



CITY OF HAGERSTOWN, MARYLAND STATUS & INFORMATION REPORT NO. 5 FOR 2025

To Members of the City Council:

February 7, 2025

FEBRUARY 2025

*For additional information and a complete list of City events, please visit the
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
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2	3	4 Mayor and Council Work Session 4 PM	5	6	7	8 Galentine's Tour 11 AM to 8 PM Tickets: \$25
9	10	11 Mayor and Council Work Session 4 PM	12	13	14	15
16	17 FREE PARKING CITY PARKING DECKS President's Day HOLIDAY	18 Mayor and Council Work Session 4 PM	19	20	21	22
23	24	25 Mayor and Council Regular Session 7 PM	26	27	28	

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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:

- Human Remains Found in Area of Kiwanis Park
- Chamber of Commerce Announces First Legacy Award Recipient
- Hagerstown Honey Baked Ham Co. Grand Opening Set for Feb. 1
- WCMFA Receives Donation from Baltimore Collector
- Enough Act Anti-Poverty Grant to Invest Millions in South End
- USMH, University of Baltimore Partner to Offer MBA Program
- Washington County Buys \$13.5M Property for Public Safety Services
- Ice Storm Warning for Washington County with Pa. Expecting Snow, Sleet
- Highlights from Washington County's 2025 State of the County
- Washington County Landfill to Get New Cell; Rates Being Reviewed
- Maryland Budget Crisis, Talk of Trump 'Chaos' Dominate State of State
- Traffic Advisory: Antietam Street Feb. 4
- Traffic Advisory: Antietam Street Feb. 5

This Week's Video Projects:

- Mayor & Council Work Session
- "Council wRap" Segment
- Hub City Brewery Grand Opening
- "State of the City" Video Shooting

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 7,472 user visits for the week of Jan. 30 – Feb. 5
- The most popular top entrances (the first page users accessed on the website):

1. Online Payment Portal Page	1,823
2. Home Page	1,751
3. Utility Billing Page	853
4. Police Page	624
5. Kiwanis Park Page	367
6. Jobs Page	337
7. Search Page	292
8. Bids Page	130
9. Trash & Recycling Page	127
10. Directory Page	85

- Top searches

1. Jobs/careers
2. Trash & recycling
3. ESS
4. Pay my bill
5. Bids

COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT

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

Community Development

Hagerstown Youth Council members are preparing for an upcoming youth advocacy day in Annapolis, Maryland.

Department Representation at Events

Staff attended the ENOUGH Partner Event at Meritus Park on Thursday, January 31, sponsored by San Mar and Bester Community of Hope. The event celebrated San Mar's announcement that they have been awarded the ENOUGH Grant through the State of Maryland, which will assist them in their efforts to provide housing, educational and workforce aid, and mental health and substance use resources for families in Hagerstown's South End.

Grand Openings & Anniversary Celebrations

On Tuesday, January 28 we celebrated the Grand Opening of Good Libations which offers a curated collection of non-alcoholic beverages, games, garnishes, and more at the store located at 37 S. Potomac Street. Business owner, Diane De Laet, has opened Western Maryland's only alcohol-free bottle and beverage boutique to fill a niche that Hagerstown was missing.

On Friday, January 31, we celebrated the Grand Opening of Hub City Brewery at 25 W. Church Street. Hub City Brewery is a full-service craft brewery that features craft beers made in house and craft spirits and cocktails made by Hub City Brewery's sister company and neighbor, Church Street Distillery. Owners Jake and David Blackmon, former owners of Smoketown Brewing Station, are excited to bring this brand-new concept to downtown Hagerstown.

On Saturday, February 1, we celebrated the Grand Opening of Honey Baked Ham. Hagerstown is the newest branch of the family-owned company with over 400 retail location in 40 states across the United States of America. Hagerstown franchisee is Matt Davis. Open Monday through Saturday from 10:00 am- 6:00 pm, Honey Baked Ham provides online ordering for deli and catering menu items as well as a dine-in café.

