



# CITY OF HAGERSTOWN, MARYLAND STATUS & INFORMATION REPORT NO. 6 FOR 2024

To Members of the City Council:

February 9, 2024

## FEBRUARY 2024

*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](mailto:events@downtownhagerstown.org)*

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

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
				1	2 	3
4	5	6 Mayor & Council Work Session 4 PM	7	8	9	10
11	12	13 Mayor & Council Work Session 4 PM	14 	15	16	17
18	19 President's Day City Offices Closed  Free Parking Downtown Decks	20 Mayor & Council Work Session 4 PM	21	22	23	24
25	26	27 Mayor & Council Regular Session 7 PM	28	29	March 1	March 2

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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, February 6 – 4 PM
- Work Session - Tuesday, February 13 – 4 PM
- Work Session - Tuesday, February 20 – 4 PM
- Regular Session - Tuesday, February 27 – 7 PM

### **Board of Traffic & Parking**

- Thursday, February 8 – 4 PM

### **Board of Zoning Appeals**

- Thursday, February 8 – 7 PM

### **Historic District Commission**

- Thursday, February 8 – 4:30 PM
- Thursday, February 22 – 4 PM

### **Planning Commission**

- Wednesday, February 14 – 4 PM
- Wednesday, February 28 – 7 PM

## COMMUNICATIONS

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

- Maryland Bill Introduced to Protect Judiciary Members, Their Families
- Cases Resolved for Two Men Tied to Hagerstown and Frederick Shootings
- Hagerstown Town and Country Almanack Marks 229th Edition
- Children as Young as 10 could go to Court with Maryland Proposals
- Video Footage from Public Sought in Hagerstown Murder Investigation
- Comings & Goings: Defense Attorneys Open New Practice in Hagerstown
- Trone, Alsobrooks Officially File for Cardin's Seat as Deadline Nears
- Nominations for the 2024 Youth Meritorious Award Being Accepted Now
- Elections Board Needs More than 200 More Election Judges for Primary
- Hagerstown Man Pleads to Murder of Local Man Outside Funkstown Bar
- More than 700 Jobs Expected at Webstaurant Facility near Funkstown
- Is it a Good Time to Bet on Business in Maryland? The Numbers Say Yes
- Washington County Home Listings Asked for Less Money in January
- State Officials Rejected Hancock Early Voting Site. Courts Intervene
- Hagerstown Man Found Guilty of Negligent Driving in 2022 Fatal Crash
- Funding for Maryland's Community Colleges Shrinks Under New Plan
- Pepper Spray Involved in Student Altercation at North High on Wednesday
- Gov. Moore Lays Out Priorities in Second State of the State Address

### This Week's Video Projects

- Mayor & City Council Special & Work Sessions
- "Council wRap" Segment
- "State of the City" Video Production

### Channel 25 Hub City Now Programming:

- Mayor & Council Meeting
- "Council wRap"
- Water 101 Video
- "Visit Hagerstown" Promo
- Fit Room :30 Promo
- Hagerstown Fire Museum Videos
- "Council wRap" Promo

**City Website:**

- [www.hagerstownmd.org](http://www.hagerstownmd.org) attracted 6,752 user visits for the week of February 1-7
- The most popular top entrances (the first page users accessed on the website):

1. Home Page	2,010
2. Online Payment Portal Page	1,654
3. Utility Billing Page	809
4. Police Page	328
5. Search Page	268
6. Jobs Page	242
7. Bids Page	172
8. Parks & Recreation Page	156
9. Water & Wastewater Page	140
10. Hub City 100-Miler Page	112
- Top searches
  1. City of Hagerstown
  2. Hagerstown MD
  3. Hagerstown
  4. Hagerstown Light Department
  5. Hagerstown Water Bill

**COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT**

- 10 participants registered for the first ever Galentine’s Flower Tour that will take place on Saturday, February 10<sup>th</sup>
- The following artists were selected for the 2024 Heart of Art Grant program:
  - Stitchedbylexx – Alexis Broder
  - Mole in the Ground Stained Glass – Laura Nalven
  - The Prime Supply – Jason Thompson
  - Owoblo Art – Nasifou Razaki
  - Cassandra the Creator – Cassandra Coughran
  - Stuffed and Such – Michelle Ritenour
  - Keighty Crochet – Kathryn Toothman
  - Kelli Ruback
  - InTEAlectuals – Jasmin Parks
- We received 253 band submissions for 2024 Call for Bands and are currently reviewing for selection
- Preparing for [2024 Taste of Downtown](https://www.mainstreethagerstown.org/tasteofdowntown) which will take place in March 2024 – keep an eye out for your dining passport! For more information visit <https://www.mainstreethagerstown.org/tasteofdowntown>
- [Restaurant Week](#) will take place from March 17 – 23
- St. Patrick’s Day Street Festival will take place on Saturday, March 16<sup>th</sup>. Visit <https://www.mainstreethagerstown.org/stpatricksday-hagerstown> for more details!
- The Spring Market slated for Saturday, April 27<sup>th</sup> is FULL for vendors!

- Congratulations to Payton Brown the winner of the Decades Poster Contest. Check out her design in the lobby of City Hall

## ENGINEERING

1. **Hub City Garage** – the large crane used for the precast erection has been dismantled; a smaller crane will be used to set the remaining precast elements along Antietam Street.
2. **Professional Boulevard** – staff met with our traffic engineering consultant to observe the operation of the traffic signal at the Eastern Boulevard intersection; the consultant is preparing a final signal timing plan for the whole corridor.
3. **Hagerstown Field House** – contractor continues to work on footing excavation, and is working to bring the western portions of the building pad up to grade.
4. **Engineering Statistics**

Description	Week of 02/05/24	Calendar Year 2024 TOTALS
Traffic complaints received	5	22
Work Orders completed	4	21
Traffic counts completed	0	0
<b>Construction Projects</b>		
Description	Week of 02/05/24	Calendar Year 2024 TOTALS
Construction Projects advertised for bids	0	1
RFP's Advertised	0	2
Projects under construction	16	16
Projects completed	1	1

## FIRE

1/31/24 – 2/6/24			
Total Incidents (City only)	63	Mutual Aid to surrounding FDs	8
• Unit Responses	124	• Halfway FD	2
• Fire/Rescue Responses	43	• Mougansville FD	0
• EMS Responses	20	• Funkstown FD	4
Inspections/System Tests	33	• Longmeadow FD	0
Community Events, Smoke Alarm Installs	3	• Other	2

## Significant Incidents

2/2/24 - HFD units responded to the Texas Roadhouse on S Edgewood Dr for a reported commercial building fire. Crews arrived to find a strong odor of something burning in the front vestibule area. After investigation, crews narrowed the odor down to a burnt-up motor in wall mounted fan. The fan was removed from the wall and crews ensured there was no extension into the structural components of the building.

2/5/24 - HFD units responded to Manor Drive for a reported apartment fire. Engine 3 arrived and investigated to find an air fryer on fire in an apartment. The air fryer was quickly removed from the apartment with no extension into the kitchen cabinets. Apartment was ventilated and units cleared the scene.

2/5/24 - HFD units responded to the unit block of W Washington St for a fire alarm activation. Crews investigated to find a small cooking fire in an upper floor apartment. Crews determined no extension, ventilated the apartment, and cleared the scene.

## POLICE

### *STATS (02/01/2024 – 02/07/2024)*

Calls for Service:	1677	Field Interviews:	10
Arrests/Warrants Served:	27	Moving Violations:	11
Domestic Violence Calls:	7	Safety Repair Orders:	2
DUI Arrests:	0	Warnings:	99
Reports Filed:	120		

**January Officer of the Month:** Ofc. Kelbaugh and Ofc. Howard have been selected as dual Officers of the Month for January 2024 in two separate cases.

