



CITY OF HAGERSTOWN, MARYLAND STATUS & INFORMATION REPORT NO. 10 FOR 2025

To Members of the City Council:

March 14, 2025

MARCH 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 Taste of Downtown 4 PM to 7 PM
9	10	11 Mayor and Council Work Session 4 PM	12	13	14	15 RUNFEST Hub City Brewery 8 AM to 1 PM ----- St. Patrick's Day Festival Baile Cask & Kettle 1 PM to 5 PM
16	17	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:

- HCC Flower & Garden Show Set for March 15-16
- Saturday Street Closures for Hagerstown's St. Patrick's Day Runfest
- Eight Washington County Students Recognized as DAR Good Citizens
- Washington County Reinstates Burn Ban Thursday Afternoon
- MPT CEO to be Honored at Maryland International Film Festival
- Major Street Closures Coming to Downtown Hagerstown
- Public Hearing for WCPS Proposed Budget is Tuesday: What to Know
- Washington County School Board Facing Pushback on Proposed DEI Cut
- MD Dept. of Transportation Seeks Public Input on Draft Program
- Inmate Found Dead at Roxbury Correctional Institution, Hagerstown
- John Waters to Receive Mendez Award at Local Film Festival
- Lifetime Brands Expected to Create 230 Jobs with Hagerstown Operation
- Traffic Advisory: St. Patrick's Day Runfest
- Traffic Advisory UPDATED: Summit Ave. & Antietam St.
- Traffic Advisory REVISED: Summit Ave. & Antietam St.
- Traffic Advisory REVISED: S. Cannon Avenue
- Traffic Advisory: S. Cannon Avenue
- Traffic Advisory: Garlinger Avenue
- Traffic Advisory: Devonshire Road

This Week's Video Projects:

- Mayor & Council Work Session
- "Council wRap" Segment
- "Hagerfest" :30 Promo Post-Production

Channel 25 Hub City Now Programming:

- Mayor & Council Meeting
- "Council wRap"
- Hagerstown Field House Grand Opening/Ribbon Cutting Event
- "2025 State of the City" Video
- "2025 State of the City" Chamber Event Video
- Fit Room :30 Promo
- The Greens at Hamilton Run :30 Promo

City Website:

- www.hagerstownmd.org attracted 14,935 user visits for the week of March 13-19

- The most popular top entrances (the first page users accessed on the website):

1. Home Page	1,756
2. Online Payment Portal Page	1,707
3. Directory Page	999
4. Utility Billing Page	791
5. Jobs Page	439
6. FAQ Page	372
7. Bids Page	303
8. Search Page	299
9. Police Page	298
10. Parks & Recreation Page	242

- Top searches

1. Jobs
2. Towing from privately owned property
3. Forms
4. Pay my bill
5. Downtown events

COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT

- Maryland International Film Festival
- Met with BISFA staff to discuss students' participation on the 2nd Saturday: ART WALK on May 10th
- Met with Washington Goes Purple volunteers to discuss upcoming partnerships
- BISFA spring musical, Once Upon a Mattress is Saturday April 5, Sunday April 6, Saturday April 12 and Sunday April 13

DEPARTMENT OF COMMUNITY & ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

Community Development

The Hagerstown Choice team submitted the Draft Transformation Plan to HUD! The Draft Plan will be available to view on the Hagerstown Housing Authorities website: <https://www.hagerstownha.com/choice-neighborhoods/>

ENGINEERING

- Intersection improvements** – the contractor has begun demolition at the Summit Avenue/Antietam Street intersection, and is excavating for the new traffic signal pole foundation on Summit Avenue. We hope to have the work on the east side of the intersection completed prior to the opening day for the Flying Boxcars.
- Security Road Sidewalks** – the contractor has completed approximately 80% of the new sidewalk installation, and is expected to finish the work within the next two weeks.
- Safe Streets for All Safety Action Plan** – the consultant has prepared a draft version of the report, and we plan to publish the report for public comment on April 2nd. The report will remain open for comments until May 2nd, and staff intends to take the report to the City Council for approval at the end of May.
- Engineering Statistics**

