



# CITY OF HAGERSTOWN, MARYLAND STATUS & INFORMATION REPORT NO. 36 FOR 2024

To Members of the City Council:

September 6, 2024

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

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1	2	3 <b>Pooch Plunge</b> Potterfield Pool 6 to 8 PM	4	5	6 <b>Food Truck Fridays</b> 100 Wareham Alley 11 AM to 2 PM <i>Cielito Lindo</i> Mexican Cuisine	7 <b>Make Me Laugh Comedy Cookout</b> University Plaza 3 PM to 8 PM
8 <b>Hagerstown Municipal Band</b> City Park Bandshell 7 PM	9	10 <b>Mayor &amp; Council Work Session</b> 4 PM <hr/> <b>Remembrance in the Park</b> City Park 6 PM		12	13 <b>Food Truck Fridays</b> 100 Wareham Alley 11 AM to 2 PM <i>La Carreta Tacos</i> <hr/> <b>Garden Night at the Museum</b> 5 PM to 8 PM Pack a picnic and enjoy live music	14 <b>Hager House Plein Air Art Festival</b> City Park 10 AM to 4 PM
15	16	17 <b>Mayor &amp; Council Work Session</b> 4 PM	18	19	20 <b>Food Truck Fridays</b> 100 Wareham Alley 11 AM to 2 PM <i>Cielito Lindo</i> Mexican Cuisine	21 <b>City Park Fall Fest</b> 11 AM to 8 PM <b>Fireworks over the lake at 7:45 PM</b> <hr/> <b>Hagerfest Music and Art</b> Downtown Hagerstown 11 AM to 7 PM <hr/> <b>Medal of Honor Neighborhoods 1<sup>st</sup> Day of Hope</b> Wheaton Park Noon to 4 PM <hr/> <b>South End Community Block Party in City Park</b> 11 AM to 3 PM

22	23	24 Mayor & Council Regular Session 7 PM	25	26	27 Food Truck Fridays 100 Wareham Alley 11 AM to 2 PM <i>La Carreta Tacos</i> ----- Thunder in the Square in Downtown 5 PM ----- Decades Music Series: Early 2000's Band: Larger than Life University Plaza 6 PM	28 YMCA Color Splash 5K Run/Walk Fairgrounds Park 9 AM ----- Downtown Scavenger Hunt 2 PM to 6 PM 100% of proceeds benefits <i>Human Development Council</i> ----- Voltage Wrestling: Hub City Wrestling Classic University Plaza 6 PM
29 Latin Festival University Plaza 11 AM to 7 PM	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>

# COMMUNICATIONS

## This Week's Headlines & Media Releases:

- Traffic Safety Improvements Bring Big Changes to Dual Highway
- North Hagerstown Football Looking to Right Ship Under New Coach
- New Sheetz Opening Soon in Hagerstown
- Md. 3<sup>rd</sup> Grade English Scores Announced as Literacy Policy Scrutinized
- Hagerstown Police Investigating Downtown Shooting, Teen Suspect Charged
- Amazon Opens its Fifth Facility in Washington County
- It's Time to Stop Pointing at Each Other and Start Pointing Forward
- Washington County's First Wawa Could Open by Early Summer
- Maryland City Offers Up to \$20,000 to Those Willing to Move There
- Maryland Voters Guide: Key Races in State, Hagerstown
- Meet the Sole Hagerstown Mayoral Candidate Now Running for Open Seat
- Hagerstown Plans Day of Celebration for Olympic Medalist Aaron Brooks
- South Hagerstown Football 2024 Season Preview
- Community Shred, Prescription Drug Turn-In Event Set for Sept. 21
- Widening I-81 in Maryland Runs into Another Delay
- Press Release: Plein Air Art Exhibition Opens Friday, Runs Thru September
- Traffic Advisory: Mill Street
- Traffic Advisory: W. Baltimore Street

