



CITY OF HAGERSTOWN, MARYLAND STATUS & INFORMATION REPORT NO. 34 FOR 2024

To Members of the City Council:

August 23, 2024

AUGUST 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 Spring/Summer 2024 digital Program Guide
<https://www.hagerstownmd.org/145/Parks-Recreation>*

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
				1	2 Food Truck Fridays 100 Wareham Alley 11 AM to 2 PM <i>Kreative Kreations</i> Soul Food	3
4 Hagerstown Municipal Band City Park Bandshell 7 PM	5	6 Mayor & Council Work Session 4 PM <hr style="width: 20%; margin: 10px auto;"/> National Night Out Fairgrounds Park 5 PM to 8 PM	7 Hub City Garage Grand Opening 5:30 PM <hr style="width: 20%; margin: 10px auto;"/> Encounter Music Series – Hosted by Valor Ministries City Park Bandshell 7 PM	8	9 Food Truck Fridays 100 Wareham Alley 11 AM to 2 PM <i>Cielito Linda</i> Mexican Cuisine <hr style="width: 20%; margin: 10px auto;"/> Washington Goes Purple Outdoor Movie Night University Plaza 7 PM Ghostbusters: Frozen Empire <hr style="width: 20%; margin: 10px auto;"/> Krumpe's Donut Alley Rally 5K Run/Walk Benefits Wounded Warrior Project 912 Maryland Avenue 7:30 PM <div style="text-align: right;"></div>	10 Hager House Plein Air Art Festival City Park 10 AM to 4 PM

<p>11</p> <p>Hagerstown Municipal Band City Park Bandshell 7 PM</p>	<p>12</p>	<p>13</p> <p>Mayor & Council Work Session 4 PM</p>	<p>14</p> <p>Midweek Music & Market University Plaza 6 PM to 8 PM <i>Hadly</i> Country/Soul/Blues</p> <hr/> <p>Encounter Music Series – Hosted by Valor Ministries City Park Bandshell 7 PM</p>	<p>15</p> <p>FREE Community Fair 35 W. Baltimore St. Bounce House/ Face Painting/ Games/Food & Giveaways</p> <hr/> <p>Farmers Market Hatters Plaza 19 Rochester Place in Downtown 3 PM to 7 PM</p>	<p>16</p> <p>Food Truck Fridays 100 Wareham Alley 11 AM to 2 PM TBD</p> <hr/> <p>Twilight Tours City Park 6 PM to 8 PM</p> <hr/> <p>Outdoor Movie City Park Footloose! 7 PM</p>	<p>17</p> <p>Augustoberfest Volksmarch University Plaza 7 AM to 2 PM</p>
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<p>25</p> <p>Latin Festival University Plaza 11 AM to 7 PM Music/Food/Vendors and More!</p>	<p>26</p>	<p>27</p> <p>Mayor & Council Regular Session 7 PM</p>	<p>28</p> <p>Midweek Music & Market University Plaza 6 PM to 8 PM <i>Faycez U Know featuring Halima Peru</i> Go-Go Music</p> <hr/> <p>Encounter Music Series – Hosted by Valor Ministries City Park Bandshell 7 PM</p>	<p>29</p>	<p>30</p> <p>Food Truck Fridays 100 Wareham Alley 11 AM to 2 PM <i>Diego's World</i> Latin American Cuisine</p>	<p>31</p> <p>Washington Goes Purple Kick-Off and Candlelight Vigil 6 PM to 8 PM City Park</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>.

COMMUNICATIONS

This Week's Headlines & Media Releases:

- As Agencies Hear from Each Other on Crime, County Official is Critical
- President Joe Biden, VP Kamala Harris Visit Maryland, Tout Lower Costs
- Hagerstown Man Pleads in November Stabbing Case
- Washington County Republican Headquarters Grand Opening Aug. 17
- Frederick Co. Sheriff Releases Video of Gunfight with Hagerstown Man
- Division of Emergency Services Receives New Ambulances
- Applications for Building Code Board of Appeals Members Sought
- Several WCPS Elementary Schools Have New Principals
- Abuhamada Named Executive Director of Washington County Arts Council
- City and County in a Legal Dispute over Property Annexation
- NHP Foundation Honored by Hagerstown Historic District Commission
- Participants Surprised by Recording of Senator's Meeting
- Press Release: Sofrito Cuisine Celebrates Grand Opening with Ribbon Cutting
- Traffic Advisory: W. Antietam Street
- Traffic Advisory: N. Mulberry Street
- Traffic Advisory: S. Potomac Street (End of Summer Block Party)

