



CITY OF HAGERSTOWN, MARYLAND STATUS & INFORMATION REPORT NO. 41 FOR 2023

To Members of the City Council:

October 20, 2023

OCTOBER 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
<p style="color: red; font-weight: bold;">October 1</p>	<p style="color: red; font-weight: bold;">2</p>	<p style="color: red; font-weight: bold;">3</p> <p>Mayor & Council Work Session 4 PM</p>	<p style="color: red; font-weight: bold;">4</p>	<p style="color: red; font-weight: bold;">5</p>	<p style="color: red; font-weight: bold;">6</p>	<p style="color: red; font-weight: bold;">7</p> <div style="display: flex; justify-content: space-between;"> <div style="width: 60%;"> <p>Fiber Fest University Plaza 9 AM to 4 PM</p> </div> <div style="width: 35%; text-align: right;"> </div> </div> <div style="text-align: right; margin-top: 10px;"> </div>
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<p>22</p> <p>Halloween Havoc: Skateboarding, Art & Music Festival Fairgrounds Park Noon to 6 PM</p> 	<p>23</p>	<p>24</p> <p>Mayor & Council Regular Session 7 PM</p>	<p>25</p>	<p>26</p> <p>Drive-Thru Trick or Treat Fairgrounds Park 4 PM to 7 PM</p> 	<p>27</p> <p>Halloween Block Party S. Potomac Street 5:30 PM to 8:30 PM</p> <hr/> <p>Ghost Tours Jonathan Hager House Museum 7 PM & 8 PM</p>	<p>28</p>  <hr/> <p>96th Annual Mummers' Parade Downtown Hagerstown 6 PM</p>
<p>29</p>	<p>30</p>	<p>31</p> 				

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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

Work Session - Tuesday, October 3 – 4 PM
Work Session - Tuesday, October 10 – 4 PM
Work Session - Tuesday, October 17 – 7 PM
Regular Session - Tuesday, October 24 – 7 PM
NO MEETING - Tuesday, October 31

Board of Traffic & Parking

Thursday, October 14 – 4 PM

Board of Zoning Appeals

Thursday, October 14 – 7 PM

Historic District Commission

Thursday, October 14 – 4:30 PM
Thursday, October 26 – 4:30 PM

Planning Commission

Wednesday, October 11 – 4 PM
Wednesday, October 25 – 7 PM



COMMUNICATIONS

This Week's Headlines & Media Releases:

- Washington County Home Prices Rose 1.3% in September with Houses Listed at a Median of \$389,950
- Town Hall about Overdose Crisis Hears Feedback, Provides Updates
- Breast Cancer Awareness Walk Participant Shoots to Raise \$25,000
- MD Voter Guide: How to Check Voter Registration, Options to Vote
- Second Defendant in 2020 Hagerstown Gunfire Exchange Pleads
- USA BMX Gold Cup Northeast Championship in Town
- New Business. New Jobs. New Challenges. Are We Ready?
- Judge Allows Maryland Hemp Businesses to Continue Operations, For Now
- Comings & Goings: Ribbon Cut for Easterseals Facility
- Israeli Embassy Official Addresses Local Jewish Congregation
- Maryland Gas Prices are Dropping, but How Long will Relief Last?
- Flagging Operation on South Burhans to end Soon
- Press Release: HHA, City Receive Choice Neighborhoods Planning Grant
- Press Release: Harvest Hoedown & Community Yard Sale This Saturday
- Press Release: HFD Chief Lohr Honored with Fire Industry Award
- Traffic Advisory: West Memorial Blvd. Water Main Repair

This Week's Video Projects

- Mayor & Council Work Session
- "Council wRap" Segment
- Various City Drone Footage
- Western Maryland Consortium Video Post-Production
- Holiday Weekend Events :30 Promo 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 7,327 user visits for the week of October 12-18
- The most popular top entrances (the first page users accessed on the website):

1. Home Page	1,774
2. Online Payment Portal Page	1,375
3. Utility Billing Page	747
4. Police Page	438
5. Calendar Page	341
6. Search Page	298
7. Bids Page	249
8. Jobs Page	229
9. Harvest Hoedown Page	210
10. Form Center Page	111

- Top searches

1. True
2. Bill pay
3. Light department
4. Water bill
5. Skatepark

COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT

- Nearly 500 people attend the first ever Downtown Fall Folk Festival last weekend despite being cold and rainy
- The final Farmers Market of the season was held on Thursday, October 19th
- Employee Chili Cook-off is taking place on Thursday, October 26th in City Hall – bring \$5 and join us!
- Over 20 businesses and organizations are signed up for the Downtown Halloween Block Party which will take place on Friday, October 27th from 5:30-8:30 PM
- [Holiday Cheer Grant Program](#) was launched to Main Street Businesses
- [Ornament sponsorships](#) for the Downtown Christmas Tree are open to the public

