



CITY OF HAGERSTOWN, MARYLAND STATUS & INFORMATION REPORT NO. 3 FOR 2025

To Members of the City Council:

January 24, 2025

JANUARY 2025

*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 Events listed, please email events@downtownhagerstown.org
Visit Hagerstown Parks & Recreation website and flip through the 2024/2025 Fall Winter digital Program Guide
<https://www.hagerstownmd.org/145/Parks-Recreation>*

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			1	2	3	4
5	6	7 No Mayor and Council Meeting Scheduled	8	9	10	11
12	13	14 Mayor and Council Work Session 4 PM	15	16	17 Kick-off Hub City 100-Miler Fit Room at Fairgrounds Park 5 PM	18
19	20 FREE PARKING CITY PARKING DECKS MLK HOLIDAY	21 Mayor and Council Work Session 4 PM	22	23	24	25
26	27	28 Mayor and Council Regular Session 7 PM	29	30	31	

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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:

- Maryland DNR Seeks Input on Parks Strategy
- Cold, Potential Snow Coming to Md., Pa.
- Moore Announces Proposed Budget Plan
- New President Named at F&M Trust
- Washington County DBED Prepares Businesses for Tariff Changes
- State Highway Tackling Pedestrian Safety along U. S. 40 in Hagerstown
- Donald Trump, JD Vance Sworn in at Inauguration
- Wind Chills Not Expected to Get Above Freezing Until Weekend
- Trash & Recycling Advisory: Weather-Related Delay This Week

This Week's Video Projects:

- Mayor & Council Work Session
- "Council wRap" Segment
- "State of the City" Video meeting
- Waste Water Video post-production

Channel 25 Hub City Now Programming:

- Mayor & Council Meeting
- "Council wRap"
- Visit Hagerstown :30 Promo
- Fit Room :30 Promo
- Hub City 100-Miler Promo
- Public Works Snow Information Facts Video

City Website:

- www.hagerstownmd.org attracted 7,262 user visits for the week of January 16-22
- The most popular top entrances (the first page users accessed on the website):

1. Home Page	1,827
2. Online Payment Portal Page	1,537
3. Utility Billing Page	750
4. Collection-Schedules-Zones Page	499
5. Search Page	310
6. Hub City 100-Miler Page	294
7. Jobs Page	291
8. Civic Alerts Page	284
9. Trash & Recycling Page	274
10. Bids Page	164

- Top searches

1. Restroom
2. Jobs
3. Trash & recycling
4. Track permits
5. Pay my bill

COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT

Galentine's Day – February 8 from 11 AM to 3 PM

- Perfect Pairings with Women-Owned Businesses in Downtown Hagerstown
- Featuring Craft Workshops, Artisan Vendors, Heart-shaped Balloons and Mocktails/Cocktails
- Additional information, visit <https://www.mainstreethagerstown.org>

Taste of Downtown – March 8 from 3 PM to 8 PM

- Stroll through Downtown and taste the different flavors of international cuisine
- Participating Downtown restaurants will offer an appetizer/tasting
- Tickets go on sale in February

Run-Fest and St. Patrick's Day Festival – March 15 from 8 AM to 1 PM

Sign up for a 1-mile walk, 5K or 8K

Following the run – Poor Man's Gambit takes the stage at Hub City Brewery from 11 AM to 1 PM

DEPARTMENT OF COMMUNITY & ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

DCED staff traveled to Annapolis on Wednesday, January 23 to participate in the Washington County community coalition's annual Day in Annapolis.

ENGINEERING

1. **Hagerstown Field House** – sports flooring is being installed in the hard court area, one of the two artificial turf fields has been substantially completed, and the second turf field should be complete by this weekend. All fitness equipment has been delivered and is being installed. The contractor plans to begin final cleaning this weekend, with the goal to be open by February 1st.

2. **Columbia Gas project** – Columbia Gas needs to replace an existing gas main in Eastern Boulevard between Cannon Avenue and Dual Highway. This project is scheduled to begin on February 5th, and will include lane shifts on Eastern Boulevard and nighttime work as construction approaches Dual Highway. A separate project this summer will replace part of a high-pressure gas main in Memorial Boulevard.