This Week's Video Projects

- Mayor & Council Work Session
- "Council wRap" Segment
- Various Drone Footage
- "Be a Good Neighbor" Videos Post Production

Channel 25 Hub City Now Programming:

- Mayor & Council Meeting
- "Council wRap"
- "State of the City" Event Presentation
- "Decades" Music Series Promo
- Events Calendar Video
- "Building City Park Lake" Series
- Potterfield Pool :30 Promo
- The Greens at Hamilton Run :30 Promo
- Fit Room :30 Promo
- Clara Barton Memorial Dedication Event Video
- Hagerstown Field House Topping Out Ceremony Video
- Hub City Garage Grand Opening Event Video
- "Council wRap" Promo

City Website:

- www.hagerstownmd.org attracted 7,805 user visits for the week of August 15-21

COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT

- **TONIGHT: End of Summer Block Party – S. Potomac Street from 5 PM to 7:30 PM**
 - Dog Contest
 - Hot Dog Eating Contest
 - Kids Activities
 - Music: DJ Rock Steady
- Midweek Music & Market: University Plaza – Wednesday, August 28 from 6 PM to 8 PM
 - Band: Faycez U Know featuring Halima Peru -- Go-Go a touch of soul & funk
 - Booze and Food Available for Purchase
- **Friday August 30: Food Truck Friday featuring *Diego's World* serving Latin American Cuisine – 100 Wareham Alley – 11 AM to 2 PM**

DEPARTMENT OF COMMUNITY & ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

Grand Openings & Anniversary Celebrations

On Monday, August 19 at 3pm we celebrated the Grand Opening of Crunch Fitness at 17716 Garland Groh Blvd. Crunch Fitness offers a “no judgement, no limits” approach, with top-of-the-line equipment, hundreds of classes, and membership perks.

On Friday, August 23 at 11am we celebrate the Grand Opening of Mart Plus at 301 E. Washington Street. This gas station and convenience store is home of the first Maryland operation of VP Racing Fuels, a fuel provider out of Texas.

ENGINEERING

1. **Dual Highway Safety Project** – staff is making preparations for the temporary safety demonstration project on Dual Highway between Cannon Avenue and Cleveland Avenue. The State Highway Administration will begin installation of some of the safety materials early next week, and the project will remain in place until November.

2. **Hagerstown Field House** – the roof on the central building has been installed, and the contractor is working to close-in the building. New parking areas on the north side of the building will be paved within the next few weeks, and the contractor will be working on preparing the areas outside the building for final site work.

3. **City Hall 1st Floor Renovations** – a pre-bid meeting was held for the project to renovate the customer service lobby area; the meeting was well-attended, and staff hopes that this will translate into competitive bids on the construction contract.

4. **Engineering Statistics**

Description	Week of 08/12/24 & Week of 08/19/24	Calendar Year 2024 TOTALS
Traffic complaints received	9	114
Work Orders completed	8	97
Traffic counts completed	3	16
Construction Projects		
Description	Week of 08/12/24 & Week of 08/19/24	Calendar Year 2024 TOTALS
Construction Projects advertised for bids	0	10
RFP’s Advertised	0	5
Projects under construction	16	16
Projects completed	0	2

FIRE

8/14/24- 8/20/24			
Total Incidents (City only)	67	Mutual Aid to surrounding FDs	14
• Unit Responses	123	• Halfway FD	0
• Fire/Rescue Responses	36	• Maugansville FD	2
• EMS Responses	24	• Funkstown FD	8
• Other Responses	7	• Longmeadow FD	2
Inspections/System Tests	14	• Other	2
Community Events, Smoke Alarm Installs	1		

Significant Incidents

8/15/24- *Accident with Entrapment* – Engine 3, Truck 3, and Battalion Chief 3, along with Funkstown and CRS units, responded for a vehicle accident with reported people trapped at Dual Hwy and Edgewood Dr. HFD and Funkstown units arrived to find a two-vehicle accident with entrapment in one of the vehicles. Crews from HFD and Funkstown worked together to free victims using extrication tools. Victims were evaluated and rapidly transported to Meritus Medical Center by CRS crews.

