



CITY OF HAGERSTOWN, MARYLAND STATUS & INFORMATION REPORT NO. 36 FOR 2023

To Members of the City Council:

September 15, 2023

SEPTEMBER 2023

*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>*

Questions about any of the Downtown Event listed, please email events@downtownhagerstown.org

**Visit Hagerstown Parks & Recreation website and flip through the Spring/Summer 2023 digital Program Guide
<https://www.hagerstownmd.org/145/Parks-Recreation>**

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
					1	2
3	4 Labor Day City Offices Closed FREE PARKING A&E PARKING DECK and UNIVERSITY PLAZA DECK	5	6	7	8	9 
10	11	12 Mayor & Council Work Session 4 PM Remembrance in the Park Hagerstown City Park 6 PM Honor Fallen Heros Memorial Ceremony service members, law enforcement and emergency responders	13	14	15 Wind Down: Hispanic Heritage Month South Potomac St. 6 PM Live Music by <i>De Tierra Caliente</i> Drink Specials	16 City Park Fall Fest and Fireworks Hagerstown City Park 11 AM to 8 PM Family fun activities Petting Zoo Pony Rides Food & Craft Vendors
17	18	19 Mayor & Council Work Session 4 PM	20	21 Farmers' Market 25 W. Church Street 3 PM 	22	23 Washington Goes Purple Recovery Walk University Plaza Noon to 3 PM HEAL Colorsplash Fairgrounds Park 9 AM to Noon Porchfest S. Prospect Street 11 AM to 5 PM
24	25	26 Mayor & Council Regular Session 7 PM	27	28	29 Thunder in the Square Downtown Hagerstown 5 PM to 9 PM	30

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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>.

Mayor and City Council

NO MEETING - Tuesday, September 5
Work Session - Tuesday, September 12 – 4 PM
Work Session - Tuesday, September 19 – 4 PM
Regular Session - Tuesday, September 26 – 7 PM

Board of Traffic & Parking

Thursday, September 14 – 4 PM

Board of Zoning Appeals

Thursday, September 21 – 7 PM

Historic District Commission

Thursday, September 14 – 4:30 PM
Thursday, September 28 – 4:30 PM

Planning Commission

Wednesday, September 13 – 4 PM
Wednesday, September 27 – 7 PM

COMMUNICATIONS

This Week's Headlines & Media Releases:

- Humane Society of Washington County Pooch Plunge
- Columbia Gas is 'Moving the Goalposts,' Maryland People's Counsel Says
- Gov. Moore Hires Biden Staffer as Maryland Chief Performance Officer
- Sam's Club, 2 Hotels Given All Clear after Explosives Detonated
- Man Charged in Hagerstown Park Murder Served Time for Previous Murder
- Good Samaritans, Halfway Firefighters Save Child Left in Hot Car
- Hagerstown Couple Killed When Moped Struck by Pickup Truck
- Wings and Wheels Revs Up Crowd
- Billions of Dollars Invested in Washington County. Why Here?
- Comings & Goings: Shopping for a Shed? New Dealer Opens
- Homicide Victim Found Last Spring had at least 44 Stab Wounds
- Political Notebook: Group sets GOP Forum in 6th Congressional District
- Hagerstown English Teacher Finalist in MD Teacher of the Year Contest
- Ramp-Widening Project at Maugans Avenue/I-81 to Begin this Week
- Maryland First Lady Makes Visit to Hagerstown
- Community's Feedback Will go Toward I-81 Improvement Plan
- New Maryland Department Receives Over 500 Applications to Serve State
- Annual 9/11 Remembrance in the Park Ceremony Honors First Responders
- County Commissioners End COVID Policy for County Government Workers
- Dave Lawrence Steps Down as South Hagerstown Football Coach
- Seven People Displaced by Fire in Hagerstown's West End
- Press Release: Explosives Found Behind Sam's Club Safely Detonated
- Press Release: City Park Fall Fest & Fireworks This Saturday
- Press Release: Alexander House Celebrates Ribbon-Cutting
- Traffic Advisory: Virginia Avenue
- Traffic Advisory: Northern Avenue
- Traffic Advisory: S. Potomac St. – Wind Down Friday