Description	Week of 3/17/2025	Calendar Year 2025 TOTALS
Traffic complaints received	1	18
Work Orders completed	0	16
Traffic counts completed	0	2
Construction Projects		
Description	Week of 3/17/2025	Calendar Year 2025 TOTALS
Construction Projects advertised for bids	0	0
RFP's Advertised	0	4
Projects under construction	2	9
Projects completed	0	0

FIRE

Total Incidents (City only)	57	Mutual Aid to surrounding FDs	11
• Unit Responses	108	• Halfway FD	4
• Fire/Rescue Responses	38	• Maugansville FD	0
• EMS Responses	11	• Funkstown FD	3
• Other Responses	8	• Longmeadow FD	1
Inspections/System Tests	29	• Other	3
Community Events			

Significant Incidents

3/17/25 - *Working House Fire* – HFD units were dispatched to 731 W Washington St for a reported house fire. Initial arriving crews found smoke from a second-floor window and interior crews reported a working apartment fire. The fire was quickly knocked down and held to the apartment of origin. There was one civilian injury reported, but unrelated to the fire. Automatic aid companies included CRS, Halfway Co.26, Maugansville Co.13, Longmeadow Co. 27, and Air and Rehab 255.

PLANNING & CODE ADMINISTRATION

Report not available

POLICE

Calls for Service:	2005	Field Interviews:	3
Arrests/Warrants Served:	37	Moving Violations:	37
Domestic Violence Calls:	11	Safety Repair Orders:	1
DUI Arrests:	2	Warnings:	94
Reports Filed:	164		

Academy: The Hagerstown Police Department offers police officer testing several times throughout the year. The next test date for police officer and police cadet applicants will be Saturday, March 22, 2025. Visit www.hagerstownpd.org to sign up to take the test or to be contacted by a recruiter.

Officer of the Month: Detective Nick Varner has been selected for “Officer of the Month” relating to the homicide investigation that took place on Wednesday February 12, 2025. The victim was shot and killed inside 218 West Franklin Street and the suspect fled out of the rear of the residence. Det. Varner immediately navigated to the city surveillance cameras and began reviewing individuals in the area at the time of the shooting.

Det. Varner quickly identified the suspect leaving the rear of the residence just after the shooting. Det. Varner was able to track the suspect to the 100 Block West Franklin Street where it was determined the suspect changed clothes. Officers were able to locate clothing in the hallway that was associated with two females that the suspect fled with. Det. Varner tracked the suspect to the first block of East Washington Street where he observed him getting into a vehicle and leave the area. Det. Varner was able to identify the registered owner and their current address which was in the 200 block of Wakefield Road. Officers responded to the area and observed two males exit the vehicle and walk into the residence of the registered owners. Officers made contact with several individuals who were inside the residence and ultimately took the suspect into custody. The suspect had been in the process of shaving his head and face to change his appearance.

From the time of the initial 911 call to when the suspect was taken into custody was three hours and thirteen minutes. It is rare for a homicide suspect to be identified and taken into custody in such a short period of time, aside from a suspect turning themselves into law enforcement.

Over the past seven years Det. Varner has built a robust camera system, not only in the downtown, but now throughout areas of the city that he has identified as being targeted crime areas. There are over 600 high-definition cameras throughout the city that are routinely used to solve crimes from homicides to tampering with motor vehicles. Det. Varner has launched a camera system that once was a "bonus" when investigating a crime, to now an expectation from the State's Attorney's Office and Defense Attorney's. Though this is one high profile case in the last 30 days, Det. Varner and the camera system are relied on daily and sometimes hourly.