DEPARTMENT OF COMMUNITY & ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

Economic Development activities included:

Economic Development team member attended Visit Hagerstown- CVB focus group to offer input for Research & Strategic Planning initiative, with Magellan Strategy Group and Gray Research Solutions. Staff gave a presentation of DCED programs and initiatives for economic growth to Washington County NAACP Branch 7030B at USMH on Oct. 18.

Community Development:

The Hagerstown Youth Council held their first meeting of the 23-24 session on Monday, October 9th. Members participated in team-building activities to establish problem-solving skills they can utilize in the year ahead!

Grand Openings & Anniversary Celebrations:

Easterseals Serving DC MD VA Adult Day Services opened their new location at 701 E. First St. on Monday, Oct. 9 from 3-5pm. Their new location has open green space and a larger facility can accommodate more participants.

Tacolicious restaurant, from the creators of J's Diner, celebrated their grand opening on Oct. 18. Located at 67 Eastern Blvd., open 10am-9pm 7 days/week.

ENGINEERING

1. **Hagerstown Field House** – staff and the design team from Eastern Sports Management recommended award of the construction contract of Waynesboro Construction Company to the City Council; the Council will consider this item at their Regular Session meeting.
2. **Hub City Garage** – contractor is continuing to excavate and install concrete footers for the new parking deck. The planned closure of a portion of West Antietam Street is scheduled for the week of November 8th to provide space for the crane that will erect the structure.
3. **32 North Potomac Street** – the M&T ATM was relocated to the Potomac Street side of the building, which will allow the contractor to demolish and reconstruct the former ATM room in preparation to install the new City billing kiosk.
4. **Engineering Statistics**

Description	Week of 10/15/23	Calendar Year 2023 TOTALS
Traffic complaints received	7	152
Work Orders completed	4	132
Traffic counts completed	0	31
Construction Projects		
Description	Week of 10/15/23	Calendar Year 2023 TOTALS
Construction Projects advertised for bids	0	9
RFP's Advertised	0	5
Projects under construction	13	--
Projects completed	0	7

FIRE

10/11/23 – 10/17/23			
Total Incidents (City only)	83	Mutual Aid to surrounding FDs	8
• Unit Responses	129	• Halfway FD	2
• Fire/Rescue Responses	43	• Maugansville FD	3
• EMS Responses	40	• Funkstown FD	2
Inspections/System Tests	17	• Longmeadow FD	1
Community Events, Smoke Alarm Installs	5	• Other	0

Significant Incidents

No significant incidents this week.

Community Events

10/12/23 – HFD crews attended a fire prevention event for Bright Beginnings in the Funkstown Area.

10/13/23 – HFD crews visited St. Mary’s Catholic School for fire prevention week. Crews presented fire prevention programs to Pre-K, Kindergarten, and 1st Grade students, followed by a static display of fire apparatus outside.

10/14/23 – HFD crews attended the Lowes Kids Day and presented fire prevention materials.

POLICE DEPARTMENT

Calls for Service:	1629	Field Interviews:	12
Arrests/Warrants Served:	24	Moving Violations:	33
Domestic Violence Calls:	27	Safety Repair Orders:	1
DUI Arrests:	0	Warnings:	56
Reports Filed:	133		

LEOSA: The Law Enforcement Officers Safety Act (LEOSA) allows qualified retired law enforcement officers to carry concealed firearms nationwide, providing an added layer of protection and peace of mind. Last week, 37 HPD retirees received their qualification. Congratulations, and we thank you for your continued dedication to public safety! Thank you to Det. Ackerman and Ofc. Routzahn for assisting with the certifications.

Leadership Washington County: Lt. Fetchu presented to Leadership Washington County on Friday as part of Human Services Day. The session allowed Class 37 an overview of community partners in the area that provide essential services to residents.

Congratulations! Officer Stephanie Romberger completed her Field Training and was certified for solo patrol effective October 18. Ofc. Romberger is now assigned to Baker Platoon. Academy graduate Andrew Kelbaugh was recently sworn in by Mayor Martinez and has begun his Field Training phase. We congratulate them both and wish them a safe and successful career.

