



# CITY OF HAGERSTOWN, MARYLAND STATUS & INFORMATION REPORT NO. 19 FOR 2023

May 19, 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 <a href="http://www.hagerstownmd.org/calendar.aspx">http://www.hagerstownmd.org/calendar.aspx</a></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	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 <b>FREE PARKING</b> A&E Parking Deck & University Parking Deck
28	29 <b>FREE PARKING</b> A&E Parking Deck & University Parking Deck	30	31 7 pm Hagerstown Planning Commission Meeting			

## COMMUNICATIONS

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

- Music Lovers Unite! A New Venue is Headed to Hagerstown
- HARC Monthly Meeting Puts Antisemitism at Forefront
- City Water Customers Told to Prepare for Possible Outage Friday Night
- Former Board President Kim Bowen to Serve as MSO Executive Director
- Sentencing in Hagerstown Case a Message to those with Illegal Firearms
- COVID-19 National Emergency Ends. What was the Pandemic's Toll Here?
- Comings & Goings: Multiple Awards to Local Businesses
- More Seizures, Charges in Most Recent City Dirt Bike Crackdown
- Rising Rates, Higher Costs Squeeze Home Sales in Maryland
- HPD Says 21 Incidents of Theft, Damage Result of Viral Trend
- No Tax Hike in Next Year's Washington County Budget
- Gov. Wes Moore Signs New Maryland Gun Control Measures
- Press Release: Penny Mart Celebrates Grand Opening #4
- Press Release: Water Main Repair Scheduled for Friday-Saturday
- Traffic Advisory: East Avenue

### This Week's Video Projects

- Mayor & Council Work & Special Sessions
- "Council WRap" Segment
- Script transcription, translation for Spanish version of the "State of the City" Video
- "What's Happening in Hagerstown?" Upcoming Events Video Calendar production
- "First Friday/Imagine Hagerstown Music Series" Promo production
- Western Maryland Consortium Video Project Meeting/Planning

### Channel 25 Hub City Now Programming:

- Mayor & Council Meeting
- "Council WRap"
- Chamber "State of the City" Event
- "What's Happening in Hagerstown?" Upcoming Events Video Calendar
- Trash Tote Educational/Instructional Video
- Invest Hagerstown Video
- PayByPhone Parking Video
- Greens at Hamilton Run :30 Promo
- New Logo Reveal Video
- "Council WRap" Promo
- MTA Commuter Connection

### City Website:

- [www.hagerstownmd.org](http://www.hagerstownmd.org) attracted 9,888 user visits for the week of May 11-17
- The most popular top entrances (the first page users accessed on the website):

1. Home Page	2,417
2. Utility Billing Page	668
3. Online Payment Portal Page	643
4. Police Page	323
5. Potterfield Pool Page	298
6. Parks & Recreation Page	217
7. Bids Page	168
8. Firefighters Page	162
9. Downtown Events Page	150
10. Skate Park Page	143

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

## COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT

- Kick-off to Historic City Farmers Market was on Thursday, May 18th!
- Next week we'll be attending the Hagerstown Start-Up Week and have a table for Downtown Hagerstown
- IMAGINE Hagerstown – next Friday, May 26<sup>th</sup> from 5-8PM featuring The Reagan Years
- Thunder in the Square – Friday, May 26<sup>th</sup> from 5-9 PM
- Hagerstown Music Stroll – Friday, May 26<sup>th</sup> from 3-6 PM

## ENGINEERING

1. **Hub City Parking Garage.** Staff met with the contractor and design team to finalize the value engineering effort. We hope to see ground broken on the project before the end of the month.
2. **Tree Planting.** Staff met with Chesapeake Bay Trust staff to give a status report on the street tree planting project that is being completed with grant funds. During the ten months of the grant term we have planted approximately 175 street trees.
3. **Morningside Heights Storm Drainage Improvements.** Held a pre-construction meeting attended by the residents that will be affected by the project. Contractor hopes to start work within the next two weeks.