PLANNING & CODE ADMINISTRATION

Report not available this week

POLICE

STATS (08/15/2024 – 08/21/2024)

Calls for Service:	1664	Field Interviews:	4
Arrests/Warrants Served:	27	Moving Violations:	37
Domestic Violence Calls:	12	Safety Repair Orders:	3
DUI Arrests:	4	Warnings:	37
Reports Filed:	144		

BACK TO SCHOOL: HPD posted a short video to the department Facebook page of our SROs welcoming back students and staff to the new school year on Monday. Monday is the first day of school in Washington County. Our officers are back and ready to protect, serve, and build rapport with students and families. On Monday there will be an increased presence of officers at the schools to help kick off that new school year. Each of our SRO's have over 20 years of experience with our agency. Your students and our schools are in GREAT hands with Officers Alderton, Aleshire, Niebauer, Oates and Sgt Knode. In addition to their assigned school; all schools within the city are assigned one of these officers and students/staff will see them checking in periodically throughout the school year! There is a little "now hiring" message at the end. If you are on FB please share this. A big thank you to all our SROs and for Ofc Aleshire coordinating the effort. Also, a huge thank you to Ryan Chaney Enterprises for volunteering his time and school bus to assist in making this video. As a friendly reminder, please slow down and watch for students and school buses!

INCIDENTS:

8/20/24: In the early morning hours of 8/20/24, Officers of the Hagerstown Police Department conducted a traffic stop in the 100 block of W. Washington St after watching what they believed was suspicious activity regarding the driver of the vehicle. During the course of the investigation, two handguns, over 40 vials of suspected fentanyl and cash were recovered from the vehicle. The driver was identified as Ronald Abdual Armstead (age 48 of Hagerstown) who is prohibited from possessing firearms due to previous felony convictions. Armstead was arrested and charged with numerous firearms and CDS related charges including possession with intent to distribute.

8/20/24: On 8/20/24 at about 11:45 pm, a Hagerstown Police Officer stopped a subject in the 300 block of Jonathan St. The officer discovered that the subject, identified as Teion Melvin Hopkins (age 27 of Owings Mills, MD) had an active arrest warrant through Howard County, MD. During the search incident to Hopkins' arrest, the officer discovered an estimated 83 grams of crack cocaine and 37 grams of powder cocaine. Some of the suspected cocaine was pre-packaged in small rubber containers commonly referred to as "trash cans." All weights are estimated and the drugs will be sent to the laboratory for further testing. Hopkins also had nearly \$3,000 in cash on him. The arrest warrant was served on Hopkins and he was charged additionally with: Possession with the Intent to Distribute; Possession – Not Cannabis; Possession of paraphernalia

8/21/2024: On 08/21/2024, investigators with the Hagerstown Police Department recovered \$3,600 in stolen merchandise as part of an ongoing investigation into thefts from local retail stores. Charges will be filed pending the completion of the investigation. The Hagerstown Police Department would like to thank the Maryland State Police, as well as Asset Protection personnel from Lowe's and Home Depot for assisting with this investigation and recovery of the stolen merchandise. This investigation was supported in part by the Maryland Criminal Intelligence Network (MCIN). The Governor's Office of Crime Prevention and Policy (GOCPP) supplies grant funding and strategic assistance to MCIN member sites. These resources enable the identification, disruption, and dismantling of criminal organizations through enhanced inter-agency collaboration and data sharing, contributing to a safer Maryland for all.