This Week's Video Projects

- Mayor & Council Work Session
- Various City Drone Footage
- Upcoming Events Video Calendar Production

Channel 25 Hub City Now Programming:

- Mayor & Council Meeting
- "Council wRap"
- "What's Happening in Hagerstown?" Upcoming Events Video Calendar
- "Visit Hagerstown" Promo
- Greens at Hamilton Run :30 Promo
- Fit Room :30 Promo
- "State of the City" Video
- "Council wRap" Promo
- MTA Commuter Connection

City Website:

- www.hagerstownmd.org attracted 9,706 user visits for the week of Sept. 7-13
- The most popular top entrances (the first page users accessed on the website):
 1. Home Page 2,169
 2. Online Payment Portal Page 664
 3. City Park Fall Fest Page 646
 4. Utility Billing Page 611
 5. Jobs Page 595
 6. Police Page 297
 7. Skate Park Page 160
 8. Bids Page 151
 9. Civic Alerts Page 144
 10. Collection-Schedules-Zones Page 136

Top searches

1. "True"
2. "Online payment portal"
3. "Jobs"
4. "Bids"
5. "Utility billing"

COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT

- Attended Alexander House grand reopening hosted by NHP Foundation
- Held artist interviews for Hub City Garage Public Art Project
- Attended groundbreaking ceremony for the Clara Barton Memorial at Park Circle
- Attended logo reveal for Hagerstown Flying Boxcars at the Hagerstown Aviation Museum
- Attended Greater Hagerstown Committee Investor Roundtable at The Maryland Theatre
- Wind Down: Celebrate Hispanic Heritage Month is TONIGHT, Friday, September 15th from 6:00-8:00 PM on South Potomac Street

DEPARTMENT OF COMMUNITY & ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

Economic Development activities included:

- On Thurs. Sept. 14, DCED will participate in hosting the Investor Round Table summit at the Maryland Theatre in partnership with the Greater Hagerstown Downtown Enhancement Committee.

Community Development:

- Staff proposed increasing the limits of the Hagerstown Youth Council to Mayor and City Council. This increase allows for additional opportunities for youth in the community to participate in this City program.

Grand Openings & Anniversary Celebrations:

- The NHP Foundation celebrated the Grand Opening of the Alexander House on Mon. Sept. 11. The Alexander House provides affordable housing to income qualified seniors and people living with disabilities. The \$30 million investment project renovations included total rehab of 95 apartment units, store front retail space, and improvements to masonry, electrical, and plumbing.

ENGINEERING

1. **Paul Smith Boulevard:** contractor is working on sidewalk placement, topsoil placement in the green areas and installing base pavement.
2. **Hub City Garage:** stakeout has been completed for rammed aggregate pier locations and contractor will begin installation next week.
3. **Pavement Preservation:** Craig Paving has completed paving operations on a portion of West Irvin Avenue.
4. **Engineering Statistics**

Description	Week of 09/11/23	Calendar Year 2023 TOTALS
Traffic complaints received	2	131
Work Orders completed	3	116
Traffic counts completed	0	24
Construction Projects		
Description	Week of 09/11/23	Calendar Year 2023 TOTALS
Construction Projects advertised for bids	0	7
RFP's Advertised	0	5
Projects under construction	13	--
Projects completed	0	7

FIRE

Total Incidents (City only)	68	Mutual Aid to surrounding FDs	14
• Unit Responses	109	• Halfway FD	1
• Fire/Rescue Responses	43	• Maugansville FD	2
• EMS Responses	25	• Funkstown FD	5
Inspections/System Tests	27	• Longmeadow FD	3
Community Events, Smoke Alarm Installs	0	• Other	3

Significant Incidents

9/4/23 – HFD units were dispatched to the unit block of E Franklin St for a reported building fire. Crews arrived and investigated to find a small smoldering fire on a portion of the rooftop. The fire was quickly extinguished without further extension into the building.