4. **Engineering Statistics**

Description	Week of 05/15/23	Calendar Year 2023 TOTALS
Traffic complaints received	3	66
Work Orders completed	3	56
Traffic counts completed	2	17
Construction Projects		
Description	Week of 05/15/23	Calendar Year 2023 TOTALS
Construction Projects advertised for bids	0	5
RFP's Advertised	0	5
Projects under construction	15	--
Projects completed	1	4

**FIRE**

Total Incidents (City only)	78	Mutual Aid to surrounding FDs	21
• Unit Responses	149	• Halfway FD	3
• Fire/Rescue Responses	43	• Maugansville FD	0
• EMS Responses	35	• Funkstown FD	9
Inspections/System Tests	70	• Longmeadow FD	4
Community Events, Smoke Alarm Installs	0	• Other	5

**POLICE DEPARTMENT**

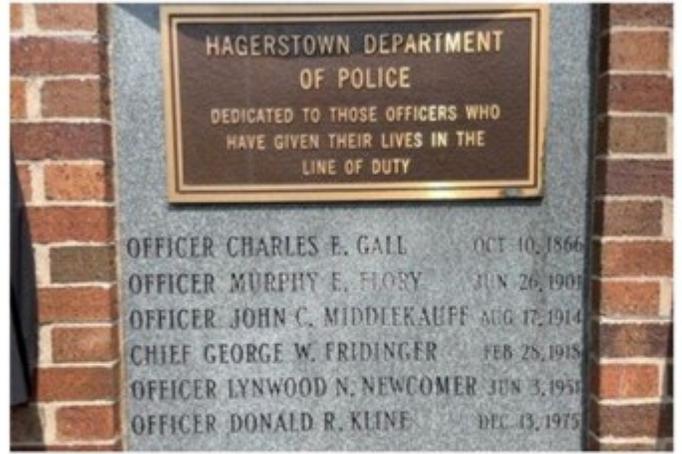
Calls for Service:	1866	Field Interviews:	9
Arrests/Warrants Served:	28	Moving Violations:	16
Domestic Violence Calls:	23	Safety Repair Orders:	2
DUI Arrests:	1	Warnings:	26
Reports Filed:	122		

### **National Police Week:**

On Wednesday, HPD celebrated, honored and remembered law enforcement officers all across this country during National Police Week ceremonies. We paid respect to the HPD officers that gave their lives in the line of duty going back to 1866. We also awarded officers for their exemplary work over the past year. Congratulations to all those that received recognition but also those who do so much good work every single day, all year long. Thank you to Mayor Martinez for presenting the Police Week proclamation, HPD retirees, Fraternal Order of Police Lodge 88 and HPD's Honor Guard for participating. The Department continues to be thankful for the overwhelming public support of our agency.

Awards were presented to the following:

- ***Certificate of Appreciation:*** Auxiliary Officer Joe Miller; Watch Center Supervisor Ben Ros
- ***Interagency Unit Citation (8/25/2022 incident):*** Det. Jason Deitz, Officers Scott Huff, Kyle Larrain, Jon Molineaux, Travis Wheat, Master Deputy Jason Litten, Corporal Kyle Snodderly
- ***Unit Citation (8/5/2022 incident):*** Sgt. Jason Batistig; Officers Brandon Decker, Scott Huff, Andrew Main, Michael McDermott, Ionel Poescul, Travis Wheat
- ***Unit Citation (8/6/2022 incident):*** Sgt. Jason Batistig; Officers Brandon Decker, Michael McDermott, Spencer Nigh, Travis Wheat
- ***Award of Merit 2<sup>nd</sup> Degree (4/23/2023 incident):*** Sgt. Kevin Brashears; Officers Kirsten Dailey, Scott Huff, Tom Routzahn, Det. Dustin Vogel
- ***Unit Citation (7/31/2022 incident):*** Sgt. Tom Cox; Officers Cory Biden, Kyle Larrain, Luke Stoner, Tom Routzahn, Jonathan Zupan
- ***Award of Merit 1<sup>st</sup> Degree (7/31/2022 incident):*** Officers Tom Routzahn and Luke Stoner
- ***Officer of the Year 2022:*** Officer Scott St. Clair



