



# CITY OF HAGERSTOWN, MARYLAND STATUS & INFORMATION REPORT NO. 38 FOR 2024

To Members of the City Council:

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

- Corderman to Host Public Safety Town Hall Meeting
- USPS Problems Could Cause Disruptions to Voting, Officials Say
- Hagerstown Flying Boxcars' First Season Not Defined by Wins and Losses
- Comings & Goings: New DG Market Opens, Kirk National Lease Hiring
- Political Notebook: Where Do Voter Registrations in Maryland Stand?
- Meritus Earns Best-in-State Employer Award from Forbes
- Are Hagerstown, Washington County Elections Truly Nonpartisan?
- WCMFA Seeks Donations for its Treasure Sale
- Long-Awaited CRS Station is Operational in Maugansville
- Vehicle Hit by Gunfire in Hagerstown, Three 18-Year-Olds Arrested
- Washington County Receives \$1,544,000 Grant for Rural Legacy Program
- Eldridge Drive Facility Being Renovated to Serve as HFD's Temporary HQ
- Press Release: Pen-Mar Realtors Celebrate Grand Reopening
- Press Release: City Park Fall Fest & Fireworks Event is This Saturday
- Press Release: Takito Celebrates Grand Opening in Authentic Mexican Style
- Traffic Advisory: Court Place (thru October 16)
- Traffic Advisory: Northern Avenue
- Traffic Advisory: Hays Alley

## **This Week's Video Projects**

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

## **Channel 25 Hub City Now Programming:**

- Mayor & Council Meeting
- "Council wRap"
- "Homecoming of Hope" Event
- "State of the City" Event Presentation
- Hager Fest :30 Promo
- Plein Air Art Exhibition Promo Video
- The Greens at Hamilton Run :30 Promo
- Visit Hagerstown :30 Promo
- Fit Room :30 Promo
- Mayor & Council Community Organization/Agency Leaders Discussion Clips
- "Council wRap" Promo

**City Website:**

- [www.hagerstownmd.org](http://www.hagerstownmd.org) attracted 10,819 user visits for the week of September 12-18
- The most popular top entrances (the first page users accessed on the website):

1. Home Page	3,127
2. Online Payment Portal Page	1,722
3. Utility Billing Page	1,298
4. Water Division Page	1,137
5. Police Page	624
6. City Park Fall Fest Page	556
7. Search Page	432
8. Civic Alerts Page	322
9. FAQ Page	316
10. Bids Page	218

- **Top searches**

1. Water
2. Jobs
3. Water main break/water outage/low water pressure
4. Game retailer
5. Pay my bill

## COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT

The Office of Community Engagement would like to extend an invitation to each of you to attend [Hagerfest Music and Art Festival](#) happening this Saturday, September 21<sup>st</sup> in the Hagerstown Arts and Entertainment District in downtown Hagerstown. This is the first time our office has hosted a fully inclusive music and arts festival, and we are looking forward to the community getting excited and being involved!

Festival schedule and map are below.



# FESTIVAL SCHEDULE

HIGHLIGHTED ITEMS REQUIRE A TICKET. ALL OTHER SHOWS AND ACTIVITIES ARE FREE AND OPEN TO THE PUBLIC.

## thursday SEPTEMBER 19

**LEITER'S FINE CATERING**  
5:30 PM ARTIST PANEL DISCUSSION

## friday SEPTEMBER 20

**60 W WASHINGTON ST**  
5 PM MERGE ARTIST COLLECTIVE ART EXHIBIT

## saturday SEPTEMBER 21

**UNIVERSITY PLAZA**  
11AM DIRRTY PHIL  
11:30AM RYAN FRANKO  
12PM STUDENT PERFORMANCES  
3:15PM THE STEEL TONES  
4:15PM GENO MARRIOTT & THE SPIRIT OF JAZZ  
5:15PM SMILE BACK RECORDS  
6:00PM SPENCE 4HIRE & JAX

**HUB CITY BREWERY** 🍺  
12PM NEW WAY DRIVE  
5:30PM THE DISHONEST FIDDLERS

**LIVE AT HUB CITY VINYL**  
1PM MARYLAND SYMPHONY ORCHESTRA  
3PM THE WILD HYMNS  
8PM SILENT DISCO (THE AFTER PARTY) \$

