



CITY OF HAGERSTOWN, MARYLAND STATUS & INFORMATION REPORT NO. 15 FOR 2023

April 21, 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>.

<h3 style="margin: 0;">APRIL 2023</h3> <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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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 FREE PARKING A&E Parking Deck & University Parking Deck	8 FREE PARKING 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:

- Pressure Builds amid I-81 Development
- Community Meeting set for Fountain Rock, Hickory Elementary Closings
- Comings & Goings: Construction of Saint James Athletic Center Begins
- Political Notebook: Hagerstown Delegate is Secretary of Women's Caucus
- County: No Human Threat from Thursday Landfill Fire
- Desperate for Help in Addiction Battle, City Backs Counseling Center
- From Liquor Board to Elections Board, Local Appointees Confirmed
- Baltimore Man Sentenced in Hagerstown for Shooting at Moving Car
- County Begins Process to Absorb First Volunteer Company EMS Workers
- Natural Resources Police Seek Public's Help in Case of 25K Dead Fish
- VetDog Program Visits DAV Chapter
- Traffic Advisory: S. Mulberry St.

This Week's Video Projects

- Mayor & Council Work Session
- "Council WRap" Segment
- Script transcription, translation for Spanish version of the "State of the City" Video
- Upcoming City of Hagerstown Events Video Calendar Production

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
- PayByPhone Parking Video
- Greens at Hamilton Run :30 Promo
- Spring Sprouts Program Video
- New Logo Reveal Video
- "Council WRap" Promo
- MTA Commuter Connection

City Website:

- www.hagerstownmd.org attracted 9,974 user visits for the week of April 13-19
- The most popular top entrances (the first page users accessed on the website):

1. Home Page	2,492
2. Utility Billing Page	728
3. Online Payment Portal Page	594
4. Police Page	335
5. Bids Page	252
6. Parks & Recreation Page	239
7. Jobs Page	154
8. Skate Park Page	147
9. Firefighters Page	138
10. Downtown Events Page	120

- Top searches
 1. "True"
 2. "Utility billing"
 3. "Police"
 4. "Online payment portal"
 5. "Parks & recreation"

COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT

- Handmade Hagerstown Spring Market was a success with 25 vendors in attendance and over 200 customers despite the rain
- 132 submissions were received for the Utility Box Art Wraps. The Public Art Design group will meet next week to select designs.
- Downtown Community Clean Up is this Saturday, April 22nd at 9:00 AM in University Plaza
- Main Street Business Owners meeting will be held on Tuesday, April 25th at Leiter’s Fine Catering

ENGINEERING

1. **MUSEC.** Staff met with Turner Construction and the Maryland Stadium Authority to discuss water and sanitary sewer connections that need to be made for the proposed stadium.
2. **Earth Day.** Staff are preparing for Saturday’s event at City Park, which will include the planting of ten new trees, stream cleanup, and removal of invasive species. Volunteers, including members of the Hagerstown Youth Council and workers from Fed Ex, are expected to assist with the activities.
3. **Stormwater Facility Inspections.** Staff are working on the triennial inspections of all of the stormwater management facilities in the City that are required by MDE; there are more than 300 of these facilities throughout the City.
4. **Engineering Statistics**

Description	Week of 04/17/23	Calendar Year 2023 TOTALS
Traffic complaints received	1	52
Work Orders completed	1	45
Traffic counts completed	0	8
Construction Projects		
Description	Week of 04/17/23	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 4/9/23 – 4/15/23			
Total Incidents (City only)	79	Mutual Aid to surrounding FDs	12
• Unit Responses	140	• Halfway FD	2
• Fire/Rescue Responses	48	• Maugansville FD	1
• EMS Responses	31	• Funkstown FD	6
Inspections/System Tests	34	• Longmeadow FD	1
Community Events, Smoke Alarm Installs	0	• Other	2

4/10/23 – HFD crews successfully rescued a victim who fell one floor in an elevator shaft at the Alexander House.

