



STATE OF THE CITY REPORT

Issued March 1, 2023 by Mayor Joel B. Day

2022 was a year of transition for the City of New Philadelphia. We emerged from the COVID-19 pandemic with renewed optimism about the future. Most of our employers were looking for workers to fill jobs. As mask mandates lifted, the confidence to gather and move about freely was restored. It was gratifying to once again, see crowds line the streets for our parades and swell attendance at Art on the Alley events and the First Town Days Festival.

The multi-million-dollar expansions of Battle Motors and Freeport Press, and the opening of several smaller businesses, showed that members of New Philadelphia's business community were confident in the future.

Broadband expansion continued in the City. Using the City's fiber optic network, free wireless internet service was provided to the downtown area and also at Tuscora Park. City Council adopted new regulations to address the expansion of 5G and other emerging wireless telecommunications technologies.

The administration's Property Review Committee made a lot of headway in its efforts to rid the City of dilapidated structures and encourage owners to keep their properties in good repair.

Schoenbrunn Village celebrated the 250th anniversary of its founding in 1772. The celebration returned members of the Lenape Delaware to their frontier home and reminded all who participated how important the village has been to the history of New Philadelphia and Ohio.

There were problems in the community in 2022 that persisted through the transition. The call volume for the City's safety forces continued to increase, as did calls related to drug addiction and mental illness. The City Health Department reported a steady drop in the numbers of COVID cases reported in the City but saw an upswing in the numbers of children and adults becoming ill from the RSV virus.

The State of our City remains strong and optimistic as we enter the year 2023. The new year will have its share of challenges. But as New Philadelphians, I am confident that we will meet them with the same grit, determination, and compassion that we have shown in the past.



MAYOR'S ACTIVITIES IN 2022

- Attended the monthly meetings of the Tuscarawas County Mayors Association.
- Attended the monthly meetings of the Tuscora Park Foundation Board of Directors, and as secretary, kept the meeting minutes.
- Attended the monthly meetings of HARCATUS Tri-County CAO, Inc. as a public sector representative.
- Negotiated new three-year contracts with the City's four collective bargaining units. The City firefighter's union was the only unit that chose not to accept the terms that the other units accepted. Instead, IAFF Local 1501 put the City through a lengthy and costly arbitration process. The result was the arbitrator giving the firefighters slightly more in wage and benefit increases than the City had originally offered. In the aftermath, the union membership elected new leadership.
- Conducted monthly meetings of the administration's Property Review Committee to identify problematic structures in the City and recommend actions to eliminate them.
- Spoke to Cub Scout Pack 84 about local government and the mayor's position at its pack meeting at the South Broadway Methodist Church.
- Was a guest reader at East Elementary School's Literacy Week program.
- Presented Certificates of Commendation to New Philadelphia Police Department Auxiliary Officers Bob Everett and Brian Klopfer for rescuing an elderly woman from a house fire on Lakeview Avenue NW.
- Presented Certificates of Commendation to New Philadelphia Police Officers Andrew Boyd and Mark Sadolsky for answering a call from the mother of a handicapped citizen on Juniper Street SE and shoveling snow from the wheelchair ramp and sidewalk at the home.
- As secretary of the Ohio Mid-Eastern Governments Association's board of directors, attended the annual three-day National Association of Development Organizations and the Development District Association of Appalachia conference in Washington D.C.
- Used funds from the Economic Development budget to have the Tuscarawas Arts Partnership conduct a study to determine where an Arts and Culture District should be located in the downtown area and how it should function to drive business investment and sustainability.
- Appointed John Marsh III and Bob Bedard to the City's Airport Commission.
- Gave oaths of office to promote New Philadelphia Police Officer Tessa Pohovey to the rank of Captain and Officer Kurt Olsen to the rank of Sergeant.
- Gave the oath of office to Officer Katelyn Brown to officially welcome her to the New Philadelphia Police Department.
- Gave the oath of office to K-9 Cooper to officially welcome him to the New Philadelphia Police Department.



- Helped the Police and Fire Departments coordinate a city-wide security plan with schools, churches and businesses to respond to active shooter and related emergencies. City department heads came up with the idea of a “See Something, Say Something” campaign that would discover security shortfalls, teach prevention, and allow us as a community to respond to any threats.
- Participated as an ex officio member of a steering committee that will develop a new strategic plan to continue to revitalize the downtown area and sustain its development and growth.
- As the chairman of the Tuscarawas County Transportation Improvement District’s Board of Directors, helped craft a Request for Proposal to secure an engineering consultant to conduct a study to improve the I-77/US 250 interchange on West High Avenue. This followed the news that the Ohio Department of Development had awarded our TID a \$60,000.00 grant to help pay for the study.
- Participated in the May 3rd ceremony to open the two-day celebration of the 250th anniversary of the founding of Schoenbrunn Village.
- Presented the Tuscarawas County Heritage Home Association’s “Heroes of History” award to Don and Susie Whittingham for their funding of the restoration of the “Welcome to Our City” lighted sign atop the House of Stones building.
- Presented Certificates of Commendation to General Services Department workers Triston Hunter, Donny Pettitt and Mike Brinkley for assisting an elderly resident who fell down the steps outside of her home on Park Avenue NW. Had they not responded so quickly, it was uncertain how long the woman would have gone without help.
- Attended the annual Mayors Association of Ohio conference, where Governor DeWine announced that he would sign legislation to allow local school boards to decide whether to allow school employees to carry guns.
- Ordered the Street Department to, annually, close the downtown square to traffic to avoid disruption of the Memorial Day and Veterans Day ceremonies.
- Participated in the opening ceremony and car show at the annual First Town Days Festival at Tuscora Park.
- Gave oaths of office to welcome Officer Missy Snyder to the New Philadelphia Police Department and to promote Officer Don Woods to the rank of Captain and Officer Mitch Goble to the rank of Sergeant.
- Led a ribbon-cutting ceremony at Tuscora Park to mark the opening of four new pickleball courts on Al Maloney Way NW.
- Presented a Mayoral Proclamation to Margaret Bonamico to honor her 50 years of service to “Trumpet in the Land”, Ohio’s official state play and longest running outdoor theatre production.
- Participated in the ribbon-cutting ceremony to celebrate the opening of Battle Motors’ \$40 million dollar expansion at its Reiser Avenue SE plant. In addition, a special street sign was presented to company CEO Mike Patterson that designates the driveway to the plant as “Battle Motors Road.”