3. **Traffic Signal Replacements** – staff is ready to give a Notice to Proceed to the contractor to replace the existing traffic signals at Antietam Street/Summit Avenue and Salem Avenue/West Side Avenue. The signals will include pedestrian signals and pushbuttons to bring these intersections into compliance with ADA regulations.

4. **Engineering Statistics**

Description	Week of 01/20/2025	Calendar Year 2025 TOTALS
Traffic complaints received	6	12
Work Orders completed	6	12
Traffic counts completed	0	0
Construction Projects		
Description	Week of 01/20/2025	Calendar Year 2025 TOTALS
Construction Projects advertised for bids	0	0
RFP's Advertised	0	1
Projects under construction	7	7
Projects completed	0	0

FIRE

FIRE DEPARTMENT

1/15/25 - 1/21/25

Total Incidents (City only)	69	Mutual Aid to surrounding FDs	14
• Unit Responses	135	• Halfway FD	2
• Fire/Rescue Responses	35	• Maugansville FD	0
• EMS Responses	27	• Funkstown FD	9
• Other Responses	7	• Longmeadow FD	0
Inspections/System Tests	30	• Other	3
Community Events	1		

Significant Incidents

1/15/25 - *Chimney Fire* - HFD units responded to 859 Dewey Ave for a reported chimney fire. Crews arrived to find thick black smoke coming from the chimney and confirmed a working chimney fire. After a coordinated effort from interior and roof crews, the fire was brought under control without extending into the main portion of the building.

PLANNING & CODE ADMINISTRATION

Report not available

POLICE

STATS (01/16/2025 – 01/22/2025)

Calls for Service:	1680	Field Interviews:	-
Arrests/Warrants Served:	18	Moving Violations:	22
Domestic Violence Calls:	22	Safety Repair Orders:	-
DUI Arrests:	1	Warnings:	47
Reports Filed:	119		

Media Release:

Homicide Arrest: On Thursday January 23rd, 2025 at approximately 1:30 P.M. Manuel Ernest Gordon Jr. (age 33) was taken into custody in Yonkers, New York by the United States Marshals Service. Gordon had an active arrest warrant for the murder of Rusty Mark Edwards that occurred on July 18th, 2024 in the area of 208 East Washington Street Hagerstown, Washington County, Maryland. The Hagerstown Police Department would like to recognize and thank the United States Marshals Service, Mountain State Fugitive Task Force Northern District of West Virginia, and the Yonkers New York Police Department for their assistance in his capture. Gordon awaits extradition back to MD

1/17/2025 Incident: On 1/17/25 at about 11:00pm an officer in the Jonathan St area heard gunshots. At the same time, our Emergency Communications Center started receiving calls from citizens also believing they heard shots fired. Officers responding to the scene located shell casings in the area of Sumans Ave and Wheaton Park. There were no victims and nothing was struck. Using city surveillance cameras, officers were able to identify vehicles and persons involved. The investigation revealed that the shooting was a dispute between people on scene who are known to each other.

On 1/21/25 Kenwon Addison Jr, age 17 of Frederick, MD was taken into custody at Tuscarora High School without incident with the assistance of the Frederick County Sheriff's Office. Addison was taken to the Frederick County Detention Center where he was charged as an adult. He was subsequently transferred to the Washington County Detention Center where is currently held. Charges include: 3 counts - 1st deg assault; 3 counts - reckless endangerment; Firearm use in course of a felony; Handgun on person; Loaded handgun on person; Handgun in vehicle; Loaded handgun in vehicle; Possession of firearm / prohibited; Illegal possession of ammunition.