4/11/23 – Engine 5 responded to Doubs Woods Park for a large pile of debris on fire. Due to the secluded area, Engine 5 requested an additional brush truck and tanker from the county and large equipment from the city to assist with controlling the fire.

4/12/23 – HFD units responded to the 500 block of Maryland Ave for an outside fire threatening a structure. Units arrived to find a fire approximately 20-30 feet away from a structure, involving debris, a dumpster, and natural vegetation (including trees). Fire caused damage to overhead wires, but did not reach the structure before extinguishment.

POLICE DEPARTMENT

Calls for Service:	1748	Field Interviews:	9
Arrests/Warrants Served:	25	Moving Violations:	21
Domestic Violence Calls:	19	Safety Repair Orders:	6
DUI Arrests:	2	Warnings:	56
Reports Filed:	150		

Neighborhoods 1st: HPD's Community Liaison coordinated the Neighborhoods 1st Spring Dinner which was held on Wednesday at the Washington County Museum of Fine Arts. Approximately 80 attended the event including Senator Paul Corderman, Delegate Brooke Grossman, HPD & City staff and leadership members of Neighborhoods 1st. The Spring gathering is an opportunity to celebrate the accomplishments of the volunteer groups and to thank them for all they do.



Neighborhoods' 1st Spring Dinner - Washington County Museum of Fine Arts

Officer of the Month: Det. Dustin Vogel has been selected as Officer of the Month for March. On March 9, 2023, Det. Vogel was forwarded information from a School Resource Officer concerning a threat posted in a viral TikTok video towards E. Russell Hicks Middle School regarding an alleged shooting that was supposed to transpire the following day. Utilizing various investigative tools at his disposal, Det. Vogel was able to quickly identify the juvenile responsible for posting the threats on TikTok. The juvenile was identified, located, and interviewed all in the same afternoon in which the information was received. The threat was subsequently determined to be unfounded. Based on his expeditious investigation of the incident, Det. Vogel was able to alleviate any concern for the Board of Education and allow the school to proceed with normal activities the next day.

PUBLIC WORKS

CHART NO. 1 – GENERAL PARKING SYSTEM DATA

		Current Week	Previous Week
Number of Permit Holders	A & E Deck	251	251
	University District Deck	255	254
Number of Student Permits	Central & Rochester Lots	48	54
Number of Patrons Using Decks	A & E Deck	1657	1005
	University District Deck	1505	1212
Number of Citations Issued	(Includes Warnings)	266	257

Late Payment Notifications		19	10
Peak Occupancy (%)	A & E Deck	81% Th @ Noon	99% Tu @ 2PM
Peak Occupancy (%)	University District Deck	36% Tu @ 10AM	61% Tu @ Noon

