



CITY OF HAGERSTOWN, MARYLAND STATUS & INFORMATION REPORT NO. 18 FOR 2023

May 12, 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;">MAY 2023</h3> <p style="margin: 0;"><i>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</i></p>						
Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	1	2	3	4	5	6
7	8	9 am to 3 pm Catherine Pfeilsticker – Deferred Comp Representative ----- 4 pm Executive Session 5 pm Work Session 7 pm Special Session	3:30 pm Hagerstown Planning Commission Workshop Meeting	4 pm Hagerstown Historic District Commission Meeting 7pm Board of Zoning Appeals Meeting	12	13
14	15	16 4 pm Work Session	17	18	19	20
21	22	23 7 pm Regular Session	24	25 4:00 pm Hagerstown Historic District Commission Meeting	26	27 FREE PARKING A&E Parking Deck & University Parking Deck
28	29 FREE PARKING A&E Parking Deck & University Parking Deck	30	31 7 pm Hagerstown Planning Commission Meeting			

COMMUNICATIONS

This Week's Headlines & Media Releases:

- Washington County Legislators Back Tax Sale Bill, School Funding
- Maryland Gov. Signs Abortion Protections, Transgender Equity Bills
- Hagerstown Police Chief Promises Revenge, Accountability on Dirt Bikes
- Funding at Issue as Board Plotting MD's Education Course Expands
- Who Will Run for MD Senate Seat in 2024? Trone, Raskin Eyeing Race
- David Trone Jumps into Maryland Senate Race to Succeed Ben Cardin
- Part of Marshall Street Closed for Water Main Repairs
- Judge Advises Defendant in Stabbing Case to Retreat Next Time
- 2nd Annual Crime Victims' Rights Awareness Color Splash Walk Held Friday
- Political Notebook: Thinking about Running for School Board?
- Who Writes Maryland's Big Bills? Meet Department that Makes it Happen
- RSV Vaccine for Older Adults Expected to Arrive in County Soon
- Comings & Goings: Old 7-Eleven Becomes Penny Mart
- County to Hold a Public Hearing on the FY24 Proposed Budget
- Hagerstown Man Enters Alford Plea in August Shooting in Hagerstown
- Digital Ad Tax Measure to fund Education Upheld by Maryland High Court
- WCPS, Commission on Aging Make Final Pitch for More Funding
- 11th Annual Washington County Gives Raises More than \$560,100
- Traffic Advisory: Antietam Velo Club Races
- Traffic Advisory: Marshall Street Water Main Break
- Traffic Advisory: N. Mulberry Street

This Week's Video Projects

- Mayor & Council Work & Special Sessions and Public Hearings
- Script transcription, translation for Spanish version of the "State of the City" Video
- Crime Victims' Rights Awareness Color Splash Walk Footage

Channel 25 Hub City Now Programming:

- Mayor & Council Meeting
- "Council WRap"
- Chamber "State of the City" Event
- Upcoming City Of Hagerstown Events Video Calendar
- 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 9,489 user visits for the week of May 4-10
- The most popular top entrances (the first page users accessed on the website):

1. Home Page	2,473
2. Utility Billing Page	705
3. Online Payment Portal Page	626
4. Police Page	527
5. Parks & Recreation Page	193
6. Bids Page	157
7. Skate Park Page	156
8. Firefighters Page	143
9. Downtown Events Page	137
10. Potterfield Pool Page	119

Top searches

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

COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT

- Attended CVB Travel Industry Seminar hosted by Visit Hagerstown
- Volunteers from Meritus Health helped with planting flowers in the planters along Franklin Street
- Every Thursday is happy hour from 4:30-6:00 PM at Potomac Walk
- Grand opening of City Farmers Market on **Thursday, May 18th from 3:00-6:00 PM** at 25 W Church Street
- National Pike Festival will be passing through downtown on Saturday, May 20th around 1:00 PM and stop in front of The Maryland Theatre at 1:15 PM and City Park at 2:00 PM

ENGINEERING

1. **Construction Contracts.** We advertised three contracts for bids: curb and sidewalk replacement, handicap accessibility ramps, and construction of the Clara Barton memorial.
2. **SRTS Hagerstown Miscellaneous.** Release of Winter Shutdown was issued for May 9, 2023, project should be completed in 2 - 3 weeks.
3. **Hamilton Run Restoration.** Staff has been meeting with the MD Department of Natural Resources on their plans to do a restoration project in the Hamilton Run stream corridor. DNR plans to hold an initial public meeting at Northern Middle School on May 25th to discuss their plans.
4. **Engineering Statistics**