POLICE DEPARTMENT

STATS (09/07/23 - 09/13/23)

Calls for Service:	1833	Field Interviews:	18
Arrests/Warrants Served:	18	Moving Violations:	10
Domestic Violence Calls:	27	Safety Repair Orders:	2
DUI Arrests:	2	Warnings:	47
Reports Filed:	119		

Welcome to HPD: The Hagerstown Police Department welcomes recently hired Wyatt Long, Michael Morris and Sarah McCurry as Police Trainees. We wish them much success as they enter the Western Maryland Police Academy in October.

Officer of the Month: Officer Cory Biden has been selected as Officer of the Month for August. Details of his nomination cannot be shared at this time because of the ongoing investigation related to the case. Ofc. Biden's situational awareness and information shared proved valuable to the case. His willingness to help and attention to detail are appreciated. Congratulations to Ofc. Biden.

PUBLIC WORKS

CHART NO. 1 – GENERAL PARKING SYSTEM DATA

		Current Week	Previous Week
Number of Permit Holders	A & E Deck	177	177
	University District Deck	289	289
Number of Student Permits	Central & Rochester Lots	40	38
Number of Patrons Using Decks	A & E Deck	1341	1086
	University District Deck	1255	1230
Number of Citations Issued	(Includes Warnings)	161	314
Peak Occupancy (%)	A & E Deck	71% Thu @ Noon	86% Fri @ 10 AM
Peak Occupancy (%)	University District Deck	54% Thu at 10AM	48% Wed @ 2 PM

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

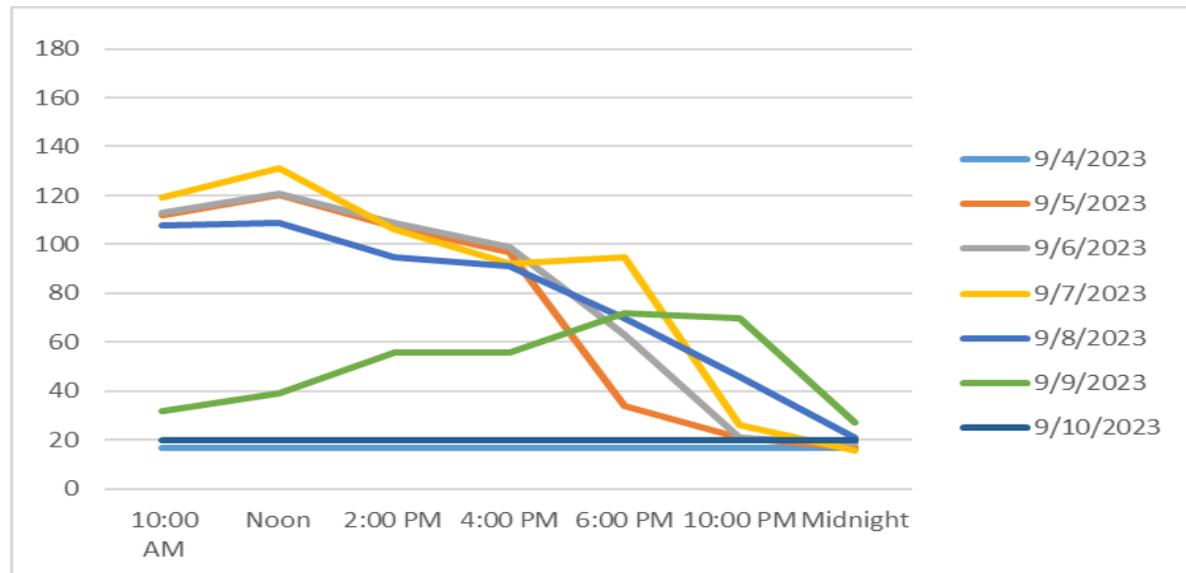
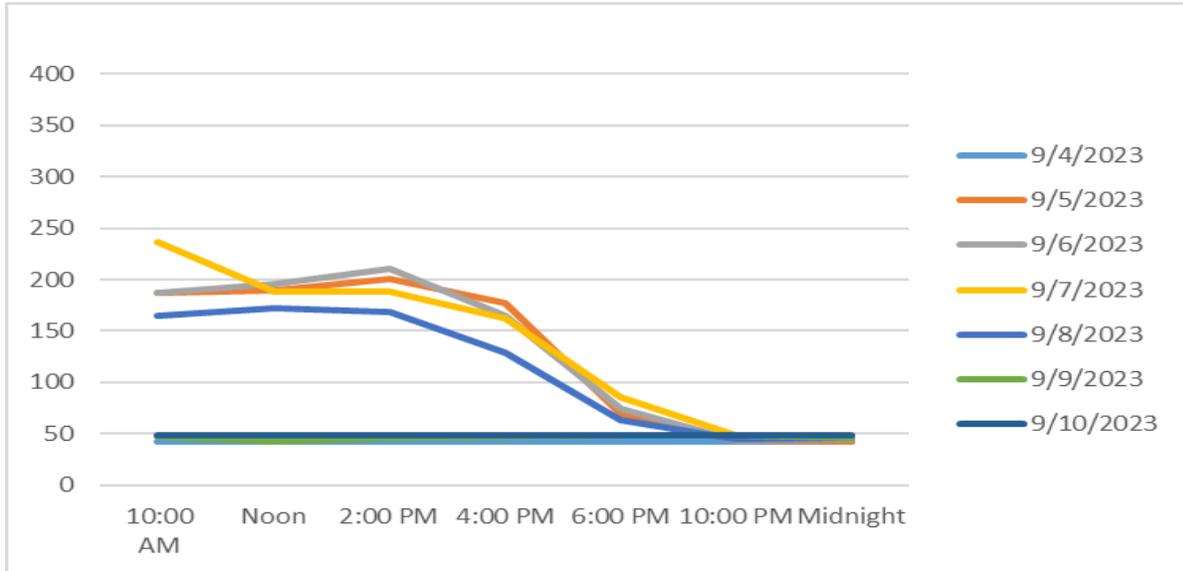