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

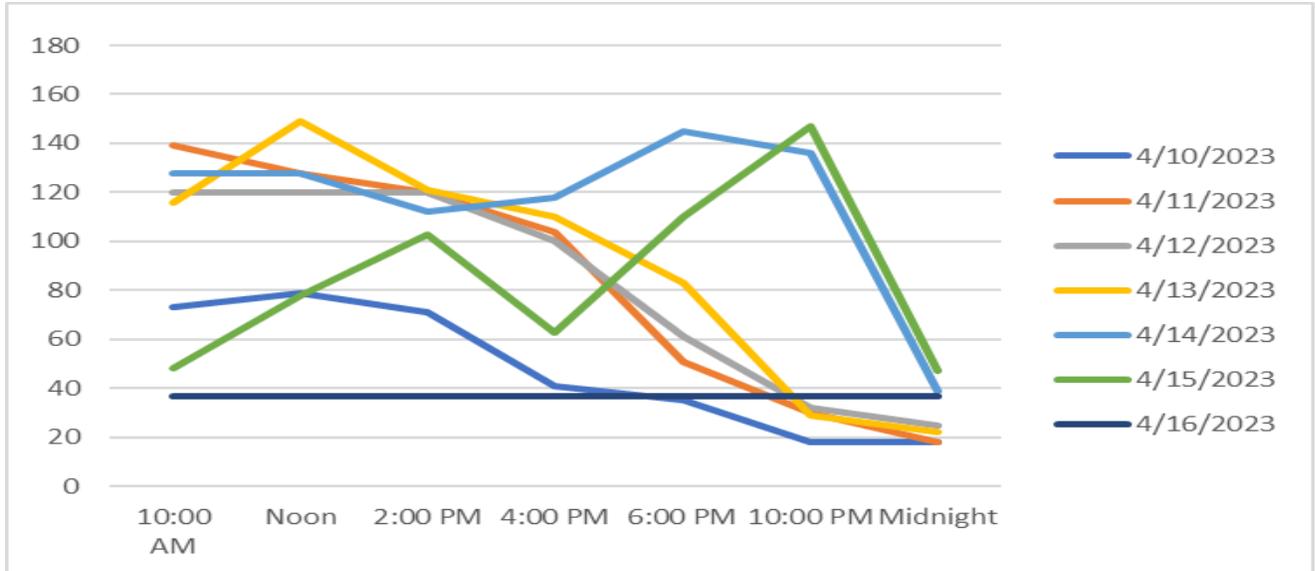
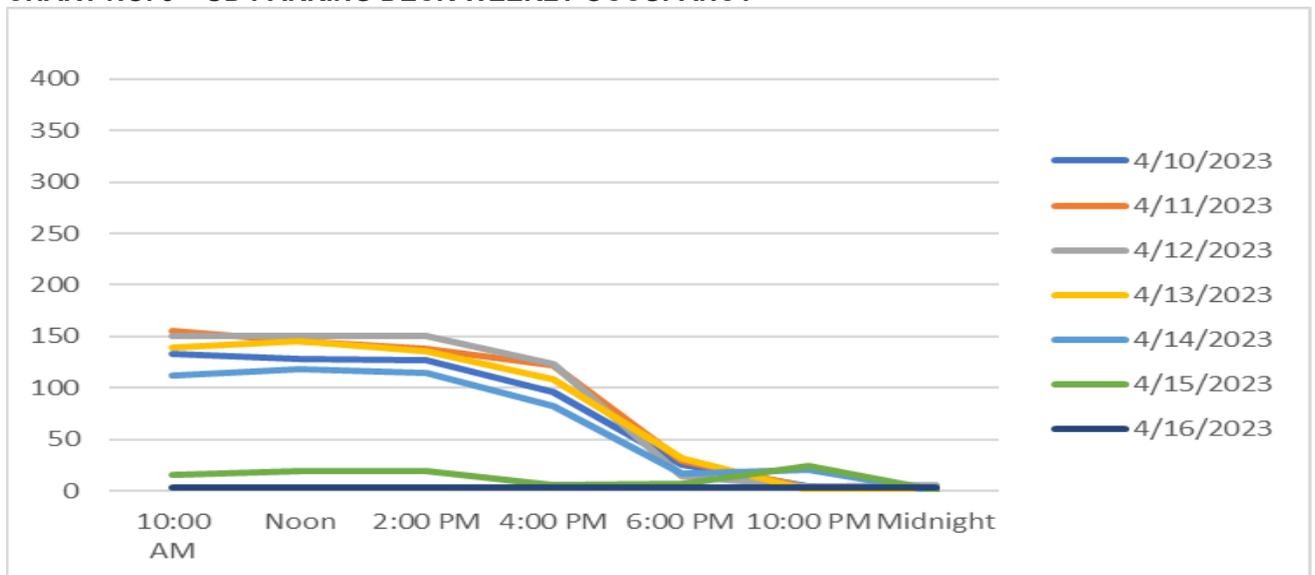


CHART NO. 3 – UD PARKING DECK WEEKLY OCCUPANCY



CENTRAL MAINTENANCE GARAGE REPAIR DATA

	Current Week	Previous Week
DCED	0	0
Planning & Code	1	0
Fire	1	2
Engineering	1	1
Parks & Recreation	2	0
Public Works	3	1
Police	11	5
Water	8	5
Wastewater	3	0
Light	0	1
Human Resources	0	0
Weekly Totals	30	15
Yearly Total	339	309

AFTER HOURS CALL BACKS

Monday, April 10, 2023 @ 3:50 PM: Call for signal not changing for traffic on Elgin Blvd. Staff observed numerous cycles at intersection with no issues.

