



CITY OF HAGERSTOWN, MARYLAND STATUS & INFORMATION REPORT NO. 19 FOR 2025

To Members of the City Council:

Report Period: May 30, 2025

MAY 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 Spring/Summer 2025 digital Program Guide
<https://www.hagerstownmd.org/145/Parks-Recreation>*

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
				1	2	3 Hagerfest Downtown Hagerstown
4 Charge for Change Hagerstown Fairgrounds ----- City Farmers Market Hub City Brewery 25 W. Church St. Noon to 4 PM	5	6 Mayor and Council Work Session 4 PM	7	8 Maryland Theatre 110 th Celebration Maryland Theatre	9 CANCELLED Music in the Plaza Thunder in Square	10 Touch A Truck/Train City Park Train Hub 10 AM to 2 PM ----- 2 nd Saturday Art Walk Hagerstown Cultural Trail 1 PM to 5 PM
11 Mother's Day ----- City Farmers Market Hub City Brewery 25 W. Church St. Noon to 4 PM	12	13 Mayor and Council Work Session 4 PM	14	15	16	17 Porchfest S. Prospect Street 11 AM to 5 PM
18 City Farmers Market Hub City Brewery 25 W. Church St. Noon to 4 PM	19	20 Mayor and Council Work Session 4 PM	21	22	23 Music in the Plaza The Cruisers: Hits from 50s & 60s ----- Thunder in Square	24 Memorial Day Candlelight Concert Steps of the Maryland Theatre 7 PM
25 City Farmers Market Hub City Brewery 25 W. Church St. Noon to 4 PM	26 MEMORIAL DAY HOLIDAY CITY OFFICES CLOSED ----- FREE PARKING IN DOWNTOWN PARKING DECKS	27 Mayor and Council Regular Session 7 PM	28	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:

- Washington County is Filling a Key Police Oversight Role
- Vendors: Here's Your Chance to Join Hagerstown's MDWK Summer Series
- Spickler's Market is Now Hub City Convenience Store
- Thunder in the Square and Music in the Plaza Return Friday Night, May 23
- Trash Pickup Delayed in Hagerstown Next Week
- Planning Your Weekend? Don't Miss This Free Concert in Hagerstown
- Marty Snook Pool Opens Memorial Day
- Fort Ritchie Redevelopment Effort Lands Manufacturing Operation
- Hagerstown's Sunday Market is Packed with Local Flavor and Finds
- Boyd J. Michael III Technical High School Graduation
- Military History Comes Alive in Hagerstown with Rare WWII Aircraft
- Tru by Hilton to Open in Hagerstown—Bringing Jobs and Energy
- CVS Closing Store Near Downtown Hagerstown
- First Time in 18 Years: Maryland Raises Fishing License Costs
- Washington County Wants Your Input on its 2040 Growth Plan
- Press Release: Potterfield Pool Opens This Weekend
- Press Release: Patriot Tours This Weekend & New Living History Event Coming in June
- Traffic Advisory: Thunder in the Square
- Traffic Advisory: S. Potomac Street

This Week's Video Projects:

- Mayor & Council Regular Session

Channel 25 Hub City Now Programming:

- Mayor & Council Meeting
- "Council wRap"
- Hager House Museum Visitors Center Renovation Project Video Series
- "2025 State of the City" Video
- Community Engagement Upcoming Events Video
- PayByPhone Parking Videos
- The Greens at Hamilton Run :30 Promo
- Potterfield Pool :30 Promo

City Website:

- www.hagerstownmd.org attracted 9,546 user visits for the week of May 22-28

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

1. Home Page	1,733
2. Online Payment Portal Page	1,515
3. Utility Billing Page	732
4. Collection-Schedules-Zones Page	484
5. Jobs Page	423
6. Potterfield Pool	418
7. Police Page	385
8. Search Page	315
9. Parks & Recreation Page	266
10. Downtown Events Page	259

- Top searches

1. Trash & recycling
2. Jobs
3. Permit look up
4. Assembly permit
5. Pay my bill

COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT

- City Farmers Market: Sunday, June 1 at Hub City Brewery from Noon to 4 PM
 - Shop local for fresh produce (when in season), baked goods, flowers and artisan vendors
- Noteworthy Sunday: City Park Bandshell - Sunday, June 1 from 3 PM to 4 PM
 - Community Concert Series hosted by Washington County Free Library
 - Tobago Bay Calypso Band FREE – Steel drums and calypso music