## This Week's Video Projects

- 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
- Hager Fest :30 Promo
- "Building City Park Lake" Series
- Plein Air Art Exhibition Promo Video
- Potterfield Pool :30 Promo
- The Greens at Hamilton Run :30 Promo
- Fit Room :30 Promo
- Mayor & Council Community Organization/Agency Leaders Discussion Clips
- Hagerstown Field House Topping Out Ceremony Video
- Hub City Garage Grand Opening Event Video
- "Council wRap" Promo

**City Website:**

- [www.hagerstownmd.org](http://www.hagerstownmd.org) attracted 8,753 user visits for the week of Aug. 29-Sept. 4
- The most popular top entrances (the first page users accessed on the website):

1. Home Page	1,978
2. Online Payment Portal Page	1,739
3. Utility Billing Page	817
4. Police Page	727
5. Collection-Schedules-Zones Page	631
6. Trash & Recycling Page	299
7. Search Page	262
8. Downtown Events Page	255
9. Bids Page	205
10. Jobs Page	189

- Top searches

1. Jobs
2. Trash
3. Street parking
4. Cabinets with glass shelves
5. Can I enter a dumpster?

## COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT

Aaron Brooks: Homecoming of Hope – Saturday, September 7 at Noon – Meritus Park

Food Truck Fridays – 11 AM to 2 PM – 100 Wareham Alley

*Friday, September 13 -- La Carreta Tacos*

## DEPARTMENT OF COMMUNITY & ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

### Grand Openings & Anniversary Celebrations

On Friday, September 6, 2024 at 2pm we celebrate the Grand Opening and Ribbon Cutting Ceremony for Vision 2020 at 12818-G Shank Farm Way. Formerly known as Longmeadow Eyecare, Vision 2020 is locally owned by three partners: Steve Gongola, Raju Kemidi and Evelyn Jones. The company has rebranded and relocated to its new larger customer service center, offering the same quality in care that the community has known and loved for decades.

## ENGINEERING

1. **Hub City Garage** – artwork designed by Nigel Sussman was installed on the windows of the two stair towers at the new parking deck.
2. **City Hall Elevator** – work is essentially complete except for finishing touches, and the contractor expects that the final work will be completed over the next two weeks. The new elevator should be operational by the end of September if all goes well.
3. **Greens at Hamilton Run** – staff met with the contractor to discuss operational issues related to the stream restoration project and the regrading of Hole No. 2. The contractor will explore options to address the City’s concerns.
4. **Engineering Statistics**

Description	Week of 09/02/24	Calendar Year 2024 TOTALS
Traffic complaints received	0	117
Work Orders completed	0	99
Traffic counts completed	0	19
<b>Construction Projects</b>		
Description	Week of 09/02/24	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

8/28/24- 9/3/24			
Total Incidents (City only)	61	Mutual Aid to surrounding FDs	15
• Unit Responses	115	• Halfway FD	2
• Fire/Rescue Responses	32	• Maugansville FD	0
• EMS Responses	18	• Funkstown FD	8
• Other Responses	11	• Longmeadow FD	2
Inspections/System Tests	34	• Other	3
Community Events, Smoke Alarm Installs	2		

### Significant Incidents

No significant incidents this week.

## Events

This week, each shift across the HFD had the opportunity to participate in a rope rescue training and drill with subject matter expert Rick Hartle. Crews trained with some newer equipment that will expand upon the rescue services we provide.



Crews also assisted Washington Goes Purple with hanging signs and lights downtown this week.

## PLANNING & CODE ADMINISTRATION

### Historic District Commission:

- HDC- 2024-43 – 60 West Washington Street – Brittany Arizmmendi – Mural.
- HDC- 2024-44 – 32 West Washington Street – Brittany Arizmmendi – Mural.
- HDC- 2024-46 –45 West Washington Street – Brittany Arizmmendi – Mural.
- HDC- 2024-47 –25 North Potomac Street – Brittany Arizmmendi – Mural.
- HDC- 2024-45– 157-159 West Washington Street – Steve Owens – Shed Demo.
- HDC- 2024-48– 157-159 West Washington Street – Steve Owens – Exterior Painting.
- HDC-2024-38 – 14 East Washington Street – Adam Carballo – Repair of fire damage.
- HDC-2024-39 – 151 South Prospect Street – Terease Kwiatkowski – Rebuild Deck.