Tuesday, April 11, 2023 @ 5:22 PM: Dispatch requested a machete be removed from the storm drain at Pangborn Blvd. and Monroe Ave. While staff was en route dispatch called back and indicated the item retrieval could wait until next work day. When staff reported to site next work day no item was found in drain.

Wednesday, April 12, 2023 @ 7:00 PM: Alarm monitoring company notified of alarm being activated at the Fairgrounds Park's office. Staff dispatched to investigate and could not find any issues with building. Monitoring company was called back to cancel the police response.

Thursday, April 13, 2023 @ 7:15 PM: Park attendant reported alcohol and smell of marijuana at a large gathering at Pangborn Park, East pavilion. Attendant informed people they had to vacate pavilion and was met with resistance at which point attendant left and notified HPD. When HPD arrived the crowd dispersed. Officers stayed on site while staff cleaned up premises.

Friday, April 14, 2023 @ 5:45 PM: HFD command staff called and reported a unit was unable to start and was located at HFD headquarters. Mechanic was called in to make repairs and place unit back in service.

Friday, April 14, 2023 @ 9:15 PM: A&E parking deck attendant reported a group of juveniles had damaged the entry gate at the deck. While staff was en route, a second call was received for the same group of individuals, now at the University Parking deck spray-painting graffiti. Attendant had notified HPD who made contact with the group. Upon staff's arrival all perpetrators were gone. All parties involved were allowed to leave freely minus the spray paint. Staff was called in to make repair to A&E deck gate. Graffiti at University Deck addressed next work day.

Friday, April 14, 2023 @ 4:20 PM: Report of signal at N. Cannon and Jefferson St. cycling being short. Staff observed all facets of detection and cycling to be normal.

PARKS AND RECREATION

City Events – Month of April

- Rock the Run, 4/22/2023, 8:30 a.m., Fairgrounds Park/Streets
- 100 Miler Final Mile Walk, 4/22/2023, 9 a.m. – 10:30 a.m., City Park Train Hub
- Cleanup for Earth Day, 4/22/2023, 9 a.m. – 1 p.m., Downtown/Meet University Plaza
- Earth Day and Arbor Day, 4/22/2023, 11 a.m. – 1 p.m., Hager House
- Victims' Rights Awareness Color Splash Walk, 4/28/2023, 3 p.m., Fairgrounds Park
- Gordon's Grocery 100th Year Anniversary Block Party, 4/29/2023, 12 p.m. – 5 p.m., Downtown on Cypress Street

Fit Room

See Fit Room report attached with upcoming classes. A private rental is scheduled this Saturday.

City Park Train Hub & Hager House

Both sites are now open for the season on Fridays and Saturdays from 10 a.m. – 4 p.m. Private tours can be arranged 7 days a week by calling with at least a 48 hour notice. See promotion attached.

Outdoor Programs

- Beginners and First Timers Skateboard Lessons at the Skatepark, Saturdays 8 a.m. – 10 a.m.
- Geocaching in the Parks, Saturday, April 23, 2 p.m. at Staley Park

Virtual Classes

- Yoga, Tuesdays, 6-7 p.m.
- Strength Training, Thursdays, 6-7 p.m.
- Dance Fitness, Saturdays, 10-11 a.m.

Golf Course

- *NEW* Spark Golf League starts this Thursday at 5 p.m. A 9-hole social golf league open to anyone!
- *NEW* Ladies Golf League is forming thanks to a partnership with Prime Time for Women. Two informational sessions about the league will be held next week, more info attached.

