



CITY OF HAGERSTOWN, MARYLAND STATUS & INFORMATION REPORT NO. 11 FOR 2024

To Members of the City Council:

March 15, 2024

MARCH 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
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3	4	5 State of the City MD Theatre 7 AM Mayor & Council Work Session 4 PM	8 National Oreo Day 	7	8	9
10 	11	12 Mayor & Council Work Session 4 PM	13	14	15	16 St. Patrick's Day Street Festival 
17 Downtown Restaurant Week March 17 - 23 	18	19 Mayor & Council Work Session 4 PM First Day of Spring 	20	21	22	23
24 31 Easter	25	26 Mayor & Council Regular Session 7 PM	27	28	29 Good Friday Holiday City Offices Closed FREE PARKING in Downtown Decks Friday through Sunday	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

State of the City – Tuesday, March 5 – 7 AM
Work Session - Tuesday, March 5 – 4 PM
Work Session - Tuesday, March 12 – 4 PM
Work Session - Tuesday, March 19 – 4 PM
Regular Session - Tuesday, March 26 – 7 PM

Board of Traffic & Parking

Thursday, March 14 – 4 PM

Board of Zoning Appeals

Thursday, March 14 – 7 PM

Historic District Commission

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

Planning Commission

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

COMMUNICATIONS

This Week's Headlines & Media Releases:

- New Ballpark, Parking and Public Safety among State of City Topics
- Washington County Home Listings Asked for Less Money in February
- Juvenile Justice Bills Near Finish Line in Maryland
- HALOS Holds its 2nd Black Balloon Day to Remember, Raise Awareness
- Hagerstown Police Watch Center Expands Hours
- Get a Passport to Downtown Restaurants, Preview a Bakery: Quick Bites
- W. Baltimore St. to be Closed March 8 from 9am to Noon
- Everything to Know as Streets Being Paved Now and Through June
- Residents Urged to be Vigilant against Scam Election Calls
- Health Department Provides County its First Narcan Vending Machines
- It's County Budget Time Again – Here's a Peek at What's Being Proposed
- Local Sheetz Closes; Salon Opens in Williamsport
- Widow Seeks Change in Maryland Justice System after 2022 Mass Shooting
- Hagerstown's Aaron Brooks Dominates at Big Ten Wrestling Championships
- Alsobrooks, Trone Chart Different Paths Forward at U. S. Senate Forum
- Maryland Drive to Expand Pre-K Faces Multiple Challenges
- Education Plan in Maryland Aims High, but How Will State Pay for It?
- Press Release: Electric Account Service Terminations to Resume
- Traffic Advisory: W. Baltimore Street
- Traffic Advisory: W. North Avenue
- Traffic Advisory: S. Potomac Street
- Traffic Advisory: St. Patrick's Day Run Fest

This Week's Video Projects

- Mayor & City Council Work Session
- "Council wRap" Segment

Channel 25 Hub City Now Programming:

- Mayor & Council Meeting
- "Council wRap"
- "State of the City" Event Presentation
- Invest Hagerstown Promo
- Water 101 Video
- "Visit Hagerstown" Promo
- Fit Room :30 Promo
- Hagerstown Fire Museum Videos
- "Council wRap" Promo

City Website:

- www.hagerstownmd.org attracted 6,884 user visits for the week of March 7-13
- The most popular top entrances (the first page users accessed on the website):

1. Home Page	2,013
2. Online Payment Portal Page	1,647
3. Utility Billing Page	864
4. Search Page	295
5. Police Page	293
6. Parks & Recreation Page	209
7. Jobs Page	200
8. Bid Postings Page	187
9. Indoor Recreation Programs Page	106
10. Skate Park Page	92

- Top searches

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

COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT

- **REMINDER: St. Paddy's Day Run Fest and Street Festival is Saturday, March 16. Click the link for more details at <https://www.mainstreethagerstown.org/stpatricksday-hagerstown!>**
- [Taste of Downtown Hagerstown](#) is underway! Grab a passport from Community Engagement on the second floor of City Hall or any downtown restaurant.
- Restaurant Week is from March 17-23, 2024. Specials will be published at <https://www.mainstreethagerstown.org/restaurantweek>
- The City has been selected by National League of Cities and we are planning for their visit on April 16, 2024
- Bands have been selected for MDWK Music and Market and Decades Music Series— all will be announced in the near future
- FY25 Downtown Event grant is live. Organizations can apply at <https://www.mainstreethagerstown.org/downtowneventgrant>

ENGINEERING

1. **Hub City Garage** – the contractor is preparing to begin installation of the concrete floor toppings that will cover each of the floors of the parking deck. Lighting and plumbing installation is continuing.

