "Building City Park Lake" Video Series
- First Hose Company of Hagerstown Museum Video Series
- "Council WRap" Promo
- Fit Room :30 Spot
- MTA Commuter Connection

### **City Website:**

- [www.hagerstownmd.org](http://www.hagerstownmd.org) attracted 9,027 user visits for the week of February 9-15
- The most popular top entrances (the first page users accessed on the website):

1. Home Page	2,486
2. Utility Billing Page	725
3. Online Payment Portal Page	569
4. Police Page	318
5. Jobs Page	309
6. Firefighters Page	188
7. Meet the Mayor Page	182
8. Skate Park Page	154
9. Bids Page	130
10. Parks & Recreation Page	122
- Top searches
  1. "True"
  2. "Online payment portal"
  3. "Police"
  4. "Utility billing"
  5. "How to use Invoice Cloud"

## COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT

- Planning and logistics for Main Street and A&E district 2023 events
- Met with HCC Incubator to discuss collaboration and partnership
- Met with Alsatia Club for planning of 2023 Thunder in the Square and Mummers Parade

## ENGINEERING

1. **Parking Deck.** As a followup to the Council's discussion, we met with Callas Contractors and Shockey Precast and brainstormed ways to reduce cost but retain the fifth floor. Several good ideas will be explored further and we meet again on March 2<sup>nd</sup>. This will be on the March 14<sup>th</sup> Council agenda for award in March.
2. **Oak Hill Avenue.** Staff delivered a survey letter describing different types of traffic calming that could be implemented in the future to help with speeding issues.
3. **Fairgrounds Stable Roof.** Replacement of the stable roof is in progress and will be completed in a few weeks.



4. **Dewey Avenue Neighborhood First Group.** Rodney attended their meeting to discuss traff-related issues in the neighborhood.
5. **Skatepark.** Approved purchase order to install sod around the Skatepark. Work should commence next week.
6. **CBT Tree Grant:** Staff is finalizing planting locations for Spring 2023 planting.
7. **Engineering Statistics**

Description	Week of 02/13/23	Calendar Year 2023 TOTALS
Traffic complaints received	3	21
Work Orders completed	3	20
Traffic counts completed	0	1
Construction Projects		
Description	Week of 02/13/23	Calendar Year 2023 TOTALS
Construction Projects advertised for bids	0	0
RFP's Advertised	3	3
Projects under construction	10	--
Projects completed	0	0

## FIRE

Week of 2/5/23 – 2/11/23			
Total Incidents (City only)	63	Mutual Aid to surrounding FDs	8
• Unit Responses	140	• Halfway FD	1
• Fire/Rescue Responses	48	• Maugansville FD	1
• EMS Responses	15	• Funkstown FD	1
Inspections/System Tests	9	• Longmeadow FD	3
Community Events, Smoke Alarm Installs	0	• Other	2

2/5/23 – HFD units responded for a house fire in the 200 block of Avon Rd. Crews found active fire in the attic and quickly opened up the ceiling and extinguished the fire.

2/6/23 – Six new firefighters began their 9-week recruit school with the HFD.

2/6/23 – Engine 4 responded for an outside fire in the area of 290 S Burhans Blvd. Engine 4 located and extinguished a 12x12' area on fire in the woods.

2/7/23 – Engine 3 responded for an outside fire in the area of Eastern Blvd S. Engine 3 located and extinguished a 20x20' area on fire in the woods.

2/7/23 – HFD units responded for a pedestrian struck by a train in the area of Church St. Victim was pronounced deceased at the scene.

2/8/23 – HFD units responded to 1115 Wesel Blvd at the Amazon warehouse for an employee trapped in a forklift-style picker. Victim was rescued without injury.

2/10/23 – HFD units responded to 17500 block of Calcite Drive for a pedestrian struck by a vehicle with injuries reported.

Following a response to an alarm at the APM Hotel, 431 Dual Highway, in the early morning hours of 2/6/23 it was discovered that their fire protection features such as the sprinkler system and fire alarm were either turned off or not working. As a result, this triggered a response by the Hagerstown Fire Marshal's office that led to the discovery of numerous electrical, mechanical, and building issues. A joint response plan was developed by the Fire Marshal's office and PCAD personnel which resulted in a full inspection of the property that found conditions that warranted condemnation and the evacuation of occupants until repairs could occur.