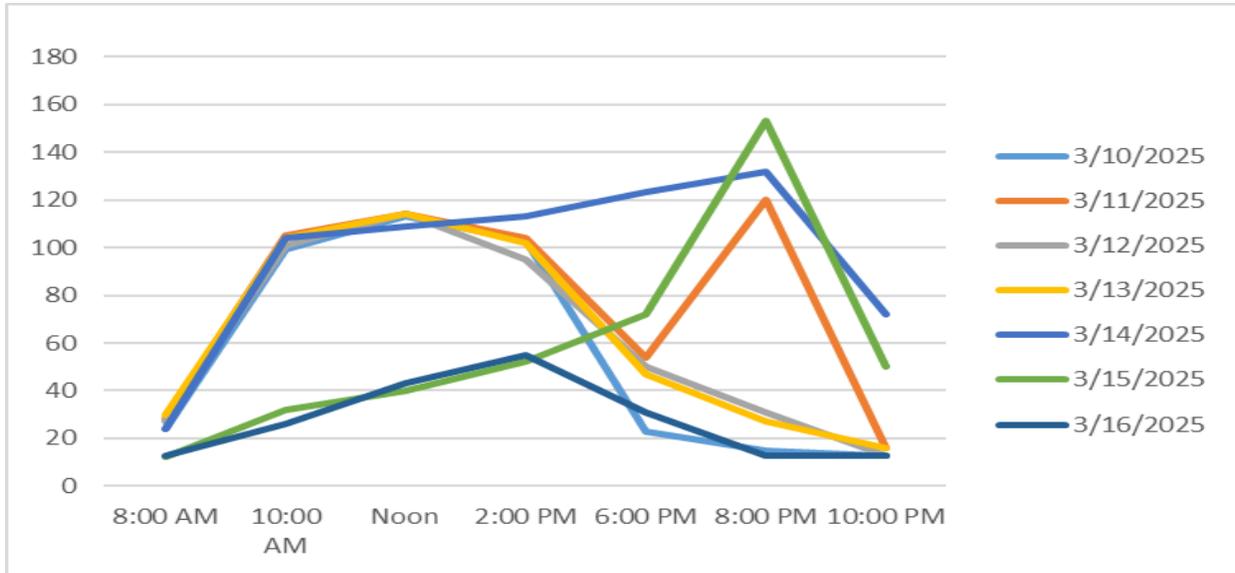
The following officers who were also nominated for their work in February: Det. Vogel, as lead investigator of the recent homicide; Ofc. Altman, for his extensive investigation and arrest for theft of a dump trailer; Ofc. Larrain, for his vigilance in a high-risk pursuit and apprehension of a subject with a handgun and CDS. Our officers continue to do great work every day and we are pleased to recognize all these officers.