CHART NO. 3 – UD PARKING DECK WEEKLY OCCUPANCY



CENTRAL MAINTENANCE GARAGE REPAIR DATA

	Current Week	Previous Week
DCED		0
Planning & Code		0
Fire		0
Engineering		0
Parks & Recreation		4
Public Works		2
Police		4
Water		0
Wastewater		1
Light		0
Human Resources		0
Weekly Totals		11
Yearly Total		688

AFTER HOUR CALL BACKS

Wednesday, September 6, 2023 @ 3:05 PM: Signal light at W. Washington St. and Potomac St. on flash. Staff on site found a pedestrian signal malfunctioned. Pedestrian signals were temporarily taken out of service and the intersection restored.

Thursday, September 7, 2023 @ 5:29 PM: Traffic signal on flash at Garland Groh Blvd. and Biltrite Way. Staff were called in to restore signal operation.

Thursday, September 7, 2023 @ 2:00 PM: A thunderstorm rolled into the area around 2:00 PM bringing high winds with it. Staff were directed to stay to address any falling tree issues. Seven locations were cleared that evening, but all were minor issues. Streets were opened as needed.

Thursday, September 7, 2023 @ 7:30 PM: Multiple calls were received about a “pothole” in the drive lane of Burhans Blvd. on the south side of the railroad underpass. An investigation of the issue found that a trench line for utility work had sunk about 8 inches causing numerous vehicle issues (flat tires). Northern Pipeline was the contractor completing work for Columbia Gas. The gas company was contacted, and their contractor came in that evening to address the concern. Several emails and phone calls were received the following day. All were directed to Northern Pipeline for resolution.

