



# CITY OF HAGERSTOWN, MARYLAND STATUS & INFORMATION REPORT NO. 12 FOR 2023

March 31, 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;">APRIL 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
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2	3	4 4 pm Work Session	5 4 pm Hagerstown Planning Commission Workshop Meeting	6 4:30 pm Hagerstown Historic District Commission Meeting	7 <b>FREE PARKING</b> A&E Parking Deck & University Parking Deck	8 <b>FREE PARKING</b> A&E Parking Deck & University Parking Deck
9 	10	11 9 am to 3 pm Catherine Pfeilsticker – Deferred Comp Representative  4pm Work Session	12	13 4 pm Board of Traffic & Parking Meeting  7pm Board of Zoning Appeals Meeting	14	15
16	17	18 4 pm Work Session	19	20	21	22
23 <hr style="width: 80px; margin: 0 auto;"/>	24	25 7 pm Regular Session	26 7 pm Hagerstown Planning Commission Meeting	27 4:30 pm Hagerstown Historic District Commission Meeting	28	29
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## COMMUNICATIONS

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

- As County's Budget Needs Rise, Revenue Growth Might Not
- Maryland International Film Festival Marks 11th Year
- Getting 'Everyone Into the Pool' Requires Lifeguards around the Pool
- School Security Assistants in Eight Washington County Public Schools
- Family of City Man who Died in I-81 Incident Explores Legal Options
- Commissioners Approve \$1.8 Million in Surplus Grants to Nonprofits
- Political Notebook: GOP, Dems Announce Meetings
- Comings & Goings: Moore Takes in Hitachi's Progress
- City Man Dies after Pedestrian Crash Saturday in Hagerstown
- What We Know about Amazon Warehouse Evacuation over the Weekend
- Hagerstown-Area Man Indicted for Cyberstalking Ex in Morgan County, WV
- City Electric Terminations to Resume in One Week
- Vietnam Veterans Day Ceremony Held Wednesday at City Monument
- Wes Moore for President? Maryland Governor Fights Hype about 2024 Run
- Three-Story 'Superstructure' Starting this Summer at Stadium Site
- Press Release: Electric Terminations Resume April 3
- Traffic Advisory: Baltimore Street
- Traffic Advisory: Vietnam War Veterans Commemoration Event

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

- Mayor & Council Regular Session
- Script transcription, translation for Spanish version of the "State of the City" Video

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

- Mayor & Council Meeting
- "Council WRap"
- Chamber "State of the City" Event
- Trash Tote Educational/Instructional 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 9,616 user visits for the week of March 23-29
- The most popular top entrances (the first page users accessed on the website):

1. Home Page	2,359
2. Utility Billing Page	784
3. Online Payment Portal Page	540
4. Police Page	319
5. Skate Park Page	236
6. Bids Page	229
7. Electric Division Page	219
8. Parks & Recreation Page	189
9. Jobs Page	140
10. Firefighters Page	135

- Top searches

1. "True"
2. "Utility billing"
3. "Police"
4. "Online payment portal"
5. "Building permits"

**COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT**

Staff attended a Main Street Conference in Boston, Massachusetts – More details to come

**DEPARTMENT OF COMMUNITY & ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT**

**ENGINEERING**

1. **Stadium.** Staff met with the MSA and Turner Construction this week to go over details of work in the public right-of-way, Cultural Trail relocation, and Storm Drain Replacement.
2. **SRTS Frederick at Eastern.** Upgraded signal pole with mast arm, pedestrian poles and wiring are being installed, estimated start up date is Tuesday, April 11, 2023.
3. **Parking Deck.** Sent Notice of Award to Callas Contractors and value-engineering process continues.
4. **Transition.** Jim Bender will serve as the Interim City Engineer until a full-time replacement is found. Rodney wishes to thank everyone for their support and friendship over the past 31 years.
5. **Engineering Statistics**