- Hager’s Town Revolts: Hager House at City Park - Saturday, June 7 from 10 AM to 4 PM
 - Learn about enlisting in the militia, military drills and weapons of the Revolution in 1775
 - 18th Century musket and rifle firings throughout the day
- Summer Street Festival: Downtown Hagerstown – Saturday, June 14 from Noon to 5 PM

DEPARTMENT OF PLANNING & ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

Community Development

Last week, Community Development staff joined Hagerstown Housing Authority staff for the Choice Means Choice Conference hosted by Urban Strategies, Inc in Baltimore, MD! The conference hosted hundreds of Choice Neighborhoods Planning & Implementation grantees, community leaders, educators, and experts in community revitalization. Staff learned from dozens of panelists on topics like, “Homeownership as a Place-Based Strategy”, “Innovations in Small Business Creation”, “Alternative Community Safety Strategies”, and more!

ENGINEERING & PERMITS

1. Architectural Services Contract – staff is conducting interviews with architectural firms to select consultants to be on retainer for various City projects; having qualified firms on retainer speeds the process to get designs completed and approved.
2. Pavement Preservation – the contractor has completed approximately 80% of the streets on the annual pavement overlay list. The excessive rain in May hindered production; the contractor expects to complete their work on the FY 25 overlay list at the end of June.
3. Walk Route Audits – the Washington County Health Department received a grant to study and audit school walking routes near Bester Elementary and South High. Staff will be assisting the Health Department in evaluating the condition of the sidewalks in the south end of the City, and will use this data to prioritize future sidewalk improvement projects.

4. Engineering Statistics

Description	Week of 5/26/2025	Calendar Year 2025 TOTALS
Traffic complaints received	1	41
Work Orders completed	2	38
Traffic counts completed	1	5
Construction Projects		
Description	Week of 5/26/2025	Calendar Year 2025 TOTALS
Construction Projects advertised for bids	0	5
RFP's Advertised	0	7
Projects under construction	3	9
Projects completed	0	0

FIRE

5/21/25 – 5/27/25			
Total Incidents (City only)	65	Mutual Aid to surrounding FDs	10
• Unit Responses	126	• Halfway FD	1
• Fire/Rescue Responses	33	• Maugansville FD	1
• EMS Responses	22	• Funkstown FD	5
• Other Responses	9	• Longmeadow FD	1
Smoke Alarm Checks/Installs		• Other	3
Community Events	2	Inspections/System Tests	28

Incidents

5/2525 – *Building Fire* – HFD units responded to 109 South Potomac Street for a reported building fire. This is a 3-story, vacant building. On arrival, crews found a working fire on the rear, exterior wood porch deck. The fire was on the first floor and quickly spreading to involve all three exterior porch decks and stairs. Engine 4 had water on the fire within 45 seconds of arrival and extinguished the fire before any extension to the interior. Searches for occupants were negative. The scene was turned over to the State Fire Marshal for investigation of cause.



5/25/25 – *Cooking Fire* – HFD units responded to 486 McDowell Avenue for an automatic fire alarm in a residence. Crews arrived to find a cooking fire that activated the alarm system. All hazards secured and property was turned over to the occupant. No injuries.

5/26/25 – *House Fire* – HFD units responded to assist Clear Spring VFC with a working house fire on Draper Road. Initial units arrived on scene to find a single-family home with significant fire involvement. Engine 4 established a fill site for tankers, while Truck 4 provided aerial assistance with opening-up the structure and providing a large volume of water through the ladder pipe to assist with fire control.



5/26/25 – *Vehicle Fire* – HFD units were dispatched with Funkstown VFC for a report of a vehicle fire in the Park and Ride lot on Col. Henry K. Douglas Drive. On arrival, crews found a working fire in a passenger car. The fire was extinguished, and the scene was turned over to the HFD Fire Marshals Office for investigation.

Community Events

5/24/25 – HFD crews participated in the Flags for Heroes event at Longmeadow Rotary Park.



5/27/25 – HFD members delivered an in-school 3rd Grade fire safety education program at Bester Elementary School for 60 students.

For the week, three smoke alarm checks and installs completed

For the week, HFD personnel completed 131.5 staff hours of training.