Sunday, September 10, 2023 @ 10:30 AM: Received a call about limb hanging from a street tree at 241 Mealey Parkway. The limb was hanging low enough to disrupt traffic. The limb would not dislodge, so the limb was pulled away from the traffic lane into the parking lane. Traffic cones were placed to warn drivers. The issue was addressed the following day.

PARKS AND RECREATION

Clara Barton Groundbreaking

Staff attending the groundbreaking on Sept 12. Photos attached.

Fall Fest at City Park

Join us this Saturday for the annual City Park Fall Fest & Fireworks from 11am – 7:30pm. At 7:30pm, the fireworks will be launched from the City Park lake. See ad attached.

Fit Room

See Fit Room report attached with upcoming classes. There are no private rentals this weekend.

Hager House Art Exhibition

On August 12, forty-five artists from all over the area came to the Hager House to create unique and original paintings, sketches and prints focusing on the historic home of the founder of Hagerstown and the park surrounding it. These brand-new pieces of art are now on exhibition. Half of the paintings are on exhibit at the Hager House and the other half are on exhibit at the Museum of Fine Arts. This online gallery collects all the pieces in one place for you to enjoy; however, we encourage you to come and see them in person:

<https://www.hagerstownmd.org/1644/Plein-Air-Art-Festival>

Saylor House Open House

On Thursday, Sept 14, visit Kiwanis Park for the Saylor House Open House and Tour from 6-8pm. Scott Parker will give a talk on the History of the Stoner Farm at 7pm. This program is coordinated by the Washington County Historical Trust.

University Plaza

- Wind Down Friday, September 15, 6-8pm: <https://www.hagerstownmd.org/158/Downtown-Events>

Virtual Classes

- Yoga, Tuesdays, 6-7pm
- Strength Training, Thursdays, 6-7pm
- Dance Fitness, Saturdays, 10-11am

Golf Course

- A new women’s fall golf league began on Monday, Sept 11 and will continue this fall. See flyer attached.
- According to golf staff, going cashless at the clubhouse has not affected golf play too much, they are getting some complaints, but overall, golfers seem to be adjusting to the change.

- The high temperatures last week resulted in a decrease in attendance (compared to previous weeks), but attendance was up compared to this time last year.

Golf Course	9/6/23–9/12/23	9/6/22-9/12/22
# of Golfers	455	312

UTILITIES DEPARTMENT

ELECTRIC DIVISION

Service Calls

- Thur. 9/7 - Suter Avenue – lines down; lines were fiber optic cable. Time Out: 19.9-20.2
- Fri. 9/8 - 1337 Outer Drive – total outage; a tree fell across the primary conductors and crossarms. Time Out: 15.0- 17.5
- 605 North Mulberry Street – partial outage; service connections failed. Time Out: 17.5-18.5
- 1187 & 1201 Outer Drive – total outage; a transformer fuse operated following restoration. Time Out: 18.7-19.8
- Sat. 9/9 - 280 Magnolia Court – line down; the service conductor pulled loose. Time Out: 14.0-16.4
- Mon. 9/11 - 617 Ravenswood Drive – total outage; a transformer fuse operated. Time Out: 18.3-18.8
- Tues. 9/12 - 205 Bryan Place – house fire; the service was disconnected and meter removed at request of Hagerstown Fire department. Time Out: 17.3-18.2

Lamps Replaced	New Fixtures Added	Changeouts	Fixtures Removed
12	0	23	0

- Engineering staff performed multiple permit reviews and responded to service upgrade requests.
- The stock yard and stock room are in the process of realignment to better organize large groups of materials being ordered to accommodate the storage of maintenance items.
- Samples of all HLD oil filled substation devices have been shipped to TJH2B laboratories for Dissolved Gas Analysis testing.