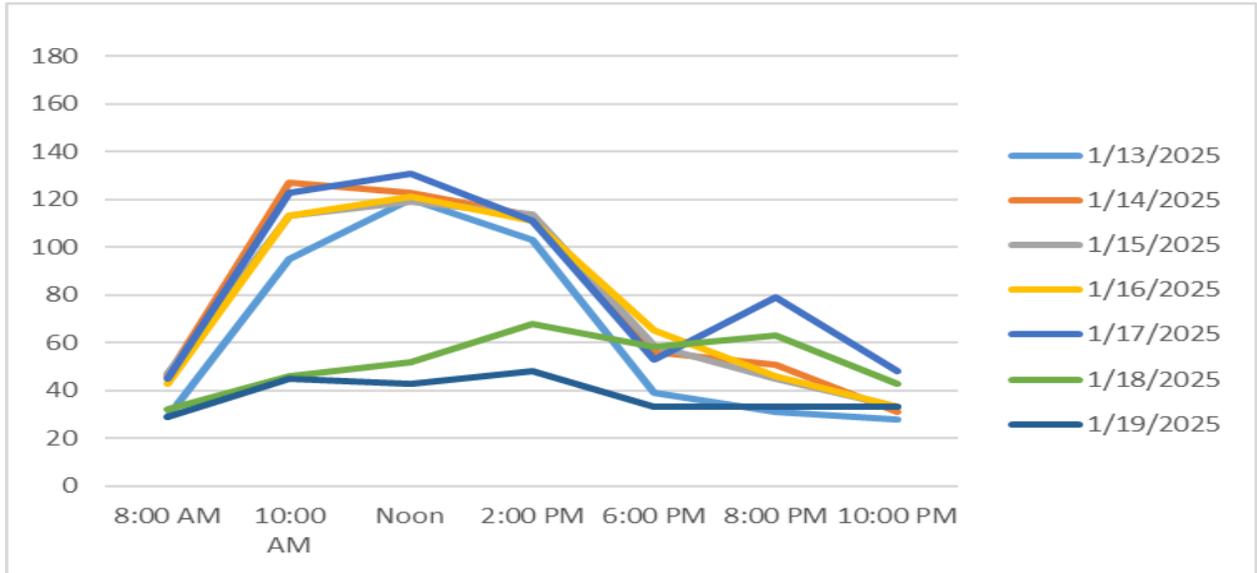
This remains an ongoing investigation and anyone with information is asked to contact Ofc. Kelbaugh at akelbaugh@hagerstownpd.org