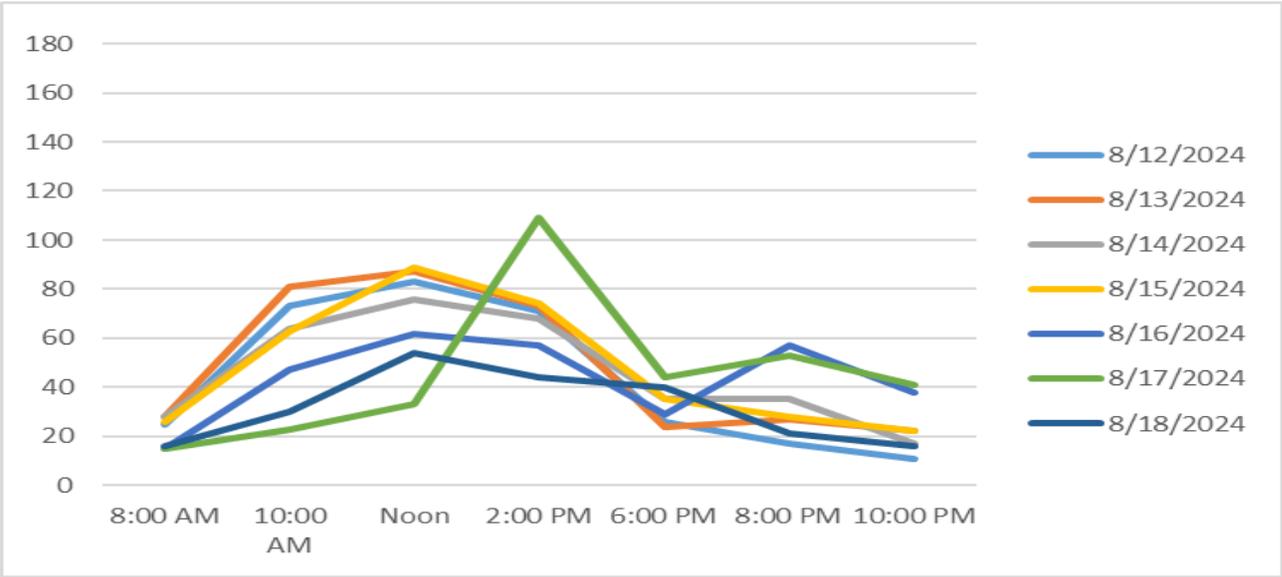
PUBLIC WORKS

GENERAL PARKING SYSTEM DATA

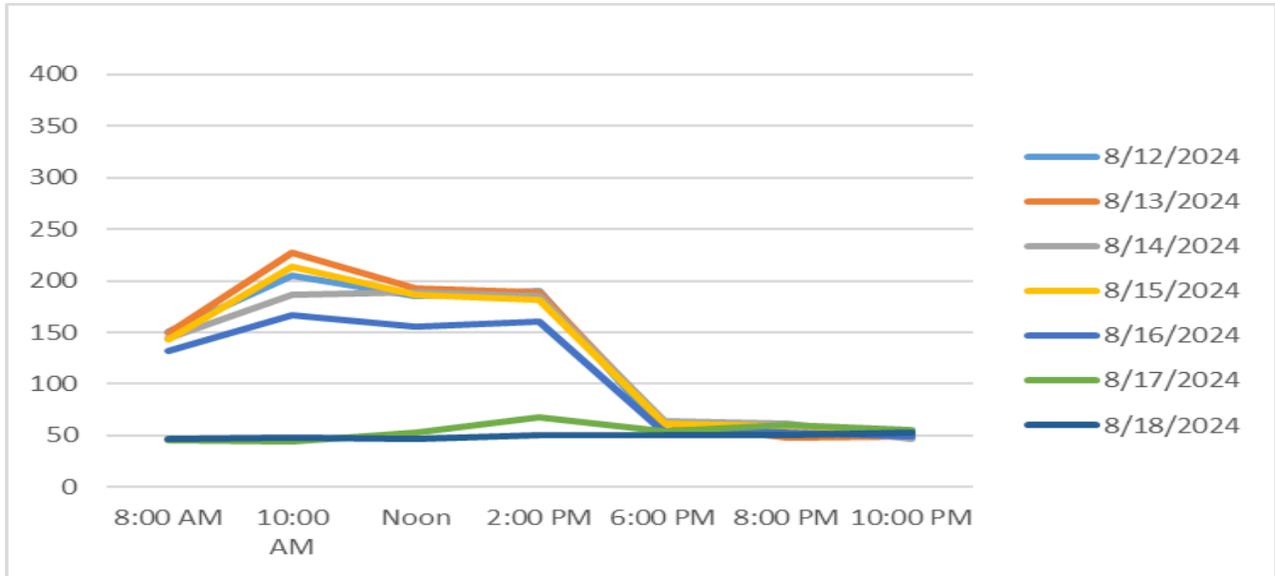
		Current Week	Previous Week
Number of Permit Holders	A & E Deck	168	167
	University District Deck	304	305
Number of Student Permits	Central & Rochester Lots	41	37
Number of Patrons Using Decks	A & E Deck	1314	1330
	University District Deck	1493	1515
Number of Citations Issued	(Includes Warnings)	312	94