Officer Kelbaugh was nominated in reference to a suspect pointing a handgun at Ofc. Addington and Ofc. Nichols while responding to a call for service at 200 East Franklin Street. Ofc. Kelbaugh took it upon himself to respond back to HPD and start reviewing city cameras to try and identify the “subject that pointed a handgun at the caller.” If it hadn’t been for Ofc. Kelbaugh taking it upon himself to review the city cameras we would have never known the suspect pointed a handgun at our officers. Ofc. Kelbaugh immediately recognized the suspect was standing behind a building and after speaking with Ofc. Nicholls pulled out a handgun and “covered the officers” once they turned their backs to walk across the street. Thanks to Ofc. Kelbaugh’s intuition Ofc. Addington was able to obtain an arrest warrant for the suspect and the suspect was taken into custody less than 24 hours after the incident. The suspect, being a convicted felon, faces multiple felony charges as they relate to this incident. More importantly nobody was injured during this incident and the potential for violence was averted by getting him off the streets

Ofc Howard was nominated after he responded to an armed robbery of a convenience store along with other officers. Ofc Howard watched city video footage in the area and noticed a car arriving just before and leaving immediately after the robbery. He checked the cameras further and located footage of the vehicle where the registration was visible. He investigated the vehicle further and developed a lead on the suspect. Ofc Howard met with the clerk and conducted a photo array, identifying the suspect from the vehicle on video; he subsequently charged the suspect and an arrest warrant was issued. Ofc Howard’s attention to detail and investigative effort led to this suspect being identified and charged.

Congratulations to both officers on their excellent work.

**Police Officer Testing Event:** Seven applicants participated in the testing date at Hagerstown Community College on Saturday, February 3. The event allowed applicants to take the written test, meet with the interview panel, and take the physical agility assessment on the same day. The next step for those selected to move on in the process is the background investigation.

**PUBLIC WORKS**

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

		Current Week	Previous Week
<b>Number of Permit Holders</b>	A & E Deck	202	208
	University District Deck	284	292
<b>Number of Student Permits</b>	Central & Rochester Lots	52	57
<b>Number of Patrons Using Decks</b>	A & E Deck	1681	1703
	University District Deck	1560	1516
<b>Number of Citations Issued</b>	(Includes Warnings)	446	286
<b>Peak Occupancy (%)</b>	A & E Deck	97% Fr @ 6PM	99% Fr @ 6PM
<b>Peak Occupancy (%)</b>	University District Deck	52% Th @ 10AM	54% Tu @ 10AM