PUBLIC WORKS

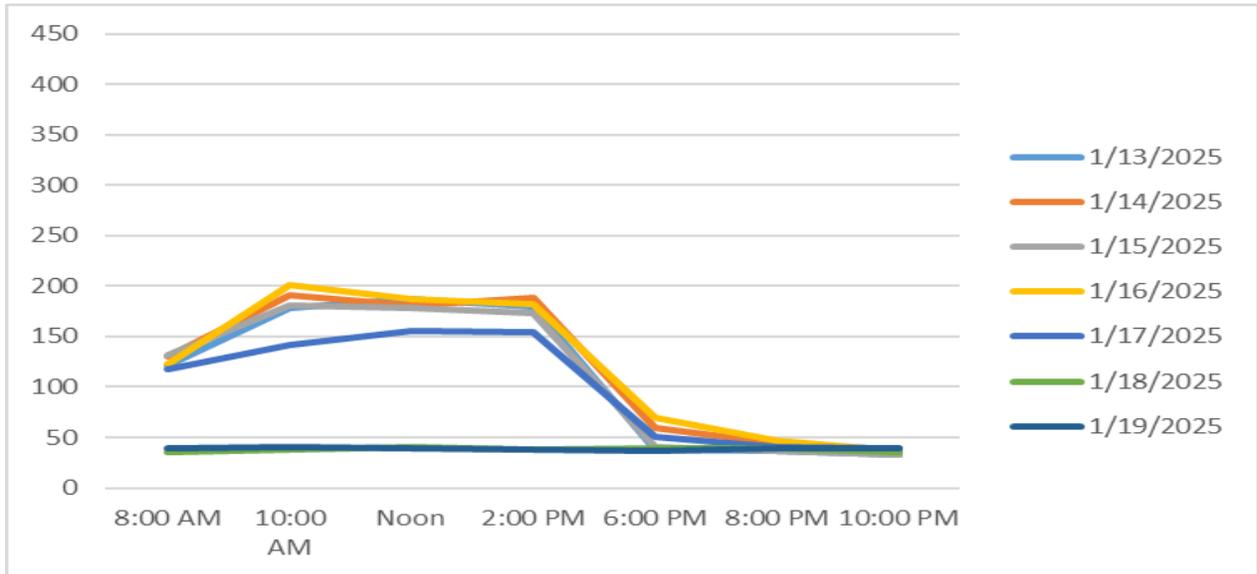
GENERAL PARKING SYSTEM DATA

		Current Week	Previous Week
Number of Permit Holders	A & E Deck	165	165
	University District Deck	298	298
	Hub City Garage	65	65
Number of Student Permits	Central & Rochester Lots	58	60
Number of Patrons Using Decks	A & E Deck	1356	1145
	University District Deck	1441	991
	Hub City Garage	589	524
Number of Citations Issued	(Includes Warnings)	382	308
Peak Occupancy (%)	A & E Deck	71% Fr @ Noon	98% Sa@ 8PM
Peak Occupancy (%)	University District Deck	46% Th @ 10AM	46% We@ Noon
Peak Occupancy (%)	Hub City Garage	16% Tu @ 10AM	23% Sa@ 8PM

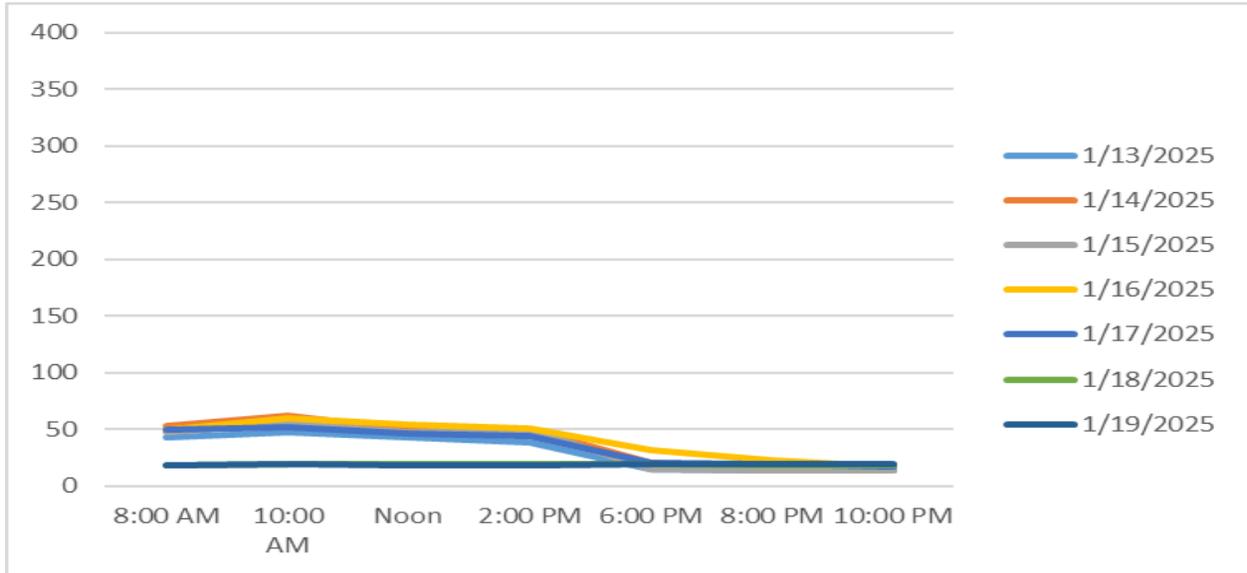
A&E PARKING DECK WEEKLY OCCUPANCY



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HUB CITY PARKING GARAGE OCCUPANCY



DOWNTOWN EVENTS

Event Name	Date	Location
Creative Writing	1/16/2025	Maryland Theatre

CENTRAL MAINTENANCE GARAGE REPAIR DATA

	Current Week	Previous Week
DCED	1	0
Planning & Code	0	1
Fire	0	0
Engineering	0	0
Parks & Recreation	3	0
Public Works	5	1
Police	7	1
Water	9	1
Wastewater	0	0
Light	0	0
Human Resources	0	0
Weekly Totals	25	4
Yearly Total	36	11

UTILITIES DEPARTMENT

ELECTRIC DIVISION

Revisions to the Hagerstown Light Department Electric Service Tariff were filed with the Public Service Commission and added to the January 29, 2025 Administrative Agenda for formal approval to reflect the new electric rates effective February 2025.