ENGINEERING

1. **Traffic Signal Improvements** – staff held a pre-construction meeting for two upcoming intersection improvement projects: Summit Avenue at Antietam Street, and Salem Avenue at West Side Avenue. These ARPA-funded projects will go to construction in mid-March, and are expected to be completed later this summer.
2. **City Hall First Floor Renovation** – the contractor has completed most of the interior demolition, and plans to begin the installation of new walls and partitions next week. All of the HVAC equipment on the mezzanine in the breezeway has been removed. A new emergency generator for City Hall is being delivered and installed.
3. **Eldridge Drive Warehouse** – a temporary Use & Occupancy certificate was issued for the new living quarters in the building, allowing Hagerstown Fire Department to staff the facility continuously.

4. **Engineering Statistics**

Description	Week of 02/03/2025	Calendar Year 2025 TOTALS
Traffic complaints received	1	13
Work Orders completed	0	12
Traffic counts completed	0	0
Construction Projects		
Description	Week of 02/03/2025	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

Report not available

PLANNING & CODE ADMINISTRATION

Report not available

POLICE

Calls for Service:	1773	Field Interviews:	3
Arrests/Warrants Served:	26	Moving Violations:	14
Domestic Violence Calls:	31	Safety Repair Orders:	4
DUI Arrests:	1	Warnings:	59
Reports Filed:	132		

MEDIA RELEASES:

Arrest & Indictment: On 11/1/24 Officers of the Hagerstown Police Department received information from employees at Boost Mobile Store located at 1013 Maryland Ave regarding child exploitation crimes. They told officers that a male had come into the store for repair of his cellphone. During the course of the repair, employees discovered pictures of nude females who appeared to be adolescents.

Hagerstown detectives learned that the suspect, William Foster Alger, age 75 of Hagerstown, had foreign connections and believed the images were taken in Equador. Detectives contacted the Homeland Security Investigations (HSI) from the Frederick, MD office to assist with the investigation. HSI and HPD worked in conjunction to execute search warrants on Alger's home in the 1200 block of Virginia Ave along with numerous electronic devices. Alger was placed under arrest at the time the warrants were served and was charged with the following: CR-11-207(a)(1) Child Porn Permit Sex Subject; CR 11-207(a)(1) Child Porn Solicit Subject; CR-11-208 Possess Child Pornography- 10 Counts

Due to the international nature of the investigation, the Department of Justice adopted the case which has led to a federal indictment. The link to their media release is below. Alger has been held at the Washington County Detention Center since the time of his arrest by HPD. The Department of Justice will take custody of Alger in the near future where he will be detained in a federal facility.

<https://www.justice.gov/usao-md/pr/hagerstown-man-faces-federal-indictment-sexually-exploiting-minor-and-producing-child>

Joint Release on behalf of HPD, NTF & WCSO: On February 4, 2025 the Washington County Narcotics Task Force was conducting surveillance and observed suspicious activity that alerted Agents to suspected Controlled Dangerous Substance distribution. After observing these activities, Agents requested uniformed units to respond to the area to assist with the investigation. When uniformed officers from the Hagerstown Police Department responded to the area to assist, they saw a traffic violation and conducted a stop of the vehicle.

During the course of the traffic stop officers identified the driver as Wesley Antonio Fulgham (age 35 of Baltimore MD) and the passenger as Levar Atturra Octavion Cooper (age 30 of Hanover MD). While performing the stop an MSP Trooper responded to the scene, and utilized his K-9 partner to conduct a scan of the vehicle. When the K-9 gave a positive alert to the presence of the odor of narcotics, officers asked the passenger (Cooper), to remove his hands from his pockets. Cooper then fled from the scene on foot. While running from officers he began to throw gel capsules to the ground, in the air, and on passing vehicles attempting to destroy the suspected narcotics. One of the officers pursuing him was struck by a large amount of airborne powder that was coming from the discarded capsules. This powder struck the officer in the face and chest area exposing him to the substance. The officer was later checked over and decontaminated by Community Rescue Services. The officer did not need further treatment and was not hospitalized.