PUBLIC WORKS

CHART NO. 1 – GENERAL PARKING SYSTEM DATA

		Current Week	Previous Week
Number of Permit Holders	A & E Deck	195	196
	University District Deck	293	294
Number of Student Permits	Central & Rochester Lots	46	47
Number of Patrons Using Decks	A & E Deck	1876	1888
	University District Deck	1523	1711
Number of Citations Issued	(Includes Warnings)	266	187
Peak Occupancy (%)	A & E Deck	100% Sa @ 6PM	82% Fr @ 6PM
Peak Occupancy (%)	University District Deck	45% Tu @ Noon	53% Mo @ 10AM

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

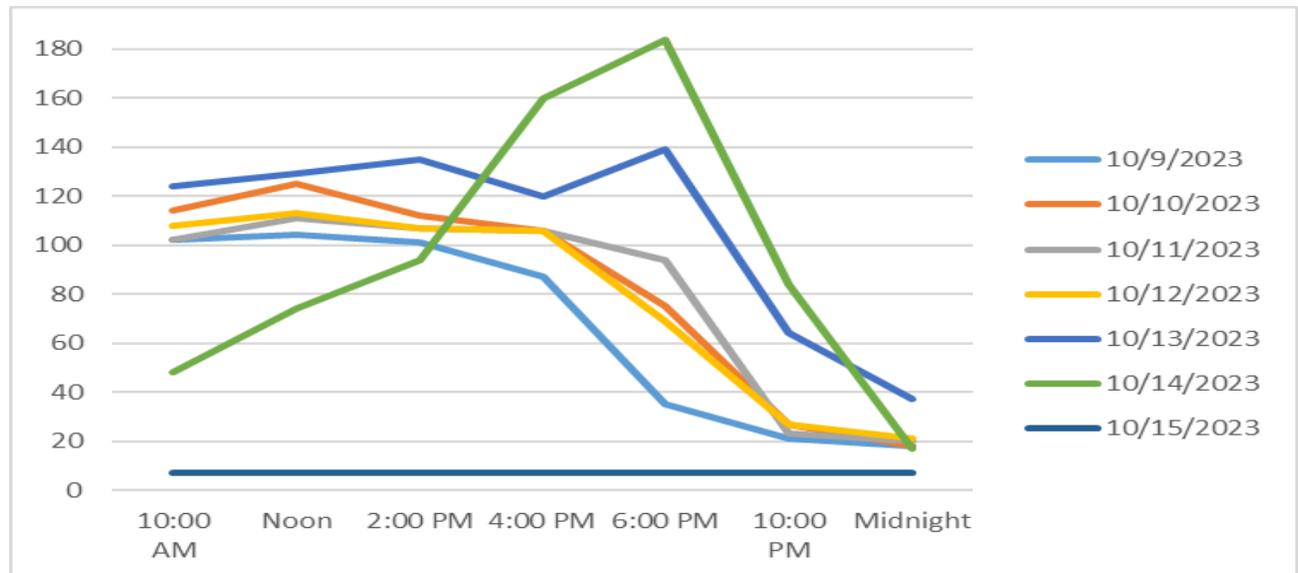
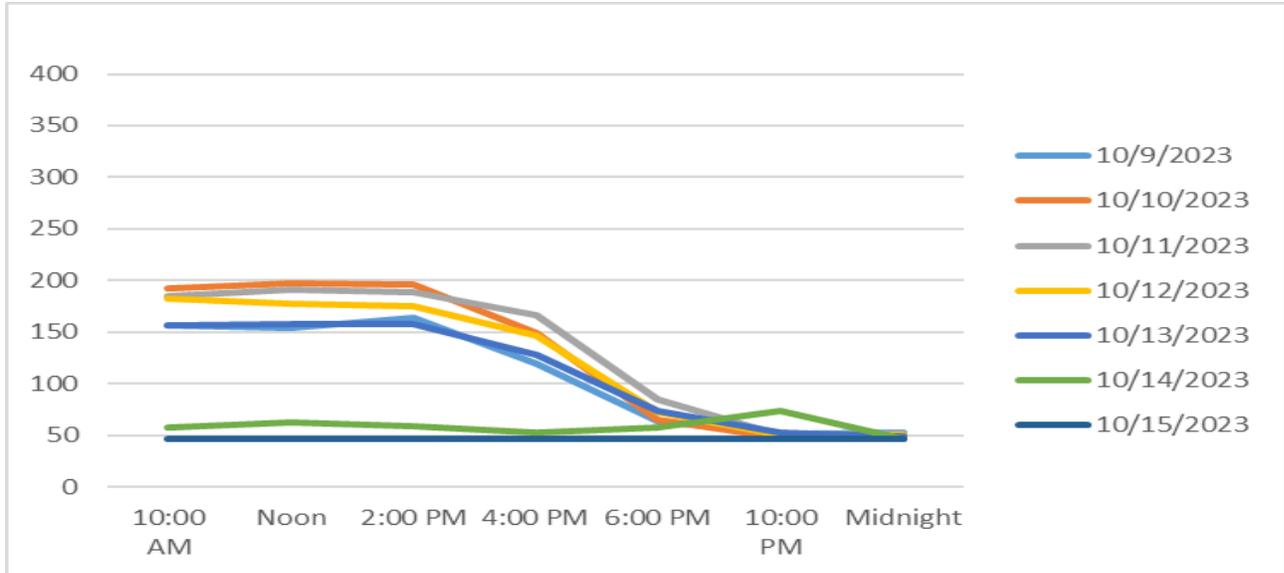