**LEITER'S FINE CATERING**  
11AM CLAY & PLAY  
4PM ZINE WORKSHOP  
5:30PM OPEN MIC

**MURAL OF UNUSUAL SIZE**  
11AM ART ACTIVITIES FOR KIDS  
3PM DJ NOTORIOUS S.T.R.

**HATTER'S PLAZA** 🍷  
11AM FOOD TRUCKS

**60 W WASHINGTON ST**  
11AM IMBUE ART EXHIBIT

**THE YARN SHOP**  
11AM GIANT LOOM

**JUST LOOKIN' GALLERY**  
MEET ARTIST HAMPTON L. OLFUS, JR.



# DEPARTMENT OF COMMUNITY & ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

## ENGINEERING

1. **Safety Action Plan** – the City, working with the Hagerstown-Eastern Panhandle Metropolitan Planning Organization, is conducting an online survey to collect responses from residents regarding traffic, bicyclist, and pedestrian issues. The survey can be accessed at <https://live.metroquestsurvey.com/?u=sj2e2p#!/> , and will remain open until October 4<sup>th</sup>.
2. **Hagerstown Field House** – work is progressing on interior framing and utility fit-out, and the contractor plans to have the building secured by September 27<sup>th</sup>.
3. **Eldridge Drive warehouse** – the contractor has completed the demolition of the spaces in the warehouse that will be used by the Hagerstown Fire Department’s administrative staff, and is beginning construction of new living quarters for the Battalion Commanders.
4. **Engineering Statistics**

Description	Week of 09/16/24	Calendar Year 2024 TOTALS
Traffic complaints received	2	119
Work Orders completed	0	99
Traffic counts completed	1	23
<b>Construction Projects</b>		
Description	Week of 09/16/24	Calendar Year 2024 TOTALS
Construction Projects advertised for bids	0	10
RFP’s Advertised	1	6
Projects under construction	16	16
Projects completed	0	2

## FIRE

Total Incidents (City only)	82	Mutual Aid to surrounding FDs	10
• Unit Responses	199	• Halfway FD	3
• Fire/Rescue Responses	42	• Maugansville FD	2
• EMS Responses	33	• Funkstown FD	3
• Other Responses	7	• Longmeadow FD	1
Inspections/System Tests	18	• Other	3
Community Events, Smoke Alarm Installs	10		

### Significant Incidents

No significant incidents this week.

## PLANNING & CODE ADMINISTRATION

### Historic District Commission:

None

The next HDC meeting will be held September 26, 2024 @ 4:00 pm.

### Board of Zoning Appeals:

901-903 Concord Street – Expansion of a Non-Conforming Use.

The next hearing date is October 10, 2024, at 7:00 p.m.

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

Burhans Village, 435 Peleton Street, Hagerstown, Maryland

### Zoning Certificates issued for the following properties:

22 North Mulberry Street- Plant the Seed of Maryland LLC.

### Planning Commission:

The next Planning Commission Meeting will be held September 25, 2024 @ 7:00 pm.

### Development Review Plans received.

None

# POLICE

## STATS (09/12/2024 – 09/18/2024)

Calls for Service:	1995	Field Interviews:	3
Arrests/Warrants Served:	25	Moving Violations:	21
Domestic Violence Calls:	19	Safety Repair Orders:	2
DUI Arrests:	1	Warnings:	96
Reports Filed:	144		

**Media Release:** On Monday September 16, 2024 at approximately 7:09 P.M. officers from the Hagerstown Police Department responded to the area of 34 North Cannon Avenue (CVS) for shots fired. Upon officers arriving in the area they engaged in foot pursuits of three suspects. Two suspects were quickly apprehended in the area of South Mulberry Street. They have been identified as Micah Curtis, age 18 of Hagerstown and Davon Alfonzo Griffin also age 18 of Hagerstown. Officers also located two handguns that were discarded by two of the suspects during the foot pursuit. Officers identified two victims from the incident and determined their vehicle had been struck by gunfire. A search warrant was executed at 14 South Mulberry Street in the early morning hours on Tuesday, September 17, 2024 and Franck Diffo-Simmo, age 18 of Hagerstown, was taken into custody.

Curtis, Griffin, and Diffo-Simmo have been charged with Attempted Murder and various handgun violations. They are currently awaiting an initial appearance at the Washington County Detention Center.

The Hagerstown Police Department would like to recognize the Washington County Sheriff's Office, Washington County State's Attorney's Office, and the Washington County Special Response Team for their assistance in this investigation. This is still an active investigation but if anyone has information they can remain anonymous and contact Detective Weaver at [sweaver@hagerstownpd.org](mailto:sweaver@hagerstownpd.org) from the Criminal Investigative Unit.