- Presented a Mayoral Proclamation to retiring Congressman Bob Gibbs to honor and thank him for his service to New Philadelphia and his district in the U.S. House of Representatives.
- Presented a Mayoral Proclamation to John and Peggy Stratton of New Philadelphia to honor their philanthropy, and their establishment of the Quaker Foundation, which has provided New Philadelphia High School graduates and teachers with over \$2.4 million dollars in scholarships and grants.
- In October, hired Compass Point Planning of Blue Ash, Ohio to conduct a year-long study to update the City’s zoning codes and planning ordinances.
- Presented a Mayoral Proclamation to New Philadelphia Police Officer Jen Horner to recognize her accomplishment of running a 13-mile half marathon, in full police gear, at the Peace Officer Memorial Run in Modesto, California.
- Participated in sessions to create a strategic plan for the Tuscarawas County Economic Development Corporation and its branch organizations.
- Presented a Certificate of Commendation to Mike Pyle, Assistant City General Services Superintendent, for personally rectifying a citizen’s complaint about a new garbage can that was damaged during trash pickup. Assistant Superintendent Pyle went to her home, took the damaged container to the City garage and replaced its wheel. The citizen contacted my office to praise his response.
- Welcomed Solace Relaxation Massage and Float Spa on West High Avenue as a new downtown business.
- With the help of my Executive Assistant Jami Bailey, conducted the annual Christmas Lighting Ceremony downtown on November 18th.
- Presented a Mayoral Proclamation to retiring State Senator Jay Hottinger to honor and thank him for his service to New Philadelphia and Tuscarawas County.

EXECUTIVE ASSISTANT – Jami Bailey

Among the responsibilities of the Mayor’s Executive Assistant is to issue licenses and permits, and collect revenue generated from parking meters and fines. Here are the numbers from 2022:

246	Vendors Licenses
300	Parking Permits
9	Solicitors and Handbill Permits
283	Garage Sale Permits
1	Internet Café License
0	Taxicab Permits
0	Going Out of Business Permits
0	Billiards Hall Permits
0	Bowling Alley Permits

Total monies collected from parking meters and fines: \$15,423.54
Total revenue collected for the year 2022: \$39,437.79

61 complaints and inquiries were forwarded to the Street Department, Police Department and Zoning & Building Code Administrator

In addition, Jami did an excellent job of organizing the City's annual Christmas Lighting Ceremony and Christmas parade.

CITY PLANNING COMMISSION

The City Planning Commission held nine meetings in 2022. It took the following actions on city planning issues:

- Approved the annexation of three parcels of Goshen Township land at Commercial Avenue and Blake Avenue SW owned by housing developer Jarod Lawver and recommended it be accepted by City Council.
- Approved a rezoning request from the Tuscarawas County Commissioners for the future site of a new County Board of Elections office on East High Avenue. The Commission recommended to City Council that the 2.92 lot be rezoned from industrial to business to allow for the office's construction.
- After virtual presentations from CT Consultants, Inc. and Compass Point Planning, the Commission voted unanimously to recommend that Compass Point be hired to conduct a revision of the City's zoning code.
- Approved a request from developers Kathy Pietro and Bob Martinelli to construct the final phase of the Oak Shadows Subdivision. The plat would have 12 lots for single family homes.

The Commission also created preliminary guidelines to regulate short-term rental housing, such as AirBnbs, in the City. But the effort was put on hold because the Ohio Legislature was considering statewide regulations.

DOWNTOWN DESIGN STANDARDS BOARD OF REVIEW

The board conducted nine meetings in 2022. Members continued their work to develop design standards for building façade improvements, other structures, and public art in the downtown area.



In March, the board put out an artists' call to high school art students in the county to come up with designs for traffic box wraps in the downtown area. Six designs were selected, printed, and installed on traffic boxes on North Broadway, Fair Avenue NW, Front Avenue SW, 2nd Street NW, 2nd Street NE, and at the House of Stones quadrant.

At the Mayor's request, the board recommended that the City participate in the Tuscarawas Arts Partnership's County Sculpture Tour project. Anthony Contini was selected as the artist to design the City's sculpture. The Gavin's downtown quadrant was selected as the sculpture's location. It will be erected in the fall of 2023.

The board gave input on the Tuscarawas Arts Partnership's study to create an Arts and Culture District in the downtown area. The study suggested that the district's boundaries should be St. Clair Avenue on the south, 2nd Street on the east and 2nd Street on the west, and Ray Avenue on the north. Legislation to officially establish the district will be considered by City Council in 2023.

The members also selected new designs for downtown Christmas lights that the City will begin purchasing in 2023.

HUMAN RESOURCES DEPARTMENT – Director Lacey McKain

As with many employers, the main focus in 2022 consisted of recruiting new employees to the City's workforce along with continuing to train and retain current staff. The pandemic along with other generational changes have shifted the needs of employees and their desired work environment. We have worked hard to keep up with the continually changing culture of the workplace and the new daily struggles this has created. We continue to train and develop current employees and have had many internal job movements in the last year. Several employees also received commendations throughout the year for going above and beyond to help the community. An employee appreciation breakfast was made possible by generous sponsors, W.E. Quicksall & Associates and Diversified Engineering, in December. The year ended with 175 full time employees, 10 permanent part time employees, 20 part time employees and approximately 40 seasonal employees.

The City of New Philadelphia also worked with New Philadelphia City Schools on an internship program, giving one senior the opportunity to work in many of the departments, learning the daily tasks and gaining valuable skills for her future career path. This not only was a benefit to the student but was also a huge asset to New Philadelphia.

