



CITY OF HAGERSTOWN, MARYLAND STATUS & INFORMATION REPORT NO. 7 FOR 2024

To Members of the City Council:

February 16, 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

*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:

- Jury Acquits Hagerstown Man in Case Involving Screwdriver Stabbings
- Hagerstown Man Sentenced for Burglaries Last June
- County's Growing Wealth Will Mean Less State Funding for Schools
- Former Maryland Gov. Larry Hogan Announces Surprise Run for Senate
- Hagerstown Man Who Shot at Frederick Deputy in 2022 Convicted
- Unemployment Claims in Maryland Declined Last Week
- Comings & Goings: Greencastle Veterinary Hospital Expands
- Enjoy a Fasnacht on Tuesday, Feb. 13, just in Moderation
- Ballot or Team Roster? Pack of Primary Hopefuls Surges
- Tuesday Morning Commute could be Messy with Rain Followed by Snow
- Meet WCPS 2024 Finalists for Support Personnel of the Year
- Hagerstown Man Pleads to Assault in 2023 Shooting in Maugansville Area
- Three Charged with Hagerstown Murder Last Month
- Hagerstown Man Pleads Guilty in Death of His Baby Daughter
- Hagerstown's New Downtown Stadium is Named Meritus Park
- Traffic Advisory: S. Potomac Street
- Trash & Recycling Advisory: Weather-Related Collection Delays Possible

This Week's Video Projects

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

Channel 25 Hub City Now Programming:

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

City Website:

- www.hagerstownmd.org attracted 6,534 user visits for the week of February 8-14
- The most popular top entrances (the first page users accessed on the website):

1. Home Page	1,798
2. Online Payment Portal Page	1,468
3. Utility Billing Page	734
4. Police Page	325
5. Search Page	271
6. Jobs Page	253
7. Bids Postings Page	197
8. Parks & Recreation Page	141
9. New Trash Cart Program Page	103
10. Skate Park Page	84

- Top searches

1. City of Hagerstown
2. Hagerstown Light Department
3. Hagerstown MD
4. Hagerstown
5. City of Hagerstown Jobs

COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT

- Testified on behalf of Downtown Hagerstown Main Street and Maryland Main Street in Annapolis on Tuesday, February 12th regarding the Main Street Improvement Grant program and funding we receive on an annual basis
- The Galentine's Flower Tour was a success! "A BIG THANK YOU!! For allowing us to participate in the Galentine Event. We had one of the participants come in and buy several kits (over \$400 worth of merchandise). It was a great day and my staff said it was a lot of fun!" – Melissa Noel, The Yarn Shop
- 2024 Call for bands have been reviewed and we will be announcing selections next week
- Dining passports for [2024 Taste of Downtown](#) will be ready for pickup next week at several locations throughout downtown
- [Restaurant Week](#) will take place from March 17 – 23
- St. Patrick's Day Street Festival will take place on Saturday, March 16th. Visit <https://www.mainstreethagerstown.org/stpatricksday-hagerstown> for more details! Run Fest is looking for volunteers. If interested, sign up at bit.ly/SPDRunFestVolunteer24
- The Spring Market slated for Saturday, April 27th is FULL for vendors!

DEPARTMENT OF COMMUNITY & ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

Community Development

The Hagerstown Youth Council is proud to announce their first ever event! Join us at Fairgrounds Park on Saturday April 6th for “Charge for Change”, a 3k/fun run followed by guest speakers, student performances, pick-up sports, and more! Registration is free, check out our Facebook page or website for more information!