- Staff responded to system disturbances due to the cold temperatures with recommendations and construction plans to improve system reliability.
- An order of streetlights have been received for the 2024 MEA SOLE Grant.
- Two new bucket trucks have been delivered and arrangements are being made to place them in service.
- Engineering staff planned upgrades to HLD's Engineering Analysis and GIS software.
- Multiple permit reviews and service upgrades requests have been reviewed and/or completed.
- Staff reviewed the Work Order Management system against inventory to improve processing and maintain accuracy.

WASTEWATER DIVISION

Wastewater Treatment Plant at Frederick Street

Date	Flow (mgd)	Rainfall (inches)
Wednesday, Jan. 15, 2025	5.36	0.00
Thursday, Jan. 16, 2025	5.34	0.00
Friday, Jan. 17, 2025	5.41	0.00
Saturday, Jan. 18, 2025	5.07	0.02
Sunday, Jan. 19, 2025	5.01	0.05
Monday, Jan. 20, 2025	5.27	0.00
Tuesday, Jan. 21, 2025	5.38	0.00
Weekly - Avg. Flow /Total Rainfall	5.28	0.07
Monthly – Avg. Flow/Total Rainfall	5.28	0.19

- Ordered additional parts for water leak at Digester building
- Snow removal
- Repaired solenoid valve on water bath
- New software updating for gate
- Routine MVP Plant Work orders & Corrective Work Orders

Wastewater Collection

SSES Weekly Progress

Activity	Districts	L. F. main	Feet of lateral	# Inspected
CCTV Inspections	17	87.3	47.1	1

Collection System Maintenance Tasks

- Construction crew and flusher crew worked on snow removal around shop and pump stations
- Restocked service trucks with pipe supplies and fittings
- Repaired cleanout cap at 346 Vista Avenue
- Installed flow meters in several manholes
- CCTV crew organized files in camera truck
- Worked on 309 Ridge Avenue for blockage call, including CCTV
- Cleaned upper level of shop
- Pump crew worked on Pump #2 check valve fail at Pump Station 23
- Installed block heaters at Pump Stations 3 and 18
- Replaced grinder pump at 11247 Eastwood Drive

Wastewater Division – Customer Call Log Summary 2025							
Type	Blockages	Grinder Pumps	Odor Complaints	Flushing	WW Pump Stations	Other	Totals
Weekly	6	6	0	0	0	8	20
YTD 2024	14	15	1	0	0	27	57

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 DI water system checks
- Collected samples for COVID and other pathogen research studies: Wastewater-SCAN, Biobot, and CDC-NWSS
- Cross-training with Lachat nutrient analysis on-going

ENVIRONMENTAL COORDINATOR & PRE-TREATMENT

- Entered December Self-Monitoring for Berwick and Mack into Synexus
- Calculated Berwick December surcharge
- Completed Mizell Inspection Report
- Completed Site Visit at 55 Oak Ridge Dr
- Initiated 4th Quarter MDE Compliance Report

WATER DIVISION

Plant Flows - System Demand (MGD)

<u>Date</u>	<u>Willson</u>	<u>Breichner</u>	<u>Total</u>
01/16/25	11.02		11.02
01/17/25	12.02		12.02
01/18/25	11.62		11.62
01/19/25	11.30		11.30
01/20/25	11.59		11.59
01/21/25	11.89		11.89
01/22/25	11.64		11.64
		Average:	11.58

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 3.01 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 Stratford Avenue.

Laboratory

- Process and regulatory testing were routine for the week.
- Completed QC verification for monthly autoclave liquid cycle.
- Collected bacteriological monitoring samples for January at new monitoring sites.
- Collected lagoon discharge sample.
- Cross-training with water sample collection is on-going.

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,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Scott A. Nicewarner". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a large loop at the end of the last name.

Scott A. Nicewarner, City Administrator