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

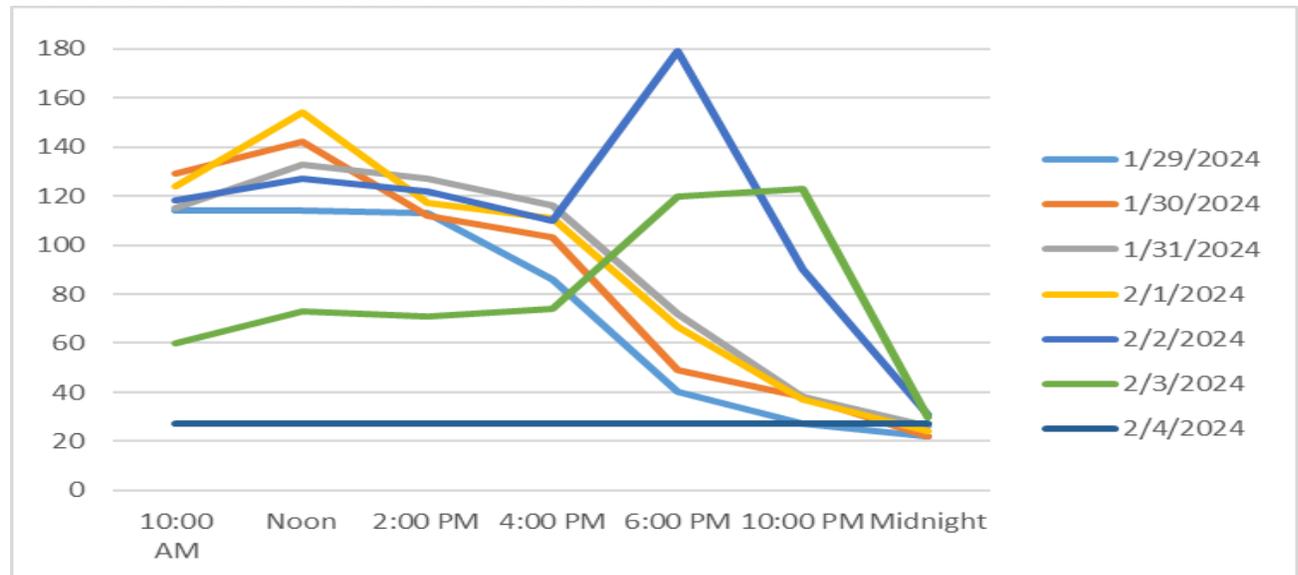
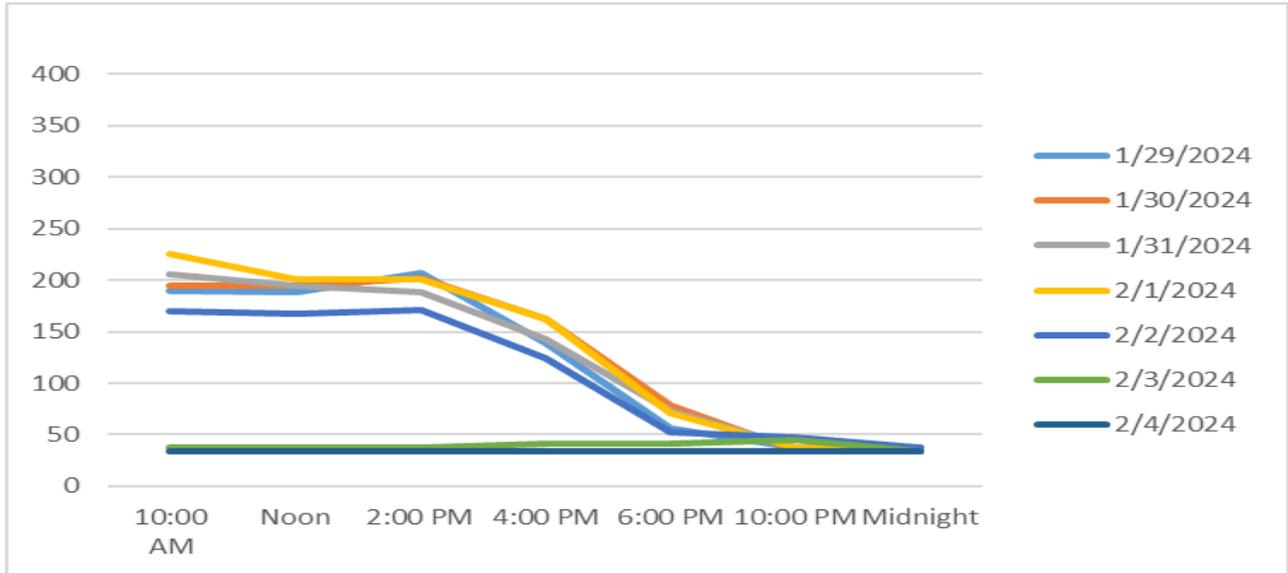


CHART NO. 3 – UD PARKING DECK WEEKLY OCCUPANCY



CENTRAL MAINTENANCE GARAGE REPAIR DATA

	Current Week	Previous Week
DCED	0	0
Planning & Code	0	0
Fire	3	0
Engineering	0	0
Parks & Recreation	0	0
Public Works	3	9
Police	9	8
Water	8	4
Wastewater	0	1
Light	0	0
Human Resources	0	0
Weekly Totals	23	22
Yearly Total	80	57