PUBLIC WORKS

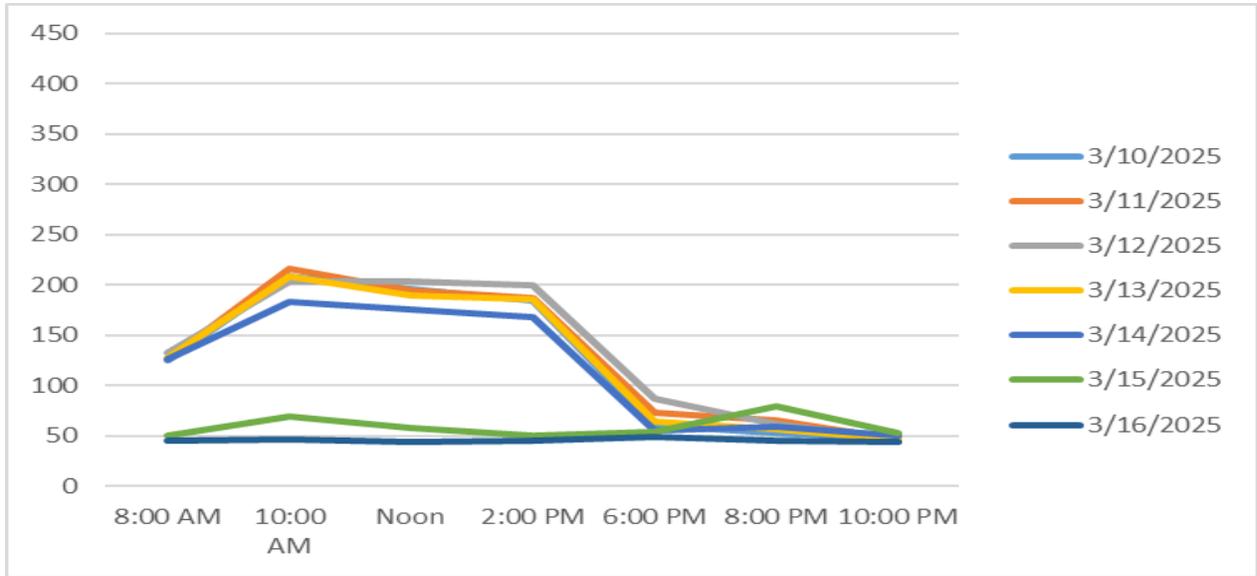
GENERAL PARKING SYSTEM DATA

		Current Week	Previous Week
Number of Permit Holders	A & E Deck	177	177
	University District Deck	273	291
	Hub City Garage	69	69
Number of Student Permits	Central & Rochester Lots	62	59
Number of Patrons Using Decks	A & E Deck	1846	1814
	University District Deck	1665	1553
	Hub City Garage	797	736
Number of Citations Issued	(Includes Warnings)	416	395
Peak Occupancy (%)	A & E Deck	83% Sa@ 8PM	87% Su@ 8PM
Peak Occupancy (%)	University District Deck	50% Tu@ 10AM	53% Mo@ 10AM
Peak Occupancy (%)	Hub City Garage	17% Mo@ 10AM	13% Fr@ 10AM

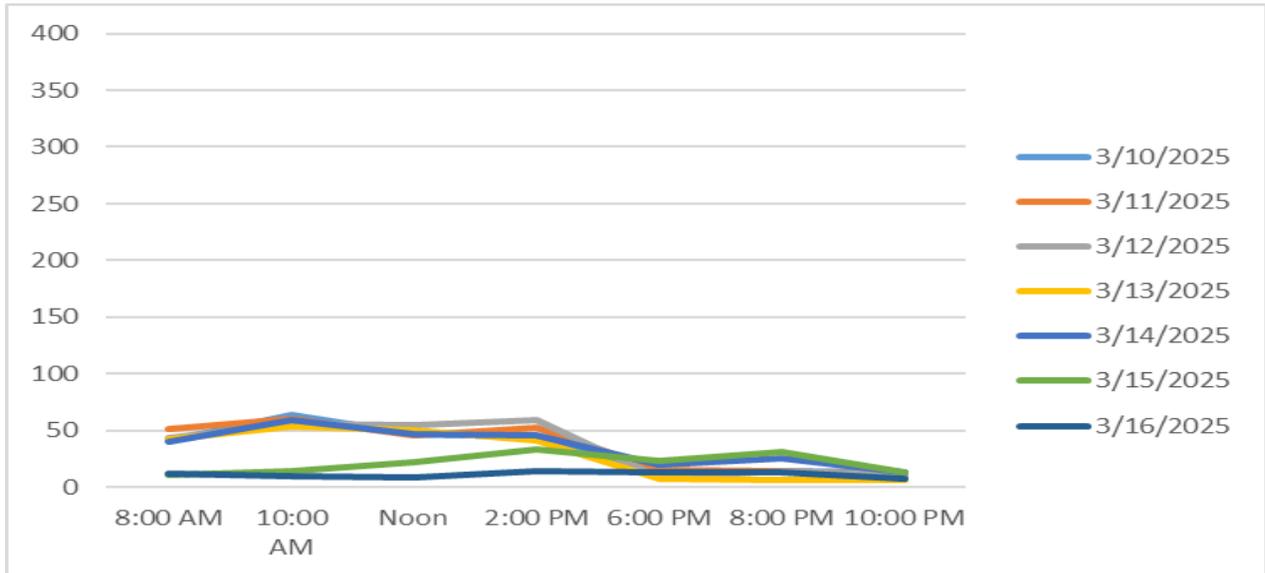
A&E PARKING DECK WEEKLY OCCUPANCY



UD PARKING DECK WEEKLY OCCUPANCY



HUB CITY PARKING GARAGE OCCUPANCY



DOWNTOWN EVENTS

Event Name	Date	Location
HCCA Natural Woman: Tribute to Carol King	03/11/2025	Maryland Theatre
Felix & Fingers Dueling Pianos	3/14/2025	Maryland Theatre
MSO Subscriber Reception	03/14/2025	Maryland Theatre
Run Fest & St. Patrick's Day Festival; Baile Cask & Kettle	03/15/2025	Downtown
MSO Classics	03/15/2025	Maryland Theatre
MSO Classics	03/16/2025	Maryland Theatre