Officers were able to catch Cooper and place him under arrest after the foot pursuit. Agents and officers recovered approximately 84 gel capsules containing suspected fentanyl. A subsequent search of the vehicle revealed additional suspected fentanyl and digital scales used to weigh the substances for retail sale along with other packaging and related paraphernalia. US currency was also seized.

Both subjects were arrested and charged with the following:

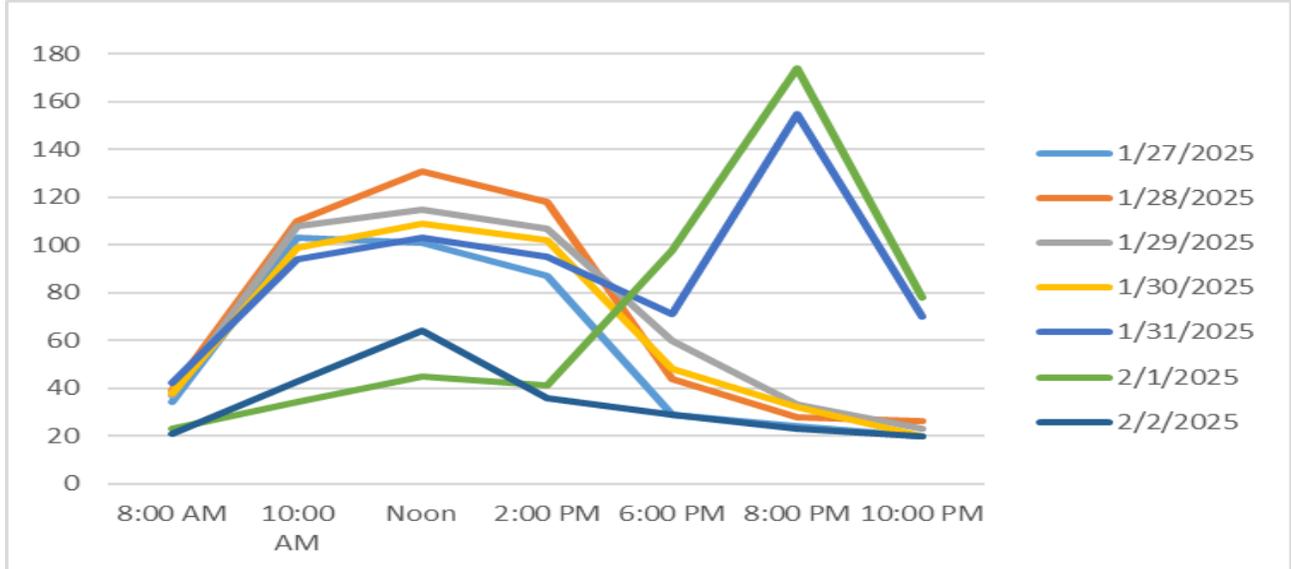
- Possession of Large amount (Fentanyl)
- Possession with intent to Distribute (Fentanyl)
- Possession of Controlled Dangerous Substance
- Possession of Controlled Dangerous Substance Paraphernalia
- **Cooper was also charged with Reckless Endangerment