ENGINEERING

1. **Hub City Garage** – the last pieces of the precast concrete for the parking deck should be installed by February 19th. There will be approximately one month of additional welding and bolting the pieces together, as other trade contractors begin installing plumbing and electrical equipment.
2. **Meritus Park** – as part of the construction of the multi-use stadium, the contractor needs to do lane closures and lane shifts on West Baltimore Street and Summit Avenue; these closures will continue until the end of March to allow for the installation of brick facades and new sidewalks
3. **Trash Totes** – staff is working to finalize the count of the number of trash totes that are needed to distribute throughout the City. It is anticipated that distribution of the totes will begin in April.
4. **Engineering Statistics**

Description	Week of 02/12/24	Calendar Year 2024 TOTALS
Traffic complaints received	2	24
Work Orders completed	2	23
Traffic counts completed	0	0
Construction Projects		
Description	Week of 02/12/24	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

Week of 2/7/24 – 2/13/24			
Total Incidents (City only)	65	Mutual Aid to surrounding FDs	12
• Unit Responses	145	• Halfway FD	2
• Fire/Rescue Responses	46	• Maugansville FD	1
• EMS Responses	19	• Funkstown FD	6
Inspections/System Tests	23	• Longmeadow FD	2
Community Events, Smoke Alarm Installs	1	• Other	1

Significant Incidents

2/13/24 – House Fire - HFD units responded to the 700 Blk of Salem Ave for a reported house fire with occupants trapped. Battalion Chief 3 arrived to find fire showing from multiple first floor windows of a 2.5 story single-family residence. The occupants were able to escape prior to FD arrival. HFD crews put a quick knock on the fire and contained it to the first floor of the residence. The Fire Marshal's Office is investigating.

POLICE

STATS (02/08/2024 – 02/14/2024)

Calls for Service:	1816	Field Interviews:	27
Arrests/Warrants Served:	31	Moving Violations:	17
Domestic Violence Calls:	9	Safety Repair Orders:	1
DUI Arrests:	0	Warnings:	79
Reports Filed:	133		

Media Release:

On 1/26/24 at about 9:50am Officers of the Hagerstown Police Department responded to the area of the 1200 block of Marshall St for a report of shots fired. On arrival officers located a male deceased from an apparent gunshot wound. Criminal Investigation Detectives as well as forensic personnel are on scene.

At this time, we believe this was likely a targeted incident and not random. This is an active investigation and further information will be released as it becomes available, including the identity of the deceased and any suspect information.

Update: Through the course of the investigation it was learned that Kevin Michael Shepherd (7/11/1985) of Hagerstown, MD was shot and killed in his vehicle to the rear of the 1200 block of Marshall Street. Detectives were able to identify and charge Jenaro James Torres (7/9/1997), Emens Lourdy Rho (12/1/1983), and Stephanie Nicolle Paulino (12/12/1988) all three of Hagerstown, MD. All three individuals were charged with First and Second Degree Murder, First and Second Degree Assault, as well as Firearm violations.

Prior to Torres and Rho being taken into custody on Friday 2/9/2024 at 8:23 P.M. officers from the Hagerstown Police Department responded to the 100 block of South Prospect Street in reference to an assault involving a handgun. Through the course of the investigation it was learned that Torres and Rho assaulted the victim with a handgun. Torres and Rho were taken into custody and search of the apartment resulted in locating a loaded handgun.

Rho has been charged with: First Degree Assault, Second Degree Assault, Reckless Endangerment, and multiple Firearm related crimes.

Torres has been charged with: Second Degree Assault and multiple Firearm related crimes.

Torres, Rho and Paulino are currently incarcerated at the Washington County Detention Center.

PUBLIC WORKS

CHART NO. 1 – GENERAL PARKING SYSTEM DATA

		Current Week	Previous Week
Number of Permit Holders	A & E Deck	208	202
	University District Deck	296	284
Number of Student Permits	Central & Rochester Lots	62	52
Number of Patrons Using Decks	A & E Deck	1771	1681
	University District Deck	1363	1560
Number of Citations Issued	(Includes Warnings)	427	446
Peak Occupancy (%)	A & E Deck	100% Sa @ 6PM	97% Fr @ 6PM
Peak Occupancy (%)	University District Deck	60% Th @ 10AM	52% Th @ 10AM