2. **Rest Haven Cemetery** – staff attended a meeting with representatives of MDE, Washington County, Volvo, and Rest Haven to discuss flooding and erosion problems in the cemetery, and potential impacts that the proposed Fountainhead West development may have on the watershed.

3. **Greens at Hamilton Run Stream Restoration** – Hamilton Run has been diverted into the new stream channel, and the contractor is working on grading and site cleanup. The goal is to have the golf course at least partially open for play by May 1st.

4. **Engineering Statistics**

Description	Week of 03/11/24	Calendar Year 2024 TOTALS
Traffic complaints received	3	37
Work Orders completed	2	32
Traffic counts completed	0	0
Construction Projects		
Description	Week of 03/11/24	Calendar Year 2024 TOTALS
Construction Projects advertised for bids	0	2
RFP's Advertised	0	3
Projects under construction	16	16
Projects completed	0	1

FIRE

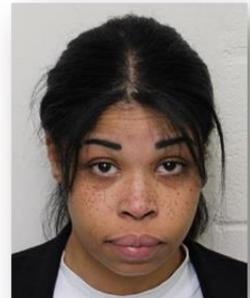
3/6/24 – 3/12/24			
Total Incidents (City only)	61	Mutual Aid to surrounding FDs	3
• Unit Responses	119	• Halfway FD	0
• Fire/Rescue Responses	38	• Maugansville FD	0
• EMS Responses	23	• Funkstown FD	1
Inspections/System Tests	20	• Longmeadow FD	2
Community Events, Smoke Alarm Installs	0	• Other	0

3/8/24 - Large Gas Leak – Engine 1 was dispatched to the 100 block of W North Ave for an outside gas leak. Engine 1 arrived to find a large gas line had been struck and was actively leaking. Engine 1 requested a first alarm assignment due to the size and location of the leak. As additional units arrived, supply lines and attack lines were put in place as a precaution. Crews then evacuated homes throughout the entire block, as well as the Martin Luther King Center. Crews assisted Columbia Gas with safely securing the leak and all homes in the area were metered for residual gas before being reoccupied.

POLICE

Calls for Service:	1638	Field Interviews:	18
Arrests/Warrants Served:	18	Moving Violations:	4
Domestic Violence Calls:	14	Safety Repair Orders:	0
DUI Arrests:	1	Warnings:	37
Reports Filed:	98		

Media: The Department is requesting the community's help in locating Ashley Franklin. Franklin is currently wanted on a Washington County Circuit Court bench warrant for 1st Degree Child Abuse Resulting in Death. She is charged in the 2021 case involving the death of her 10-month-old baby. She failed to appear for the start of her jury trial earlier this week. Franklin was last known to have an address in Frederick. She is 37-years old and described as 5'8 and 150 lbs. If you see her, we ask that you call 911. If you have any information on her whereabouts, please email jmolineaux@hagerstownpd.org or crimetip@hagerstownpd.org



ENVY (Ending Needless Violence with our Youth): The inaugural season of ENVY's Crossroads Basketball League came to a close this week. The league had approximately thirty players consistently participate and finish the season. Not only did they improve in basketball individually, they developed as a team and had fun doing it. Additionally, because this league required an hour of study and homework time before each practice, and because there were adults dedicated to teaching skills and lessons beyond just basketball, parents and school staff in early survey results are indicating that grades, attendance, attitudes, and behavior for many of the youth who stayed engaged in the league also improved. It is planned that the league will continue next season. Congratulations to all the teams and thank you to our volunteers, coaches and sponsors for a successful season.

The League's Championship game was held last Friday with the Elgin Rangers edging the Rising Stars. The Elite Ballers finished the season in third place. Members of the Harlem Wizards presented individual medals and the championship trophy to the Elgin Rangers at their exhibition game at South Hagerstown High School on Monday evening. A special shoutout to Ofc. Aleshire who played for the South Side Ballers in the game versus the Wizards. A portion of the ticket sales will benefit local youth basketball leagues along with a pledge to be matched by the Wizards.



