



CITY OF HAGERSTOWN, MARYLAND STATUS & INFORMATION REPORT NO. 37 FOR 2023

To Members of the City Council:

September 22, 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:

- Hagerstown Starts Search for New Fire Chief
- Hagerstown's New Baseball Team Unveils Flying Boxcars Logo
- Maryland Schools Chief Won't Seek New Contract. Here's What Comes Next.
- Political Notebook: Thiam Sets Fundraiser
- It was Big and Messy. But UIP has Paid Big Dividends for Hagerstown
- Alexander House Rededicated; Next Paradise Heights Section Opening
- Washington County Home Prices Rose 0.3% in August, with Houses Listed at a Median of \$384,925
- Hagerstown, County Police Leaders Discuss Staffing Shortages
- Hagerstown-Area Man Turning 100 and Marked 76th Wedding Anniversary
- Commissioners Agree to Re-Zone Smithsburg Property for Agricultural Use
- BCA-CV to Host Annual Step 'N Stride and Breast Cancer Survivor Parade
- Washington County, Western Maryland Remain under Drought Watch
- Traffic Advisory: Park Circle

This Week's Video Projects

- Mayor & Council Work & Special Sessions
- "Council wRap" Segment
- Clara Barton Memorial Groundbreaking Livestream
- Wind Down Friday Footage
- Various City Drone Footage
- Fall Fest/Fireworks on City Park Lake Footage
- Water Video Script Work

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 11,708 user visits for the week of Sept. 13-19
- The most popular top entrances (the first page users accessed on the website):

1. Home Page	2,125
2. City Park Fall Fest Page	1,746
3. Jobs Page	973
4. Online Payment Portal Page	664
5. Utility Billing Page	604
6. Parks & Recreation Page	278
7. Police Page	245
8. Downtown Events Page	219
9. Civic Alerts Page	153
10. City Park Page	149

- Top searches

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

COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT

- Hosted the September Farmers Market on September 21st
- Will be setting up at Color Splash 5K in Fairgrounds Park on September 23rd
- Attending and setting up at Porchfest on Saturday, September 23rd
- Attended webinar with Main Street America to learn about new accreditation process
- Attended Downtown Enhancement Committee meeting with Greater Hagerstown Committee to discuss Investor Roundtable that took place last week and downtown initiatives moving forward
- Next weekend there is Thunder in Square on Friday, September 29th from 5:00-9:00 PM; Saturday, September 30th: Scavenger Hunt for the Human Development Council from 2:00-6:00 PM and Voltage Wrestling in University Plaza from 5:00-9:00 PM

ENGINEERING

1. **Paul Smith Boulevard.** The contractor is continuing to install the base asphalt pavement on the roadway. Traffic signal poles have been installed on Dual Highway at the new intersection.
2. **Hub City Parking Garage.** The geopier subcontractor mobilized to the site, and is beginning the installation of the aggregate piers that will support the parking deck foundations.
3. **Morningside Heights Storm Drainage Improvements.** Work is substantially complete on this project. Congratulations to the contractor, and to Greg Deike, for making this challenging project a success.

4. **Engineering Statistics**

Description	Week of 09/18/23	Calendar Year 2023 TOTALS
Traffic complaints received	4	135
Work Orders completed	4	120
Traffic counts completed	0	24
Construction Projects		
Description	Week of 09/18/23	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)	65	Mutual Aid to surrounding FDs	12
• Unit Responses	138	• Halfway FD	3
• Fire/Rescue Responses	42	• Maugansville FD	1
• EMS Responses	23	• Funkstown FD	3
Inspections/System Tests	51	• Longmeadow FD	2
Community Events, Smoke Alarm Installs	4	• Other	3

Significant Incidents:

9/12/23 – HFD units responded to the 200 Blk of Bryan Place for a house fire. Units arrived to find a fire on the 2nd floor. The fire was quickly brought under control without further extension. No injuries were reported.

9/13/23 – HFD units responded to the strip mall in the unit block of Eastern Blvd N for an odor of gas. The odor was found throughout multiple occupancies in the strip. A gas leak was found on a rooftop HVAC unit and secured by HFD crews and Columbia Gas. Occupancies were ventilated and units returned to service.

POLICE DEPARTMENT

STATS (09/14/23 - 09/20/23)

Calls for Service:	1698	Field Interviews:	22
Arrests/Warrants Served:	25	Moving Violations:	8
Domestic Violence Calls:	9	Safety Repair Orders:	5
DUI Arrests:	0	Warnings:	50
Reports Filed:	125		

Congratulations: On Thursday evening, HPD's newest members graduated the police academy. Please help us welcome Officers Kelbaugh, Boyles and Ortiz. They completed nearly seven months in the academy where they underwent rigorous training including academics, physical fitness, scenario-based incidents and much more. They will now undergo approximately four months of field training before they will be released to work solo. Congratulations, we hope you have a safe and successful career. Welcome to the HPD team!