Description	Week of 03/27/23	Calendar Year 2023 TOTALS
Traffic complaints received	3	42
Work Orders completed	3	38
Traffic counts completed	1	4
<b>Construction Projects</b>		
Description	Week of 03/27/23	Calendar Year 2023 TOTALS
Construction Projects advertised for bids	0	3
RFP's Advertised	0	3
Projects under construction	15	--
Projects completed	1	4

## FIRE

Week of 3/19/23 – 3/25/23			
Total Incidents (City only)	51	Mutual Aid to surrounding FDs	16
• Unit Responses	115	• Halfway FD	3
• Fire/Rescue Responses	36	• Maugansville FD	3
• EMS Responses	15	• Funkstown FD	5
Inspections/System Tests	36	• Longmeadow FD	4
Community Events, Smoke Alarm Installs	0	• Other	1

3/19/23 – HFD units responded for a reported porch on fire in the 100 block of E North Ave. Crews investigated to find a fire involving the porch and a flower pot, extinguished on arrival.

3/23/23 – HFD units responded to the unit block of N Potomac St for a reported apartment fire. Crews investigated to find burnt food on the stove with a moderate smoke condition on the third floor. Crews ventilated structure and returned to service.

3/24/23 – HFD responded to Kind Therapeutics on E First St for a fire in the building. Crews investigated to find an activated sprinkler in one of the grow rooms and a moderate smoke condition. A light fixture had failed, dropping the hot bulb down on the product, igniting it. The sprinkler system successfully controlled and extinguished the fire prior to FD arrival.

3/25/23 – HFD responded to the Amazon Warehouse at 1115 Wesel Blvd, at the request of a medic unit from Halfway who was already on the scene for a traumatic injury, due to their carbon monoxide detector (attached to their medical bags) alerting. HFD and Co. 26 units arrived and confirmed elevated levels of what was initially thought to be carbon monoxide. The building was evacuated and crews began further investigation. The response was also upgraded to a full alarm assignment with the addition of an EMS task force for potential sick persons. It was later determined that forklift equipment utilized by Amazon staff had a leak in its charging/battery system, releasing hydrogen gas into the building. The forklift in question was removed from the building and heavy-duty fans from Anne Arundel County and NIST were used to ventilate the structure until readings dropped to appropriate levels. Luckily, there were no injuries/illness as a result of the leak.

## PLANNING & CODE ADMINISTRATION

## POLICE DEPARTMENT

Calls for Service:	1706	Field Interviews:	13
Arrests/Warrants Served:	23	Moving Violations:	22
Domestic Violence Calls:	19	Safety Repair Orders:	3
DUI Arrests:	2	Warnings:	62
Reports Filed:	117		