UTILITIES DEPARTMENT

ELECTRIC DIVISION

Service Calls:

- Fri. 4/14 - 322 East Franklin Street – partial outage; repairs made to service conductors. Time Out: 18.7-20.7
- Sat. 4/15 - 109 West North Avenue – large banner removed from communication lines. Time Out: 19.7-20.5

Lamps Replaced	New Fixtures Added	Changeouts	Fixtures Removed
3	3	21	0

- Multiple permit reviews and service upgrades requests have been reviewed and/or completed.
- Engineering staff met with project managers in the field to discuss new HLD electric facilities to provide electric service to their sites.
- Staff continued review of AMI RFP information and prepared scaled grading charts to assist with determining a successful vendor that best fits HLD's needs and requirements.
- Engineering staff worked with our SCADA vendor to update the HMI and communications equipment.
- Staff continued organization and catalog updates of the stockroom.

WASTEWATER DIVISION

Wastewater Treatment Plant at Frederick Street

Date	Flow (mgd)	Rainfall (inches)
Wednesday, Apr 12, 2023	4.89	0.00
Thursday, Apr 13, 2023	4.82	0.00
Friday, Apr 14, 2023	4.69	0.00
Saturday, Apr 15, 2023	4.62	0.10
Sunday, Apr 16, 2023	4.69	0.00
Monday, Apr 17, 2023	4.75	0.04
Tuesday, Apr 18, 2023	4.74	0.00
Weekly – Avg. Flow/Total Rainfall	4.74	0.14
Apr - Avg. Flow/Total Rainfall	4.96	0.16

- Repaired Chesterton seal water system on RAS Pump #1.
- Replaced compressor for Grit Classifier #2.
- Replaced faulty fan on Vent Blower #3.
- Repaired OPS BLDG Sump Pump #1.
- Routine MVP Plant Work orders & Corrective Work Orders.

Wastewater Collection**SSES Weekly Progress**

Activity	Districts	L. F. main	Feet of lateral	# Inspected
CCTV Inspections	8, 16, 17, 36	1,267	438.6	29
Flushing	35	3,495		

Collection System Maintenance Tasks

- Sawcut 1108 Beechwood Avenue
- Mowed at pump stations.
- Installed UPS at PS #24.
- Adjusted speed control sensor on generator at PS #22,
- Met with electrician at West End ballfield about alarm light on grinder pump.

Wastewater Division – Customer Call Log Summary 2023

Type	Blockages	Grinder Pumps	Odor Complaints	Flushing	WW Pump Station	Other	Totals
Weekly	5	0	0	0	0	19	24
YTD 2023	38	17	1	0	0	109	165

Engineering

- Review of Site Development and City Permit Drawings.
- Gathering information for service inquiries.
- Updating GIS databases completed with water projects.

Lab**WASTEWATER**

- 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 monthly QC Autoclave timing check.
- Completed periodic autoclave maintenance cleaning.
- Completed monthly Chemscan zero check.
- Completed QA/QC spectrophotometer check.

Environmental Coordinator & Pretreatment

- Delivered completed Sierra Nevada.
- Completed pretreatment sampling event at Mack.
- Completed pretreatment sampling event at Conagra.
- Preparing document and inspection visits for MDE audit in May.

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

<u>Date</u>	<u>Willson</u>	<u>Breichner</u>	<u>Total</u>
04/13/23	11.81		11.81
04/14/23	11.61		11.61
04/15/23	10.95		10.95
04/16/23	11.39		11.39
04/17/23	11.58		11.58
04/18/23	11.49		11.49
04/19/23	11.44		11.44
		Average:	11.47

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 3.06 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.
- Staff replaced galvanized service on East Antietam Street.
- Staff repaired service on Prestwick Drive.

Laboratory

- Process and regulatory testing were routine for the week.
- Collected samples for bacteriological monitoring for April.
- Collected composite sample from lagoon discharge.
- Attended meeting on proposed CCR rule updates.
- Collected samples for distribution monitoring – nitrification analysis.