CENTRAL MAINTENANCE GARAGE REPAIR DATA

	Current Week	Previous Week
DCED	0	0
Planning & Code	1	1
Fire	3	0
Engineering	0	0
Parks & Recreation	3	5
Public Works	10	11
Police	14	11
Water	6	1
Wastewater	1	3
Light	1	5
Human Resources	0	0
Weekly Totals	39	37
Yearly Total	267	228

AFTER HOURS CALL BACKS

Tuesday, March 11, 2025 @ 8:55PM: Supervisor on call received a call from the parking deck attendant at the University Parking Deck that the fire alarm was activated for an unknown reason. Staff notified dispatch and then reported to site. It was determined that a pull station was activated resulting in a false alarm. The deck attendant was able to review camera footage and observe the guilty party activate the alarm; the footage was provided to the Fire Marshall's office.

Saturday, March 15, 2025 @ 9:50AM: Dispatch notified Staff of a missing storm drain lid at 1313 Salem Ave. The Supervisor visited the site and met with responsible party at drain. In an attempt to recover items in drain they were unable to replace lid correctly which resulted in lid falling into drain. Public Works staff was called in to retrieve and reset lid properly.

Sunday, March 16, 2025 @ 4:30PM: Dispatch notified Staff of the intersection at W. Washington St. and Buena Vista and Devonshire Roads being completely out. When the Supervisor went to investigate HLD was onsite and restoring power to intersection. The Supervisor observed intersection and confirmed all facets were operating normally.

Sunday, March 16, 2025 @ 7:45PM: Staff was notified by a neighbor who reported that a nearby lightning strike had placed the intersection of Pennsylvania Ave. and Burhans Blvd. into flash. Supervisor arrived on site and after a cursory check it became apparent that the cabinet and internal components had received a direct strike from the lightning storm. Signal personnel was able to identify the damaged parts and replace thus restoring the intersection to normal operations.

PARKS AND RECREATION

Fit Room

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

Outdoor Fitness

- Pickleball at Pangborn Park, Mondays 5pm – 6:30pm, March 3 -24
- Shinrin-Yoku (Forest Therapy), Thursday, March 20, meeting at the Hager House, 10am (flyer attached)

Golf Course

Golf Course	3/12/25-3/18/25	3/12/24-3/18/24
# of Golfers	209	Closed for Stream Project

UTILITIES DEPARTMENT

ELECTRIC DIVISION

Service Calls

- Fri. 3/14 - 401 Burhans Blvd – truck struck utility pole # 4993. No damage was found.
Time Out: 16.2-16.9
- Sat. 3/15 - 1008 Brinker Drive Unit #302 – total outage; the customer’s main breaker tripped.
Time Out: 18.6-20.0
- Sun. 3/16 - 49 Devonshire Road – total outage; the service conductors were replaced.
Time Out: 14.9-18.6
- Mon. 3/17 - 731 West Washington Street – house fire; service disconnected at request of HFD.
Time Out: 15.2-15.7
- Tues. 3/18 - 967 Noland Drive – total outage; squirrel caused a fuse to operate.
Time Out: 18.8-20.0
- Wed. 3/19 - 1405 Outer Drive – partial outage; the tree branch was removed from the service and repairs made.

Lamps Replaced	New Fixtures Added	Changeouts	Fixtures Removed
7	1	7	1

- Multiple permit reviews and service upgrades requests have been reviewed and/or completed and multiple plans for construction of new utility electric facilities to serve end use customers were created.
- Staff participated in AMI RF network communication and troubleshooting training with Eaton.
- Additional training was held on the electronic Work Order Management material assignment processes and new construction specifications were issued to streamline material allocation.