CHART NO. 3 – UD PARKING DECK WEEKLY OCCUPANCY



CENTRAL MAINTENANCE GARAGE REPAIR DATA

	Current Week	Previous Week
DCED	0	0
Planning & Code	0	0
Fire	0	0
Engineering	0	1
Parks & Recreation	2	1
Public Works	5	3
Police	5	3
Water	1	4
Wastewater	0	1
Light	3	2
Human Resources	0	0
Weekly Totals	16	15
Yearly Total	814	798

AFTER HOUR CALL BACKS

Saturday, October 14, 2023 @ 1:05 PM: A report was made that signals are on flash at the intersection of W. Washington St. and Buena Vista Ave. Staff confirmed the condition, called in a technician to make repairs and put signals back into operation.

PARKS AND RECREATION

BMX Gold Cup Event

The BMX Gold Cup Event was held from Friday, October 13th through Sunday, October 15th at Fairgrounds Park. Over 700 bike riders raced in over 2,000 races in this 3-day event. Racers ranged in age from 5 years old to 57 years old and came from many states on the east coast. While it rained on Saturday, it did not dampen the enthusiasm for the racers. Overall, the event went very well. The local BMX operators, Sean and Amanda Warner, oversaw the operations. The Hagerstown-Washington County Convention and Visitor's Center helped sponsor the race. Thanks to all who helped with this first-time event in Hagerstown.

City Park Train Hub & Hager House

These museum sites are now closed for the season for regular operating hours. Private tours can be made by appointment by calling 301-739-8577 x 170 with at least a 48-hour advance notice to schedule a tour guide.

Community Yard Sale at Fairgrounds Park

The last yard sale of the season is this Saturday, October 21, from 7am – 2pm. All the stalls are sold out.

Fit Room

See Fit Room report attached with weekly recreation classes. There is a private party rental scheduled this Sunday, October 22 from 3pm-7pm.

Hager House Ghost Tours

Ghost tours continue this Friday, October 20 and next Friday, October 27; however, both dates and all tour times are sold out. For more info visit: www.hagerhouse.org. Photos from last weekend's tour are at the end of this report.

Halloween Havoc Event at Fairgrounds Skatepark

Music, food, artists, and skateboarding will be featured this Sunday, October 22 from Noon – 5pm at the skatepark. This event is coordinated by Citadel Skateboarding Foundation and more info can be found on their website: <https://citadelskateboarding.org/> A rain date is scheduled for Sunday, October 29.

Harvest Hoedown at Fairgrounds Park

This annual fall event will be held rain or shine on Saturday, October 21 from Noon – 4pm, featuring lots of free family fun for fall.

Outdoor Programs

- Parkour, Wednesdays, Fairgrounds Park Skatepark, 5pm- 6pm, October 4 – 25.
- Private Skateboarding Lessons, Fairgrounds Park Skatepark, one-on-one private lessons scheduled by appointment, Saturdays, October 14 – 28.

Virtual Classes

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

Golf Course

Golf Course	10/11/23–10/17/23	10/11/22-10/17/22
# of Golfers	301	362

UTILITIES DEPARTMENT

ELECTRIC DIVISION

Service Calls

- Sat/ 10/14 - 334-336 Mitchell Avenue – partial outage; the customer’s main breaker tripped.
Time Out: 10.2-10.8

- Sun. 10/15 - 57 Avalon Avenue – lines down; tree pulled communication lines down.
Time Out: 13.4-14.1

- Tues. 10/17 - 155-157 South Mulberry Street – total outage; the customer’s main breaker tripped.
Time Out: 18.3-19.7

- Wed. 10/18 - 51 Charles Street – partial outage; problem was found to be internal.
Time Out: 16.9-18.2
 - 301 South Potomac Street – traffic signal box damaged. Public works was notified of needed repairs. Time Out: 18.9-19.3

Lamps Replaced	New Fixtures Added	Changeouts	Fixtures Removed
7	0	18	0

- Multiple permit reviews and service upgrades requests have been reviewed and/or completed.