Officer Scott St. Clair was selected Officer of the year for 2022 for his exceptional drive and outstanding work ethic. Officer St. Clair consistently displays a positive attitude, is self-motivated, and an exemplary police officer. He exhibits professionalism and is well rounded in tactics and investigations. He joined the Hagerstown Police Department in November of 2013 and is currently assigned to the Crime Suppression Unit. A few of the accomplishments submitted by his supervisor include:

- Had 58 arrests with 8 felonies in 2022. Several of these arrests were handgun/felony warrant and weapon offenses. He already has 40 arrests with 6 felonies in 2023.
- Selected for the Dirt Bike Task Force and Gun Violence Task Force in 2022.
- Field trainer for multiple trainees in 2022.
- Responded to a shooting at the Plaza Inn, obtained suspect information for the attempted homicide. He networked with law enforcement in West Virginia to locate the suspect and went there to interview the suspect when he was taken into custody in a Wal-Mart parking lot. He also coordinated with a local dive team to recover the handgun from the water where the suspect attempted to dispose of it. The suspect was recently sentenced to 20 years with 7 suspended. Prior to sentencing, Officer St. Clair coordinated with the Victim Witness Unit in the State's Attorney's Office, the victim and the State's Attorney handling the case.
- Apprehended a rape suspect (from an incident which had just occurred) while he was off-duty picking up food for the shifts on Christmas. Officer St. Clair spotted the suspect vehicle leaving the scene.

**Other News/Information:**

WUSA 9 in Washington, DC visited Hagerstown on Tuesday to learn more about HPD's drone program. The latest dirt bike confiscation and arrest caught their attention after a recent social media post. Officers were in training that Tuesday honing their piloting skills as the reporter filmed and asked questions. The story was broadcast by WUSA 9 on the news that evening. The article and video are available on the WUSA9 website at this link: [www.wusa9.com/article/news/local/maryland/drones-used-hagerstown-police-tracking-atv-riders](http://www.wusa9.com/article/news/local/maryland/drones-used-hagerstown-police-tracking-atv-riders)