PUBLIC WORKS

CHART NO. 1 – GENERAL PARKING SYSTEM DATA

		Current Week	Previous Week
Number of Permit Holders	A & E Deck	195	177
	University District Deck	289	289
Number of Student Permits	Central & Rochester Lots	38	40
Number of Patrons Using Decks	A & E Deck	1592	1341
	University District Deck	1505	1255
Number of Citations Issued	(Includes Warnings)	250	161
Peak Occupancy (%)	A & E Deck	91% Th @ Noon	71% Thu @ Noon
Peak Occupancy (%)	University District Deck	47% Mo @ 10AM	54% Thu at 10AM

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

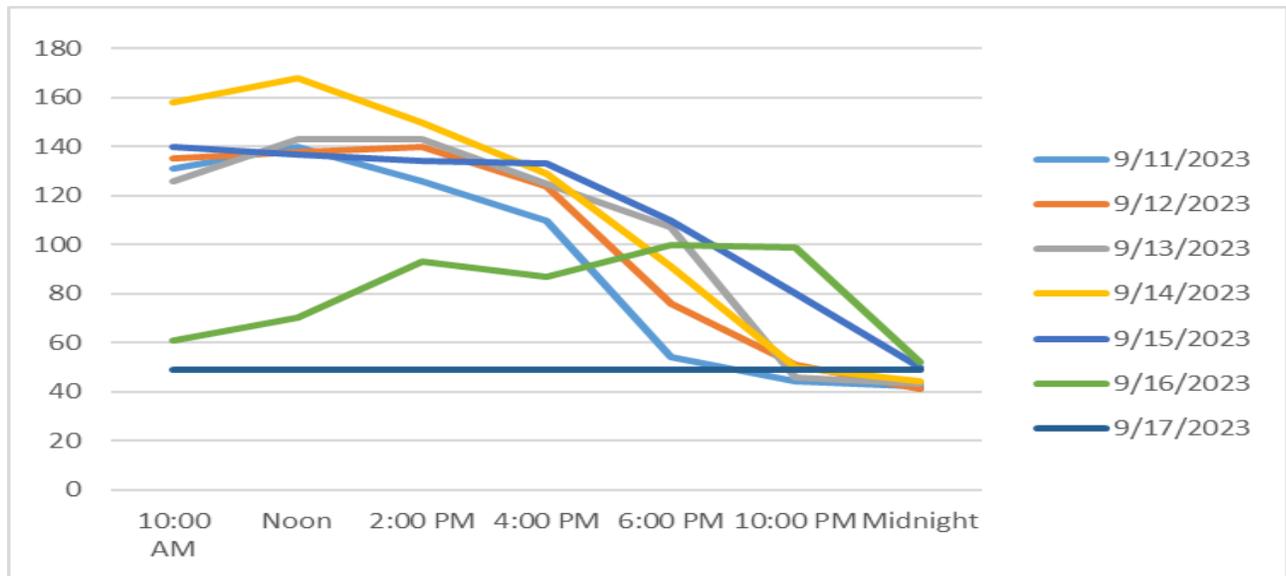
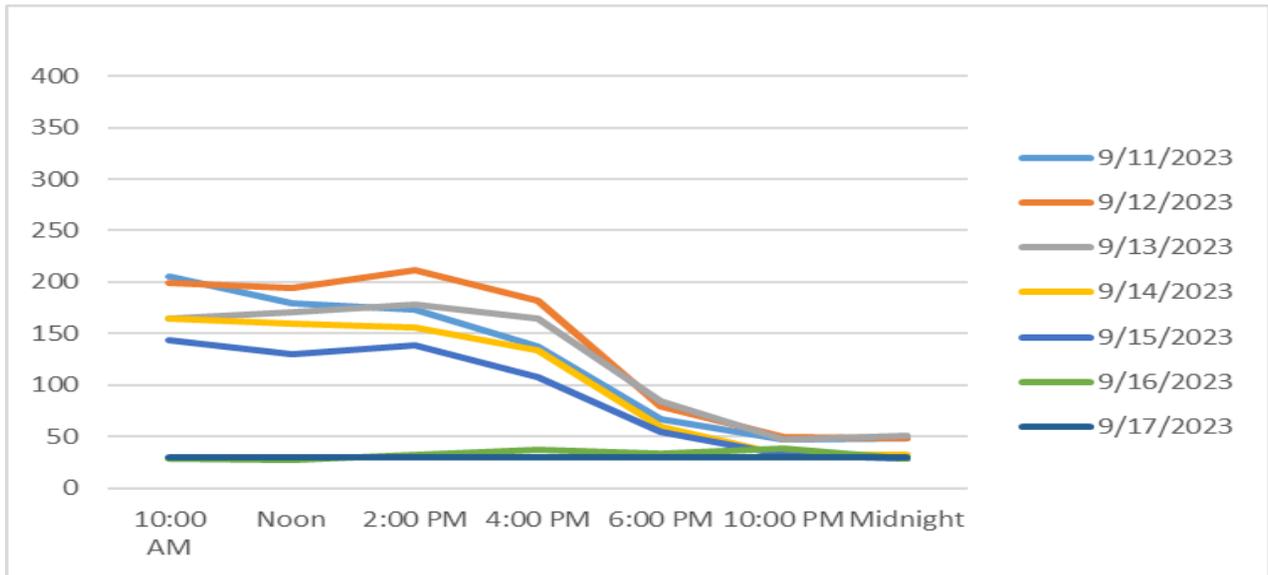