- Staff is finalizing the installations for the FY22 SOLE (LED fixture replacement) grant for reimbursement by the end of this calendar year.

- Administrative staff has been reviewing, revising, and commenting on a new purchase power services agreement to begin June 1, 2024. We feel all parties are in agreement and we should be able to lock in on energy costs within the next few days.

WASTEWATER DIVISION

Wastewater Treatment Plant at Frederick Street

Date	Flow (mgd)	Rainfall (inches)
Wednesday, Oct 11, 2023	4.01	0.00
Thursday, Oct 12, 2023	4.48	0.00
Friday, Oct 13, 2023	4.37	0.00
Saturday, Oct 14, 2023	4.86	0.46
Sunday, Oct 15, 2023	5.10	0.01
Monday, Oct 16, 2023	4.81	0.00
Tuesday, Oct 17, 2023	4.79	0.00
Weekly – Avg. Flow/Total Rainfall	4.63	0.47
Oct - Avg. Flow/Total Rainfall	4.62	0.71

- Replaced roller assembly on OAB ferric pump #2
- Replaced air scour hose on FP #1 DO meter
- Attended Confined Space training
- 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	351	51.8	4
Flushing	6	5,287		

Collection System Maintenance Tasks

- Construction crew performed hydro dig at 1303 and 1305 Hamilton Blvd for root issue in sewer lateral
- Blacktopped 1133 Beechwood Drive.
- Attended Confined Space training for MCET
- Flusher crew worked on District 6
- CCTV crew worked on District 30
- Worked on grinder pumps

Wastewater Division – Customer Call Log Summary 2023							
Type	Blockages	Grinder Pumps	Odor Complaints	Flushing	WW Pump Station	Other	Totals
Weekly	0	1	1	0	0	4	6
YTD 2023	60	33	9	0	0	228	330

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 QC verifications: weekly (pH, Cl, Conductivity) on DI water, quarterly autoclave timing validation
- Collected samples for Biobot COVID study
- Collected Wastewater-SCAN Program samples for pathogen monitoring
- Reviewing new MTA for CDC-NWSS program with Verily for Wastewater monitoring, attended work session for onboarding information
- Scheduled annual PM calibrations for autoclave

Environmental Coordinator & Pretreatment

- Calculated September Surcharge for Berwick
- Completed annual pretreatment inspections at Electromet and Great Southern Wood
- Scheduled annual inspection for Berwick

WATER DIVISION

Plant Flows - System Demand (MGD)

<u>Date</u>	<u>Willson</u>	<u>Breichner</u>	<u>Total</u>
10/12/23	12.37		12.37
10/13/23	12.45		12.45
10/14/23	11.65		11.65
10/15/23	11.89		11.89
10/16/23	12.27		12.27
10/17/23	12.30		12.30
10/18/23	12.15		12.15
		Average:	12.15

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

- Staff worked on facility maintenance and routine preventative maintenance.
- Staff repaired UPS at R.C. Willson and at Pump Station #6.
- Staff installed new raw water sample pump system.
- Staff assisted operations with pre-sed basin cleaning.

Water Production at Breichner / Edgemont Reservoir

The Edgemont Reservoir pool elevation is currently at 1.69 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 QC verifications for benchtop microbial surface monitoring, quanti-tray seal test, pH meter calibrations, and incubator sterilization.
- Collected bacteriological monitoring samples for October and collected lagoon discharge sample.
- Collected Distribution monitoring for nitrification samples.
- Collected four (4) new water line samples.
- Attended CSAWWA Water Quality Utility Leadership Roundtable Discussion.
- Attended EPA WLA Learning Center Webinar: Continuity of Operations Plan Template for Drinking Water and Wastewater Laboratories.

Engineering

	<u>City</u>	<u>County</u>
Site Plans	1	3
Preliminary Plats	-	-
Grading Plan	-	-
Final Plat	-	-
Building Permits	5	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 * UNIVERSITY PLAZA SCHEDULE
EVENT PICTURES ON THE FOLLOWING PAGES**



Hager House Ghost Tours -- Photos from last weekend's tour



HAVE A GREAT WEEKEND