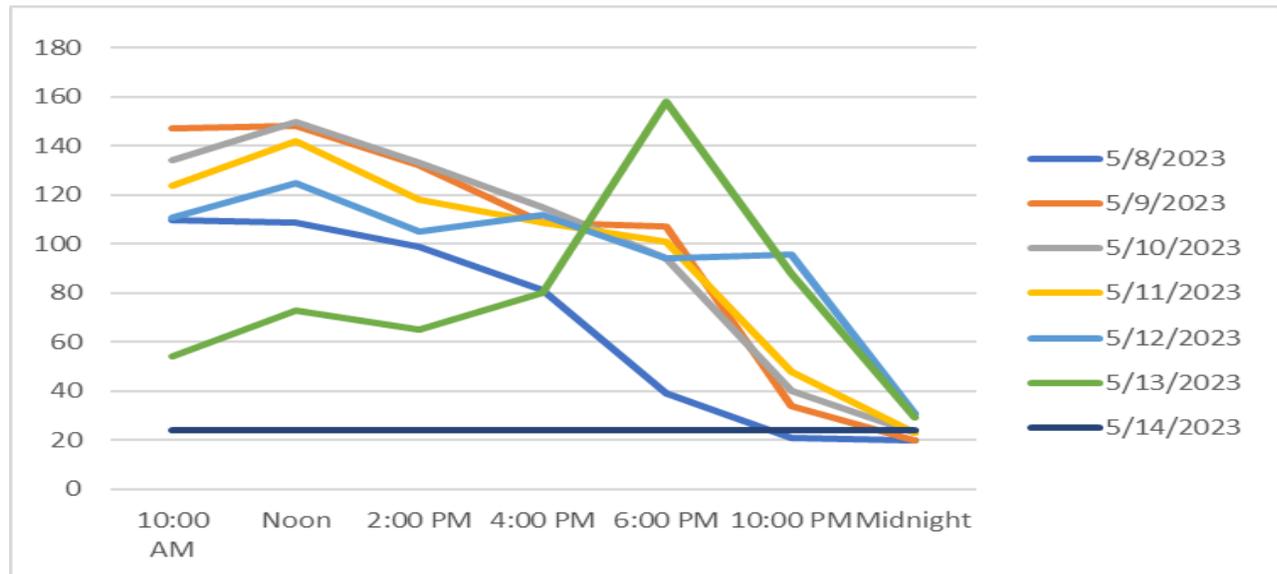


## PUBLIC WORKS

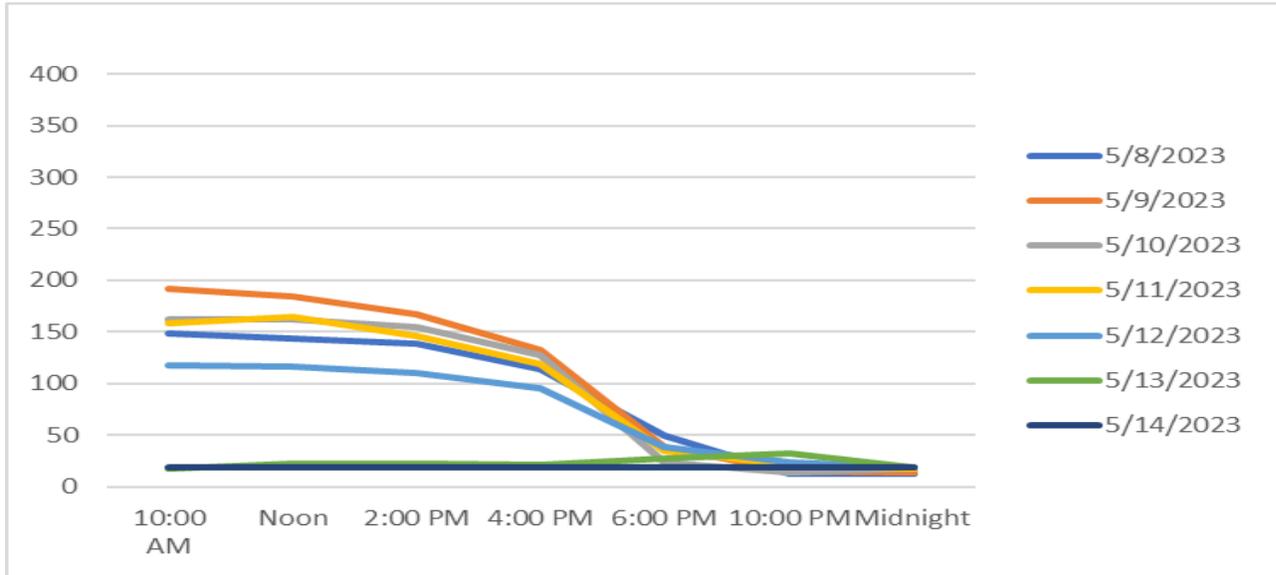
**CHART NO. 1 – GENERAL PARKING SYSTEM DATA**