CHART NO. 3 – UD PARKING DECK WEEKLY OCCUPANCY



CENTRAL MAINTENANCE GARAGE REPAIR DATA

	Current Week	Previous Week
DCED	0	0
Planning & Code	0	0
Fire	2	1
Engineering	0	1
Parks & Recreation	1	0
Public Works	3	3
Police	6	6
Water	4	5
Wastewater	0	1
Light	3	1
Human Resources	0	0
Weekly Totals	19	18
Yearly Total	741	722

AFTER HOUR CALL BACKS

Tuesday, September 12, 2023 @ 4:15 PM: A report was received for the signal not changing at W. Franklin St. and Walnut St. Staff observed intersection and found signal working properly and cycling through changes.

Wednesday, September 13, 2023 @ 10 PM: Parking deck attendant reported adolescents manually lifting the gate arm at the University Deck rear entrance and the arm was at an angle as a result. Staff assured gate is still working properly and arm was adjusted next day.

Saturday, September 16, 2023 @ 9:10 AM: A dead deer was reported at 1300 block of Salem Ave. Staff was called in and deer was removed from road.

PARKS AND RECREATION

2023-2024 Fall/Winter Parks & Rec Guide

Scroll through the new Fall/Winter digital guide to learn about fitness programs, fall family events, and holiday happenings in the parks and rec facilities. Use the hyperlinks that will take you straight to register for the fitness programs and webpages of upcoming events. New rec programs include: Buti Yoga, Eating to Live Well, Healthy Heart Indoor Walking, Locomotion, Pound, Crazy Running and Parkour. Check it out here:

<https://www.hagerstownmd.org/145/Parks-Recreation>

City Park Fall Fest & Fireworks

The annual City Park Fall Fest & Fireworks on Saturday, Sept 16 drew thousands of event goers to City Park. Photos attached.

Colorsplash 5K

Fairgrounds Park is hosting the annual Colorsplash 5K Saturday, Sept 23 beginning at 9am.

<https://ymcahagerstown.org/event/color-splash-5k-runwalk-2023>

Fit Room

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

New Outdoor Fitness Equipment

A ribbon cutting is scheduled on Friday, Sept 22 at 12:20pm to celebrate the new outdoor Fitness Equipment located on the Cultural Trail, see flyer attached.

University Plaza

- Washington County Goes Purple Recovery Walk, 11am – 3pm.

Upcoming Events in the City

- a. Farmers Market at the old Market House, Thursday, September 21st
- b. Vintage Market in the EHC parking lot, Saturday, September 23rd
- c. Porchfest on S. Prospect St., Saturday, September 23rd

Virtual Classes

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

Golf Course

- The clubhouse will host the Fun with Paint class on Sunday, September 24 from 1pm-3pm.

UTILITIES DEPARTMENT

ELECTRIC DIVISION

Service Calls

- Thur. 9/14 - 900 Block, Burhans Blvd – lines down; lines belonged to Antietam Broadband.
Time Out: 23.7-0.7
- Sat. 9/16 - 455 Park Place – wires down; wires were communication wires. All HLD facilities were clear.
Time Out: 17.7-18.2
- Tues. 9/19 - 1028 Woodland Way – lines down; lines belonged to Antietam Broadband.
Time Out: 16.7-17.8

Lamps Replaced	New Fixtures Added	Changeouts	Fixtures Removed
5	0	4	0

- Engineering and Distribution staff worked to develop smooth communication process between departments for accurate record keeping and work order management.
- Staff met with multiple electrical contractors and developers related to construction projects, performed multiple permit reviews, and responded to service upgrade requests.
- Engineering staff continued work on HLD electric utility facility design for the new multi-use event complex.
- Reorganization and planning of the HLD warehouse inventory continues.