New three-year Collective Bargaining Agreements were negotiated and finalized for all four unions. This includes AFSCME Local 1958 Service, Maintenance, and Technical Employees; AFSCME Local 1958 Clerical Chapter; The International Association of Firefighters Local 1501; and The Fraternal Order of

Police Ohio Labor Council. After months of negotiating, agreements were reached that were beneficial to all union members and the City.

New Philadelphia continues to prioritize mental health by providing an Employee Assistance Program to all employees through Gateway Rehabilitation Center/Washington EAP Services. Changes were made in 2022 to increase the employee benefit from one free session of counseling to three free sessions. Free confidential access to online resources such as webinars, coaching, and handbooks have also become available to help employees anytime they need support.

Discussions began on conducting Active Shooter Training for all employees. This training will be held in 2023 by the New Philadelphia Police Department to ensure that employees are trained in a manner that will coincide with our safety forces' current training and procedures. The safety of all employees and City residents is a top priority and we want everyone to be prepared in case of an emergency.

Director McKain traveled to Columbus to attend the Ohio SERB Academy December 13-14. This two-day conference gave an overview of Ohio's Public Sector Collective Bargaining Law. It discussed representation, dispute settlement, and unfair labor practice matters, covering the law, the administrative rules, and the day-to-day procedures of the agency. Knowledge was gained that can be used in future employment disputes and contract negotiations.

In addition to managing all Worker's Compensation claims and filing requirements, Director McKain continued to earn the City additional discounts on the annual premium by participating in the following programs:

- DFSP (Drug-Free Safety Program): Earns the City a 4% discount:
 - Continued to participate and track random drug draws in concert with the City Health Department.
 - Continued to monitor all drug testing (i.e., pre-hire, random, and post-accident).
 - Conducted Mandatory Substance Abuse Training for all employees through Occupational Medicine Center.
- ISSP (Industry-Specific Safety Program): Earns the City a 3% discount:
 - Attended required classes throughout the year on Occupational Safety and Health.
- TWBP (Transitional Work Bonus Program): Earns the City up to a 10% discount:
 - Ensured that employees with physician orders for restricted duty were provided duties in line with the order.
- Attended Monthly Tuscarawas Valley Safety Council Meetings: Earns the City a 1% discount.

SERVICE DEPARTMENT – Director Ron McAbier

In 2022, the Service Department continued to use Federal and State funding, and local tax dollars, to make improvements to the City’s infrastructure. The projects that were completed included:

- Through funding provided by the Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) program, 499 linear feet of curbing, 832 linear feet of 4” concrete sidewalks, and 230 linear feet of 6” concrete sidewalks were laid along 2nd Street NW and NE.
- The engineering design for Phase 1 of the Franklin Square storm sewer project was put in place and the contractor was selected. Phase 1 encompasses the area from the river to Bank Lane and 5th Street SW. The start of construction was delayed until 2023 due to the process of getting approval from the railroad to do core sampling at the Mill Avenue overpass. Additionally, Phase 2 preliminary engineering plans were completed, with the City being awarded an Ohio Public Works Commission grant in the amount of \$299,900.
- Approximately 3.332 miles of city streets were paved during 2022.
- The City installed 36,500 feet of 12” waterlines including two major projects: relocation of the former Howden Buffalo waterline and the improvement of the Parklane Drive NW waterline.

The City has also bid out the Glen Drive NW construction project multiple times and will continue to try to get the project completed in 2023.

Building Permits – The following building permits were issued in 2022:

13	New Single-Family Homes
5	Duplexes
5	New Commercial Buildings
2	Additions to Commercial Buildings
8	Garages/Carports
6	Additions to Family Homes
359	Miscellaneous permits for signs, lot splits, concrete, licenses, taps, etc.

398 Total Permits and Licenses for 2022

Tree Planting – A total of 29 trees were planted throughout the City during 2022. For the 31st consecutive year, the Arbor Day Foundation recognized New Philadelphia as a “Tree City USA” community because of its commitment to urban forestry.

Sidewalk Replacement Program – The Sidewalk Replacement Program was a success again in 2022. The City was able to assist 19 property owners in replacing or repairing their sidewalks.

Permit/Plans – Plans were approved for construction of a new Petco in 2023 on Bluebell Drive NW between Menards and Walmart.

Annexations – The following properties were annexed into the City in 2022:

- Ryan Ruth – Parcel 25-00203-000, initiated September 8, 2021, Resolution 48-2021 passed January 10, 2022.
- Michael and Randy Moser – Parcel 25-00763.000, initiated October 26, 2021, Resolution 48-2021 passed January 10, 2022.
- Investment Source – Parcels 25-00203-000 and 25-01172-000, initiated September 8, 2021, Resolution 48-2021 passed January 10, 2022.
- 1196 12th Street LLC – Parcel 25-02357-000, Resolution 11-2022 passed March 28, 2022 (Type 2 Annexation).

Board of Zoning Appeals – The Board of Zoning Appeals met 10 times, granted nine variances, and denied three during the 2022 calendar year.

INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY – Larry Lowdermilk

With the help of Pioneer 360, who manages the City’s computer infrastructure and network, a downtown Public Wireless Internet Service was installed. The service, labeled “Downtown Wireless” allows use by the public while visiting the downtown area and some of the City’s parks. This will continue to be expanded in the future.

The City also upgraded many of the computers and networking equipment, and continued to explore all solutions to keep the City’s data safe, secure, and available.

City Airport Commission/Harry Clever Field Municipal Airport

The City Airport Commission held nine monthly meetings in 2022. Working with the City’s airport consultants at Michael Baker International, the Commission helped direct improvements at Harry Clever Field, including:

- Airport beacon light replacement and upgrade – FAA grant
- Runway lighting replacement and upgrade – FAA and ODOT-Aviation grants

In addition, the FAA approved the City’s application to receive a \$135,000.00 grant to relocate the taxiway at Harry Clever Field. That project will begin in 2023.