Description	Week of 05/08/23	Calendar Year 2023 TOTALS
Traffic complaints received	5	63
Work Orders completed	2	53
Traffic counts completed	6	15
Construction Projects		
Description	Week of 05/08/23	Calendar Year 2023 TOTALS
Construction Projects advertised for bids	2	5
RFP's Advertised	1	5
Projects under construction	15	--
Projects completed	1	4

FIRE

Week of 4/30/23 – 5/6/23			
Total Incidents (City only)	63	Mutual Aid to surrounding FDs	12
• Unit Responses	95	• Halfway FD	1
• Fire/Rescue Responses	31	• Maugansville FD	3
• EMS Responses	32	• Funkstown FD	4
Inspections/System Tests	50	• Longmeadow FD	1
Community Events, Smoke Alarm Installs	3	• Other	3

POLICE DEPARTMENT

Calls for Service:	1784	Field Interviews:	10
Arrests/Warrants Served:	24	Moving Violations:	26
Domestic Violence Calls:	21	Safety Repair Orders:	1
DUI Arrests:	0	Warnings:	57
Reports Filed:	138		

Press Release: On May 11th, 2023 the Hagerstown Police Department conducted one of many operations targeting dirt bike and off-road vehicles driving without regard within the city. Officers utilized newly purchased drones along with the crime camera system. Within one-hour Officers were able to seize 3 dirt bikes and charge two individuals. One adult and one juvenile were charged with operating the dirt bikes. Information related to the juvenile charged cannot be released. Manuel Edward Black was captured at his residence on Madison Ave. Earlier in the day Black struck a marked police cruiser with a dirt bike as an Officer was exiting the vehicle and attempting to take him into custody. After his capture, Black was taken to central booking and charged with 2nd degree assault, resisting arrest, fleeing & eluding on foot and within a vehicle, reckless driving and numerous other traffic offenses. The Hagerstown Police Department would like to thank the community for the continued support and information related to the dirt bikes.

OTHER NEWS/INFORMATION:

Congratulations to Sergeant Kelley: Effective Monday, November 2, 2020, Officer Curtis Kelley was promoted to the rank of Sergeant. It was a bittersweet promotion because his K9 partner of eight years, Jacky, was retired. Jacky was deployed over 500 times and was always a faithful partner. Sergeant Kelley was assigned to Baker Platoon. We wish Sergeant Kelley much success in his new position. We sincerely thank Jacky for his service and wish a retirement full of treats and naps!

Congratulations to new Officers: Officers Ryan Howard, Jeffrey Nicholls, Chasity Plummer and Faith Wilson completed Field Training and are certified for solo patrol. Officer Nicholls was assigned to Alpha Platoon. Officers Howard, Plummer and Wilson were assigned to Baker Platoon. We wish them success as they begin their law enforcement careers at the Hagerstown Police Department.

Welcome Back! Officer Alex Miscannon returned from military deployment and has been reinstated and recertified as a Police Officer to return to full duty. Officer Miscannon has been in the U.S Army Reserves since 2015 and is currently a First Lieutenant. He was deployed to Cuba with the Military Police Company. We thank Officer Miscannon for his service and are happy to have him back!

Victim's Rights Awareness: The second annual Crime Victim's Rights Awareness Color Splash walk was held on Friday at Fairgrounds Park. The event was held to raise awareness about victims of various types of crimes, to acknowledge their rights, and to demonstrate — as a community — that no victim and no surviving loved one of a victim fights alone. The colors used for the walk represented different crime victims including: Blue – Child Abuse; Purple – Domestic Violence; Red – Substance Abuse; Orange – Gun Violence; Teal – Sexual Assault/Abuse; Green Mental Health/Mental Illness. This event was sponsored by MCIN Partners of Washington County and coordinated by HPD's MCIN Coordinator, Danielle Staley.

PUBLIC WORKS

CHART NO. 1 – GENERAL PARKING SYSTEM DATA

		Current Week	Previous Week
Number of Permit Holders	A & E Deck	184	167
	University District Deck	258	257
Number of Student Permits	Central & Rochester Lots	32	32
Number of Patrons Using Decks	A & E Deck	1923	1949
	University District Deck	1552	1476
Number of Citations Issued	(Includes Warnings)	231	270
Late Payment Notifications		15	5
Peak Occupancy (%)	A & E Deck	100% Th @ Noon Sa @ 6PM	100% Sa @6PM
Peak Occupancy (%)	University District Deck	39% Th @ 10AM	43% Tu @ 10AM