Training

5/21/25 – *Outside Agency Support* – HFD instructors provided support at the Hagerstown Fire Department Training Center for the Washington County Division of Emergency Services live-fire evolutions, and a ladder truck and instructor to support the Washington County Technical High School's Common Passenger Vehicle Extrication class.





5/23/25 – *Recruit Class 25-01* – All members spent the last three weeks completing their rope rescue awareness, operations, and technician classes through the Maryland Fire and Rescue Institute.

5/27/25 – *Technical Rescue* – Multiple HFD rope rescue technicians completed skills refresher training to include high and low angle rescue, as well as operations inside of an elevator shaft.



POLICE

STATS (05/22/2025 – 05/28/2025)

Calls for Service:	1819	Field Interviews:	*
Arrests/Warrants Served:	22	Moving Violations:	*
Domestic Violence Calls:	19	Safety Repair Orders:	*
DUI Arrests:	2	Warnings:	*
Reports Filed:	128	*Keystone reports not available	

Officer of the Month: Officers Huff and Mull have been selected for their efforts in apprehending a violent priority repeat offender. Officers Huff and Mull utilized the city camera system to locate a person with outstanding felony warrants. Officer Huff organized other officers and resources to set a perimeter around the area of Wheaton Park where the suspect was playing basketball. Officer Mull approached the male who fled on foot. Officers took the suspect into custody seconds later as he was drawing a handgun from his pants.

Officer Mull grasped the suspect's hand on the gun to prevent it from moving or firing, as the suspect was on the ground. He was moved to a patrol vehicle and administered first aid as officers dealt with a large hostile crowd.

Officers Huff and Mull prevented officer injury and any further injury to the suspect resulting from a possible firearms discharge. We are proud of the work these officers did in what could have easily been a deadly situation. Congratulations to them both for being selected as co-officers of the month for April 2025

Recent Activity: Below is a list of incidents over the last month. Great work continues to be done by our officers.

Warrant, Walnut/Church – Khalid Carlton 1/29/05, armed carjacking warrant out of Baltimore.

Stolen vehicle recovery, Warrant, 1580 Wesel Blvd – Duane Spraggins 6/11/82 and Natasha Mason 9/18/76 arrested in stolen vehicle attempting to steal from Lowes; Spraggins arrested for theft warrants, Mason also charged with 1g cocaine and paraphernalia

Warrants, 300 block E Antietam St – Rickey Poole 1/10/88, felony warrants in PA

CDS, 200 block E Washington St – Donte Mack 3/31/89, 2g fentanyl

CDS, Fleeing, N Locust / North Ave – Chazz Patterson 6/17/81 arrested for possession of ecstasy and fentanyl (3g) after fleeing traffic stop / wrecking car

Possession, Franklin/Wayside – Ethan Maistros 1/10/05, Emir Barnes 8/28/06 arrested for possession of AR10, handgun, ammunition, cannabis and paraphernalia

Stolen Vehicle Recovery, 600 blk Frederick St – Lorijoe Gineo 11/7/84 arrested for stolen vehicle

Warrant, Little Elliot Dr- Gregory Ferguson 3/8/93, fta

Warrant, Henry/ Murph – Deshawn Ford 3/26/03, Allegany Co warrant, misdemeanor

Warrant, 900 block Dual Hwy- Dylan Durbarow 8/31/96, misdemeanor

Warrant, 22 W Franklin St – Mario Murillo 9/9/87, felony VOP (violation of probation)

Warrant/CDS, Unit block Wayside Ave – Antwan Butler 11/21/91 child support, drugs pending testing

PWID, 100 blk Randolph – Maliq Shelman 11/13/06, Thomas Sims 9/12/06 charged with PWID cocaine 35g, \$2407 seized,

Warrant, 200 blk S Potomac – Jonathan Bowens 2/16/81, 1st degree assault

Warrants, 100 blk E Franklin St – James Young 6/27/91 and Damon Newkirk 5/18/01 arrested for robbery and assault warrants from Baltimore City

Warrant, Plaza Hotel – Jessica Miller 3/10/93, multiple PA warrants

Warrant, Unit block W Franklin St - Dashawn Torney 10/7/92, fta cds

Handguns (2), McComas / N Locust – Idyae Bostic 7/29/95 and Robert Jennings 11/27/00 arrested for handguns in vehicle

CDS, 7 Star Mart – Jonathan Ballenger 3/26/92 and John Harris Dykes 10/24/93 arrested for cds not cannabis

Handgun, 100 block E Washington St – Troy Vanduyne arrested for 1st deg assault and felon with handgun after fight with store clerk.