The next HDC meeting will be held September 12, 2024 @ 4:00 pm.

### Board of Zoning Appeals:

- Z-2024-06 – Easter Seals – 530 North Locust Street - special exception.
- Z-2024-07 – Great Southern Wood – 1201 Maryland Avenue – variance.
- Z-2024-08 – Gideon Properties – 382 South Cleveland Avenue – special exception & variance.

The next hearing date is September 12, 2024, at 7:00 p.m.

**Zoning Verification Letters issued for the following properties:**

None

**Zoning Certificates issued for the following properties:**

B33 Hagerstown III LLC – 17670 Garland Groh – My Salon Suites.

**Planning Commission:**

The next Planning Commission Meeting will be held September 11, 2024 @ 4:00 pm.

**Development Review Plans received**

None

**POLICE**

*STATS (08/29/2024 – 09/04/2024)*

Calls for Service:	1882	Field Interviews:	18
Arrests/Warrants Served:	35	Moving Violations:	7
Domestic Violence Calls:	16	Safety Repair Orders:	0
DUI Arrests:	-	Warnings:	84
Reports Filed:	130		

Media: The community is tired of deadly drugs and senseless gun violence. HPD is committed to doing our part to target these people and put them in jail. Last night our officers did some fantastic work. Multiple arrests were made where CDS, cash and a handgun were seized. The arrests are as follows:

- Azeron Maxwell (7/21/01) charged with 31.25g cocaine with \$1060 seized
- TySean Jones (7/1/05) charged with 13.4g cocaine/14.4g fentanyl with \$2227 seized
- Josiah Holman (12/4/00) charged with 27.3g cocaine/10g fentanyl with \$2912 seized
- Charles Stonebraker (7/3/84) arrested on FTA warrant and CDS possession fentanyl
- David Spoonire III (9/26/93) arrested for handgun in vehicle

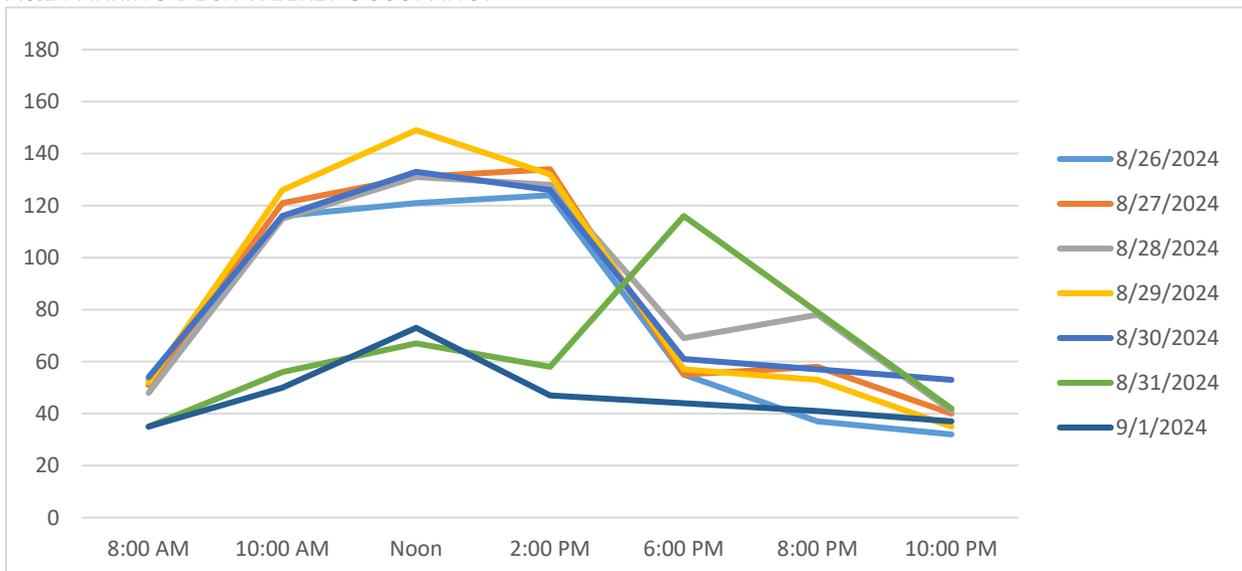
Total cash seized: \$6,199. All weights are approximate and the CDS will be analyzed by the crime laboratory. This investigation was supported in part by the Maryland Criminal Intelligence Network (MCIN). The Governor’s Office of Crime Prevention and Policy (GO CPP) supplies grant funding and strategic 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