STREET SWEEPING DATA

Month for 2024	Number of Miles of Streets Swept
January	518
Total Miles Swept for 2024	518

BULK TRASH COLLECTIONS

Month for 2024	Number of Collections
January	28
Total Bulk Trash Collections for 2024	28

## PROPERTY ABATEMENTS COMPLETED

Month for 2024	Number of Property Abatements
January	12
Total Abatements by PW for 2024	12

## AFTER HOURS CALL BACKS

Saturday, February 3, 2024 @ 12:00 PM: Report of signal at Eastern Blvd. and Professional Blvd. in active flash. Staff confirmed the condition and called in a technician who was able to re-set signal into regular operating mode.

## THE GREENS AT HAMILTON RUN STREAM RESTORATION

Resource Restoration Group, LLC continues work on the stream restoration project at the golf course. The work restores an original stream that will cross Hole No. 2. The restoration provides areas for sediment to settle before it gets to Antietam Creek. Work will continue through February and March with a tentative re-opening of the golf course in early April.



## PARKS AND RECREATION

### Fit Room

See Fit Room report attached with weekly recreation classes. A private rental is scheduled for this Saturday.

### Outdoor Programs

- Parkour, meets Fridays at 4pm, at Fairgrounds Park, meeting outside PAL offices, 520 Cannon Avenue.
- Volunteer Garden Cleanup, Hager House, 4pm-5pm

### Virtual Classes

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

## UTILITIES DEPARTMENT

### ELECTRIC DIVISION

Lamps Replaced	New Fixtures Added	Changeouts	Fixtures Removed
6	0	21	0

- Engineering staff completed multiple designs for new commercial electrical services.
- Staff met with Fout Crane Co. to coordinate substation power transformer lifts and hauling as we work to accept two new units in the coming months.
- Staff attended annual herbicide training with the Maryland Department of Natural Resources to maintain certifications.
- Streetlight replacement from high-intensity discharge to light-emitting diode fixtures continues in certain areas for the FY23 SOLE grant.

### WASTEWATER DIVISION

#### Wastewater Treatment Plant at Frederick Street

Date	Flow (mgd)	Rainfall (inches)
Wednesday, Jan 31, 2024	8.08	0.00
Thursday, Feb 1, 2024	7.76	0.00
Friday, Feb 2, 2024	7.27	0.00
Saturday, Feb 3, 2024	6.93	0.00
Sunday, Feb 4 2024	6.82	0.00
Monday, Feb 5, 2024	6.67	0.00
Tuesday, Feb 6, 2024	6.55	0.00
Weekly – Avg. Flow/Total Rainfall	7.15	0.00
Jan – Avg. Flow /Total Rainfall	7.20	3.47
Feb – Avg. Flow/Total Rainfall	7.15	0.00

- Located and repaired underground power wiring
- Pulled defective grease pump and replaced. Revised wiring to accommodate new pump and level controller
- Prepped Parkson sand filters so factory rep can perform inspection
- Troubleshooting of signal wiring and analog input card on PLC 1
- Routine MVP Plant Work orders & Corrective Work Orders

## Wastewater Collection

### SSES Weekly Progress

Activity	Districts	L. F. main	Feet of lateral	# Inspected
CCTV Inspections	2, 21, 1, 17	1286.50	342.10	25
Flushing		11252		

### Collection System Maintenance Tasks

- CCTV crew worked on 2025 overlay streets
- CCTV'd for blockage calls at 616 Linganore Avenue and Lanvale Street
- Flushing crew worked on District 11
- Construction crew helped install new cutter on Muffin Monster at PS 4
- Replaced sewer lateral at 616 Linganore Avenue, and at Pangborn Blvd for Jeff Crampton
- Sawcut patches for blacktop, changed manhole lid

Wastewater Division – Customer Call Log Summary 2024							
Type	Blockages	Grinder Pumps	Odor Complaints	Flushing	WW Pump Station	Other	Totals
Weekly	8	0	0	0	0	8	15
YTD 2024	15	5	1	0	0	25	46