Warrant, Franklin / Jonathan - Erica Buffalino 9/24/90, VOP

CDS PWID, not cannabis, S Burhans Blvd / Center – Timmy Dotson 8/24/75 arrested for PWID in school zone – joint operation with NTF

Warrant, 100 blk E Washington St – Dashawn Torney, 10/18/92, VOP

Stolen Vehicle Recovery, Wheaton Park – Brittany Clark arrested for stolen vehicle, outstanding warrant. Charges pending for CDS (cocaine)

Warrant, Handgun, Sumans Ave – Derrell Frisby 12/28/01 wanted for multiple felony narcotics warrants- attempted to flee on foot. Apprehended with stolen handgun

PUBLIC WORKS

GENERAL PARKING SYSTEM DATA

NOTE: The operating systems for both the A&E Parking Deck and the UD Parking Deck crashed. Staff is working diligently to restore operations to both facilities. The gates are raised, and parking is free until further notice. No data is available until the systems are restored.

UPDATE: The parking decks were placed back into operation on Tuesday, May 27th.

CENTRAL MAINTENANCE GARAGE REPAIR DATA

	Current Week	Previous Week
DCED	0	0
Planning & Code	1	0
Fire	1	0
Engineering	0	0
Parks & Recreation	5	1
Public Works	3	7
Police	5	11
Water	4	4
Wastewater	1	1
Light	1	2
Human Resources	0	0
Weekly Totals	21	26
Yearly Total	503	482

PARKS AND RECREATION

City Events

- Girls on the Run 5k in the north end of the City and through Hamilton Playground on Saturday morning, May 31st.

Fit Room

- Fit Room report attached with weekly recreation classes. A private rental is scheduled for Saturday from 4pm-9pm.

Hager House

Themed Patriot Tours continue through July 5 on Fridays and Saturdays from 10am – 4pm. Tours are on the hour, standard admission rates apply.

Outdoor Programs

- Pickleball at Pangborn Park, Tuesdays 5-8pm
- Tennis at Pangborn Park, Wednesdays 5-8pm

Virtual Classes

Strength Training & Yoga to Relax & Renew, Tuesdays and Thursdays from 6pm-7pm

Golf Course

Golf Course	5/21/25 – 5/27/25	5/21/24 – 5/27/24
# of Golfers	459	547

Potterfield Pool

Opening weekend at the pool showed low attendance due to cooler than normal temps. The pool operating days and hours are as follows:

- Open May 31 & June 1 weekend
- Beginning Friday, June 6, open 7 days a week through August 24. Open Labor Day weekend, August 30, 31 and Sept 1.
- Hours:
 - 12:30-6pm, Monday – Friday
 - 11:30-5pm, Saturdays & Sundays
- A food truck will operate on Saturdays, Sundays & Holidays, see schedule attached

Pool	5/24/25 – 5/26/25	5/25/24 – 5/27/25
# of Swimmers	274	984

UTILITIES DEPARTMENT

ELECTRIC DIVISION

Service Calls

- Mon 5/26 - 400-600 Blocks of N Prospect St. – Crossarm Burned and primary conductors down.
Time Out: 12:53PM – 3:57PM
- 400 Block of S Burhans Blvd – Transformer fuse operated. Time Out 7:52PM – 8:30PM
- Tue 5/27 - Traffic Signal at Burhans Blvd and Park Lane is not operating.
Time Out 4:26PM – 6:55PM
- Wed 5/28 - Frederick St and First St – Vehicle struck utility pole. Verizon Pole; no damage found to HLD facilities. Time Out 4:17PM – 5:19PM
- Thurs 5/29 - 337 Radcliffe Ave - Transformer fuse operated. Time Out 6:08AM – 7:00AM

Lamps Replaced	New Fixtures Added	Changeouts	Fixtures Removed
9	1	4	0

- Multiple permits for construction of decks, fences, buildings, and distributed energy resources were reviewed.
- Engineering staff created multiple plans for construction of new utility electric facilities to serve end use customers.
- Engineering staff reviewed multiple site plans for new development and created preliminary plans for electric service in coordination with the applicants.
- Staff is in the process of reviewing proposals from Response Management Software companies to assist with outage restoration activities.
- Stock inventory and labor allocations are being finalized in preparation for the fiscal year end close.