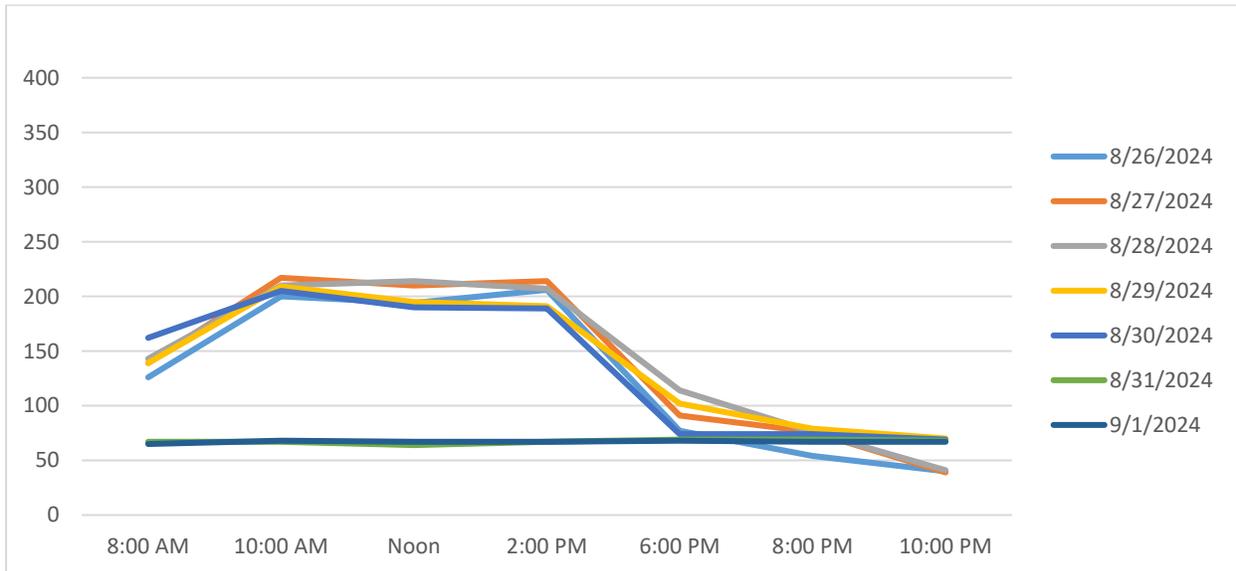
## GENERAL PARKING SYSTEM DATA

		Current Week	Previous Week
Number of Permit Holders	A & E Deck	173	168
	University District Deck	298	294
	Hub City Garage	51	51
Number of Student Permits	Central & Rochester Lots	58	47
Number of Patrons Using Decks	A & E Deck	1397	1700
	University District Deck	1688	1557
	Hub City Garage	736	1869
Number of Citations Issued	(Includes Warnings)	142	233
Peak Occupancy (%)	A & E Deck	81% We @ Noon	82% We @ Noon
Peak Occupancy (%)	University District Deck	50% Tu @ 10AM	44% Tu @ 10AM
Peak Occupancy (%)	Hub City Garage	27% Th @ Noon	100% Fr @ 8PM