On 2/7/23 the Plaza Inn and Hotel, 931 Dual Highway, requested an inspection for an event they were hosting in the pool/assembly area. During the inspection it was discovered that the fire pump for the sprinkler system had failed its annual test. The Fire Marshal's Office ordered repairs be made to the system. Working with the property manager a contingency plan was developed to allow for the event, involving a veteran's group, to be scheduled as planned should. Fortunately for all involved the system was able to be repaired, with the Fire Marshal's office witnessing the testing of the system, in time for the event to held as scheduled. The Fire Marshal's Office stopped at the property periodically throughout the weekend for inspections.

## PLANNING & CODE ADMINISTRATION

### Historic District Commission

No Cases

### Board of Zoning Appeals

No Cases

### Zoning Certificates

1106 Sherman Avenue – Anderson Electrical, Christopher Anderson  
44 North Potomac Street – EZ Tag & Title, BRBD Wealth Partners Inc.  
93 Eastern Blvd – Hearty Pet, Austin Colby

### Planning Commission

Next Planning Commission Meeting is on March 08, 2023

## POLICE DEPARTMENT

Calls for Service:	1481	Field Interviews:	8
Arrests/Warrants Served:	26	Moving Violations:	21
Domestic Violence Calls:	22	Safety Repair Orders:	0
DUI Arrests:	2	Warnings:	54
Reports Filed:	125		

### **Media Releases:**

On Tuesday, 2/14/23, Officers of the HPD in conjunction with the Allegany County Sheriff's Office, the US Marshals Fugitive Apprehension Team and the Maryland State Police, executed a search and seizure warrant at 103 E. Washington St Apt 3. The warrant was in relation to a suspect from Alleghany Co that was wanted on Attempted 1st Degree Murder and Conspiracy charges. Fugitive Shaun Steven Hamlette, age 25 was arrested inside the residence. In the course of executing the search warrant, another occupant inside the house began throwing plastic bags containing suspected fentanyl out of the window. Officers were able to recover the evidence and Ayotunde Adedipe, age 29 of Hagerstown was charged with Possession of CDS - Fentanyl. He is currently being held at the Washington County Detention Center. We are grateful for our partnerships with allied agencies! Thanks to all those involved.

Officers recently served a search and seizure warrant at 115 East Ave. Resident Darnell Thompson age 43, was arrested on possession with intent to distribute narcotics and weapons violations. The search warrant yielded the following:

- 59 grams of meth
- 60 blue wax paper folds containing fentanyl
- 38 clear gel caps containing 11 grams of fentanyl
- 1 knotted cellophane bag containing 13 grams of fentanyl
- Smaller clear knotted bag containing 4 grams of fentanyl
- Black knotted bag with 24 grams of white powder suspected to be "filler"
- 41 Suboxone films
- 2 digital scales
- Hundreds of zip lock style baggies and "trashcans" (Both are used for packaging and distributing)
- 10 glass vials with suspected PCP residue
- 2 handguns
- 1 modified shotgun

In addition, there were 5 dogs in the home that were seized by the Washington County Humane Society.

The substances were packaged as evidence and will be analyzed by the Western Maryland Regional Crime Lab. All weights are approximate.

**Community Outreach:**

- ENVY is partnering with South Hagerstown High School Booster Club to bring the Harlem Wizards professional basketball team to South High on March 13.
- ENVY was made aware of a great program opportunity that was being offered through the Department of Homeland Security, Invent2Prevent. The information regarding this opportunity was able to be passed on to Washington County Board of Education who has since advised that there are already students interested in the program. The program challenges high school students to “create and activate their own peer-developed initiatives, products and tools to prevent targeted violence and help create safe schools and communities.”
- HPD and PAL are partnering with the Salvation Army to bring back Midnight Basketball. Games will be the fourth Friday of each month (except May). This activity is free and no preregistration is required. Players ages sixth grade to 24 years of age are welcome. Games begin at 7pm at Salvation Army gym located at 525 George Street.

**Neighborhoods 1<sup>st</sup>:**

Reminder: The first N1st event of the year will be held at the Washington County Free Library on Wednesday, February 22 at 5:30 p.m. The topic will be Community Clean-up Workshop. During this workshop, members of the City of Hagerstown and Washington County Health Department will share best practices to use when organizing and implementing community clean-ups in your neighborhoods--just in time for spring cleaning! You do not need to be a member of a Neighborhoods 1st group to attend. Pre-registration is required by filling out the form at this link:

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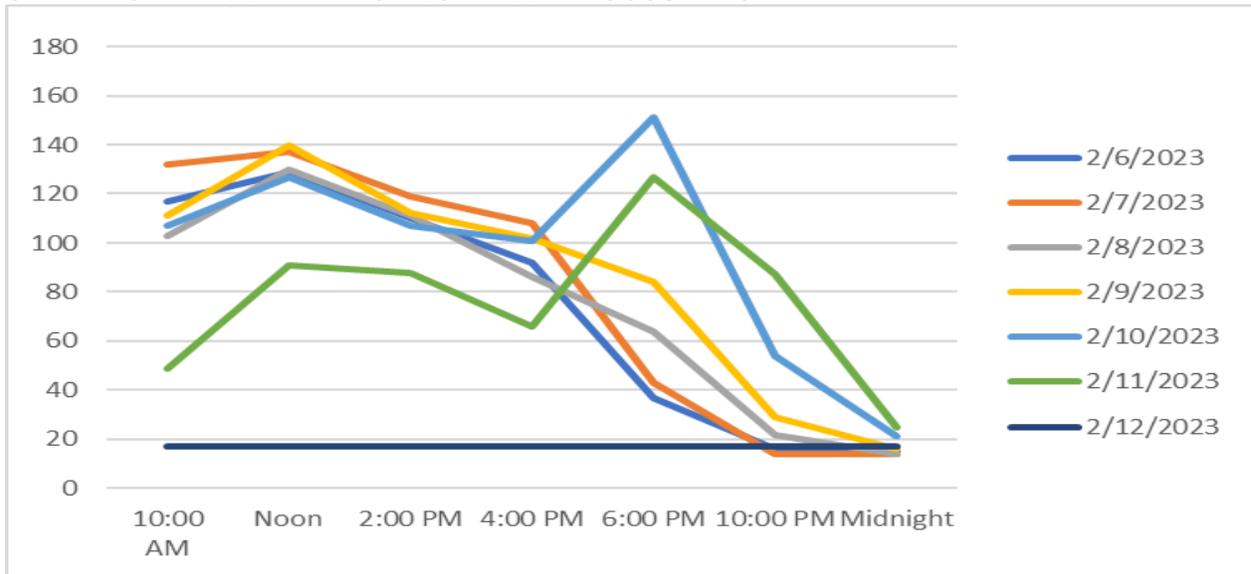
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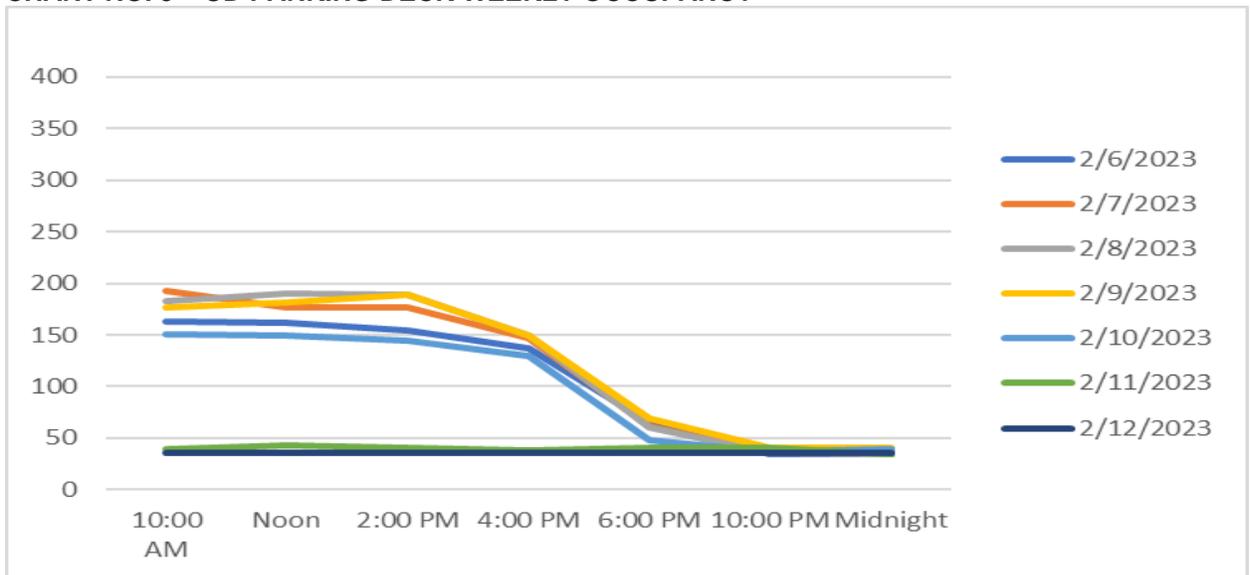
**CHART NO. 1 – GENERAL PARKING SYSTEM DATA**