Peak Occupancy (%)	A & E Deck	59% Sa @ 2PM	79% Fr @ 8PM
Peak Occupancy (%)	University District Deck	52% Tu @ 10AM	58% We @ 10AM

A&E PARKING DECK WEEKLY OCCUPANCY



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DOWNTOWN EVENTS

Event Name	Date	Location
MDWK Music & Market	08/14/2024	University Plaza
Farmers Market	08/15/2024	Hatters Plaza
Mean Girl	08/17/2024	ACT Black Box
Charity Poker Tournament	08/18/2024	Meinelschmidt Distillery

CENTRAL MAINTENANCE GARAGE REPAIR DATA

	Current Week	Previous Week
DCED	0	0
Planning & Code	0	0
Fire	1	0
Engineering	0	0
Parks & Recreation	0	2
Public Works	0	2
Police	11	3
Water	1	0
Wastewater	0	0
Light	0	0
Human Resources	0	0
Weekly Totals	13	7
Yearly Total	616	603

PARKS AND RECREATION

City Park Train Hub

The Train Hub pavilion is reserved on Sunday, August 25 from 3pm – 7pm.

Fit Room

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

Outdoor Programs

- Parkour, Fridays at 4pm, at Fairgrounds Park

Golf Course

Golf Course	8/14/24–8/20/24	8/14/23-8/20/23
# of Golfers	573	647

Potterfield Pool

The pool is open 7 days a week through Sunday, August 25. The pool will be closed the workday week of August 26 – 30, with school back in session. Open Labor Day weekend, August 31, Sept 1 & 2. The Pooch Plunge is scheduled for Tuesday, Sept 3.

Pool	8/14/24–8/20/24	8/14/23-8/20/23
# of Swimmers	552	883

UTILITIES DEPARTMENT

ELECTRIC DIVISION

Service Calls

Fri. 8/16 - 130 South Potomac Street – pole damaged; vehicle struck light pole # 23 in accident.
Time Out: 6.0-6.8

Sun. 8/18 - Church Street and Devonshire Road – lines down; lines were found to belong to Verizon.
Time Out: 12.0-12.8

Tues. 8/20 - 64 West Franklin Street – reconnection of service following completion of upgrade by electrician.
Time Out: 15.3-17.4

Lamps Replaced	New Fixtures Added	Changeouts	Fixtures Removed
6	0	9	0

- Engineering staff reviewed multiple permits for buildings, fences, etc., reviewed tree planting proposals around underground electric facilities, and performed routine inspections of substations.
- The communication cards in substation breaker relays were in need of replacement to reestablish SCADA.
- Staff continued work related to the Advanced Metering Infrastructure project.

WASTEWATER DIVISION

Wastewater Treatment Plant at Frederick Street

Date	Flow (mgd)	Rainfall (inches)
Wednesday, August 14, 2024	6.74	0.00
Thursday, August 15, 2024	6.35	0.00
Friday, August 16, 2024	6.36	0.00
Saturday, August 17, 2024	6.03	0.00
Sunday, August 18, 2024	6.19	0.00
Monday, August 19, 2024	6.10	0.00
Tuesday, August 20, 2024	6.00	0.00
Weekly – Avg. Flow/Total Rainfall	6.25	0.00
August - Avg. Flow/Total Rainfall	6.57	4.04

- Replaced bearing liner and shear pins on Digester Feed Pump.
- Continued installation of new network for gate and camera automation.
- Removed Final -1 mixer with crane and took to AR&E for inspection.
- Installed CAT6 throughout plant at new phone locations.
- Replaced faulty actuator on PSA Skid.
- Routine MVP Plant Work orders & Corrective Work Orders.