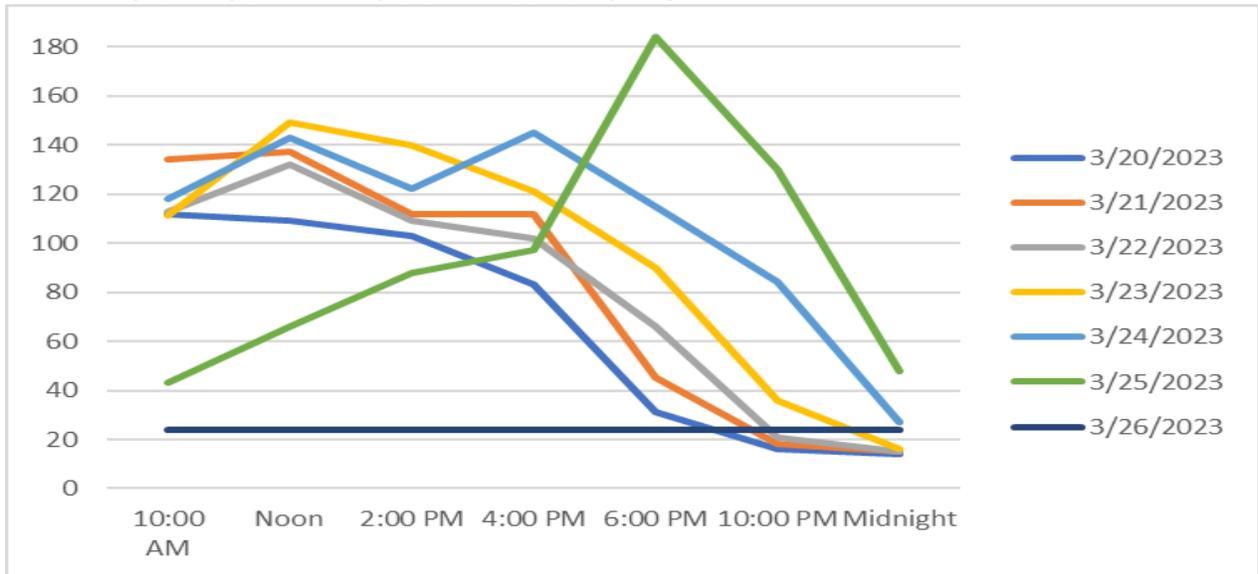
**Media Release:** On March 25, 2023 at approximately 2:05 PM Officers with the Hagerstown City Police Department responded to the 1800 block of the Dual Highway for a report of a pedestrian stuck. Community Rescue Services had arrived on scene prior to officers and were already providing life saving measures to a 57 year old male lying next to the roadway. The victim was laying on the right-hand shoulder of the east bound lanes in the grass. The male was transported to Meritus Medical Center where he was pronounced deceased. An Accident Reconstructionist responded to the scene to conduct an investigation. The driver of the vehicle is cooperating with the investigation. This is an ongoing investigation and at this time names of the victim and the person driving the vehicle are not being released. Anyone that may have witnessed the accident or might have any information are encouraged to contact Ofc. T. Wolfe of the Hagerstown City Police Dept. Ofc T Wolfe [TWolfe@hagerstownpd.org](mailto:TWolfe@hagerstownpd.org) or 301-790-3700 x330.

## PUBLIC WORKS

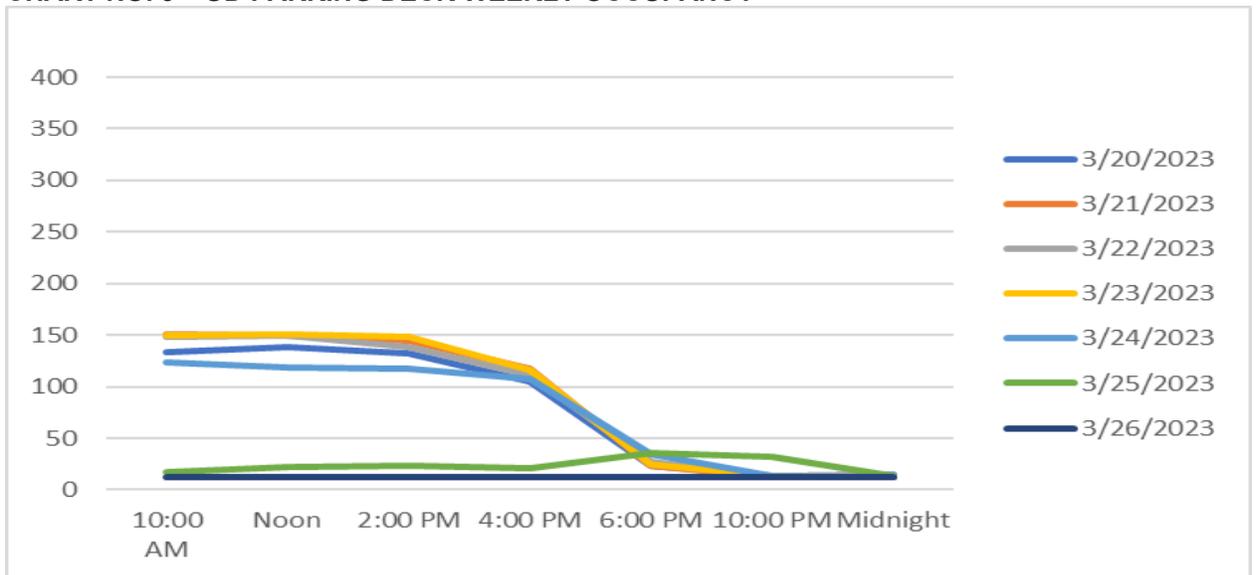
### CHART NO. 1 – GENERAL PARKING SYSTEM DATA