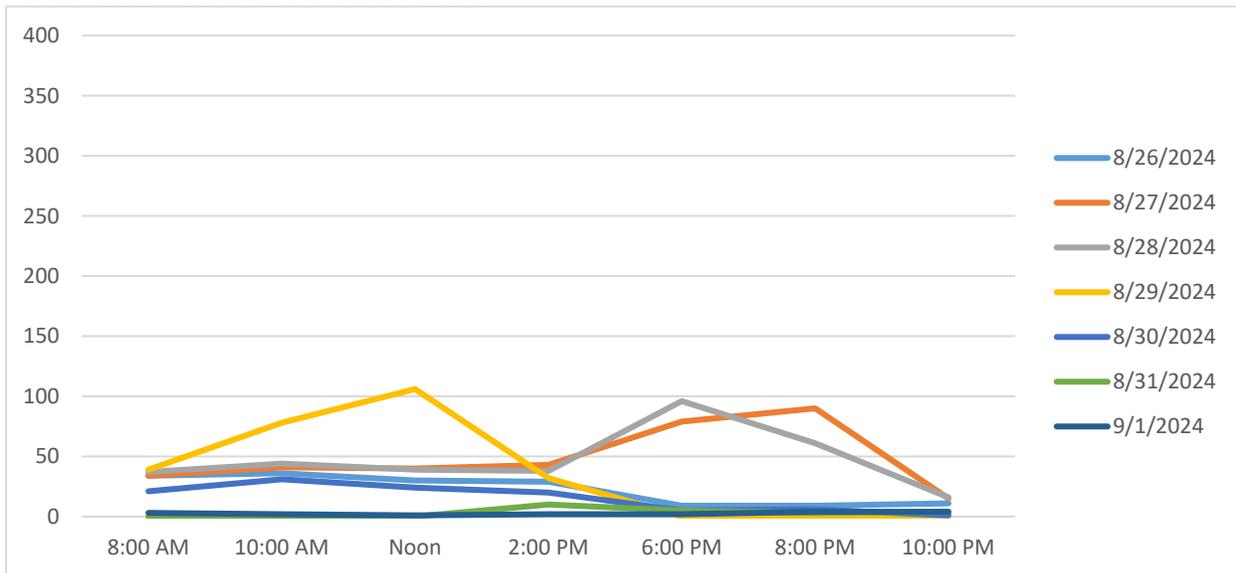
## A&E PARKING DECK WEEKLY OCCUPANCY



### UD PARKING DECK WEEKLY OCCUPANCY



### HUB CITY PARKING GARAGE OCCUPANCY



### DOWNTOWN EVENTS

Event Name	Date	Location
Flying Boxcars	8/27/2024	Meritus Park
Flying Boxcars	8/28/2024	Meritus Park
Flying Boxcars (11 AM game)	8/28/2024	Meritus Park
Private Business Meeting	8/28/2024	Maryland Theatre
Mid-Week Music	8/28/2024	University Plaza
Wedding (3:30 PM)	8/31/2024	Maryland Theatre

## CENTRAL MAINTENANCE GARAGE REPAIR DATA

	Current Week	Previous Week
DCED	0	0
Planning & Code	0	0
Fire	0	1
Engineering	0	0
Parks & Recreation	0	2
Public Works	6	4
Police	4	7
Water	2	1
Wastewater	0	3
Light	4	2
Human Resources	0	0
Weekly Totals	16	20
Yearly Total	652	636

### AFTER HOURS CALL BACKS

Wednesday, August 28, 2024 @ 8:45 PM: Received a call from 911 about a tree in the street in the 200 block of S. Potomac St. When the supervisor arrived, the tree had already been addressed by the Hagerstown Fire Department. Staff cleared the sidewalk and placed traffic cones around the debris to warn traffic.

### PARKS AND RECREATION

#### City Park Fall Fest

Staff is preparing for the annual City Park Fall Fest on Saturday, September 21 from 11am – 8pm.

#### City Park Train Hub

The site will host a Pavilion rental on Sunday, September 8 from 11am – 4pm.