WASTEWATER DIVISION

Wastewater Treatment Plant at Frederick Street

Date	Flow (mgd)	Rainfall (inches)
Wednesday, Sept 13, 2023	4.65	0.00
Thursday, Sept 14, 2023	4.33	0.00
Friday, Sept 15, 2023	4.19	0.00
Saturday, Sept 16, 2023	3.98	0.00
Sunday, Sept 17, 2023	4.92	0.45
Monday, Sept 18, 2023	5.12	0.11
Tuesday, Sept 19, 2023	4.83	0.00
Weekly – Avg. Flow/Total Rainfall	4.57	0.56
Sept - Avg. Flow/Total Rainfall	4.34	1.66

- Troubleshooting issues with PDPS #1 pump
- Replaced faulty defoamer feed pump and modified injection point
- 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	12, 15,17, 27, Storm drain	165.5, 125.2, 460, 235, 51.6	15, 42.3, 0, 167.2	1, 1, 0, 6
Flushing	5, 6		4613, 2101	
		# Tested	# Failures	% Failed
Lateral Only	50	1	Broken pipe and yoke assembly	2ft

Collection System Maintenance Tasks

- Repaired lateral and yoke assembly for grinder pump canister at 20102 Teakwood Drive
- Installed rebuilt pump for Pump Station 2.
- Cleaned Pump Stations 2, 10 and 21
- Applied seed and straw at 20102 Teakwood Drive
- Marked tickets for USIC
- Mowed at pump stations
- Hauled stone in for stock
- Repaired grinder pumps
- Replaced generator battery at Pump Station 19
- Corrected soft start issue at Pump Station 28
- Flushed at 1094 Murdock Avenue, Salem Avenue, District 5 and District 6
- CCTV'd 1094 Murdock Avenue, Salem Avenue, storm drain for Public Works, and Brynwood Street

Wastewater Division – Customer Call Log Summary 2023							
Type	Blockages	Grinder Pumps	Odor Complaints	Flushing	WW Pump Station	Other	Totals
Weekly	1	0	1	0	0	8	10
YTD 2023	57	28	5	0	0	201	291

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 biological indicator verification
- Collected Wastewater-SCAN Program samples for pathogen monitoring
- Completed Effluent sampler maintenance
- Local Limits sample plan finalized

WATER DIVISION

Plant Flows - System Demand (MGD)

<u>Date</u>	<u>Willson</u>	<u>Breichner</u>	<u>Total</u>
09/14/23	12.50		12.50
09/15/23	12.19		12.19
09/16/23	11.63		11.63
09/17/23	11.20		11.20
09/18/23	12.11		12.11
09/19/23	12.30		12.30
09/20/23	12.24		12.24
		Average:	12.02

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

- Staff worked on facility maintenance and routine preventative maintenance.
- Staff worked on valves on filters 3 and 4 and addressed CL2 issue at tanks.

Water Production at Breichner / Edgemont Reservoir

The Edgemont Reservoir pool elevation is currently at 1.98 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.

Laboratory

- Process and regulatory testing were routine for the week.
- Completed weekly QC check for benchtop microbial surface monitoring.
- Completed monthly QC check for bench pH meter validation.
- Collected bacteriological monitoring samples for September.
- Collected Distribution monitoring for nitrification samples.
- Collected and tested one (1) water complaint.
- Tested new water line samples.
- Prepared buffers for R.C. Willson operators.
- Prepared microbial QC agar plates.
- Completed one (1) water sampler certification practical.

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
EVENTS PICTURES ON THE FOLLOWING PAGES**

Fall Fest at City Park





Join Us!

Ribbon Cutting Ceremony

Come and Celebrate the new outdoor fitness station Located along the Cultural Trail between Baltimore and Lee Streets featuring easy to use equipment that is free to the public.

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 22, 2023

12:30pm

**84 W LEE STREET
HAGERSTOWN, MD 21740**



Health Resources and Services Administration

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 6p-7p 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
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University Plaza at University Plaza

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24	25	26	27	28	29 3p-9p Thunder in the Square- Block	30 2p-10p Voltage Wrestling: Downtown Showdown