PUBLIC WORKS

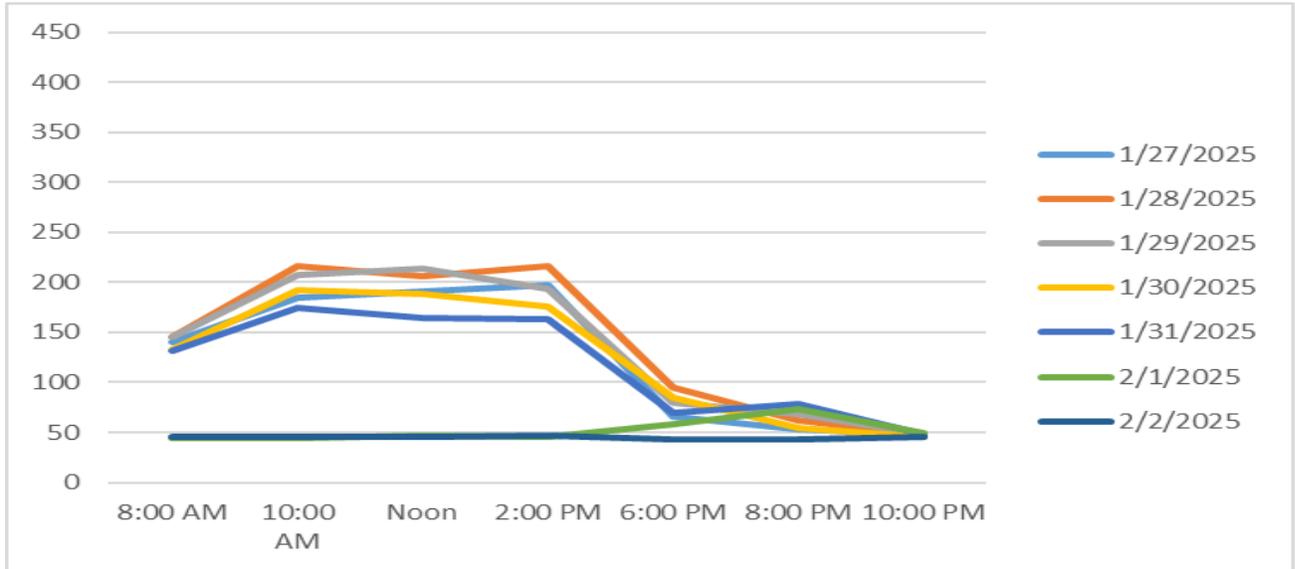
GENERAL PARKING SYSTEM DATA

		Current Week	Previous Week
Number of Permit Holders	A & E Deck	178	163
	University District Deck	295	279
	Hub City Garage	65	65
Number of Student Permits	Central & Rochester Lots	56	58
Number of Patrons Using Decks	A & E Deck	1485	1325
	University District Deck	1655	1155
	Hub City Garage	614	469
Number of Citations Issued	(Includes Warnings)	317	259
Peak Occupancy (%)	A & E Deck	95% Sat @ 8PM	100% Sat @8PM
Peak Occupancy (%)	University District Deck	50% Tues @ 10AM, 2PM	47% Tues @ 10AM
Peak Occupancy (%)	Hub City Garage	12% Tues @ 10AM	20% Wed @10AM