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

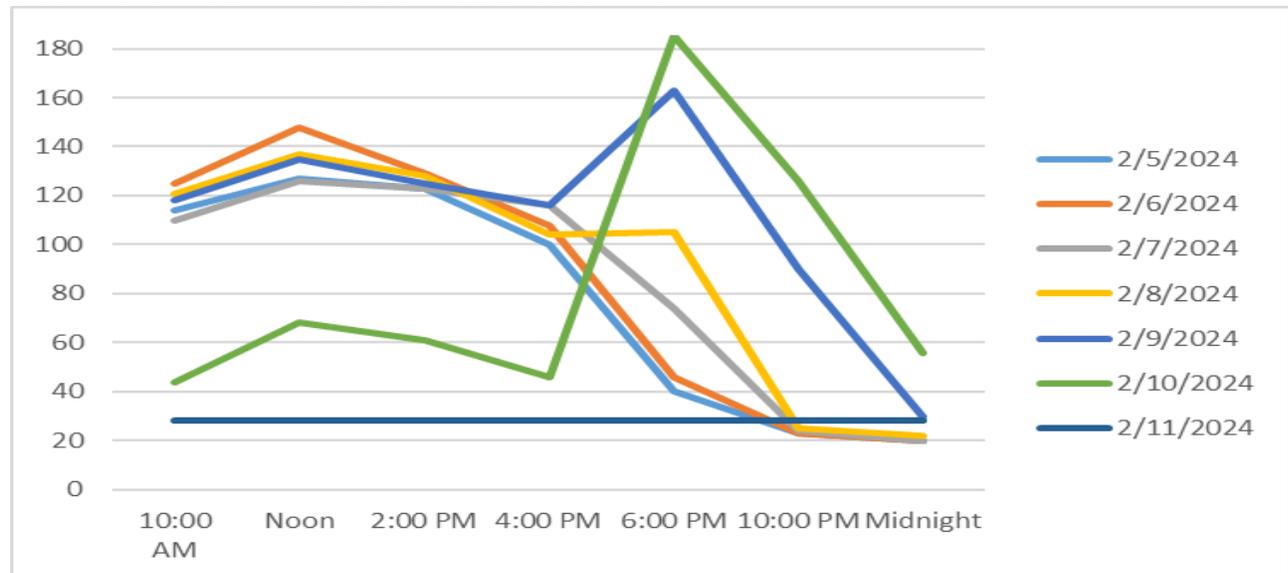
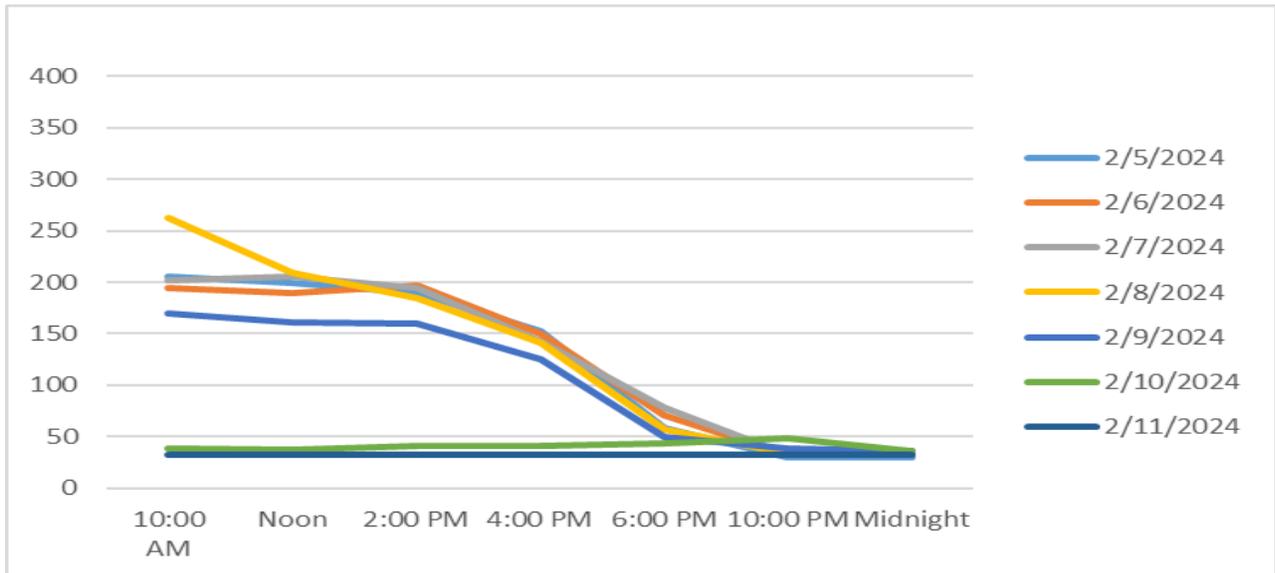