The Service Department also provided the airport with a second courtesy car for visiting pilots to use to tour New Philadelphia and surrounding communities. There were 106 uses of the courtesy cars recorded in 2022.

The City received \$20,735.02 in revenue from the airport restaurant Maggoo’s Pizza, Pasta and More. In addition, ProAv, the Fixed Based Operator (FBO) at Harry Clever Field, paid the following revenue to the City:

- Fuel Sales \$ 2,135.23
- City Hanger Rent \$22,499.70
- ProAv Hanger Rent \$20,364.27
- ProAv FBO Rent \$12,000.00
- Total \$56,999.20**

ZONING & BUILDING CODE ADMINISTRATOR – Joshua Mathias

The following information provides a summary of activities for Zoning & Building during 2022.

Zoning

Zoning violations in 2022 included failure to obtain permits, failure to obtain Certificates of Zoning Compliance (COZC), as well as property setback and signage violations.

- Failure to Obtain Permits: 10
- Failure to Obtain COZC: 5
- Setback Violations: 3
- Signage Violations: 6

Total Zoning violations: 24

Property Maintenance

Property maintenance violations in 2022:

- High Grass: 47
- Overgrown Vegetation: 24
- Garbage: 18
- Junk: 26
- Junk Vehicle: 5

Total Property Maintenance violations: 120

City work crews were sent to mow high grass or trim back vegetation from a city right-of-way at **6 locations** where property owners failed to comply with cleanup orders. These property owners were billed for our services. Some chose not to pay the bill and a lien was requested to be placed on their real estate taxes.

- **3 property owners paid for a total of \$840.00 collected**
- **3 property owners did not pay for a total of \$1,215.00 requested as liens**

Our local Housing Code and the International Property Maintenance Code (IPMC) were used to identify unsafe/unsanitary structures within the City and order violations to be corrected. These violations ranged from a single necessary correction to an entire structure needing to be repaired or demolished. There were some properties we began working with in 2021 that carried into 2022. Those results are included in this report.

- Repairs in progress: 9
- Violations corrected/structures repaired: 10
- Structures demolished by the property owner: 1
- Structures demolished by the City: 3

Total issues with buildings: 23

We used the Ohio Department of Development’s (ODOD) Building Demolition & Site Revitalization program for the removal of buildings in the year 2022. New Philadelphia paid the costs for the demolitions up front, and the grant funding will reimburse the City in full.

Total demolition cost: \$28,386.00

Amount to be reimbursed to the City: \$28,386.00

GENERAL SERVICES DEPARTMENT – Superintendent Ray Grewell

In the prelude of his report, Superintendent Grewell wrote: “We had another successful year at the General Services Department. This is all possible because of the hard work put in by the employees of the General Services Department. We are all working together as a team for the betterment of the City. There are many examples of coming together as a team, but two examples stand out the most. The first of which is how few potholes there are on our city streets. Nothing angers drivers more than hitting potholes. Between an aggressive paving program and hard work from the street crews, we have been able to keep potholes to a minimum for the past several years.



The second example of coming together as a team at General Services has to do with extra pickups. Residents hate seeing the curb strip loaded with piles of trash and brush in their neighborhood. Our employees have been working as quickly as possible to stay caught up with the extra pickups. In most cases we can have an extra pickup that is called in picked up within a week.

Other projects or improvements at General Services included:

- New siding for our sanitation building
- New backhoe
- An overhaul for our ride on paint machine
- Major repairs to our street sweeper
- Many tree jobs completed
- For the seventh straight year, we were able to complete leaf pickup before the first of the year.

There were countless other things that we did daily, from preparing for parades and events, to helping pretty much anyone who needs it. This is all made much easier because of the willingness of us all to work together.”

2022 General Service Year End Totals

STREET DEPARTMENT

New purchase - Case 580 SN backhoe \$92,305.00

Street Sweeper Repairs - \$14,450.71

Overhaul Ride On Paint Machine - \$11,048.02

Rebuild Walk Behind Paint Machines - \$4,008.15

Newton Asphalt Hot Mix Potholes - 352.41 Tons - \$25,598.96

Paving - 6,474.10 Tons - \$574,807.30

HFRS2 - 500 Gallons - \$1,065.00

Tuscarawas County Engineer Cold Mix — 102.94 tons - \$7,612.47

Salt Purchased for 2022-2023 Winter- 2193.83 Tons - \$125,297.06

Salt Used for 2022 - 1,384.85 Tons

SANITATION AND RECYCLING DEPARTMENT

New Purchase - 2022 **Battle Motors** LNT-21-Loadmaster \$165,657.00

Metal Roof Siding on Sanitation Garage - \$32,554.57

Kimble Garbage - 10,471.42 Tons - \$318,415.03

Recycle - 509.65 Tons - \$16,207.95

Extra Pick-ups — 1,118

TREE MAINTENANCE AND REMOVAL

Stumps Removed — 79
Trees Trimmed — 207
Trees Cut Down — 90
Bull Country Compost — 78 hoppers

Repairs to Salt Bowl Roof - \$8,500.00
R.J. Wright and Sons LTD Fuel - \$250,852.21

**WATER OFFICE / WATER SUPPLY / WATER DISTRIBUTION
– Superintendent Scott DeVault**

In 2022, the City’s Water Department completed many improvements to its distribution system including large infrastructure improvement projects replacing 12” waterline.

Work concluded relocating the 12” waterline under the Howden/Joy property to the right-of-way on Mill Avenue SW. This project consisted of 1,725’ of 12” waterline.

The Parklane Waterline Improvement Project was completed. This project consisted of 1,910’ of 12” waterline. It also included improving the waterline to loop on N. Broadway/7 Mile Dr. This project eliminated a 2” waterline and improved it to 6”.

Other improvements to the distribution system included hydrant replacement, valve replacement, service connection renewals, new taps, new mains, and new service installations all across the City.

In 2022, the City’s Water Plant continued efficient production of safe, clean drinking water to the residents and businesses of New Philadelphia. The following report shows the operation of the City’s Water Office, Water Supply, and Distribution System departments in 2022.