		Current Week	Previous Week
<b>Number of Permit Holders</b>	A & E Deck	181	184
	University District Deck	258	258
<b>Number of Student Permits</b>	Central & Rochester Lots	31	32
<b>Number of Patrons Using Decks</b>	A & E Deck	1990	1923
	University District Deck	1528	1552
<b>Number of Citations Issued</b>	(Includes Warnings)	155	231
<b>Late Payment Notifications</b>		19	15
<b>Peak Occupancy (%)</b>	A & E Deck	86% Sa @ 6PM	100% Th @ 12 Sa @ 6PM
<b>Peak Occupancy (%)</b>	University District Deck	44% Tu @ 10AM	39% Th @ 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	0	2
Fire	0	0
Engineering	0	0
Parks & Recreation	0	6
Public Works	4	8
Police	6	6
Water	7	7
Wastewater	5	1
Light	1	3
Human Resources	2	0
Weekly Totals	25	33
Yearly Total	452	427

**AFTER HOURS CALL BACKS**

Tuesday, May 9, 2023 @ 6:24PM: Dispatch reported a delineator causing traffic issues at Burhans Blvd. and Byers Stop-And-Go Market. Staff found a delineator bent and leaning into traffic. It was pulled and brought back to the shop for replacement.

Sunday, May 14, 2023 @ 12:55 PM: Staff was contacted about a leaking sprinkler head at The Greens at Hamilton Run. Parks staff was called in to make repairs.

Sunday, May 14, 2023 @ 4:29 PM: Parks staff was notified by the renter of the Fit Room that it was too hot in the room. Staff investigated and it was determined that the heat was still on. System settings were switched to A/C and staff checked back later to make sure temperatures were more comfortable for renters.

## **PARKS AND RECREATION**

### **Fit Room**

See Fit Room report attached with upcoming classes. No private rentals are scheduled for this weekend.

### **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). Visit the Hager House this Saturday and decorate a sign to greet the wagon train participants between 10 a.m. – 2 p.m.

### **Outdoor Programs**

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

### **Upcoming Events**

- Saturday, May 20, The National Pike Wagon Train will pass through Hagerstown with a planned stop at The Maryland Theatre scheduled for 1:15 p.m. and Hagerstown City Park at 2:00 p.m.
- Saturday, May 20 from 12:00-5:00 p.m. at University Plaza is The Edmund McIlhenny Tabasco Chili Cook-Off & Music Festival. Chili tasting and judging, music and vendors. Fundraiser to benefit the BISFA Instrumental Music Dept.
- May 22 – 24, USMH Graduation at University Plaza.

### **Virtual Classes**

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

### **Golf Course**

A new lady's golf league began on Tuesday, May 16, in partnership with Prime Time for Women. League play is on Tuesdays at 10 a.m. or Wednesdays at 5:00 p.m. through end of July.



## UTILITIES DEPARTMENT

### ELECTRIC DIVISION

Lamps Replaced	New Fixtures Added	Changeouts	Fixtures Removed
5	0	31	0

- Multiple permit reviews and service upgrades requests have been reviewed and/or completed.
- The HLD fiber optic communications for substation surveillance and SCADA monitoring continues to progress.
- Aerial operations vehicle inspection reports have been reviewed and repairs scheduled accordingly.
- Engineering staff responded to multiple renewable energy information requests.
- The streetlights in the Hillside Manor residential development have been accepted and staff began adding these facilities to HLD's GIS mapping system.
- Engineering staff continued evaluation of proposals submitted for the Automated Metering Infrastructure project.

### WASTEWATER DIVISION

#### Wastewater Treatment Plant at Frederick Street

Date	Flow (mgd)	Rainfall (inches)
Wednesday, May 10, 2023	5.04	0.00
Thursday, May 11, 2023	4.96	0.00
Friday, May 12, 2023	4.74	0.00
Saturday, May 13, 2023	4.87	0.33
Sunday, May 14, 2023	4.87	0.00
Monday, May 15, 2023	4.89	0.00
Tuesday, May 16, 2023	4.92	0.00
Weekly – Avg. Flow/Total Rainfall	4.90	0.33
May - Avg. Flow/Total Rainfall	5.08	0.63

- Troubleshooting of 100 hp drive on #5 effluent pump.
- Repaired #2 primary tank beaching plate.
- Replaced DO probes on OAB deck.
- Repaired piping on sanitary grinder pumps.
- Routine MVP Plant Work orders & Corrective Work Orders.