CHART NO. 3 – UD PARKING DECK WEEKLY OCCUPANCY



CENTRAL MAINTENANCE GARAGE REPAIR DATA

	Current Week	Previous Week
DCED	0	0
Planning & Code	3	0
Fire	4	3
Engineering	0	0
Parks & Recreation	1	0
Public Works	3	3
Police	6	9
Water	1	8
Wastewater	9	0
Light	0	0
Human Resources	0	0
Weekly Totals	27	23
Yearly Total	107	80

AFTER HOURS CALL BACKS

Saturday, February 10, 2024 @ 4:00 PM: Parking Deck attendant reported entrance lane at A&E Parking Deck was showing No Tickets and nobody could enter the deck. Half a box of tickets had pulled apart causing the error message. After the technician had replaced the faulty ticket box and with a new box the message was cleared, and the system was back in working order.

PARKS AND RECREATION

Hager House

Staff is seeking permission from Mayor & Council to apply for the current Maryland Heritage Area Authority (MHAA) grant to additionally help fund Phase I of the Renovation of the Hager House Visitor Center. The grant application draft is due February 15 and the final submission is due March 15.

Hub City 100 Miler Walking Meet Ups

New opportunities for 100 Milers to meet up and walk together have been created for the months of February and March. See attached February schedule of Walking Meet Ups.

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, outside PAL offices, 520 Cannon Avenue.

Virtual Classes

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

UTILITIES DEPARTMENT

ELECTRIC DIVISION

Service Calls

Thur. 2/8 - 1042 Brinker Drive, #102 – total outage; the customer’s main breaker tripped.
Time Out: 19.7-20.4

Mon. 2/12 - 1000 Sherman Avenue – total outage; a transformer fuse operated.
Time Out: 6.5-7.3

Tues. 2/13 - 231 Alexander Street – lines down; the lines were found to belong to Antietam Broadband and Verizon. Time Out: 18.7-19.0

Lamps Replaced	New Fixtures Added	Changeouts	Fixtures Removed
3	0	23	0

- Engineering staff performed multiple permit reviews, completed multiple designs for new commercial electrical services, and responded to service upgrade requests.
- Staff met with representatives to discuss new materials used in the construction and maintenance of high voltage electric utility systems.
- Additions and corrections to the Work Order Management System were performed.
- Reorganization of the stockroom continues.