#### Fit Room

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

#### Hager House

Visit the Plein Air Art Exhibition at the Hager House, open Fridays and Saturdays from 10am – 4pm. You can also view on our website: <https://www.hagerstownmd.org/1732/Plein-Air-Art-Festival>

#### Outdoor Programs

- Hager House Garden Volunteer, Friday, Sept 6 at 4pm
- Historic Window Workshop, Saylor House, Saturdays, Sept 7, 14 & Sunday, Sept 15, 9am – 4pm
- Parkour, Fridays at 4pm, at Fairgrounds Park
- Pickleball, Mondays at 7pm, Pangborn Park

#### University Plaza

- Make Me Laugh Comedy Show, Saturday, Sept 7 from 3pm – 8pm

## Golf Course

Golf Course	8/28/24–9/3/24	8/28/23-9/3/23
# of Golfers	451	528

## Potterfield Pool

The pool is now closed for the season. Numbers below are from Labor Day weekend.

Pool	8/31/24–9/2/24	9/2/23-9/4/23
# of Swimmers	216	984

# UTILITIES DEPARTMENT

## ELECTRIC DIVISION

### Service Calls

Sat. 8/31 Los Amigo's Restaurant, Burhans Blvd – total outage; a transformer fuse operated.  
Time Out: 11.1-12.0

Mon. 9/2 111 Elizabeth Street – partial outage; the customer's main breaker was bad.  
Time Out: 14.8-16.9

Tues. 9/3 301 Woodpoint Avenue – total outage; address was found to be outside of HLD service territory. Time Out: 0.5-1.7

Lamps Replaced	New Fixtures Added	Changeouts	Fixtures Removed
8	0	6	1

- Engineering staff reviewed multiple permits for buildings, fences, etc.
- Staff reviewed multiple Make-Ready-Work applications for Comcast pole attachments.
- Spare substation breaker relays were reprogrammed to replace failed units. The supply of these obsolete units is running thin and full change-out will be the option moving forward.
- Engineering staff performed routine inspections of HLD electric substations.
- The pending data discovery requests for the Commission and OPC were submitted this week and Direct Testimony filed by the PSC and OPC was reviewed.

# WASTEWATER DIVISION

**Wastewater Treatment Plant at Frederick Street**

<u>Date</u>	<u>Flow (mgd)</u>	<u>Rainfall (inches)</u>
Wednesday, August 28, 2024	5.71	0.00
Thursday, August 29, 2024	5.58	0.11
Friday, August 30, 2024	5.37	0.00
Saturday, August 31, 2024	6.07	0.62
Sunday, September 1, 2024	5.81	0.00
Monday, September 2, 2024	5.73	0.00
Weekly – Avg. Flow/Total Rainfall	5.69	0.73
Aug - Avg. Flow/Total Rainfall	6.25	4.14
Sept - Avg. Flow/Total Rainfall	5.69	0.00

- Repaired plant weather station.
- Continued wiring for new gate network.
- Wiring work for breakroom HVAC upgrade.
- Routine MVP Plant Work orders & Corrective Work Orders.

<b>Wastewater Division – Customer Call Log Summary 2024</b>							
<u>Type</u>	<u>Blockages</u>	<u>Grinder Pumps</u>	<u>Odor Complaints</u>	<u>Flushing</u>	<u>WW Pump Stations</u>	<u>Other</u>	<u>Totals</u>
Weekly	0	2	0	0	0	2	4
YTD 2024	63	37	12	0	0	179	291

**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), monthly spectrophotometer check, monthly Quanti-Tray Seal Test, Monthly DI water TOC and Ammonia check
- Collected samples for COVID and other pathogen research studies: Wastewater-SCAN, Biobot, and CDC-NWSS
- Collected Quarterly Metals and Toxic Chemical monitoring
- Completed Raw sampler maintenance
- Annual PM on Hach Equipment completed

### Environmental Coordinator & Pretreatment

- Reviewed Lead and Copper Proposals

## WATER DIVISION

### Plant Flows - System Demand (MGD)

<u>Date</u>	<u>Willson</u>	<u>Breichner</u>	<u>Total</u>
08/29/24	11.77		11.77
08/30/24	11.46		11.46
08/31/24	10.96		10.96
09/01/24	10.83		10.83
09/02/24	11.37		11.37
09/03/24	11.67		11.67
09/04/24	11.91		11.91
		<b>Average:</b>	<b>11.42</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 1.84 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 service line leak on Manse Road.