2022 WATER DEPARTMENT IMPORTANT STATISTICS

WATER OFFICE

JANUARY 1, 2022 - DECEMBER 31, 2022

TOTAL NUMBER OF SERVICE CONNECTIONS

SPRINKLING METERS	383
WATER ONLY ACCOUNTS	174
SEWER ONLY ACCOUNTS	14
ACH ACCOUNTS	1,662
WORK ORDERS	2,232
AMR WORK ORDERS	10
ACCOUNTS INSIDE CITY	8,132



ACCOUNTS OUTSIDE CITY 228
TOTAL ACCOUNTS 8,366

AS OF 2018 ALL ACCOUNTS ARE ON THE AUTOMATIC METER READING SYSTEM (AMR)

WATER SUPPLY

JANUARY 1, 2022 - DECEMBER 31, 2022

PUMPED FROM WELLS	789,099,319 GALLONS
PUMPED TO DISTRIBUTION	711,303,333 GALLONS
CHLORINE USED	4,609 POUNDS
PERMANGANATE USED	788 GALLONS
SALT USED	4,411,160 POUNDS
CARBON DIOXIDE USED	126,115 POUNDS
TOTAL HOURS OPERATIONAL	5,840

WATER DISTRIBUTION WORK STATISTICS

JANUARY 1, 2022 - DECEMBER 31, 2022

LEAKS MAIN 29	LEAKS SERVICE 18	NEW SERVICES 22	RENEWED SERVICES 28	NEW OR REPLACED 14
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WATER IMPROVEMENTS

JANUARY 1, 2022- DECEMBER 31, 2022

WATER DISTRIBUTION

REPLACED 11 - 6" MAIN	INSTALLED 250 - NEW 6" WATER MAIN
INSTALLED 16 - NEW 12" MAIN VALVE	INSTALLED 3,411' OF NEW 12" WATER MAIN
INSTALLED 3 - NEW 6" MAIN VALVE	

WASTEWATER/SEWER DEPARTMENTS – Superintendent Brian Myers

WASTEWATER DEPARTMENT

In 2022, the Wastewater Treatment Plant treated 1 billion gallons of raw sewage averaging 2.8 million gallons per day (MGD) with 5.8 million gallons (MG) of sludge produced as a result. The sludge was run through a filter press and 401.1 dry tons of sludge were disposed of at the Kimble Landfill.



Improvements made to the City's wastewater system included:

- Installed a new control panel at the Oak Shadow lift station at the bottom of Hillandale Rd NE.
- The sewer plant was bypassed for a day to install 3 new check valves and 3 new gate valves on the influent raw pumps.
- Repaired the force main at Tech Park lift station due to slippage of the pipe from the valve pit.
- Installed a new pump along with a new electric pole and panel at our stormwater lift station on 11th Street NW.
- Replaced both storm and sanitary manholes on 2nd Street/Ashwood Lane NE repairing a large sinkhole caused by undermining from a water leak and deterioration of both manholes.
- Installed a new conveyor belt to replace the twin screws on the belt filter press.
- Ordered a new Vacall in January of 2022. (It was delivered in February of 2023.)
- Started an upgrade to our SCADA system which will continue into 2023.
- Continued to work with water conservationist Alec Hillyer to keep both the lagoon and park pond free of algae and duckweed.

SEWER DEPARTMENT

- Raised 31 manholes throughout the City and rebuilt 23 catch basins.
- Handled all OUPS tickets and cleaned catch basins daily.
- Each month, jetted and sucked out hot spot areas to ensure that the sanitary system worked properly.
- Answered 23 sewer calls resulting in only 3 lines needing jetted to help flow.
- Camera'd and smoke tested all of Schoenbrunn Estates and Buckeye Estates looking for inflow and infiltration to satisfy EPA requirements.
- Fixed several sinkholes.
- Used the sewer jetter and helped the Water Department replace hydrants and services along with multiple leaks throughout the year.
- Plowed snow.
- Mapped all new sewer laterals.
- Continued work on the storm water management and FOG (Fats, Oils & Grease) programs.

FIRE DEPARTMENT – Chief Jim Parrish

Chief Parrish wrote the following in his report:

2022 proved the resiliency of the men and women of the New Philadelphia Fire Department as well as the character of our members. Throughout the post-pandemic year we continued our forward progress with respect to training, challenging our staff and replacing capital equipment.

The purchase of a new Pierce Enforcer 1500 GPM Engine allowed us to keep our 1995 E One Engine in reserve status and increase our total pumping capacity. We also purchased a new 100' Pierce Enforcer Ladder/Tower and sold our 2009/1985 Grumman 102' Ladder/Tower. The new Ladder should arrive this spring. We also replaced the 2008 pickup truck in the Fire Prevention Bureau.

Unfortunately, we had two separate fatal house fires in 2022: one on February 4th and the other on November 29th. A resident was injured in a house fire on February 12th. One of the fires was caused by careless smoking and the other two by incendiary devices.

Our call volume continued to increase as illustrated below:

2018	2,863
2019	3,204
2020	3,080 (COVID Pandemic)
2021	3,503
2022	3,673

Approximately 80% of the calls are EMS (ambulance), in which 40% are related to alcohol/chemical dependency as well as mental health issues.

I believe that the combination of the drug/mental health problem and the rental/apartment and housing situation in our City is going to be a contributing factor for more fires in the future. You will see in the attached reports from Captain Jim Sholtz how we have changed our procedures for fire investigations and Paula Lancaster's report showing how the Fire Department helps fire victims find housing and other assistance. We are doing everything we can to help people in these situations.

Our crews train at 0900 Monday-Friday. Training is one of the most important parts of our operations especially with a young department. Listed below is the number of hours our personnel spend training both on and off duty. I could not be more proud of this portion of our department.