WASTEWATER DIVISION

Wastewater Treatment Plant at Frederick Street

Date	Flow (mgd)	Rainfall (inches)
Wednesday, Feb 7, 2024	6.42	0.00
Thursday, Feb 8, 2024	6.24	0.00
Friday, Feb 9, 2024	6.12	0.00
Saturday, Feb 10, 2024	5.91	0.00
Sunday, Feb 11, 2024	5.54	0.00
Monday, Feb 12, 2024	6.03	0.01
Tuesday, Feb 13, 2024	9.55	0.95
Weekly – Avg. Flow/Total Rainfall	6.54	0.96
Feb - Avg. Flow/Total Rainfall	6.75	0.96

- Pulled sanitary grinder pump and removed obstruction. Troubleshooting of float switch and motor contact.
- Repaired defective valve and solenoid on PSA skid
- Cleaned oil cooler on ZA5 compressor
- Prepped air scrubber for nozzle and media/packing cleaning
- Routine MVP Plant Work orders & Corrective Work Orders

Wastewater Collection

Collection System Maintenance Tasks

- Removed snow from pump stations and shop.
- Cleaned and serviced equipment & dump trucks
- Installed new sewer lateral at manhole 02024 on The Terrace
- CCTV crew worked on 2025 overlay streets
- Serviced generator and camera on truck
- Flushing crew worked on flushing District 11
- Worked on grinder pumps in shop
- Worked on pump issue at Pump Station 25
- Got Newgate numbers and checked generators at pump stations

Wastewater Division – Customer Call Log Summary 2024							
Type	Blockages	Grinder Pumps	Odor Complaints	Flushing	WW Pump Stations	Other	Totals
Weekly	2	0	0	0	0	3	5
YTD 2024	17	5	1	0	0	28	51

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
- Collected samples for Biobot COVID study
- Collected Wastewater-SCAN Program samples for pathogen monitoring
- Collected CDC-NWSS Program samples for pathogen monitoring
- Completed laboratory equipment inventory
- Completed January Data Quality Management Analysis
- Completed MDL analysis for 2023

Environmental Coordinator & Pretreatment

- Completed Volvo Mack Self-Monitoring QA
- Completed Conagra Self-Monitoring QA
- Preparing 2024 Permit Renewals
- Completed POTW Sampling at Conagra

WATER DIVISION

Plant Flows - System Demand (MGD)

<u>Date</u>	<u>Willson</u>	<u>Breichner</u>	<u>Total</u>
02/08/24	11.20		11.20
02/09/24	11.67		11.67
02/10/24	10.76		10.76
02/11/24	11.08		11.08
02/12/24	11.46		11.46
02/13/24	11.11		11.11
02/14/24	11.62		11.62
		Average:	11.27

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

- Staff worked on facility maintenance and routine preventative maintenance.
- Staff worked with Operations on shutdown.
- Staff worked with ABB, Inc. on SCADA system.

Water Production at Breichner / Edgemont Reservoir

The Edgemont Reservoir pool elevation is currently at 4.25 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 main break on Virginia Avenue.

Laboratory

- Process and regulatory testing were routine for the week.
- Completed QC verifications for benchtop microbial surface monitoring, monthly balance verification, pH meter calibration, semi-annual balance reference weight verification, and QC for new lot of DpD packets.
- Collected bacteriological monitoring samples for February.
- Collected nitrification monitoring samples.
- Prepared RCW operator chemicals and collected lagoon discharge sample.
- Processing quotes for 2024 DBP testing and EPA UCMR-5 Study for purchase orders.
- Completed annual proficiency testing for water lab certification.
- One (1) staff member completed Water Sampler Recertification class.

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 * HUB CITY MILER SCHEDULES & EVENT PHOTOS
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Hub City 100 Miler