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

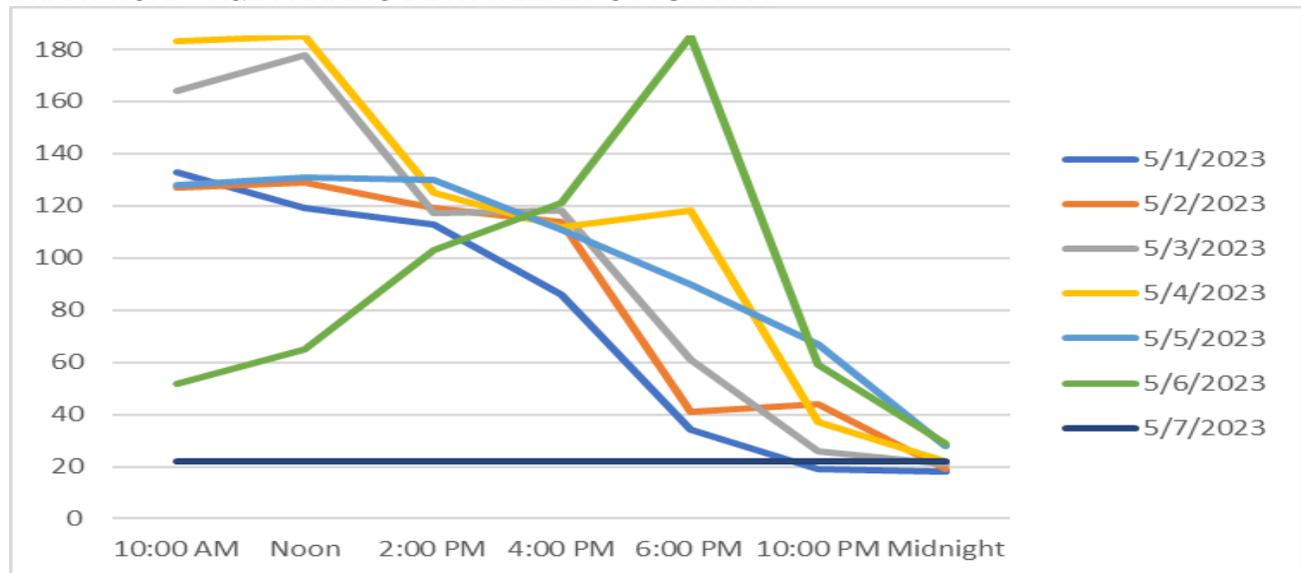
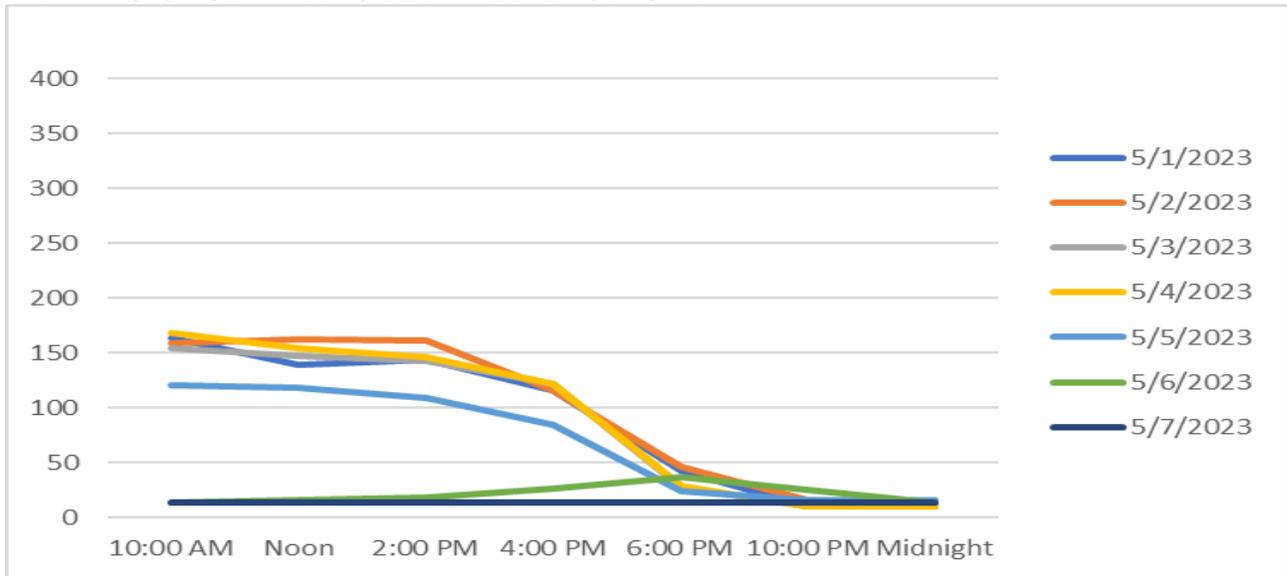