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.

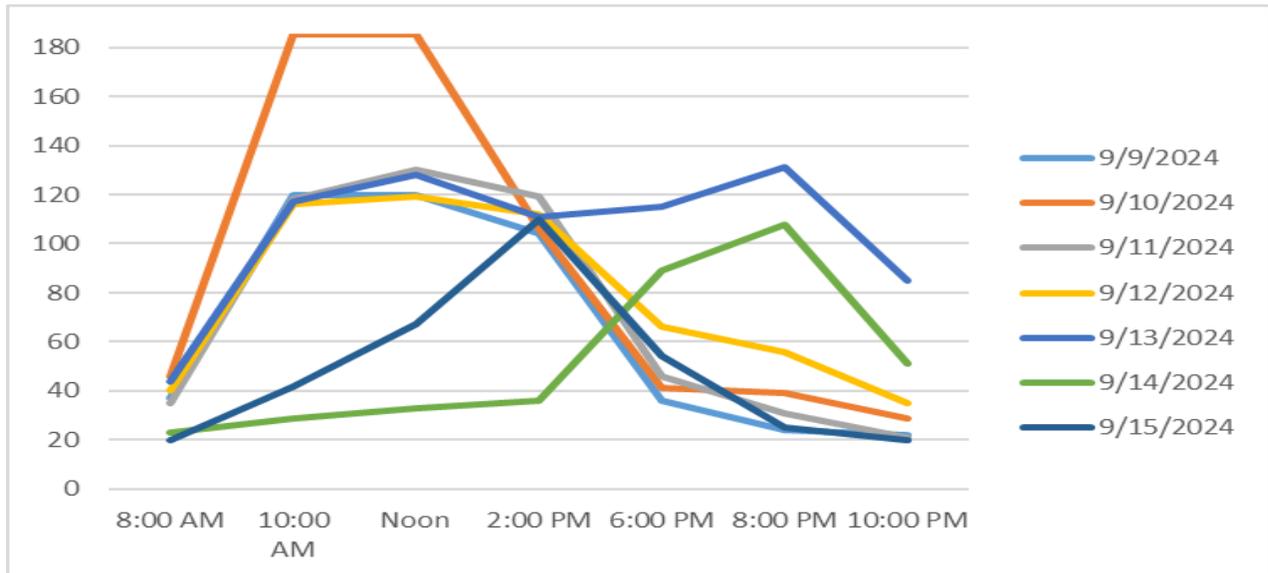
**Upcoming Test Date:** HPD is hiring for the 2025 winter academy. The next comprehensive testing date will be held at the Hagerstown Community College on Saturday, September 28th. Applicants will take the written test, physical test and participate in a panel interview. Visit [www.hagerstownpd.org](http://www.hagerstownpd.org) to sign up to take the test and be contacted by a recruiter. Successful applicants completing the background process will be hired with full salary and benefits while they await the start of the academy. Lateral and comparative compliance applicants are eligible for up to \$20k in hiring bonuses. Check out our website for full details.