WASTEWATER DIVISION

Wastewater Treatment Plant at Frederick Street

Date	Flow (mgd)	Rainfall (inches)
Wednesday, May 21, 2025	7.62	0.47
Thursday, May 22, 2025	8.28	0.22
Friday, May 23, 2025	7.86	0.22
Saturday, May 24, 2025	7.41	0.00
Sunday, May 25, 2025	6.85	0.00
Monday, May 26, 2025	6.76	0.00
Tuesday, May 27, 2025	7.30	0.52
Weekly - Avg. Flow/Total Rainfall	7.44	1.43
May – Avg. Flow/Total Rainfall	7.39	4.61

- Replaced defective level controller on Operations sump pumps
- Installed/programmed VFD on ASPS scum pump
- Installed new wiring and controls to integrate back gate
- Replaced faulty T&P valves on Pista Grit blowers
- Routine MVP Plant Work orders & Corrective Work Orders.

Wastewater Collection

SSES Weekly Progress

Activity	Districts	L. F. main	Feet of lateral	# Inspected
CCTV Inspections	8, 22	187, 417	72.5, 174.5	7, 9
Flushing	6, 9, 10, 11, 22	149, 500, 400, 175		

Collection System Maintenance Tasks

- Construction crew sprayed weeds, mowed at pump stations and sawcut and blacktop patched at 505 Dunn Irvin Avenue
- Restocked stone pile for future digs
- Serviced equipment and cleaned shop
- Flusher crew cleaned pump station wetwell and helped pull Pump 2
- Flushed Cromer's Alley for CCTV crew
- Flushed trouble spots and performed preventative maintenance on flusher truck
- Emergency call for 1396 Dual Highway for blockage
- CCTV crew worked at Cromer's Alley and alley off of West North Avenue.
- Took camera truck to body shop to get a quote on damage
- Cleaned camera truck. Emergency call for 1396 Dual Highway.
- Pump crew cleaned Pump Station 30 and pulled Pump 2
- Worked on pump 2 control issues at Pump Station 7
- Installed a new sump pump at Pump Station 4
- Jump-started generator at Pump Station 19 and fixed charging system for the battery
- Worked on communication issues at Pump Stations 5, 19 and 22

Wastewater Division – Customer Call Log Summary 2025							
Type	Blockages	Grinder Pumps	Odor Complaints	Flushing	WW Pump Stations	Other	Totals
Weekly	1	0	0	0	0	1	2
YTD 2025	59	57	5	0	0	82	203

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 for (pH, Cl, and Conductivity) and monthly DI Water System (HPC) QC
- Collected samples for COVID and other pathogen research studies: Wastewater-SCAN, Biobot, and CDC-NWSS
- Completed the monthly Quanti-Tray Seal test
- Cross-training with Lachat nutrient analysis on-going

ENVIRONMENTAL COORDINATOR & PRETREATMENT

- Verified semiannual permit sampling is completed
- Reviewed April compliance reports for Berwick, Volvo Mack and Conagra
- Completed 1st Quarter Synexus report for Berwick

WATER DIVISION

Plant Flows - System Demand (MGD)

<u>Date</u>	<u>Willson</u>	<u>Breichner</u>	<u>Total</u>
05/22/25	10.77		10.77
05/23/25	11.41		11.41
05/24/25	10.74		10.74
05/25/25	10.74		10.74
05/26/25	11.13		11.13
05/27/25	11.07		11.07
05/28/25	10.69		10.69
		Average:	10.94

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

- Staff worked on facility maintenance and routine preventative maintenance.
- Evaluated and serviced the Traveling Screen at R.C. Willson.

Water Production at Breichner / Edgemont Reservoir

The Edgemont Reservoir pool elevation is currently at 9.69 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.
- Repairs were made to a valve on Pennsylvania Ave.

Laboratory

- Process and regulatory testing were routine for the week.
- Completed QC verifications: weekly benchtop microbial surface monitoring.
- Collected May Bacteriological Monitoring samples.
- Collected and analyzed Lagoon discharge.

Engineering

	<u>City</u>	<u>County</u>
Site Plans	1	-
Preliminary Plats	-	-
Grading Plan	-	-
Final Plat	-	-
Building Permits	4	2
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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