CHART NO. 3 – UD PARKING DECK WEEKLY OCCUPANCY



CENTRAL MAINTENANCE GARAGE REPAIR DATA

	Current Week	Previous Week
DCED	0	0
Planning & Code	2	0
Fire	0	0
Engineering	0	0
Parks & Recreation	6	4
Public Works	8	5
Police	6	4
Water	7	8
Wastewater	1	5
Light	3	5
Human Resources	0	0
Weekly Totals	33	31
Yearly Total	427	394

AFTER HOURS CALL BACKS

Friday, May 5, 2023 @ 7:00PM: Report of traffic signal on flash at Prospect Ave. & Church St. Technician was called in and put signal back into operation.

Saturday, May 6, 2023 @ 10:06AM: Report of traffic signal on flash at Jonathan St. & Franklin St. Technician was called in and put signal back into operation.

PARKS AND RECREATION

Fit Room

See Fit Room report attached with upcoming classes. A private rental is scheduled for Saturday, May 13 from 4-8 p.m.

Garden Volunteer Days

On Saturday, May 12, join the Daughters of the American Revolution, Conococheague Chapter, for community service in the Historic Hager House gardens! Great opportunity for student SSL hours.

Hager House & Train Hub

May is Museum Ramble month. Visit our two historic City Park museums in the month of May for the price of one. Purchase admission to the Hager House and receive free entry to the City Park Train Hub the same day (or vice versa).

Potterfield Pool Season Pass Memberships on Sale

Purchase your Season Pass Membership for the 2023 Pool Season now. Individual and Family passes are available. Visit our website at hagerstownmd.org/potterfieldpool. The pool opens Memorial Day weekend.

Outdoor Programs

- Beginners and First Timers Skateboard Lessons at the Skatepark, Saturdays 8 a.m. – 10 a.m.

Virtual Classes

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

UTILITIES DEPARTMENT

ELECTRIC DIVISION

Service Calls

Tues. 5/9 - Area of, Cleveland Avenue – partial outage; a line fuse operated. Time Out: 21.5-23.7

Lamps Replaced	New Fixtures Added	Changeouts	Fixtures Removed
0	0	36	0

- Multiple permit reviews and service upgrades requests have been reviewed and/or completed.
- Engineering coordinated work to replace bushings in an HLD substation power transformer with subsequent testing and commissioning.
- Engineering staff facilitated multiple residential solar installation applications and processes.
- Engineering staff reviewed bids for materials used in the construction and maintenance of the HLD utility electric system.
- Staff continued to work on the security installation at the HLD substations.

WASTEWATER DIVISION

Wastewater Treatment Plant at Frederick Street

Date	Flow (mgd)	Rainfall (inches)
Wednesday, May 3, 2023	5.39	0.03
Thursday, May 4, 2023	5.27	0.00
Friday, May 5, 2023	5.07	0.00
Saturday, May 6, 2023	4.80	0.00
Sunday, May 7, 2023	5.15	0.06
Monday, May 8, 2023	5.18	0.12
Tuesday, May 9, 2023	5.15	0.06
Weekly – Avg. Flow/Total Rainfall	5.14	0.27
May - Avg. Flow/Total Rainfall	5.23	0.30

- Installed new 75hp VFD in ASPS building.
- Installed new air lines on primary suction piping.
- Troubleshooting of controls on plant entrance gate.
- Continued replacing emergency lighting in Operations building.
- Routine MVP Plant Work orders & Corrective Work Orders.

Wastewater Collection

SSES Weekly Progress

Activity	Districts	L. F. main	Feet of lateral	# Inspected
CCTV Inspections	17, 7, 16	1,011	76.1	4
Flushing	1	8,596		
Point Repairs		# of Repairs	Reason	L.F. of Repairs
Lateral Only		1	Roots	55'

Collection System Maintenance Tasks

- Installed new lateral at 23 Calvert Terrace and backfilled.
- Finished installation of new lateral at 232 North Colonial Drive.
- Mowed grass around shop and all pump stations.
- CCTV'd at new warehouse at Western Maryland Parkway.
- Inspected 64 Devonshire Road and 138 South Mulberry Street and located two manholes.
- Flushed District 1.
- Hydro'd around water service and water main.
- Worked on communication issues at PS 21 and 22.
- Collected Newgate numbers.

Wastewater Division – Customer Call Log Summary 2023

Type	Blockages	Grinder Pumps	Odor Complaints	Flushing	WW Pump Station	Other	Totals
Weekly	1	0	0	0	0	6	7
YTD 2023	43	20	2	0	0	134	199

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.
- Toxic Chemical Results received and under review.
- Attended WastewaterSCAN monthly stakeholder meeting.