### 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, monthly UV lamp checks, balance checks, spectrophotometer checks, pH meter checks, monthly DI water QA/QC
- Collected samples for Biobot COVID study
- Collected Wastewater-SCAN Program samples for pathogen monitoring
- Collected CDC-NWSS Program samples for pathogen monitoring
- Inventory of laboratory equipment in progress
- Attended monthly NEFCO update
- Reviewed NEFCO OP testing proposal
- Attended National Academy of Sciences-EPA web-conference: Why Indoor Chemistry Matters
- Workshop 2: Prioritizing Indoor Chemistry Research (airborne PFAS and Laboratory Chemical particulate influence on indoor air quality, current remediation research, and future regulatory prospects)

### Environmental Coordinator & Pretreatment

- Submitted monthly water quality reports
- Scheduled POTW sampling for February
- Preparing 2024 Permit Renewals
- Completed and submitted 4th Quarter MDE Pretreatment Compliance Report
- Completed Volvo-Mack November and December Surcharges
- Attended WaterOperator.org Virtual Operator Conference

<b>WATER DIVISION</b>
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### **Plant Flows - System Demand (MGD)**

<u>Date</u>	<u>Willson</u>	<u>Breichner</u>	<u>Total</u>
02/01/24	11.42		11.42
02/02/24	11.47		11.47
02/03/24	11.24		11.24
02/04/24	11.16		11.16
02/05/24	11.69		11.69
02/06/24	11.25		11.25
02/07/24	11.58		11.58
		<b>Average:</b>	<b>11.40</b>

### 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 3.46 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 repaired a valve leak on Bivens Lane.
- Staff repaired a service line leak on Salem Avenue.
- Staff repaired a main hit by contractor (Comcast) at the intersection of Railway and Pullman Lanes.
- Staff repaired a main break on Virginia Avenue.

### Laboratory

- Process and regulatory testing were routine for the week.
- Completed QC verifications for benchtop microbial surface monitoring, monthly air environmental monitoring, and spectrophotometer checks.
- Collected bacteriological monitoring samples for February.
- Collected nitrification monitoring samples.
- Prepared RCW operator chemicals and collected lagoon discharge sample.
- Collected quotes for 2024 DBP testing.
- Collected quotes for EPA UCMR-5 water research study.
- Preparation for annual proficiency testing for water lab certification.

**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 ON THE FOLLOWING PAGE

# Fit Room at Fairgrounds Park at Fairgrounds Park

## Monthly Calendar For February 2024

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
				<b>1</b> 10a-3p Fedex Hiring Event 4p-4:30p Arts & Entertainment: Princess Ballerina -- 8119 4:35p-5:05p Arts & Entertainment: Ballet & Acro -- 8110	<b>2</b> 4:45p-5:45p Gymnastics for Kids #8124 6p-7p Aerial Tricks #8220 7:15p-8:15p Aerial Stretch #8185	<b>3</b> 9a-9:45a Mind & Body: Pound -- 8247 10a-11a Zumba #8156
<b>4</b> 11a-12p Gymnastics for Kids #8141 1p-2p Aerial Stretch #8202 2p-3:30p GeoCaching in the Parks #8152	<b>5</b> 6p-6:45p Mind & Body: Pound -- 8247 7p-8p Belly Dance #8275	<b>6</b> 6p-7p All: Buti Yoga -- 8244	<b>7</b>	<b>8</b> 4p-4:30p Arts & Entertainment: Princess Ballerina -- 8119 4:35p-5:05p Arts & Entertainment: Ballet & Acro -- 8110	<b>9</b> 4:45p-5:45p Gymnastics for Kids #8124 6p-7p Aerial Tricks #8221 7:15p-8:15p Aerial Stretch #8186	<b>10</b> 9a-9:45a Mind & Body: Pound -- 8247 10a-11a Zumba #8156 1p-7p Keoni Pannell Baby Shower
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