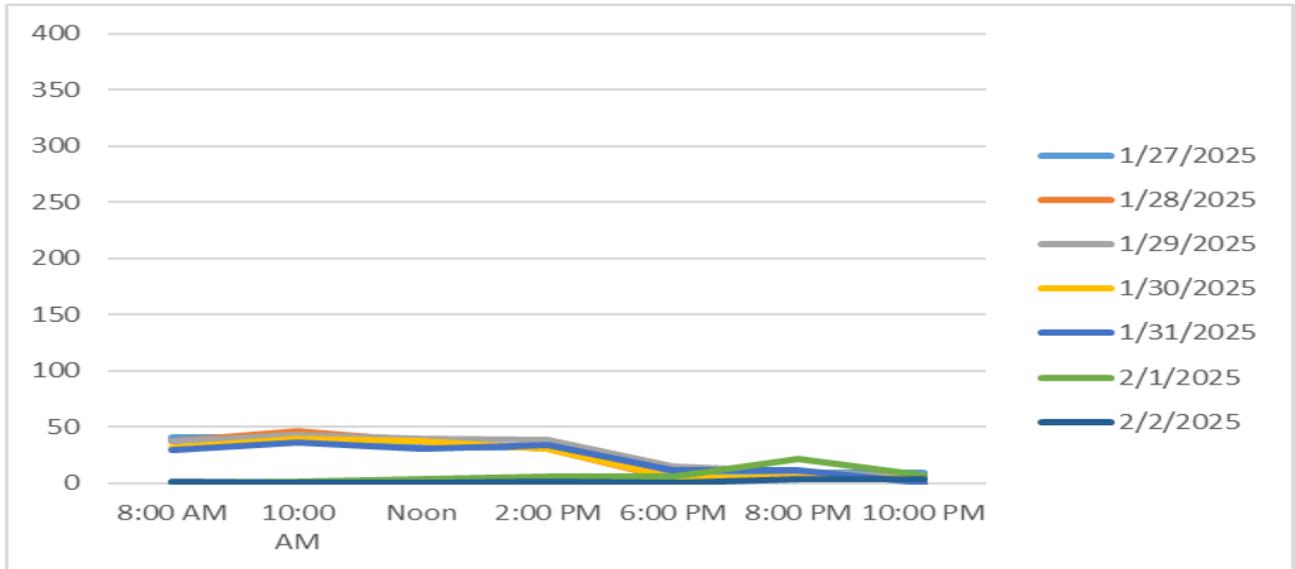
A&E PARKING DECK WEEKLY OCCUPANCY



UD PARKING DECK WEEKLY OCCUPANCY



HUB CITY PARKING GARAGE OCCUPANCY



DOWNTOWN EVENTS

Event Name	Date	Location
Wild World of Animals	01/31/2025	Maryland Theatre
The Purple Experience Xtreme	02/01/2025	Maryland Theatre

CENTRAL MAINTENANCE GARAGE REPAIR DATA

	Current Week	Previous Week
DCED	1	0
Planning & Code	5	1
Fire	1	0
Engineering	0	0
Parks & Recreation	4	3
Public Works	4	7
Police	18	14
Water	4	3
Wastewater	4	0
Light	3	1
Human Resources	0	0
Weekly Totals	44	29
Yearly Total	109	65

STREET SWEEPING DATA

Month for 2025	Number of Miles of Streets Swept
January	683
Total Miles Swept for 2025	683

BULK TRASH COLLECTIONS

Month for 2025	Number of Collections
January	29
Total Bulk Trash Collections for 2025	29

PROPERTY ABATEMENTS COMPLETED

Month for 2025	Number of Property Abatements
January	18
Total Abatements by PW for 2025	18

AFTER HOURS CALL BACKS

Saturday, February 1, 2025 @ 2:50PM: Supervisor on call received a call from dispatch regarding an issue with the street on Wesel Blvd. Staff visited the site and found some broken up black top at the entrance to the Auto Spa. The pieces were pushed out of the street and laid flat as best as possible. No further actions taken – private property.

PARKS AND RECREATION

Fit Room

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

Virtual Fitness

- Virtual Strength Training, Thursdays 6-7pm
- Virtual Yoga, Tuesdays 6-7pm

Golf Course

The golf course opened on Wednesday, February 5. We are monitoring the weather daily.

UTILITIES DEPARTMENT

ELECTRIC DIVISION

Service Calls

Fri. 1/31 - 936 View Street – total outage; line crew replaced a transformer that failed.
Time Out: 18.5-23.2

Sun. 2/2 - 235 North Potomac Street – partial outage; line crew replaced faulted triplex.
Time Out: 14.5-15.5

Lamps Replaced	New Fixtures Added	Changeouts	Fixtures Removed
8	0	5	0

- Engineering staff reviewed multiple permits for buildings, fences, etc.
- Engineering analysis software applications were reviewed that will assist with planning and improvements to the distribution system.
- Streetlighting updates and QAQC in the GIS environment continues.
- Staff participated in an “in-service” demonstration of the new Altec AM55 bucket truck.