Hours	Training Type
332	Daily Training Monday-Friday
264	ACLS & PALS EMS
360	Dive Training

288	SRT with NPPD
80	FDIC
64	Auto Extrication
150	Random Fire/EMS

These are some goals for 2023 that I have for our department and for the future:

- Acquire land on both the East and West end of our City for substations (we already have the equipment needed to operate a sub-station).
- Continue to develop our staff. We are moving in a positive direction with our young members and our leadership within the Fire Department.
- Refurbish the Rescue/Engine with some modifications to the shelving and compartmentation, making it more of a Rescue since it does not need to be a backup Fire Engine anymore. Place our Dive and Water Rescue Equipment on it and get rid of our 1997 Dive Truck.
- Consider adding another person to our Fire Prevention Bureau at least part-time in 2024 to inspect apartments and rentals, which are most vulnerable to high life hazards.
- In 2024, move the Community Care Coordinator position from 20 hours/week to 40 hours/week. The need is already there.

AMBULANCE BILLING

The renovation and expansion of our Ambulance Billing Specialist/Administrative Assistant’s office began in late fall and will be completed in early 2023. Last year we deposited \$560,342.60 into the City’s 715 Ambulance Fund.

FIRE INSPECTION BUREAU – Captain Jim Sholtz, Fire Inspector #68422

2022 Fire Prevention Year End Report

- 937 businesses were inspected in the City. That is an increase from 917 in the previous year.
 - 1,023 inspections were conducted in 2022.
 - 303 re-inspections were conducted in 2022.
 - 1 citation was issued.
 - 1 business was listed as a “Nuisance Property”.
- The Bureau began inspecting Goshen Township businesses. 31 businesses were inspected.
- There was significant improvement in reported false alarms.
 - Post false alarm inspections were developed to identify the causes of false alarms and be sure that these issues are corrected.
 - 23 Post False Alarm Inspections were conducted, a 48% decrease from 2021.

- Post fire incident inspections were developed to identify causes and better prevent them in the future.
 - 10 Post Incident Inspections were conducted in 2022.
 - Several problems with the businesses' process were identified and corrected.
 - Tractor Supply received a new roof that was leaking into the alarm system.
 - Walmart replaced its entire sprinkler system that was failing.
 - Family Dollar had its sprinkler properly monitored.
 - In addition, the Bureau's involvement in drug-related calls greatly declined at the Days Inn and The Travel Lodge on Bluebell Drive NW.
- I conducted interventions with 6 youth fire setters.
 - This is one of the most important tools we use. It prevents fire injuries and deaths before they happen. It also shows where our weakness is in our fire safety education programs.
 - When dealing with youth fire setters, I identified a need for a Fire and Life Safety Intervention Specialist.
- Fire extinguisher hands on classes were taught to 228 individuals.
- In June, the Bureau began doing its own fire investigations. It will still partner with the State Fire Marshal's Office on all fatalities, suspicious fires and large loss fires. The Bureau investigated 9 structure fires. The causes were as follows:
 - 2 Incendiary (Arson)
 - 5 Accidental/Electrical
 - 1 Accidental (Debris on the Stove)
 - 1 Undetermined (Open)

Another successful Fire Safety Open House was held on October 13th. Approximately 400 guests from the community attended. This was our first open house post COVID.

Estimated Fire Loss/Saved for 2022

	<u>Loss</u>	<u>Saved</u>
○ Property:	\$1,122,360	\$2,728,650
○ Contents:	\$504,350	\$173,750
○ Total:	\$1,626,710	\$2,902,400

INTERNATIONAL PROPERTY MAINTENANCE CODE (IPMC) ACTIVITY

- 6 houses were torn down.
- 7 houses and 1 commercial building were sold and in the process of being remodeled.
- The former Puritan Carwash property was obtained by the City. The buildings will be demolished in 2023 after asbestos and environmental surveys are completed.

SMOKE DETECTOR PROGRAM

The Bureau partnered with Lowes Home Improvement to give out smoke detectors to every kindergarten child in the New Philadelphia School District. Through generous donations, several hundred smoke detectors were to given to the public and installed by firefighters for those citizens unable to do so themselves.

- 230 smoke detectors given out to kindergarteners.
- 109 smoke detectors handed out to the public.
- 29 smoke detectors Installed for the elderly.
- 368 smoke detectors handed out in total.

C.A.R.E.S. PROGRAM ACTIVITY

Paula Lancaster, the Fire Department’s Community Care Coordinator, continued to help more residents in need. The CARES program (Community Access, Resource, Education and Solutions) identifies residents who require assistance from medical, mental health or social service agencies in the New Philadelphia area. These were people who made EMS calls, and the responding crews realized that they had needs beyond immediate medical care. Ms. Lancaster is a certified community healthcare worker. In her part-time, 20 hour per week position, she logged the following activities in 2022:

IDENTIFIED RISK	TOTAL
Adult Education	1
Behavioral Health/Drug Addiction/Crisis	24
Developmental Referral	1
Domestic Violence	3
Educations	1,983 (on average 2 visits per home)
Employment	6
Face to Face	734 (4 to 5 home visits per client)
Fall Assessment/Home Assessment	88
Family Planning	14
Food	23
Handrails	22
Health Insurance/Medicaid	46
Home Health/Physical Therapy	23
Home Repairs	12

Stable Housing	16
Immunizations Referral/Screening	83
Local Social Services Referral	604
Medical Alarm	19
Medical Equipment	8
Medical Home	49
Medical Referral	284
Medication Assessment or Access to	44
Nursing Home Placement	16
Palliative Care/Hospice	13
Physical Therapy	10
Transportation	22
Utilities	8
Lead Screening	3
Smoke Detectors	11
Tobacco Cessation	2
Work w/Hospital to Connect Client to Nursing Home	10
Adult and Child Protection	10

POLICE DEPARTMENT – Chief Mike Goodwin

Some of the accomplishments in 2022 at the Police Department included:

- The continuation of the prescription drug take back box. It was emptied every other week with approximately 50 pounds or more, keeping the unused drugs off of the streets and out of the landfill.
- As of December 31st, 11,830 calls for service were handled: 878 traffic accidents and 707 traffic citations. 123 cases were sent to the County Prosecutors office for felony review. Also, 137 prisoners were housed in the city jail.
- Continued to provide security for the Tuscarawas County Library, the KSU Performing Arts Center and New Philadelphia High School sporting events.
- Our department brought in \$96,467.73 this past year with \$15,423.54 collected in parking tickets and \$81 ,044.19 miscellaneous funds.