		<b>Current Week</b>	<b>Previous Week</b>
<b>Number of Permit Holders</b>	A & E Deck	234	226
	University District Deck	255	259
<b>Number of Student Permits</b>	Central & Rochester Lots	49	41
<b>Number of Patrons Using Decks</b>	A & E Deck	1862	1744
	University District Deck	1393	1465
<b>Number of Citations Issued</b>	(Includes Warnings)	310	285
<b>Late Payment Notifications</b>		5	5
<b>Peak Occupancy (%)</b>	A & E Deck	82% Fr @ 6PM	84% Sa @ 6PM
<b>Peak Occupancy (%)</b>	University District Deck	40% Tu @ 10AM	40% We @ 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	1
Planning & Code	3	1
Fire	0	2
Engineering	2	0
Parks & Recreation	3	2
Public Works	9	0
Police	9	1
Water	6	1
Wastewater	1	0
Light	3	0
Human Resources	0	0
<b>Weekly Totals</b>	<b>36</b>	<b>8</b>
<b>Yearly Total</b>	<b>124</b>	<b>88</b>

**AFTER HOURS CALL BACKS**

Wednesday, February 8, 2023 @ 3:10 PM: Reports of sign damaged and bent over at E. Wilson Blvd. and Oak St. Staff was called in to repair sign.

Thursday, February 9, 2023 @ 3:48 PM: Report of elevator malfunctioning at City Hall. Upon review it was determined that the exterior and interior doors had separated. Elevator contractor was notified and their staff made necessary repairs same day.

Thursday, February 9, 2023 @ 3:49 PM: State Hwy. administration notified of signals not cycling at Rt. 40 and Western Maryland Pkwy. This signal is State owned but maintained by City. Staff investigated for numerous cycles but could not see anything wrong with the signals, everything was working normally.

Saturday, February 11, 2023 @ 4:03 PM: Dispatch notified of signals being off at Locust St. and East Ave. Staff found power lever was thrown off on the outside of the cabinet and lock was missing. Light was switched on and secured with zip tie so signal would stay in operation until new lock was installed.

**PARKS AND RECREATION**

**Fit Room**

See Fit Room report attached with upcoming classes. Two private rentals this weekend, Saturday and Sunday.

**UTILITIES DEPARTMENT**

**ELECTRIC DIVISION**

Lamps Replaced	New Fixtures Added	Changeouts	Fixtures Removed
4	0	29	0

- Multiple permit reviews, service upgrade and underground locate requests have been reviewed and/or completed.
- Staff began review of RFP responses to the Automated Metering Infrastructure project.
- Engineering staff met with development officials at Kilpatrick Woods to discuss utility construction.
- Staff completed multiple construction sketches and designs.

**WASTEWATER DIVISION**

**Wastewater Treatment Plant at Frederick Street**

Date	Flow (mgd)	Rainfall (inches)
Wednesday, Feb 8, 2023	5.38	0.00
Thursday, Feb 9, 2023	5.28	0.00
Friday, Feb 10, 2023	5.22	0.00
Saturday, Feb 11, 2023	5.13	0.00
Sunday, Feb 12, 2023	5.21	0.01
Monday, Feb 13, 2023	5.18	0.00

Tuesday, Feb 14, 2023	5.15	0.00
Weekly – Avg. Flow/Total Rainfall	5.22	0.01
Feb - Avg. Flow/Total Rainfall	5.37	0.01

- Replaced blower on #1 Pista Grit.
- Replaced solenoid valve on effluent pump seal water.
- Replaced alarm relay on PDPS.
- Cleaned and replaced faulty UV bulbs.
- Routine MVP Plant Work orders & Corrective Work Orders.

**Wastewater Collection**

SSES Weekly Progress

Activity	Districts	L. F. main	Feet of lateral	# Inspected
CCTV Inspections	1	310.6	358	668.6
Flushing	30	12,469		

**Collection System Maintenance Tasks**

- Camera crew CCTV'd Year 24 overlay streets and moved to Hager's Crossing, checking cleanout connections
- Flushing crew worked on District 30.
- Construction crew worked with contractor on Linganore Avenue, installing new laterals.
- Construction crew attended CPR training.
- Construction crew worked on lowboy, cleaned tools, restocked service truck with pipe fitting.
- Installed bypass contactor and new wire at Pump Station 23.
- Issues with generators at Pump Stations 5 and 7. Replaced battery at Pump Station 5, worked on alternator issues at Pump Station 7.

Wastewater Division – Customer Call Log Summary 2023							
Type	Blockages	Grinder Pumps	Odor Complaints	Flushing	WW Pump Station	Other	Totals
Weekly	0	0	0	0	0	6	6
<b>YTD 2023</b>	<b>16</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>46</b>	<b>70</b>

**Engineering**

- Review of Site Development and City Permit Drawings.
- Gathering information for service inquiries.
- Updating GIS databases completed with 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 WastewaterSCAN Program samples for pathogen monitoring.
- Technician completed MCET coursework.