WASTEWATER DIVISION

Wastewater Treatment Plant at Frederick Street

Date	Flow (mgd)	Rainfall (inches)
Wednesday, Sept 6, 2023	4.06	0.00
Thursday, Sept 7, 2023	4.50	0.40
Friday, Sept 8, 2023	4.17	0.07
Saturday, Sept 9, 2023	4.40	0.29
Sunday, Sept 10, 2023	4.16	0.00
Monday, Sept 11, 2023	4.53	0.33
Tuesday, Sept 12, 2023	4.47	0.01
Weekly – Avg. Flow/Total Rainfall	4.32	1.10
Sept - Avg. Flow/Total Rainfall	4.20	1.10

- Replaced faulty compactor motor on Barscreen #1
- Troubleshooting of O2 system issues as a result of storms/power outages
- Aided in issues that arose as a result of current PLC #3 upgrade
- 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	80	24	
Flushing	Trouble spots, 5	500, 9064		
Point Repairs		# of Repairs	Reason	L.F. of Repairs
Lateral Only	1	1	Root ball	27 ft

Collection System Maintenance Tasks

- Flusher crew flushed trouble spots and District 5
- Addressed blockages on 712 West Church Street and 20222 Capital Lane
- CCTV worked on Capital Lane for blockage issue
- Worked on Burhans Blvd for sewer main repair for NPL Construction
- Replaced sewer lateral on 1133 Beechwood Drive
- Located and marked sewer lines for USIC
- Mowed pump stations and around shop
- Met with STH sales rep about spare pumps for pump stations
- Grinder pump issue at 11126 Parkwood Drive
- Installed new antenna cable for Pump Station 21
- Worked I/O descriptions for PLC at Pump Station 30

Wastewater Division – Customer Call Log Summary 2023

Type	Blockages	Grinder Pumps	Odor Complaints	Flushing	WW Pump Station	Other	Totals
Weekly	2	1	1	0	0	7	11
YTD 2023	56	28	4	0	0	193	281

Engineering

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

Deputy Director

- Worked on scheduling more training
- Worked on the Flow Meter RFP
- Worked on funding for generators

Lab

- Process and regulatory testing were routine for the week
- Completed weekly QC (pH, Cl, Conductivity) on DI water
- Completed monthly QC checks: Autoclave TSB verification
- Collected NWWIS Program samples for CDC-Biobot COVID monitoring
- Collected Wastewater-SCAN Program samples for pathogen monitoring
- Completed Raw sampler maintenance
- Local Limits sample plan finalization
- Ordered new composite sampler controllers and BOD incubator

WATER DIVISION

Plant Flows - System Demand (MGD)

<u>Date</u>	<u>Willson</u>	<u>Breichner</u>	<u>Total</u>
09/07/23	12.25		12.25
09/08/23	11.90		11.90
09/09/23	11.14		11.14
09/10/23	11.44		11.44
09/11/23	12.13		12.13
09/12/23	12.10		12.10
09/13/23	12.24		12.24

Average: 11.89

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

- Staff worked on facility maintenance and routine preventative maintenance.
- Repairs were made to the filter valves.

Water Production at Breichner / Edgemont Reservoir

The Edgemont Reservoir pool elevation is currently at 2.06 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.
- Repairs were made to fire hydrants on Halfway Blvd, Elliott Pkwy and Lyles Dr.
- Drained and filled the Henson and Showalter Tank for routine maintenance.

Water Administration

- Working on RFP for tank maintenance and monitoring pump station maintenance and storage tanks.

Laboratory

- Process and regulatory testing were routine for the week
- Completed weekly QC checks: Benchtop microbial surface monitoring
- Completed monthly QC checks: New pH meter validation, QuantiTray Seal test
- Collected September Bacteriological Monitoring samples
- Collected Distribution monitoring for nitrification samples
- Tested multiple water line samples