Due to two retirements in 2022, two new employees were welcomed: Katelyn Brown and Missy Snyder. Officer James Miller was named as the replacement K9 handler due to Officer Pierce's retirement. His training with K9 Paco is expected to occur in the early spring of 2023.

Fourteen Auxiliary Officers continued to provide a vital role to the department and the citizens of New Philadelphia. They routinely completed business and vacation checks,

assisted full-time officers, and provided added security for community functions such as the First Town Days Festival and McInturf Realty’s Christmas in the Park.

Chief Goodwin stated in his report: “We are dedicated to providing the highest level of professional police services that our community has come to expect from its Police Department. We will continue to be seen in our neighborhoods, schools, and businesses, focused on community-oriented policing, and strive to help keep the City of New Philadelphia great.”

Top Calls for Service in 2022

Prepared by Administrative Captain Paul Rossi

911 Related /Hang Ups	877
Alcohol Related	78
Alarm Activations	518
Animal Related	438
Assaults	56
Assistance Rendered	759
Breaking & Entering/Burglary Related	27
Crash Reports	878
Disorderly Conducts	314
Domestic Related	417
Drug Related	86
Fraud Complaints	132
Harassment	216
Homicide/Murder	4
Lockouts	618
Mental Health Related	125
OMVI	12
Protection Order Violations	70
Sexual Related	29
Suspicious Nature	1622
Theft Related, total	400
Trespassing	150
Warrants, total	214
Misdemeanor Warrants	180
Felony Warrants	34

POLICE AUXILIARY REPORT – Captain Ty Norris, Auxiliary Liaison

This year we had added 3 new officers and lost 1 officer, which brought our total to 14 members at the end of the year. Jim Goodall, who was our longest serving Auxiliary officer, retired after 28 years of dedicated service and will be greatly missed. This was a great year for the Auxiliary from a participation

standpoint. The Police Department received **2,585.55** total patrol hours. These hours were all completed on patrol either by an Auxiliary Officer on solo patrol or riding with a full-time officer providing back-up and assistance in various capacities. If these hours would have been worked by a full-time patrolman, their total salary minus any benefits would have equaled \$76,247.87 at the current pay rate.

This participation not only has been a great service to the citizens of New Philadelphia but has substantially increased the safety of the full-time officers of this department. And undoubtedly the Auxiliary's participation reduced the threat of assault to officers and citizens alike. The Auxiliary officers continued to complete our business and vacation checks, with members completing 3 checks on every shift that was worked. I believe this has been instrumental in making our local businesses safer when they are closed and unoccupied.

Per the Auxiliary Policy, each member worked a shift at the First Town Days Festival and McInturf Realty's Christmas in the Park, the two largest annual events held at Tuscora Park. As you know, these events create great publicity and opportunities for the City to show off one of its most prized possessions in Tuscora Park. Each event is attended by thousands of citizens and out of towners alike. And having the extra manpower and police presence absolutely created a family friendly experience for all whom attended.

Each member of the Auxiliary also worked a minimum of 3 unpaid off-duty details throughout the course of the year. These events included parades, New Philadelphia City Schools sporting events, Tuscarawas Central Catholic High School sporting events, KSU Performing Arts Center shows and numerous 5k events hosted in the city. This also increased safety for all who attended or participated in the events.

Multiple members of the Auxiliary acted as role players in our Active Shooter training conducted at New Philadelphia High School and played a key role in making that scenario life-like and as realistic as possible for our road officers. We are all better because of their participation in that event. In 2023, I anticipate the same amount of participation from the current members, and they will continue to improve upon the services provided to this police department and the City of New Philadelphia. I anticipate all Auxiliary members to be certified in the use of both Less-Lethal beanbag deployment and becoming Taser certified. The Auxiliary will continue to meet on a regular basis and discuss where the members can make the most difference. I will continue to oversee and ensure that the Auxiliary and this department work seamlessly together as one.

Respectfully,
Captain Ty Norris / Auxiliary Liaison

Auxiliary Details

Officer	Off Duty Detail	Off Duty Detail	Off Duty Detail	First Town Days Shift
Bragg	3-6-22 5k Run	10-7-22 NPFB	12-18-22 Xmas in the Park	Completed
Vitt	4-29-22 PAC	Active Shooter Training	12-9-22 NPBB	Completed
Everett	1-25-22 CCBB	Active Shooter Training	10-21-22 NPFB	Covid 19
Townsend	3-6-22 5K Run	4-29-22 PAC	5-28-22 Funeral	Completed
Graham	Active Shooter Training	9-16-22 NPFB	8-26-22 NPFB	Completed
Goodall	Medical	Medical	Medical	Medical
Limbacher	Active Shooter Training	12-30-22 NPBB	Waived	N/A
Jones	1-29-22 NPBB	2-11-22 NPBB	3-6-22 5K run	Completed
Klopfner	1-13-22 CCBB	Active Shooter Training	10-6-22 NP Soccer	Completed
Kreitzer	5-28-22 Funeral	Active Shooter Training	10-23-22 PAC	Completed
Reiger	2-1-22 NPBB	3-4-22 BB Tourney Game	Active Shooter Training	Completed
Stokey	8-19-22 NPFB	8-26-22 NPFB	Active Shooter Training	Completed
Vargo	Active Shooter Training	10-10-22 PAC	10-23-22 PAC	Completed
Hagloch	11-25-22 Walmart	12-18-22 Xmas in the Park	12-21-22 NPBB	N/A
Quinlan	Waived	Waived	Waived	N/A

PARKS AND RECREATION DEPARTMENT – Superintendent Rod Miller

Tuscora Park returned to a more normal season in 2022 with COVID behind us. Pool hours were back to normal and there were enough lifeguards to staff the pool.