# PUBLIC WORKS

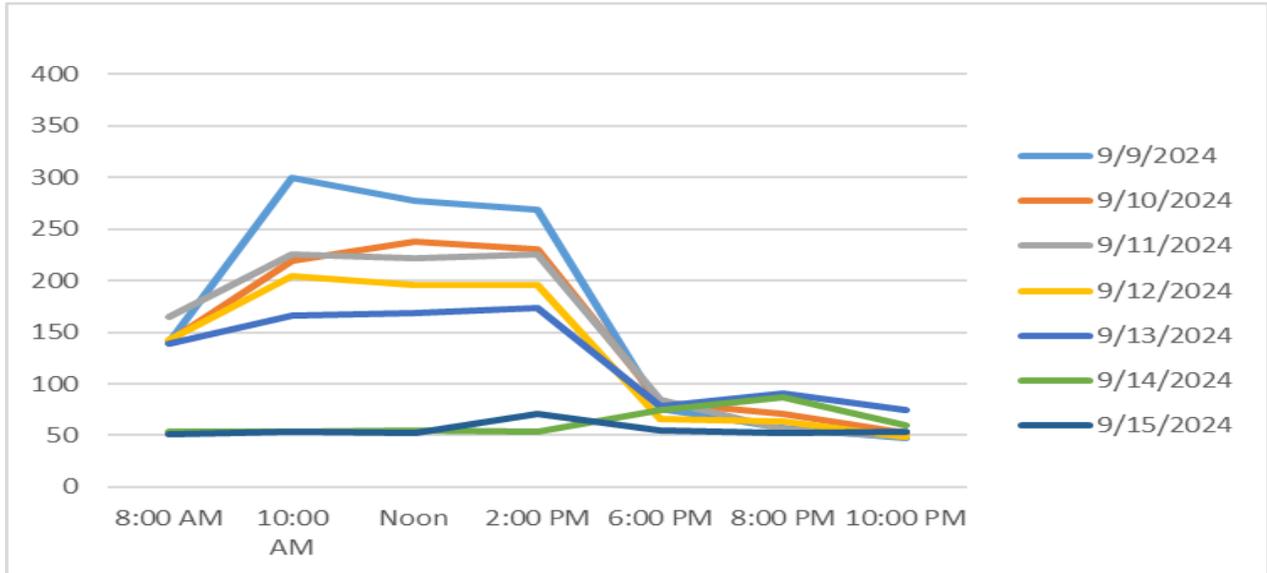
## GENERAL PARKING SYSTEM DATA

		Current Week	Previous Week
<b>Number of Permit Holders</b>	A & E Deck	173	173
	University District Deck	296	298
	Hub City Garage	54	51
<b>Number of Student Permits</b>	Central & Rochester Lots	59	58
<b>Number of Patrons Using Decks</b>	A & E Deck	1645	1111
	University District Deck	1792	1245
	Hub City Garage	1419	1030
<b>Number of Citations Issued</b>	(Includes Warnings)	177	228
<b>Peak Occupancy (%)</b>	A & E Deck	100% Tu @ 10AM & Noon	91% Th @ Noon
<b>Peak Occupancy (%)</b>	University District Deck	69% Mo @ 10AM	55% Tu @ 2PM
<b>Peak Occupancy (%)</b>	Hub City Garage	100% Fr @ 8PM 100% Sa @ 8PM	67% Th @ 6PM

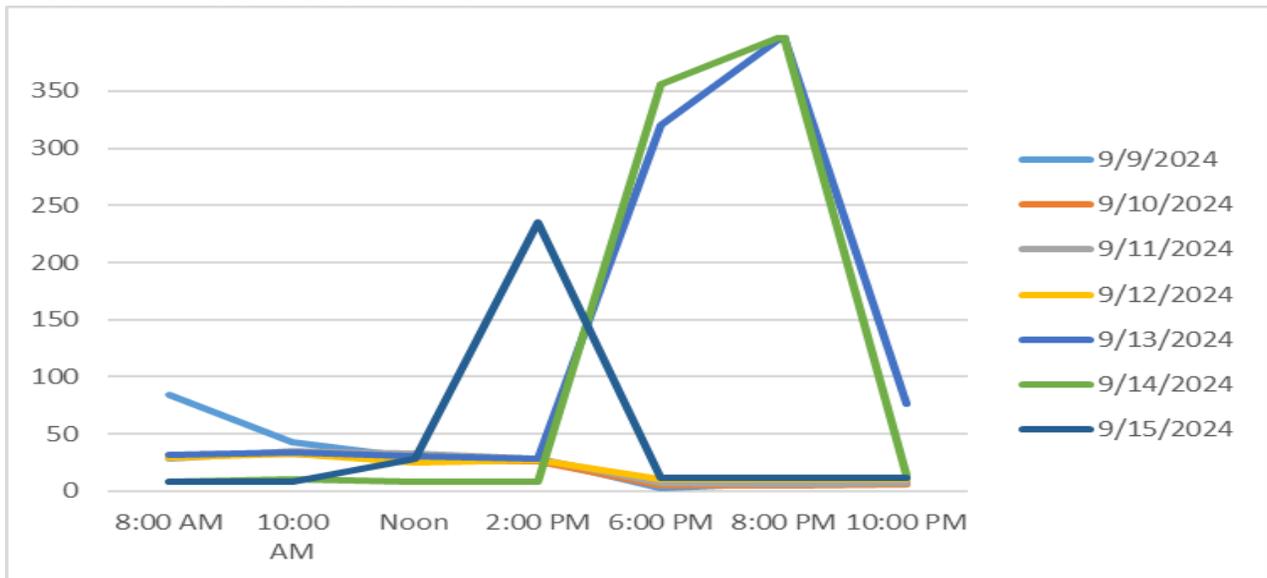
## A&E PARKING DECK WEEKLY OCCUPANCY



### UD PARKING DECK WEEKLY OCCUPANCY



### HUB CITY PARKING GARAGE OCCUPANCY



### DOWNTOWN EVENTS

Event Name	Date	Location
Private Event	09/10/2024	Maryland Theatre
Flying Boxcars	09/13/2024	Meritus Park
Flying Boxcars	09/14/2024	Meritus Park
Flying Boxcars	09/15/2024	Meritus Park