WASTEWATER DIVISION

Wastewater Treatment Plant at Frederick Street

Date	Flow (mgd)	Rainfall (inches)
Wednesday, Mar 12, 2025	4.94	0.00
Thursday, Mar 13, 2025	5.14	0.00
Friday, Mar 14, 2025	4.77	0.00
Saturday, Mar 15, 2025	4.66	0.00
Sunday, Mar 16, 2025	5.47	0.70
Monday, Mar 17, 2025	5.49	0.00
Tuesday, Mar 18, 2025	5.17	0.00
Weekly - Avg. Flow/Total Rainfall	5.09	0.70
March – Avg. Flow/Total Rainfall	5.25	1.32

- Shut down PSA Oxygen Skid, tested valves and actuators for proper operation
- Replaced pillow-block bearings on OAB vent blower
- Repaired brackets that support the UV level transducers
- Replaced defective ballast cards on UV channels
- Routine MVP Plant Work orders & Corrective Work Orders

Wastewater Collection

SSES Weekly Progress

Activity	Districts	L. F. main	Feet of lateral	# Inspected
CCTV Inspections	24, 31	644, 950	339.7 ,57.1	10, 3
Flushing	21, 24, 31	9016, 325, 933		
Point Repairs		# of Repairs	Reason	L.F. of Repairs
Main & Lateral	2, 15	1, 1	Tie-in, roots	3 ft M/15 ft L, 5ft M/4ft L

Collection System Maintenance Tasks

- Construction crew worked on sewer tie-in at 1119 and 1121 Pennsylvania Avenue
- Worked on sewer main and lateral repair at 321 Devonshire Road
- Installed topsoil, seed and straw at previous jobs on Devonshire Road
- Opened stuck manhole lid on Maryland Avenue for flusher crew
- CCTV crew worked on Winston Drive for overlays
- Worked on Garland Groh Blvd and Broadfording Road for GIS
- Flushed Winston Drive and Garland Groh Blvd
- Flushed District 21
- Pump crew worked on grinder pumps at 1539 Kensington Drive and 1526 Woodlands Run
- Pulled pump 1 at Pump Station 30 and cleaned wet well
- Cleaned both pump 1 and pump 2 check valves at Pump Station 18
- Worked on aerator at Pump Station 18
- Assisted in traffic control at Garland Groh for CCTV crew

Wastewater Division – Customer Call Log Summary 2025							
Type	Blockages	Grinder Pumps	Odor Complaints	Flushing	WW Pump Stations	Other	Totals
Weekly	2	1	0	0	0	5	8
YTD 2025	34	34	2	0	0	54	124

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: monthly air monitoring
- Collected samples for COVID and other pathogen research studies: Wastewater-SCAN, Biobot, and CDC-NWSS
- Maintenance on composite samplers (Filter Influent and Primary)
- Lachat training

ENVIRONMENTAL COORDINATOR & PRETREATMENT

- Virtual meeting with MDE for PCI
- Updated Synexus with Berwick SM results for February
- Completed January and February surcharge calculations for Berwick

WATER DIVISION

Plant Flows - System Demand (MGD)

<u>Date</u>	<u>Willson</u>	<u>Breichner</u>	<u>Total</u>
03/13/25	10.96		10.96
03/14/25	10.83		10.83
03/15/25	10.56		10.56
03/16/25	10.52		10.52
03/17/25	10.66		10.66
03/18/25	10.74		10.74
03/19/25	10.83		10.83
		Average:	10.73

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 3.79 feet. 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.
- Completed QC verification for monthly air monitoring.
- Prepared sterile water.
- Collected bacteriological monitoring samples for March.
- Collected lagoon discharge sample.

<u>Engineering</u>	<u>City</u>	<u>County</u>
Site Plans	-	1
Preliminary Plats	1	-
Grading Plan	-	-
Final Plat	-	-
Building Permits	16	8
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,



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