### Laboratory

- Process and regulatory testing were routine for the week.
- Completed QC verifications for monthly UV lamp check, quanti-tray seal test, and quarterly DI water check at R.C. Willson.
- Completed bacteriological monitoring report for August.
- Collected bacteriological monitoring samples for September.
- Collected nitrification monitoring samples.
- Collected one (1) water line test sample 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 SCHEDULE \* EVENT FLYERS  
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# Fit Room at Fairgrounds Park at Fairgrounds Park

## Monthly Calendar For September 2024

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<b>1</b> 11a-12p Gymnastics for Kids #8377	<b>2</b>	<b>3</b> 6p-7p Buti Yoga #8333	<b>4</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>6</b> 3:15p-4:45p Gymnastics for Kids, Intermediate #8384 4:45p-5:45p Gymnastics for Kids #8372	<b>7</b>
<b>8</b> 11a-12p Gymnastics for Kids #8378	<b>9</b> 9:15a-10:15a Actively Ageless- Functional Fitness #8359	<b>10</b> 6p-7p Buti Yoga #8333	<b>11</b> 9:15a-10:15a Actively Ageless- Functional Fitness #8359 12p-4p CPR and First Aid #8340	<b>12</b>	<b>13</b> 3:15p-4:45p Gymnastics for Kids, Intermediate #8384 4:45p-5:45p Gymnastics for Kids #8372 6p-7p Aerial Tricks #8500 7:15p-8:15p Aerial Stretch #8473	<b>14</b>
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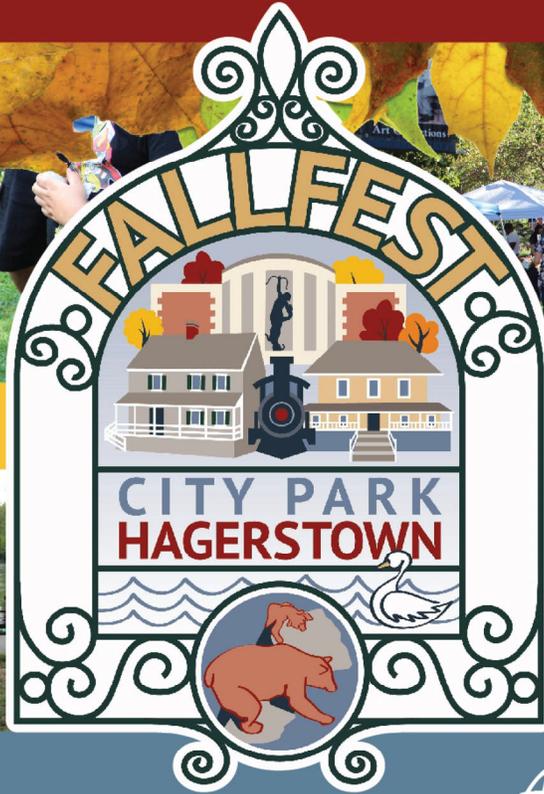


**SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 21**

presented by:



**11:00AM - 8:00PM**



**FREE ACTIVITIES**



Family Entertainment, Arts Activities,  
Living History, Museum Tours, Pony Rides,  
Petting Zoo, Food & Craft Vendors  
**7:45pm:** Fireworks on City Park Lake

*A fusion of arts,  
entertainment and history!*

For a detailed schedule of activities and locations, visit: [www.hagerstownmd.org/fallfest](http://www.hagerstownmd.org/fallfest)

 'Hagerstown Parks and Recreation'