## CENTRAL MAINTENANCE GARAGE REPAIR DATA

	Current Week	Previous Week
DCED	0	0
Planning & Code	0	0
Fire	0	0
Engineering	0	0
Parks & Recreation	0	0
Public Works	0	3
Police	6	5
Water	4	2
Wastewater	0	0
Light	1	5
Human Resources	0	0
Weekly Totals	11	15
Yearly Total	678	667

### AFTER HOURS CALL BACKS

Wednesday, September 11, 2024 @ 3:30PM: The office received a call from a resident about a phone that had fallen into a storm drain at 354 Merrbaugh Circle. Staff visited site and after several attempts was able to retrieve the item without entering the confined space.

Sunday, September 15, 2024 @ 5:36AM: A Water Distribution Foreman contacted the supervisor on call to request a street sweeper be sent to clean up after a major water main break repair on Virginia Ave. Staff called in an operator and the debris and dust were addressed.

### PARKS AND RECREATION

#### 2024/2025 Fall/Winter Parks & Recreation Guide

The new Fall/Winter Program & Events guide is now available. Visit all that is going on this fall and winter here: <https://www.hagerstownmd.org/145/Parks-Recreation>

#### City Park Fall Fest

Staff is preparing for the annual City Park Fall Fest on Saturday, September 21 from 11am – 8pm. Fireworks on City Park Lake begin at 7:45pm. <https://hagerstownmd.org/901/City-Park-Fall-Fest>

#### City Park Train Hub

A private pavilion rental is scheduled on Sunday, September 22 from 10am – 3pm.

#### Fit Room

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

#### Outdoor Programs

- Geocaching in the Parks, Saturday, September 21 at 2pm, City Park
- Parkour, Fridays at 4pm, at Fairgrounds Park
- Pickleball, Mondays at 6pm, Pangborn Park
- Shinrin-yoku (Forest Therapy), Saturday, September 21 at 2pm, Pangborn Park

## University Plaza

- Hager Fest, Saturday, September 21, 11am – 7pm

## Golf Course

Golf Course	9/11/24–9/17/24	9/11/23-9/17/23
# of Golfers	464	534

# UTILITIES DEPARTMENT

## ELECTRIC DIVISION

### Service Calls

Sat. 9/14 1028 Woodland Way – lines down; line crew replaced triplex service pulled loose from residence to restore power. Time Out: 7.4-10.0

Sat. 9/14 301 North Burhans Blvd – partial outage; squirrel caused line fuse to operate. Time Out: 10.0-11.3

Mon. 9/16 563 Liberty Street – total outage; an internal problem was found and the customer was advised to contact electrician for repairs. Time Out: 20.7-21.5

Lamps Replaced	New Fixtures Added	Changeouts	Fixtures Removed
4	0	2	0

- Multiple permits for buildings, fences, etc. were reviewed along with several Make-Ready-Work applications for Comcast pole attachments.
- Staff met on-site with multiple project managers to review and discuss their proposed or ongoing development activities.
- The Rebuttal Testimony was filed this week for MD PSC Rate Case 9744. The details of the case can be found at the Commission’s website: <https://webpsc.psc.state.md.us/DMS/case/9744>
- An evening hearing for the purpose of receiving public comments in connection with MD PSC Rate Case 9744 will be held Monday, October 7, 2024 at 7:00 p.m. at City Hall, Council Chamber, 2nd Floor, 1 East Franklin Street. For additional details please visit our website: [www.hagerstownlight.org](http://www.hagerstownlight.org)

## WASTEWATER DIVISION

Wastewater Treatment Plant at Frederick Street

Date	Flow (mgd)	Rainfall (inches)
Wednesday, Sept 11, 2024	5.32	0.00
Thursday, Sept 12, 2024	5.03	0.00
Friday, Sept 13, 2024	5.21	0.00
Saturday, Sept 14, 2024	4.83	0.00
Sunday, Sept 15, 2024	5.07	0.00
Monday, Sept 16, 2024	5.03	0.00
Tuesday, Sept 17, 2024	4.93	0.03
Weekly – Avg. Flow/Total Rainfall	5.06	0.03
Sept – Avg. Flow/Total Rainfall	5.28	0.03