Environmental Coordinator & Pretreatment

- Preparing document and inspection visits for MDE audit in May.
- Updated Pretreatment application.
- Completed and mailed MDE Quarterly Compliance report.
- Completed monthly thermometer log verifications.
- Submitted laboratory results to MDE (Bacteriological and SOC).

WATER DIVISION

Plant Flows - System Demand (MGD)

<u>Date</u>	<u>Willson</u>	<u>Breichner</u>	<u>Total</u>
05/04/23	11.33		11.33
05/05/23	11.43		11.43
05/06/23	11.41		11.41
05/07/23	11.46		11.46
05/08/23	11.66		11.66
05/09/23	11.54		11.54
05/10/23	11.19		11.19
		Average:	11.43

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 3.80 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 repaired a water main break at the intersection of Indiana Avenue and Marshall Street.
- Staff replaced a damaged fire hydrant on Cypress Street.

Laboratory

- Process and regulatory testing were routine for the week.
- Collected composite sample from lagoon discharge.
- Collected samples for distribution monitoring – nitrification analysis.
- Collected samples for bacteriological monitoring for May.
- Submitted THM / HAA5 data to CMDP – Prep database.
- Completed three (3) line tests.
- Attended Interstate Commission for the Potomac River Basin Roundtable event in Romney, WV.

Engineering

	<u>City</u>	<u>County</u>
Site Plans	1	1
Preliminary Plats	-	-
Grading Plan	-	-
Final Plat	1	-
Building Permits	13	5
Development Plan	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



Volunteers from Meritus Health helped with planting flowers in the planters along Franklin Street





Officer Curtis Kelley's K9 partner Jacky

Crime Victims' Rights Awareness Color Splash Walk



Fit Room at Fairgrounds Park at Fairgrounds Park

Monthly Calendar For May 2023

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	1 4:30p-5:30p Zumba #8070 5:45p-6:45p Mind & Body: Embody Yoga -- 7953 7:15p-8:30p Belly Dance Technique & Choreography #7994	2 4:45p-6:45p Jump for Inclusion (Kidz Korner) #8034	3 5:45p-6:45p Mind & Body: Embody Yoga -- 7953	4 4p-4:30p Princess Ballerina #8029 4:45p-5:15p Ballet & Acro #8032	5 3:15p-4:45p Gymnastics for Kids, Intermediate #8056 4:45p-5:45p Gymnastics for Kids #8050 6p-7p Afro Beats Dance #8030 7:15p-8:15p Aerial Stretch #7964	6 10a-11a Zumba #8067 2:30p-3:30p Gentle Yoga for Beginners #7957
7 7a-11a Gymnastics for Kids, Preteam #8062 11a-12p Gymnastics for Kids #8044 1p-2p Aerial Stretch #7985	8 4:30p-5:30p Zumba #8070 7:15p-8:30p Belly Dance Technique & Choreography #7994	9 11a-2:30p CPR and First Aid #7948 4:45p-6:45p Jump for Inclusion (Kidz Korner) #8034	10	11 4p-4:30p Princess Ballerina #8029 4:45p-5:15p Ballet & Acro #8032 7p-8p Food for Mood #8098	12 3:15p-4:45p Gymnastics for Kids, Intermediate #8056 4:45p-5:45p Gymnastics for Kids #8050 6p-7p Afro Beats Dance #8030 7:15p-8:15p Aerial Stretch #7965	13 10a-11a Zumba #8067 2:30p-3:30p Gentle Yoga for Beginners #7957 4p-8p Pickens birthday party #3640
14 7a-11a Gymnastics for Kids, Preteam #8062 11a-12p Gymnastics for Kids #8044 1p-3p Jump for Inclusion #8039	15 4:30p-5:30p Zumba #8070 5:45p-6:45p Embody Yoga #7954 7:15p-8:15p Belly Dance #8091	16 4:45p-6:45p Jump for Inclusion (Kidz Korner) #8034	17 5:45p-6:45p Embody Yoga #7954	18 4p-4:30p Princess Ballerina #8029 4:45p-5:15p Ballet & Acro #8032	19 3:15p-4:45p Gymnastics for Kids, Intermediate #8056 4:45p-5:45p Gymnastics for Kids #8050 6p-7p Afro Beats Dance #8030 7:15p-8:15p Aerial Stretch #7966	20 10a-11a Zumba #8067 11:30a-12:30p Aerial Tricks #8020 2:30p-3:30p Gentle Yoga for Beginners #7957
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