		Current Week	Previous Week
<b>Number of Permit Holders</b>	A & E Deck	247	246
	University District Deck	255	257
<b>Number of Student Permits</b>	Central & Rochester Lots	48	49
<b>Number of Patrons Using Decks</b>	A & E Deck	1861	1918
	University District Deck	1292	1473
<b>Number of Citations Issued</b>	(Includes Warnings)	164	304
<b>Late Payment Notifications</b>		6	5
<b>Peak Occupancy (%)</b>	A & E Deck	100% Sa @ 6PM	80% Th @ Noon
<b>Peak Occupancy (%)</b>	University District Deck	35% Tu @10AM Th @ Noon	43% We @ 10AM

**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	2	0
Fire	0	1
Engineering	0	0
Parks & Recreation	2	1
Public Works	15	9
Police	4	6
Water	6	1
Wastewater	0	1
Light	5	2
Human Resources	0	0
<b>Weekly Totals</b>	<b>34</b>	<b>21</b>
<b>Yearly Total</b>	<b>273</b>	<b>239</b>

## **AFTER HOURS CALL BACKS**

Monday, March 20, 2023 @ 3:30 PM: Dispatch reported yield sign down after vehicle accident on Eastern Blvd. at the Antietam Creek Shopping Center. Staff investigated concern and sign was replaced next business day.

Saturday, March 25, 2023 @ 7:30 AM: Report of signal on flash at Dual Highway and Cleveland Ave. This is a State Highway owned and maintained intersection. City of Hagerstown signal personnel were called to repair signal due to traffic volumes, weather conditions and possible delay in MDOT response. Technician evaluated flash condition and placed signal back into normal operation. State Highway was informed that signal issue was addressed and currently operating normally.

Sunday, March 26, 2023 @ 8:06 AM: Alarm monitoring company alerted staff of alarm activation at the Fairgrounds Park's office. There was a power outage in area. Staff asked park attendant to keep checking system. Once power was restored staff alerted alarm monitoring company and recreation staff.

Sunday, March 26, 2023 @ 11:26 AM: Report of signal stuck on red in both directions at N. Locust and Wayside Ave. A signal technician was called in to troubleshoot issue and make repairs. An earlier power outage in the area was the likely cause of damage to signal controller. Staff replaced controller and placed intersection back into normal operations.

## **PARKS AND RECREATION**

### **2023 Spring/Summer Programming – NEW Skateboarding Lessons**

Beginning Saturday, April 1<sup>st</sup> at the Skatepark, beginners and first timers skateboarding lessons will be held between 8 a.m. – 10 a.m. Registration is open here: <https://www.hagerstownmd.org/1248/Outdoor-Programs>

### **City Events – Month of April**

- Yard Sale, 4/8/2023, Stables at Fairgrounds Park
- Mannafest, 4/8/2023, University Plaza
- Handmade Hagerstown, 4/15/2023, University Plaza
- Rock the Run, 4/22/2023, Fairgrounds Park/Streets
- 100 Miler Final Mile Walk, 4/22/2023, City Park Train Hub
- Cleanup for Earth Day, 4/22/2023, Downtown/Meet Univ Plaza
- Earth Day and Arbor Day, 4/22/2023, Hager House
- Victims' Rights Awareness Color Splash Walk, 4/28/2023, Fairgrounds Park

### **Fit Room**

See Fit Room report attached with upcoming classes. We have one private rental this weekend on Saturday evening.