- Replaced pulley and belt on BNR scrubber.
- Located underground wiring that shorted out and bypassed fault.
- Installed new LED lights in Operations building hallway.
- Worked with B&V to conduct performance evaluation on O2 system and 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	21, 31	128, 220	70.2, 83.4	2, 9
Flushing	17, 21, 31	6112, 128, 220		
Manholes	1	3	Corrosion	MH-01009,01010,01011

## Collection System Maintenance Tasks

- CCTV crew and pump crew worked on 907 Summit Avenue and Perlite Way, and grinder pump at 478 Fair Meadows Blvd.
- Took truck to Hagerstown Ford for valve cover gasket.
- Organized files on POSM.
- Checked pump faults at Pump Stations 6, 25 and 28.
- Plumbing repair at Pump Station 21.
- Pulled pump 2 at Pump Station 22 for rags.
- Worked on grinder pump at 20015 Cherry Hill Circle.
- Cleaned catch basket at Pump Station 14.
- Flusher crew flushed Summit Avenue and Perlite Way for CCTV crew.
- Washed down manholes for construction crew on Northern Avenue.

Wastewater Division – Customer Call Log Summary 2024							
Type	Blockages	Grinder Pumps	Odor Complaints	Flushing	WW Pump Stations	Other	Totals
Weekly	4	5	1	0	0	4	14
YTD 2024	68	44	15	0	0	188	315

## 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
- Collected samples for COVID and other pathogen research studies: Wastewater-SCAN, Biobot, and CDC-NWSS

### Environmental Coordinator & Pretreatment

- Completed POTW sampling at Berwick
- Scheduled annual pretreatment inspection at Royal Aircraft
- Attended webinar: PFAS and Potential Effects on Rural Wastewater Treatment

## WATER DIVISION

### Plant Flows - System Demand (MGD)

<u>Date</u>	<u>Willson</u>	<u>Breichner</u>	<u>Total</u>
09/12/24	11.87		11.87
09/13/24	11.61		11.61
09/14/24	15.38		15.38
09/15/24	10.70		10.70
09/16/24	10.74		10.74
09/17/24	11.27		11.27
09/18/24	12.73		12.73
		<b>Average:</b>	<b>12.04</b>

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

- Staff worked on facility maintenance and routine preventative maintenance.
- Staff assisted operations during plant shutdown and assisted ABB, Inc. with planned maintenance.
- Staff replaced level sensor and controller on Rock Willow Tank.

### Water Production at Breichner / Edgemont Reservoir

The Edgemont Reservoir pool elevation is currently at 1.45 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 large break on the 24" transmission line along Virginia Avenue.

### Laboratory

- Process and regulatory testing were routine for the week.
- Collected bacteriological monitoring samples for September.
- Collected nitrification monitoring samples.
- Collected two (2) water line test samples.

<u>Engineering</u>	<u>City</u>	<u>County</u>
Site Plans	-	-
Preliminary Plats	-	-
Grading Plan	-	-
Final Plat	-	-
Building Permits	16	6
Development Plan	-	-

- 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 NEXT PAGE**

# 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>	<b>10</b> 6p-7p Buti Yoga #8333	<b>11</b> 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	<b>14</b>
<b>15</b> 11a-12p Gymnastics for Kids #8378	<b>16</b>	<b>17</b> 6p-7p Buti Yoga #8333	<b>18</b>	<b>19</b>	<b>20</b> 3:15p-4:45p Gymnastics for Kids, Intermediate #8384 4:45p-5:45p Gymnastics for Kids #8372 6p-7p Aerial Tricks #8501 7:15p-8:15p Aerial Stretch #8474	<b>21</b>
<b>22</b> 11a-12p Gymnastics for Kids #8378 1:15p-2:15p Aerial Stretch #8420	<b>23</b>	<b>24</b> 6p-7p Buti Yoga #8333	<b>25</b>	<b>26</b>	<b>27</b> 3:15p-4:45p Gymnastics for Kids, Intermediate #8384 4:45p-5:45p Gymnastics for Kids #8372	<b>28</b>
<b>29</b> 11a-12p Gymnastics for Kids #8378	<b>30</b>					