WASTEWATER DIVISION

Wastewater Treatment Plant at Frederick Street

Date	Flow (mgd)	Rainfall (inches)
Wednesday, Jan. 29, 2025	5.32	0.00
Thursday, Jan. 30, 2025	5.43	0.00
Friday, Jan. 31, 2025	5.54	0.07
Saturday, Feb. 01, 2025	5.47	0.00
Sunday, Feb. 02, 2025	5.35	0.00
Monday, Feb. 03, 2025	5.34	0.00
Tuesday, Feb. 04, 2025	5.45	0.00
Weekly - Avg. Flow/Total Rainfall	5.41	0.07

Jan - Avg. Flow/Total Rainfall	5.35	0.26
Feb – Avg. Flow/Total Rainfall	5.39	0.00

- Rebuilt solenoid valves on bar screen wash
- Troubleshooting of heater in primary sampler, ordered parts
- Troubleshooting of UPS on gate controller, ran a separate power source for charging
- Replaced faulty breaker in ASPS
- Routine MVP Plant Work orders & Corrective Work Orders

Wastewater Collection

SSES Weekly Progress

Activity	Districts	L. F. main	Feet of lateral	# Inspected
CCTV Inspections	31	1,056.5	382.9	23
Flushing	21	6,200		
Point Repairs		# of Repairs	Reason	L.F. of Repairs
Lateral Only	69 Devonshire	1	Roots	6' lateral 6' cleanout

Collection System Maintenance Tasks

- CCTV crew worked on GIS corrections in Hagers Crossing and behind Walmart
- CCTV'd blockage at 904 Mulberry Avenue
- Flushed District 21
- Construction crew replaced sewer lateral at 69 Devonshire Avenue
- Fueled all generators at pump stations
- Replaced manhole frame on Armstrong Avenue
- Cleaned Pump Station 21
- Backfilled water line for wastewater treatment plant
- Crews pulled grinder pump at 20210 Mahogany Circle and cleaned canister
- Worked on check valve at Pump Station 3.
- Attended pump training class

Wastewater Division – Customer Call Log Summary 2025							
Type	Blockages	Grinder Pumps	Odor Complaints	Flushing	WW Pump Stations	Other	Totals
Weekly	3	2	0	0	0	6	11
YTD 2025	20	21	1	0	0	36	78

Engineering

- Review of Site Development and City Permit Drawings
- Gathering information for service inquiries
- Updating GIS databases completed with water projects

WATER DIVISION

Plant Flows - System Demand (MGD)

<u>Date</u>	<u>Willson</u>	<u>Breichner</u>	<u>Total</u>
01/30/25	12.44		12.44
01/31/25	11.88		11.88
02/01/25	11.29		11.29
02/02/25	11.62		11.62
02/03/25	11.92		11.92
02/04/25	11.77		11.77
02/05/25	11.58		11.58
		Average:	11.79

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 3.41 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 main break at the intersection of Norway Avenue and Salem Avenue.
- Staff repaired main breaks on Salem Avenue, Brightwood Drive, and Cherry Tree Circle.

Laboratory

- Process and regulatory testing were routine for the week.

<u>Engineering</u>	<u>City</u>	<u>County</u>
Site Plans	-	-
Preliminary Plats	-	-
Grading Plan	-	-
Final Plat	1	-
Building Permits	14	-
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 at Fairgrounds Park at Fairgrounds Park

Monthly Calendar For February 2025

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
						1 8a-9a Slow Flow Yoga #8618 7p-8:30p Private Gymnastics Lessons #8770
2 8:15a-9:45a Gymnastics for Kids, Intermediate #8649 9:45a-11a Gymnastics for Kids, Preteam #8655 11a-12p Gymnastics for Kids #8636 12p-1:15p Gymnastics for Kids, Preteam #8655	3 9a-10a Slow Flow Yoga #8616 7p-8p Belly Dance #8553	4 6p-7p Buti Yoga #8560	5 9a-10a Slow Flow Yoga #8616	6 8a-3p Block 4p-4:30p Princess Ballerina #8725 4:35p-5:05p Ballet & Acro #8726 6:30p-7:30p Aerial Stretch #8677 7:45p-8:45p Aerial Tricks #8712	7 3:15p-4:45p Gymnastics for Kids, Preteam #8655 4:45p-5:45p Gymnastics for Kids #8643	8 10:30a-11:30a Zumba Step Aerobics #8600 2p-3:30p GeoCaching in the Parks #8549
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