ONE MILE A DAY FOR 100 DAYS

FEBRUARY 2024 monthly MEET UP CALENDAR

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
28 <i>Week 3</i>	29	30	31 Enrollment Closes	01	02	03
04 <i>Week 4</i>	05	06	07	08	09	10
11 <i>Week 5</i>	12	13	14 Valentine's Day	15	16	17
18 <i>Week 6</i>	19 Fit in Boonsboro @ Meritus/Robinwood Green Entrance 4:30-5:15PM	20	21 Walking to Wellness HCC @ ARCC Noon-12:30PM	22	23 Parks & Rec Fairgrounds Park Meet @ Fit Room 11:00-11:30AM	24 Parks & Rec Fairgrounds Park Meet @ Fit Room 10:00-10:30AM
25 <i>Week 7</i>	26 Fit in Boonsboro @ Meritus/Robinwood Green Entrance 4:30-5:15PM	27 Parks & Rec City Park @ Key Street Pavilion 9:30-10:15AM	28 Walking to Wellness HCC @ ARCC Noon-12:30PM	29 Health Dept Fairgrounds Park Meet @ Fit Room Noon-12:30PM	01 Parks & Rec Fairgrounds Park Meet @ Fit Room 11:00-11:30AM	02 Parks & Rec Fairgrounds Park Meet @ Fit Room 9:15-9:45AM

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2024 Hub City 100 Miler
Accountability Group



TEAM LEADERS

-  Renee
-  Jamie
-  Lindsey
-  Linda
-  Norma
-  Chanda



Galentine's Flower Tour



Fit Room at Fairgrounds Park at Fairgrounds Park

Monthly Calendar For February 2024

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
				1 10a-3p Fedex Hiring Event 4p-4:30p Arts & Entertainment: Princess Ballerina -- 8119 4:35p-5:05p Arts & Entertainment: Ballet & Acro -- 8110	2 4:45p-5:45p Gymnastics for Kids #8124 6p-7p Aerial Tricks #8220 7:15p-8:15p Aerial Stretch #8185	3 9a-9:45a Mind & Body: Pound -- 8247 10a-11a Zumba #8156
4 11a-12p Gymnastics for Kids #8141 1p-2p Aerial Stretch #8202 2p-3:30p GeoCaching in the Parks #8152	5 6p-6:45p Mind & Body: Pound -- 8247 7p-8p Belly Dance #8275	6 6p-7p All: Buti Yoga -- 8244	7	8 4p-4:30p Arts & Entertainment: Princess Ballerina -- 8119 4:35p-5:05p Arts & Entertainment: Ballet & Acro -- 8110	9 4:45p-5:45p Gymnastics for Kids #8124 6p-7p Aerial Tricks #8221 7:15p-8:15p Aerial Stretch #8186	10 9a-9:45a Mind & Body: Pound -- 8247 10a-11a Zumba #8156 1p-7p Keoni Pannell Baby Shower
11 11a-12p Gymnastics for Kids #8141	12 6p-6:45p Mind & Body: Pound -- 8247 7p-8p Belly Dance #8275	13 6p-7p All: Buti Yoga -- 8244	14	15 4p-4:30p Arts & Entertainment: Princess Ballerina -- 8119 4:35p-5:05p Arts & Entertainment: Ballet & Acro -- 8110	16 4:45p-5:45p Gymnastics for Kids #8124 6p-7p Aerial Tricks #8222 7:15p-8:15p Aerial Stretch #8187	17 9a-9:45a Mind & Body: Pound -- 8247 10a-11a Zumba #8156 1p-6p Jeliany Alvarado Party
18 11a-12p Sports: Gymnastics for Kids -- 8142 1p-2p Mind & Body: Aerial Stretch -- 8203	19	20 11a-2:30p First Aid & Safety: CPR and First Aid -- 8115 6p-7p All: Buti Yoga -- 8244	21	22 4p-4:30p Arts & Entertainment: Princess Ballerina -- 8119 4:35p-5:05p Arts & Entertainment: Ballet & Acro -- 8110 6p-7p Aerial Fitness-Powerhouse Studios #8308	23 3:15p-4:45p Sports: Gymnastics for Kids, Intermediate -- 8132 4:45p-5:45p Sports: Gymnastics for Kids -- 8125 6p-7p Mind & Body: Aerial Tricks -- 8223 7:15p-8:15p Mind & Body: Aerial Stretch -- 8188	24 9a-9:45a Mind & Body: Pound -- 8247 10a-11a Mind & Body: Zumba -- 8157
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