**Wastewater Collection**

SSES Weekly Progress

Activity	Districts	L. F. main	Feet of lateral	# Inspected
CCTV Inspections	19, 20, 22, SD	173.9, 266.8, 80, 83.3	31.9, 42.2	3, 5
Flushing	1	3,802		
<b>Point Repairs</b>		<b># of Repairs</b>	<b>Reason</b>	<b>L.F. of Repairs</b>
Lateral Only		1		22

**Collection System Maintenance Tasks**

- Blacktopped 232 Bryan Place.
- Sawcut 23 Calvert Terrace.
- Installed new lateral at 64 Devonshire Road.
- Repaired broken lateral at 1625 Woodlands Run.
- Flushed District 1.
- CCTV'd Moller Avenue, Noland Drive, and arch drain at new baseball stadium.
- CCTV'd sink hole on Memorial Blvd for street department.
- Uploaded videos to NAS.
- Researched videos for McPherson lining project.
- Held pre-bid meeting and progress meeting with Pleasants Construction for wet well lining at PS 8.
- Grinder pump call at 11103 Parkwood Drive.

Wastewater Division – Customer Call Log Summary 2023							
Type	Blockages	Grinder Pumps	Odor Complaints	Flushing	WW Pump Station	Other	Totals
Weekly	1	3	0	0	0	10	14
<b>YTD 2023</b>	<b>44</b>	<b>23</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>144</b>	<b>213</b>

**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 NWWs Program samples for CDC-Biobot COVID monitoring.
- Collected WastewaterSCAN Program samples for pathogen monitoring.

- Toxic Chemical Results received and under review.
- Collected 2<sup>nd</sup> Quarter POTW Toxic Chemical samples.
- Collected 2<sup>nd</sup> Quarter POTW Metals samples.
- Completed autoclave QC TSB check.
- Completed composite sampler maintenance.

Environmental Coordinator & Pretreatment

- Preparing documents and inspection visits for MDE audit in May.
- Preparing SIU inspection questionnaire.
- Scheduled pretreatment sampling event at Sierra Nevada.

**WATER DIVISION**

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

<u>Date</u>	<u>Willson</u>	<u>Breichner</u>	<u>Total</u>
05/11/23	11.62		11.62
05/12/23	11.57		11.57
05/13/23	10.63		10.63
05/14/23	10.76		10.76
05/15/23	11.34		11.34
05/16/23	11.33		11.33
05/17/23	11.82		11.82
		<b>Average:</b>	<b>11.30</b>

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

- Staff worked on facility maintenance and routine preventative maintenance.
- Staff replaced charger on generator at Pump Station #6.

**Water Production at Breichner / Edgemont Reservoir**

The Edgemont Reservoir pool elevation is currently at 2.76 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 Elgin Blvd. & West Washington Street.
- Staff installed a 12 x 6 tap for the new stadium on Baltimore Street.

**Laboratory**

- Process and regulatory testing were routine for the week.
- Collected composite sample from lagoon discharge.
- Collected samples for bacteriological monitoring for May.
- Completed QC on new lot of monochloramine reagent.
- Completed QC on autoclave – bioindicator.
- Completed monthly QC balance check.
- Completed monthly QC incubator maintenance.
- Completed monthly QC UV lamp check.

<u>Engineering</u>	<u>City</u>	<u>County</u>
Site Plans	-	-
Preliminary Plats	1	1
Grading Plan	-	-
Final Plat	-	-
Building Permits	9	8
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 ON NEXT PAGE**

# Fit Room at Fairgrounds Park at Fairgrounds Park

## Monthly Calendar For May 2023

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