### **Hager House**

Staff is preparing for opening weekend with German Easter Tours April 7, 8, 14 & 15.  
<https://www.hagerstownmd.org/309/Jonathan-Hager-House-Museum>

### **Golf Course**

April happenings:

- Master The Greens Golf Tournament (1<sup>st</sup> annual) on Wednesday, April 5, 1 p.m. shotgun start
- Spark Golf League, begins Thursday, April 20 and continues Thursday at 5 p.m. through end of August
- Twilight Special – Mon/Tues/Wednesday after 3pm, 9 holes/cart, \$35/2 players
- ThirsTEE Thursdays - \$1 off beer after 5 p.m.

## UTILITIES DEPARTMENT

### ELECTRIC DIVISION

- Sun. 3/26
- Area's of, Mulberry Street and Fairground Avenue; total outage; line crews found mylar balloons entangled in wires causing Fairground feeders to lock out. Time Out: 7.7-9.7
  - 145 Broadway – no power; customer had power. Time Out: 11.7-12.7
  - 64 East Franklin Street – total outage; customer's main breaker tripped. Time Out: 14.0-14.7
- Mon. 3/27
- 1100 West Washington Street – total outage; problem was found to be on customer's side and they were advised to contact their property management company. Time Out: 16.5-18.0
  - 129 East Washington Street – lines down; lines were fiber optic cables belonging to Point Broadband. Time Out: 17.5-18.2

Lamps Replaced	New Fixtures Added	Changeouts	Fixtures Removed
4	0	9	0

- Multiple permit reviews, service upgrade and underground locate requests have been reviewed and/or completed.
- Engineering and Administrative staff held calls with AMI (Automated Metering Infrastructure) RFP respondents to ask questions and clarify response details. Staff will review and continue to work toward a decision on the vendor most suited for HLD's AMI implementation.
- USIC began operations to located HLD underground electric facilities on behalf of the department.
- Staff pulled an oil sample from Fairgrounds Transformer #2 after faults caused by mylar balloons becoming tangled in HLD overhead facilities. The sample was sent overnight to a lab for dissolved gas analysis testing. Results were reviewed by the Engineering Manager and the unit was cleared for re-energization.
- Engineering Staff continued work on HLD surveillance of electric substations.
- Administrative and Engineering staff reviewed factory drawings for two (2) new substation power transformers manufactured by Virginia Transformer.
- Staff continued design work on multiple projects to provide electric service within HLD territory.
- The HLD congratulates Amanda Stratton on her recent promotion to Electrical Engineering Designer. Amanda has demonstrated the ability to successfully and accurately complete the tasks presented and shows exemplary work ethic and we look forward to her growth with our department.

**WASTEWATER DIVISION**

Date	Flow (mgd)	Rainfall (inches)
Wednesday, Mar 22, 2023	5.20	0.00
Thursday, Mar 23, 2023	5.71	0.29
Friday, Mar 24, 2023	5.93	0.29
Saturday, Mar 25, 2023	5.86	0.37
Sunday, Mar 26, 2023	6.08	0.00
Monday, Mar 27, 2023	5.70	0.00
Tuesday, Mar 28, 2023	5.81	0.00
Weekly – Avg. Flow/Total Rainfall	5.76	0.95
Mar - Avg. Flow/Total Rainfall	5.83	2.25

- Rotated lower bearing on grit classifiers.
- Troubleshooting of entry gate controls and searched for needed parts.
- Located underground water leak and isolated until repair can be scheduled.
- Removed obstruction from 6M & 7M pumps. Tested for proper operation.
- Routine MVP Plant Work orders & Corrective Work Orders.