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PRE-TREATMENT

- Delivered finalized permit to Phoenix Color.
- Meeting and tour at New Heights Industrial Park; discussions on potential pre-treatment industries at facility (Program Insite and First Breach Industries)
- Reconciliation of 2022 Quarterly Reports.
- Collected Industrial Pretreatment sample from HBP.

**WATER DIVISION**

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

<u>Date</u>	<u>Willson</u>	<u>Breichner</u>	<u>Total</u>
02/09/23	10.98		10.98
02/10/23	10.71		10.71
02/11/23	10.25		10.25
02/12/23	10.49		10.49
02/13/23	10.35		10.35
02/14/23	10.59		10.59
02/15/23	10.56		10.56
		<b>Average:</b>	<b>10.56</b>

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

- Staff worked on facility maintenance and routine preventative maintenance.

**Water Production at Breichner / Edgemont Reservoir**

The Edgemont Reservoir pool elevation is currently at 2.90 ft. 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.
- Crews repaired a main break on Jefferson Blvd.

**Laboratory**

- Process and regulatory testing were routine for the week.
- Collected samples for bacteriological monitoring for February.
- Collected one (1) line test sample.
- Collected composite sample from lagoon discharge.
- Collected monthly distribution samples for nitrification monitoring.

**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,



Scott A. Nicewarner  
City Administrator

## Fit Room at Fairgrounds Park at Fairgrounds Park

### Monthly Calendar For February 2023

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			<b>1</b> 5:45p-6:45p Embody Yoga #7845	<b>2</b> 4p-4:30p Princess Ballerina #7843 4:45p-5:15p Ballet & Acro #7840	<b>3</b> 7p-8:15p Aerial Stretch #7816	<b>4</b> 9:30a-10:30a Zumba Basic #7889 10:45a-11:15a Zumba Toning #7892 2p-3:30p GeoCaching in the Parks #7836 2:30p-3:30p Gentle Yoga for Beginners #7865 4p-9p Kytres Birthday Party
<b>5</b> 9:30a-11a Gymnastics for Kids, Intermediate #7857 11a-12p Gymnastics for Kids #7851	<b>6</b> 5:45p-6:45p Embody Yoga #7845 7:15p-8:30p Belly Dance Technique & Choreography #7838	<b>7</b>	<b>8</b> 5:45p-6:45p Embody Yoga #7845	<b>9</b> 4p-4:30p Princess Ballerina #7843 4:45p-5:15p Ballet & Acro #7840	<b>10</b> 7p-8:15p Aerial Stretch #7817	<b>11</b> 9:30a-10:30a Zumba Basic #7889 10:45a-11:15a Zumba Toning #7892 11:30a-12:30p Aerial Tricks #7878 2:30p-3:30p Gentle Yoga for Beginners #7865
<b>12</b> 9:30a-11a Gymnastics for Kids, Intermediate #7857 11a-12p Gymnastics for Kids #7851 1p-2:15p Aerial Stretch #7795	<b>13</b> 5:45p-6:45p Embody Yoga #7845 7:15p-8:30p Belly Dance Technique & Choreography #7838	<b>14</b>	<b>15</b> 11a-2:30p CPR and First Aid #7830	<b>16</b>	<b>17</b> 7p-8:15p Aerial Stretch #7818	<b>18</b> 9:30a-10:30a Zumba Basic #7889 10:45a-11:15a Zumba Toning #7892 11:30a-12:30p Aerial Tricks #7879 2:30p-3:30p Gentle Yoga for Beginners #7865 4p-8p 50th Birthday Party
<b>19</b> 9:30a-11a Gymnastics for Kids, Intermediate #7857 11a-12p Gymnastics for Kids #7851 1p-2:15p Aerial Stretch #7796 4p-8p Gabriella's 1st Birthday	<b>20</b> 5:45p-6:45p Embody Yoga #7845 7:15p-8:30p Belly Dance Technique & Choreography #7838	<b>21</b>	<b>22</b> 5:45p-6:45p Embody Yoga #7845	<b>23</b> 4p-4:30p Princess Ballerina #7844 4:45p-5:15p Ballet & Acro #7841	<b>24</b> 7p-8:15p Aerial Stretch #7819	<b>25</b> 9:30a-10:30a Zumba Basic #7889 10:45a-11:15a Zumba Toning #7892 2:30p-3:30p Gentle Yoga for Beginners #7866
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