Engineering

	<u>City</u>	<u>County</u>
Site Plans	2	2
Preliminary Plats	-	-
Grading Plan	-	-
Final Plat	2	-
Building Permits	6	3
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 SCHEDULE • FLYERS • PICTURES ON NEXT PAGE

Fit Room at Fairgrounds Park at Fairgrounds Park

Monthly Calendar For April 2023

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
						1 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
2 7a-11a Gymnastics for Kids, Preteam #8061 11a-12p Gymnastics for Kids #8043 1p-2p Aerial Stretch #7983	3 4:30p-5:30p Zumba #8069 5:45p-6:45p Mind & Body: Embody Yoga -- 7953 7:15p-8:30p Belly Dance Technique & Choreography #7994	4	5 5:45p-6:45p Mind & Body: Embody Yoga -- 7953	6	7 3:15p-4:45p Gymnastics for Kids, Intermediate #8055 4:45p-5:45p Gymnastics for Kids #8049 6p-10p Block- Easter Holiday	8 2p-8p Block- Easter Holiday
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Amazing things happen when PTFW and Hagerstown Parks & Rec collaborate!

Prime Time for Women wants to know if you are ready to:

- Pursue a new hobby?
- Explore your athletic capabilities?
- Have fun while exercising?
- Discover a new passion?
- Expand your circle of friends?
- Enjoy the benefits of time spent in nature?

If you answered “yes” to any of the above questions, you’re in luck! Thanks to a collaborative partnership with Hagerstown Parks & Recreation, [Prime Time for Women](#) is hosting a 10-week golf league for women in their prime!

The PTFW Golf League will play at The Greens at Hamilton Run, a beautiful 9-hole golf course owned and operated by the City of Hagerstown and located at 2 South Cleveland Avenue, Hagerstown, MD 21740.

To learn more, please join Bernadette Wagner, PTFW Executive Director, at The Greens at Hamilton Run’s clubhouse on either Tuesday, April 25 at 11:00 AM and Wednesday, April 26 at 5:00 PM! Wagner will speak about the [benefits of learning to golf as an adult](#), introduce Ron Clipp, Clubhouse Attendant at The Greens, share the dates and explain the format and discount pricing for PTFW members.



EXPLORE THE PAST HAGERSTOWN CITY PARK



Hager
house



NOW OPEN FRI. & SAT.

10am - 4pm

www.hagerstownmd.org/parksandrec

2nd Annual CRIME VICTIM'S RIGHTS AWARENESS COLOR SPLASH WALK

FREE---FREE--- OPEN TO THE PUBLIC ---FREE---FREE

This event is being held to bring awareness about various types of crime victims, to acknowledge the rights of victims, and to demonstrate as a community that no victim fights alone, no surviving family of a victim fights alone.

Your community is fighting with you, alongside you, supporting you.

Come as an individual, gather a team of friends or staff members
and come join together as a community for this event.

Wear a white shirt so the colors pop that day, and bring sunglasses or something to protect your eyes.
Feel free to make signs or posters representing crime victim awareness to carry along with you through
the walk if you choose.

Feel free to dress up creatively or create a team outfit for the event.

(there will be winners announced for most creative group and individual)

We do ask that any signs or posters not display profanity, derogatory language or statements, and not display offensive or sexual images. Additionally, clothing/fun outfits for that day must not expose intimate body areas.

EVENT DATE

Friday

April 28, 2023

EVENT TIME

3:00 pm

(Approximately a 1 mile walk)

EVENT LOCATION

Fairgrounds

Park

*The colors used for this walk will represent different crime victims. Blue – Child Abuse, Purple – Domestic Violence, Red – Substance Abuse, Orange – Gun Violence, Teal – Sexual Assault/Sexual Abuse, Green – Mental Health/Mental Illness

Any Questions? Contact Danielle Staley – MCIN Coordinator For Washington County

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