**Wastewater Collection**

**SSES Weekly Progress**

Activity	Districts	L. F. main	Feet of lateral	# Inspected
CCTV Inspections	30, 11, 33	655.9	372.4	
Flushing	33	6,052		

**Collection System Maintenance Tasks**

- Blacktopped patches at 950 Kenwood and 401 Brewer Avenue.
- Raised and repaired manholes at Courtland Drive and Little Elliott Drive.
- Helped Public Works flush and clean storm drain inlets.
- CCTV'd for overlay streets for Year 2024 in Districts 30, 11 and 33.
- CCTV'd for illegal connections at Professional Court for Eric Hott.
- Troubleshooting of PS 9 and PS 23 Muffin Monsters.
- Rewired PS 10 VFD.
- Collected Newgate numbers.
- Met with Mark from Fluid Solutions regarding warrant for Homa pump.
- Cleaned PS 9 Muffin Monster.
- Flushed District 33 and started District 34.

<b>Wastewater Division – Customer Call Log Summary 2023</b>							
Type	Blockages	Grinder Pumps	Odor Complaints	Flushing	WW Pump Station	Other	Totals
Weekly	3	1	0	0	0	6	10
<b>YTD 2023</b>	<b>28</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>79</b>	<b>120</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.
- Completed Effluent composite sampler maintenance.

## PRE-TREATMENT

- Attended Program Insite meeting with MDE and other entities
- Completed February surcharges for Berwick, Conagra, Mack.
- Completed 1st quarter surcharges for HBP.
- Sent out lab billing for HBP.
- Historical document organization and filing.
- Drafted Sierra Nevada's permit renewal.
- Reviewed Caliber permit application and sent request for additional information.
- Reviewed QA/QC laboratory temperature logs for February.

## WATER DIVISION

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

<u>Date</u>	<u>Willson</u>	<u>Breichner</u>	<u>Total</u>
03/23/23	10.18		10.18
03/24/23	9.90		9.90
03/25/23	9.77		9.77
03/26/23	10.23		10.23
03/27/23	10.32		10.32
03/28/23	10.34		10.34
03/29/23	10.44		10.44
		<b>Average:</b>	<b>10.17</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 3.89 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**

- Staff performed customer service work and new meter installations as needed.
- Staff continued replacement of residential meters throughout the water service area.

### **Laboratory**

- Process and regulatory testing were routine for the week.
- Collected samples for bacteriological monitoring for March.
- Collected composite sample from lagoon discharge.
- Collected one (1) line test sample.
- Addressed customer inquiry regarding water quality.
- Attended Drinking Water Professional Community Webinar on EPA's Proposed PFAS NPDWR.

**Engineering**

	<u>City</u>	<u>County</u>
Site Plans	-	-
Preliminary Plats	-	-
Grading Plan	2	-
Final Plat	-	-
Building Permits	20	2
Development Plan	1	1

- 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 SCHEDULE • FLYERS • PICTURES ON NEXT PAGE**

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
						<b>1</b> 9:30a-10:30a Zumba Basic #7890 10:45a-11:15a Zumba Toning #7893 11:30a-12:30p Aerial Tricks #8017 4p-9p Birthday Party
<b>2</b> 7a-11a Gymnastics for Kids, Preteam #8061 11a-12p Gymnastics for Kids #8043 1p-2p Aerial Stretch #7983	<b>3</b> 4:30p-5:30p Zumba #8069 5:45p-6:45p Mind & Body: Embody Yoga -- 7953 7:15p-8:30p Belly Dance Technique & Choreography #7994	<b>4</b>	<b>5</b> 5:45p-6:45p Mind & Body: Embody Yoga -- 7953	<b>6</b>	<b>7</b> 3:15p-4:45p Gymnastics for Kids, Intermediate #8055 4:45p-5:45p Gymnastics for Kids #8049 6p-10p Block- Easter Holiday	<b>8</b> 2p-8p Block- Easter Holiday
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<b>30</b> <i>Same schedule as 4.23</i>						