Wastewater Collection

SSES Weekly Progress

Activity	Districts	L. F. main	Feet of lateral	# Inspected
CCTV Inspections	13, 31	192.5, 482	10.5, 389.5	1, 12
Flushing	13, 16, 31	300, 2265, 467		

Collection System Maintenance Tasks

- Construction crew paved East Irvin Avenue after last week's dig.
- Grouted and parged manhole 01006 on Northern Avenue.
- Mowed grass at shop.
- Marked tickets for USIC.
- CCTV crew worked on Atlanta Court for lateral locations for GIS.
- Located lateral for customer at 830 The Terrace.
- Took camera truck to Rausch for repair.
- Flusher crew flushed Atlanta Court and 830 The Terrace for CCTV crew.
- Worked on District 16.
- Pump crew worked on SCADA issues at Pump Station 30.
- Examined Pump #1 check valve failure at Pump Station 18.
- Gathered material for Muffin Monster project.
- Worked on battery changer issues on truck 508.
- Installed material for Muffin Monster project at Pump Station 14.

<u>Wastewater Division – Customer Call Log Summary 2024</u>							
Type	Blockages	Grinder Pumps	Odor Complaints	Flushing	WW Pump Stations	Other	Totals
Weekly	2	1	0	0	0	8	11
YTD 2024	58	34	11	0	0	175	278

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: DI water (pH, Cl, Conductivity)
- Collected samples for COVID and other pathogen research studies: Wastewater-SCAN, Biobot, and CDC-NWSS
- Completed Effluent and Primary sampler maintenance

Environmental Coordinator & Pre-Treatment

- Submitted SIU PFAS letter and results to MDE
- Entered July Synexus data for Berwick
- Reviewed RFP LCRR questions

WATER DIVISION

Plant Flows - System Demand (MGD)

<u>Date</u>	<u>Willson</u>	<u>Breichner</u>	<u>Total</u>
08/15/24	12.02		12.02
08/16/24	11.53		11.53
08/17/24	11.41		11.41
08/18/24	11.04		11.04
08/19/24	11.72		11.72
08/20/24	11.92		11.92
08/21/24	12.17		12.17
		Average:	11.69

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 1.86 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.
- Finished QC verifications.
- Collected bacteriological monitoring samples for August.
- Collected nitrification monitoring samples.
- Collected two (2) water line test samples and collected lagoon discharge sample.
- Prepared operator table solutions.

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 at Fairgrounds Park at Fairgrounds Park

Monthly Calendar For August 2024

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
				1	2 8a-12p HR Training 3:15p-4:45p Gymnastics for Kids, Intermediate #8382 4:45p-5:45p Gymnastics for Kids #8370	3
4 11a-12p Gymnastics for Kids #8376	5 8a-9a Slow Flow Yoga #8543 7p-8p Belly Dance #8365	6 6p-7p Buti Yoga #8332	7 8a-9a Slow Flow Yoga #8543 7p-8p Vinyasa yoga #8448	8	9 3:15p-4:45p Gymnastics for Kids, Intermediate #8383 4:45p-5:45p Gymnastics for Kids #8371 6p-7p Aerial Tricks #8495 7:15p-8:15p Aerial Stretch #8468	10
11 11a-12p Gymnastics for Kids #8377	12 8a-9a Slow Flow Yoga #8543 7p-8p Belly Dance #8365	13 6p-7p Buti Yoga #8332	14 8a-9a Slow Flow Yoga #8543 4p-7p CPR and First Aid #8339 7p-8p Vinyasa yoga #8448	15	16 3:15p-4:45p Gymnastics for Kids, Intermediate #8383 4:45p-5:45p Gymnastics for Kids #8371 6p-7p Aerial Tricks #8496 7:15p-8:15p Aerial Stretch #8469	17 5p-9p Susan Monninger Celebration
18 11a-12p Gymnastics for Kids #8377 1p-6p Candice Garner- Grove - Babyshower	19 8a-9a Slow Flow Yoga #8543 7p-8p Belly Dance #8366	20 9a-3p Fedex Event 6p-7p Buti Yoga #8332	21 8a-9a Slow Flow Yoga #8543	22	23 3:15p-4:45p Gymnastics for Kids, Intermediate #8383 4:45p-5:45p Gymnastics for Kids #8371 6p-7p Aerial Tricks #8497 7:15p-8:15p Aerial Stretch #8470	24
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