PUBLIC WORKS

CHART NO. 1 – GENERAL PARKING SYSTEM DATA

		Current Week	Previous Week
Number of Permit Holders	A & E Deck	202	202
	University District Deck	299	295
Number of Student Permits	Central & Rochester Lots	61	61
Number of Patrons Using Decks	A & E Deck	1954	1786
	University District Deck	1706	1745
Number of Citations Issued	(Includes Warnings)	196	325
Peak Occupancy (%)	A & E Deck	100% Th @ 10PM	100% We @ 6PM
Peak Occupancy (%)	University District Deck	52% Mo @ Noon	74% Tu @ 10AM

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

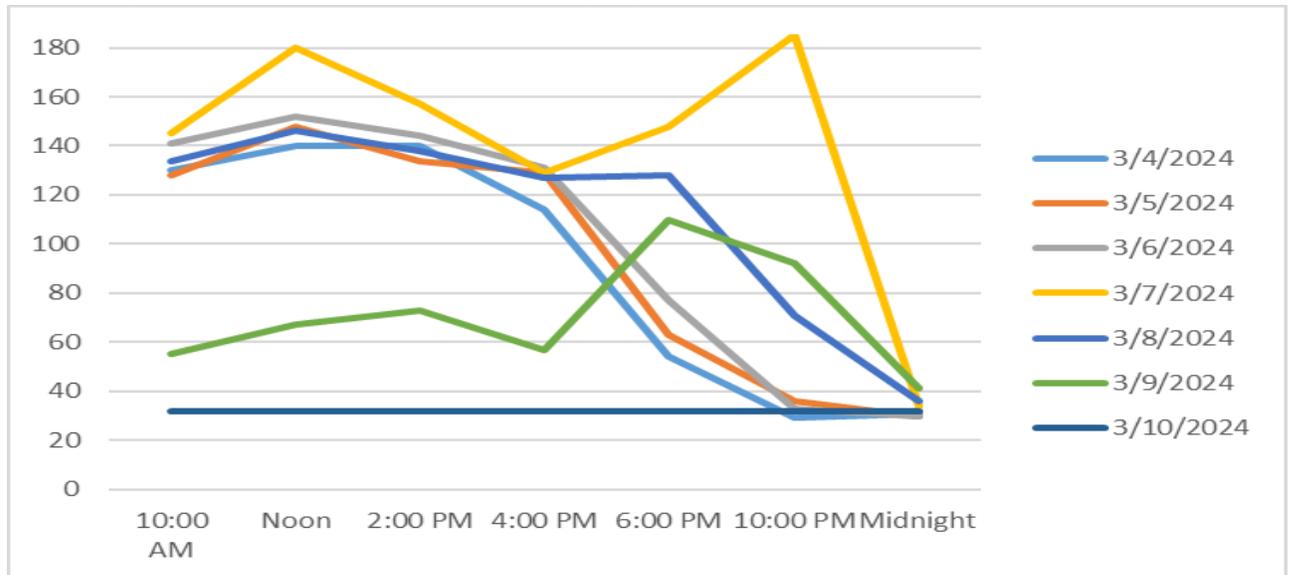
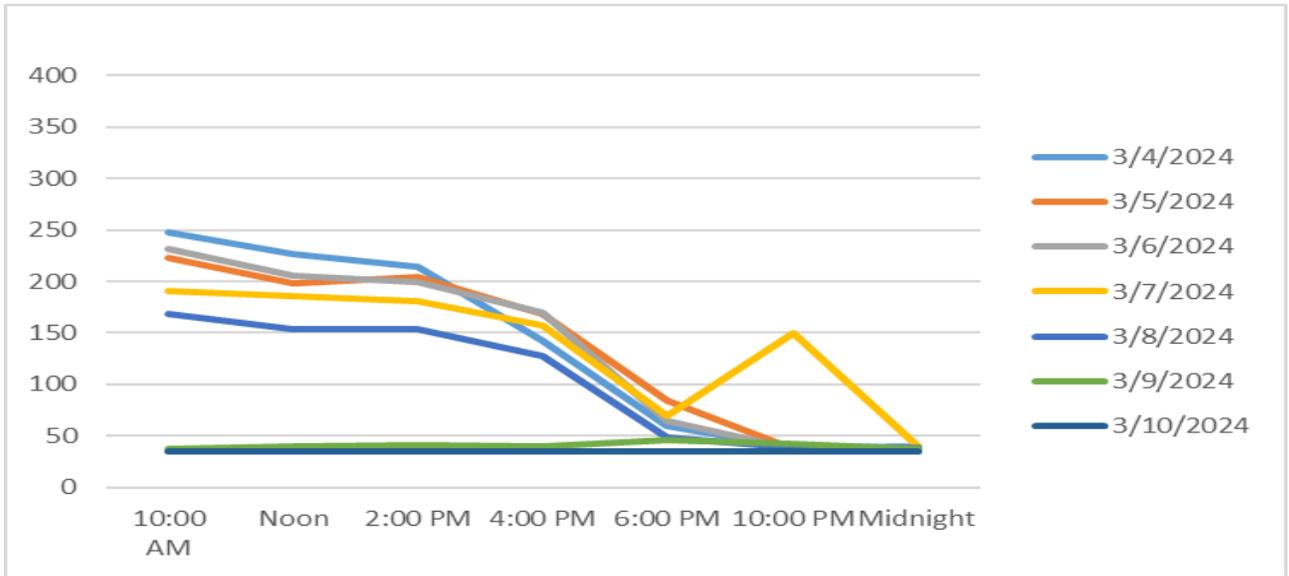