Engineering

- 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 * UNIVERSITY PLAZA SCHEDULE ***
ON THE FOLLOWING PAGES

Groundbreaking ceremony – Clara Barton Memorial at Park Circle



Sculptor: Toby Mendez



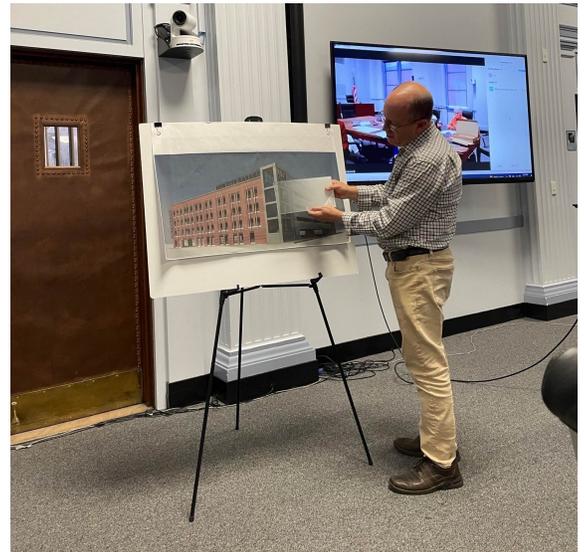
Elected officials,
Dignitaries, Clara
Barton Memorial
Committee
Members and
Donors



Logo reveal for Hagerstown Flying Boxcars at the Hagerstown Aviation Museum



Hub City Garage Public Art Project



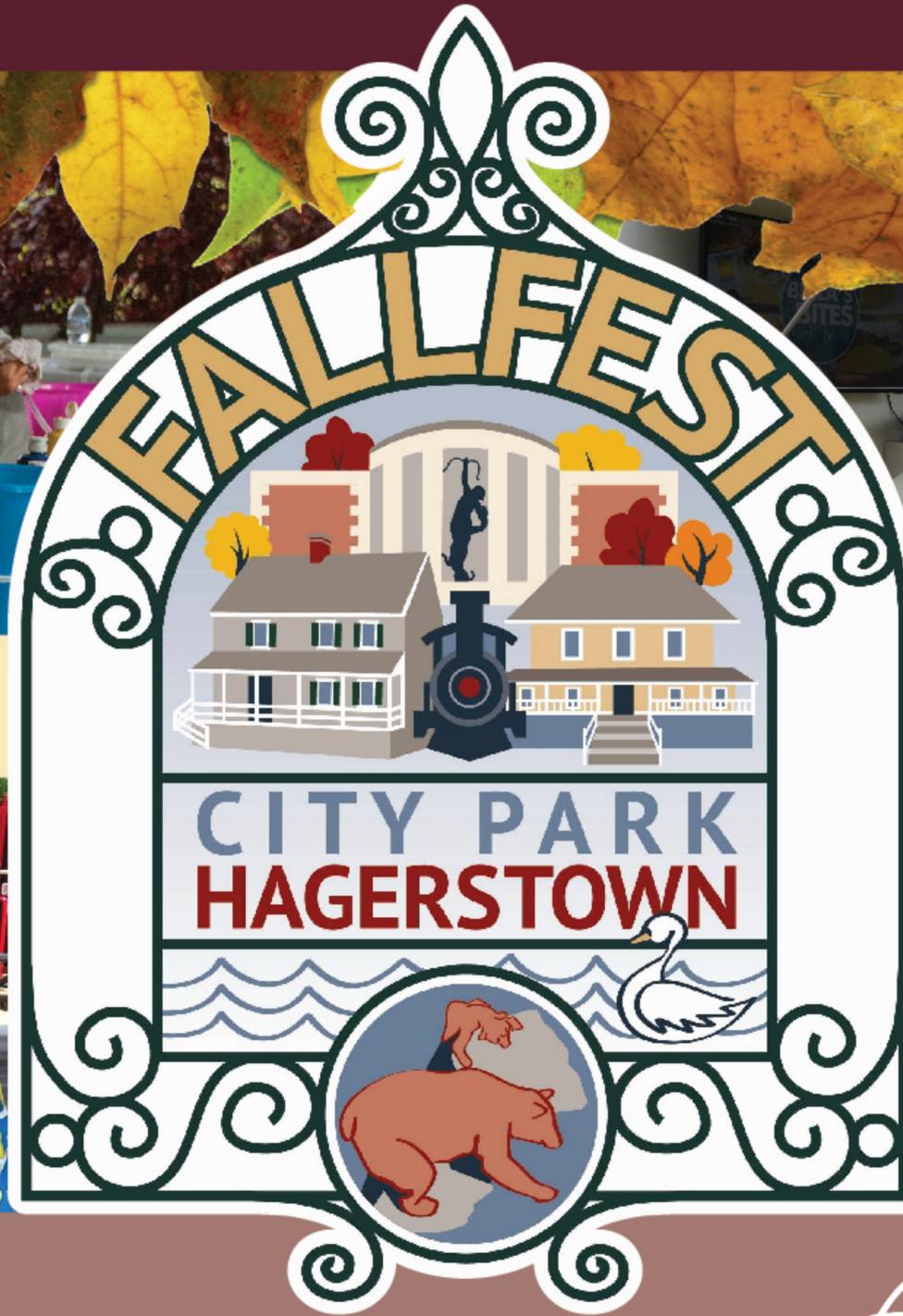
Alexander House grand reopening hosted by NHP Foundation