CHART NO. 3 – UD PARKING DECK WEEKLY OCCUPANCY



CENTRAL MAINTENANCE GARAGE REPAIR DATA

	Current Week	Previous Week
DCED	0	0
Planning & Code	0	0
Fire	3	1
Engineering	0	1
Parks & Recreation	5	2
Public Works	9	4
Police	6	6
Water	1	3
Wastewater	0	2
Light	1	2
Human Resources	0	0
Weekly Totals	25	21
Yearly Total	192	167

PARKS AND RECREATION

2024 Spring/Summer – NEW PROGRAMS

Recreation is excited to offer many new fitness and wellness programs to the current line-up. There are now 24 contracted instructors to teach programs for Recreation. Here is a list of *new* program offerings this spring and summer, beginning in April. More info will be shared as each class begins:

- Actively Ageless Functional Fitness
- Creative Movement
- Decades Dance
- Gym Fit
- Inspired Movement
- Inspired Soccer
- Theatricks Circus Experience
- Turn Up Dance Fitness
- Pickleball Lessons – Kids, Youth & Adult
- Shinrin-yoku (Forest Therapy)
- Vinyasa Yoga
- Virtual Essentrics
- Virtual Spark Functional Fitness

City Events

- St Patrick's Day Runfest is this Saturday, March 16 in downtown Hagerstown and City Park. More info here: <https://runsignup.com/Race/MD/Hagerstown/StPatricksDayRunFest>
- St Patrick's Day activities continue downtown from 11am – 2pm after Runfest. More info here: <https://www.mainstreethagerstown.org/stpatricksday-hagerstown>

Fit Room

See Fit Room report attached with weekly recreation classes. No private rentals are scheduled for this weekend.

Golf Course

The course is scheduled to re-open around May 1st.

Hager House

Staff is planning for opening weekend with German Easter tours beginning Friday, March 29.

Outdoor Programs

- Parkour, meets Fridays at 4pm, at Fairgrounds Park

Virtual Classes

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

UTILITIES DEPARTMENT

ELECTRIC DIVISION

Service Calls

- Wed. 3/13 - 442 West Franklin Street – lines down; a tree branch fell, pulling the eservice from the house. Time Out: 17.5-19.0
- 242 West Side Avenue – lines down; lines belonged to Verizon and Point Broadband. Time Out: 19.2-19.7

Lamps Replaced	New Fixtures Added	Changeouts	Fixtures Removed
1	0	13	0

- Multiple designs for system upgrades to accommodate residential and commercial services have been reviewed and completed. Rights-of-way for line upgrades and extensions have been secured.
- Efforts continue for the planning and coordination of the substation power transformer delivery and testing.

WASTEWATER DIVISION

Wastewater Treatment Plant at Frederick Street

Date	Flow (mgd)	Rainfall (inches)
Wednesday, March 5, 2024	8.27	0.14
Thursday, March 6, 2024	8.08	0.04
Friday, March 7, 2024	8.14	0.01
Saturday, March 8, 2024	7.69	0.00
Sunday, March 9, 2024	10.47	1.43
Monday, March 10, 2024	11.74	0.00
Tuesday, March 11, 2024	9.77	0.00
Weekly – Avg. Flow/Total Rainfall	9.17	1.62
March – Avg. Flow/Total Rainfall	8.62	1.97

- Installed new ASPS flow meter wiring and displays.
- Worked with ABB in calibrating new ASPS flow meters.
- Troubleshooting electrical issues with site lighting.
- Worked with MTD in cleaning up PLC 2 programming.
- Routine and preventative work orders.