Greater Hagerstown Committee Investor Roundtable



11:00AM -7:30PM



FREE ACTIVITIES



Family Entertainment, Arts Activities,
Living History, Museum Tours, Pony Rides,
Petting Zoo, Food & Craft Vendors
7:30pm: Fireworks on City Park Lake



*A fusion of arts,
entertainment and history!*

For a detailed schedule of activities and locations, visit: www.hagerstownmd.org/fallfest



'Hagerstown Parks and Recreation'



CONNECTIONS OVER COMPETITION GOLF LEAGUE

ALL SKILL LEVELS
WELCOME



JOIN OUR WOMENS GOLF LEAGUE. 8 ROUNDS with cart \$144
PLAY ON MON AT 11AM OR WEDS AT 430PM



2 S Cleveland Ave, Hagerstown, MD 21740 · (301) 733 -8630

http://apm.activecommunities.com/hagerstownparksandrec/Activity_Search/5266

<https://www.facebook.com/PrimeTimeForWomen>



Fit Room at Fairgrounds Park at Fairgrounds Park

Monthly Calendar For September 2023

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
					1 4:45p-5:45p Gymnastics for Kids #8054 6p-7p Aerial Stretch #7980 7:15p-8:15p Aerial Tricks #8027	2 10a-11a Zumba #8068
3 11a-12p Gymnastics for Kids #8048 1p-2p Aerial Stretch #7993	4 7:15p-8:15p Belly Dance #8094	5	6	7	8 4:45p-5:45p Gymnastics for Kids #8054 6:30p-7:30p Aerial Stretch #8277 7:45p-8:45p Aerial Tricks #8278	9 10a-11a Zumba #8068
10 11a-12p Gymnastics for Kids #8048	11 7:15p-8:15p Belly Dance #8094	12 11a-2:30p CPR and First Aid #7952	13 5:45p-6:45p Embody Yoga #7955	14 5p-9p Your Health Matters	15 4:45p-5:45p Gymnastics for Kids #8054	16 10a-11a Zumba #8068 2p-3p Slow Flow Yoga #8144
17 11a-12p Gymnastics for Kids #8048 1p-3p Jump for Inclusion #8042	18 7:15p-8:15p Belly Dance #8094	19	20 1p-5p PW Staff Meeting 5:45p-6:45p Embody Yoga #7955	21	22 3:15p-4:45p Gymnastics for Kids, Intermediate #8127 4:45p-5:45p Gymnastics for Kids #8120 6p-7p Aerial Stretch #7981	23 10a-11a Zumba #8068 2p-3p Slow Flow Yoga #8144
24 11a-12p Gymnastics for Kids #8137 1p-3p Jump for Inclusion #8042	25	26	27 5:45p-6:45p Embody Yoga #7955	28	29 3:15p-4:45p Gymnastics for Kids, Intermediate #8127 4:45p-5:45p Gymnastics for Kids #8120 6p-7p Aerial Stretch #7982	30 10a-11a Zumba #8068 2p-3p Slow Flow Yoga #8144