Collection System Maintenance Tasks

SSES Weekly Progress

Activity	Districts	L. F. main	Feet of lateral	# Inspected
CCTV Inspections	12, 19, 21	40, 158, 841	48.3, 48.4, 515.4	1, 1, 27
Flushing	11, 12, 21	15579, 300, 250		
Point Repairs		# of Repairs	Reason	L.F. of Repairs
Main Line Only	2	1	Debris	
Main & Lateral	2	1	Debris	3ft-M, 12.6ft-L

Collection System Maintenance Tasks

- CCTV crew worked on Chestnut Street, Fredrick Street and Virginia Avenue
- Flusher crew worked on Districts 11 and 12, blockage calls on 1109 and 430 Virginia Avenue
- Pump crew took new generator to CMG for lettering
- Assisted with flagging on 1109 Virginia Avenue
- Performed dye test in storm drain to see if it's the cause of infiltration in manhole off of Antietam Street
- Installed VFD at Pump Station 8 for pump 2
- Attended CPR training
- Construction crew worked on 1100 and 1028 The Terrace
- Cleaned tools and equipment

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	8	10
YTD 2024	28	9	1	0	0	55	93

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 HPC plate for DI water, quarterly MDL and drying study for TSS, monthly digester block verification
- Collected samples for Biobot COVID study
- Collected Wastewater-SCAN Program samples for pathogen monitoring
- Collected CDC-NWSS Program samples for pathogen monitoring
- Collected sample for Q1-TCT-Mercury

Environmental Coordinator & Pretreatment

- 2024 Permit Renewals
- Updated Conagra and HBP POTW results

WATER DIVISION

Plant Flows - System Demand (MGD)

<u>Date</u>	<u>Willson</u>	<u>Breichner</u>	<u>Total</u>
03/07/24	11.12		11.12
03/08/24	11.16		11.16
03/09/24	10.74		10.74
03/10/24	10.69		10.69
03/11/24	11.53		11.53
03/12/24	11.28		11.28
03/13/24	11.64		11.64
		Average:	11.17

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

- Staff worked on facility maintenance and routine preventative maintenance.
- Staff installed pump at pump station #3.

Water Production at Breichner / Edgemont Reservoir

The Edgemont Reservoir pool elevation is currently at 4.91 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 at the intersection of Frederick Street and Commonwealth Avenue.
- Staff repaired main breaks on Guilford Avenue and Tennebrook Road.

Laboratory

- Process and regulatory testing were routine for the week.
- Completed QC verification for benchtop microbial surface monitoring.
- Collected bacteriological monitoring samples for March.
- Collected nitrification monitoring samples.
- Collected one (1) lagoon discharge sample.
- Submitted 2023 SOC results and Q1-disinfection byproducts results to CMDP.
- Finalized LCRR survey.

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,



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City Administrator

FIT ROOM SCHEDULE ON THE FOLLOWING PAGE

Fit Room at Fairgrounds Park at Fairgrounds Park

Monthly Calendar For March 2024

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
					1 3:15p-4:45p Sports: Gymnastics for Kids, Intermediate -- 8132 4:45p-5:45p Sports: Gymnastics for Kids -- 8125 6p-7p Aerial Tricks #8224 7:15p-8:15p Aerial Stretch #8189	2 10a-11a Mind & Body: Zumba -- 8157
3 11a-12p Gymnastics for Kids #8142 1p-2p Aerial Stretch #8204 2p-3:30p GeoCaching in the Parks #8153	4 6p-6:45p Pound #8247 7p-8p Belly Dance #8275	5 6p-7p Buti Yoga #8245	6	7 4p-4:30p Arts & Entertainment: Princess Ballerina -- 8119 4:35p-5:05p Arts & Entertainment: Ballet & Acro -- 8110	8 3:15p-4:45p Sports: Gymnastics for Kids, Intermediate -- 8132 4:45p-5:45p Sports: Gymnastics for Kids -- 8125 6p-7p Aerial Tricks #8225 7:15p-8:15p Aerial Stretch #8190	9 10a-11a Mind & Body: Zumba -- 8157
10 11a-12p Gymnastics for Kids #8142	11 7p-8p Belly Dance #8276	12 6p-7p Buti Yoga #8245	13 11a-2:30p CPR and First Aid #8116	14 4p-7p CPR Certification #8165	15 3:15p-4:45p Sports: Gymnastics for Kids, Intermediate -- 8132 4:45p-5:45p Sports: Gymnastics for Kids -- 8125 6p-7p Aerial Tricks #8226 7:15p-8:15p Aerial Stretch #8191	16 10a-11a Mind & Body: Zumba -- 8157
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