Tuscora Park’s field #2, located at the intersection of 2nd Street NW and Wabash Avenue, had a new playing surface of crushed brick installed, which limited the number of rainouts. An in-ground sprinkler system was also installed in the outfield.

The Ferris wheel saw a \$250,000 rebuild, which was necessary to bring the ride into compliance with Tyler’s Law. Dover Tank and Plate, Dover Hydraulics, and Gradall lent their expertise and time to help complete the work. The project was funded entirely by donations from local businesses, foundations, and individuals.

The Southside Community Park continued to be a big success with large crowds using the dog park and walking trails.

Four pickleball courts were constructed at Tuscora Park near the tennis courts. The Tuscora Park Foundation hosted the grand opening of the new courts in October.

The New Philadelphia Skate Park had \$12,000 worth of new ramps installed, with more to come in 2023.

The Tuscora Park Foundation received around \$212,000 in 2022 for projects, which included the pickleball courts, Tuscora Park field #2 renovations, and new infields at Waterworks fields #3, 4, 5, and 6.

In May, a new bench swing was constructed adjacent to the carousel at Tuscora Park. The swing was donated by the New Philadelphia High School Class of 1973.

CITY PARKS AND RECREATION BOARD

The board held 10 meetings in 2022 and took the following actions:

- Restricted the names or signs placed on the bench swing donated by the NPHS Class of 1973.
- Limited the number of guest speakers at meetings to two.
- Approved a request by the Tuscarawas County Public Library to hold pop-up library events at the Southside Community Park.
- Approved price increases for the Tuscora Park rides and mini golf operated by RTY, Inc.
- Approved a project to have New Philadelphia High School art students design artwork for new signs for City parks.
- Voted to allow the local group Turf Tuscora Diamond to raise funds for improvements to Tuscora Park field #1.
- Voted to support New Philadelphia Youth Baseball Association's effort to raise funds for improvements to the dugouts at Tuscora Park field #2.
- Approved the New Philadelphia Youth Soccer Association's revised proposal for constructing soccer fields at the Southside Community Park.
- Approved the New Philadelphia Youth Soccer Association's request to use space at Waterworks Park as a practice field for travel teams.
- Approved plans by the New Philadelphia Youth Baseball Association to renovate Waterworks Park field #5 and possibly fields #3 and #4.
- Voted to ask for New Philadelphia Schools' approval to paint permanent pickleball court lines on the two upper tennis courts at Tuscora Park.
- Voted to enter into an agreement with the Ohio Department of Natural Resources to stock the Tuscora Park pond with rainbow trout for a fishing event.

SOUTHSIDE COMMUNITY PARK

Additional trees were planted along the main entrance road during the City's annual Arbor Day celebration.

WATERWORKS PARK AND STATE ROUTE 416 BOAT RAMPS

The boat ramp designations on the Tuscarawas River Water Trail Map resulted in more watercraft activity throughout the spring, summer and fall months.

CRIDER AVENUE NE WALKING TRAIL

The Parks and Recreation Department made trail surface repairs and cleared drainage ditches during the year.

CEMETERY DEPARTMENT – Superintendent Kelly Herron

The efforts of Superintendent Herron and members of the City Cemetery Board continued to improve the operation of the City's cemeteries in 2022.

The addition of the Schoenbrunn Meadow Cemetery on Delaware Drive SE generated more activity. Last year, 90 grave spaces were sold: 60 full in-ground spaces and 21 niche spaces in columbaria. In addition, 41 foundations were installed.

Other accomplishments by the Cemetery Department included:

- From January 1st to December 30th, there were 103 burial services: 55 were full burials and 48 were cremations.
- 10 trees were removed from the East Avenue Cemetery.
- 10 additional trees were planted at the Schoenbrunn Meadow Cemetery.
- 40 loads of leaves, about 30 tons, were collected.
- 4 brick pillars were installed at the entranceway of Schoenbrunn Meadow Cemetery.
- New fencing was installed along 21st Drive SE at Schoenbrunn Meadow Cemetery.

CITY CEMETERY BOARD

The City Cemetery Board held 7 monthly meetings in 2022 and took the following actions:

- Voted to support an effort by Tom Adamich to have an Ohio Historical Marker erected at East Avenue Cemetery to mark the location of the graves of Ohio Governor Vic Donahey and members of his family.
- Approved a \$175.00 additional charge for weekend niche services to cover overtime costs.

- Voted to have a plaque placed in the Cemetery Department office to recognize the donations made by Chris Born and Norm Thurman to construct the brick pillars at the entranceway of Schoenbrunn Meadow Cemetery.
- Approved the design of a brochure to be used to make the public aware of the cemetery lots and columbaria available at Schoenbrunn Meadow.

CITY HEALTH DEPARTMENT - Commissioner Vickie Ionno, RN

The beginning of 2022 felt like a continuation of 2020 and 2021 with COVID-19 mitigation and response. Our health department continued to monitor and investigate positive COVID cases reported to us. We continued to offer COVID-19 vaccines both at our health department and off-site at Tuscora Park.

The New Philadelphia City Health Department has administered a total of 10,331 COVID vaccines with 1,968 of those given in 2022. In addition, our department investigated 1,285 positive COVID infections in our New Philadelphia residents.

In addition, our department continued to serve our residents with clinical services, vital statistics, environmental health services and inspections, and addiction treatment.

Since the upload and submission of more than 400 required documents for National Accreditation in 2021, the health department continued to prepare for a site visit. That date has yet to be announced.

In March 2022, our Director of Environmental Health, Lee Finley retired. We welcomed Zach Phillips to take the lead as the new Director of Environmental Health.

Our department received Public Health Workforce Development funding to allow staff to be trained in essential functions and programs in their respective departments.

Our NPCHD Workforce Development Coordinator, Dana Fischio was accepted into the 2022-2023 Leadership Tuscarawas class. This prestigious class of professionals improve their skills to become leaders of tomorrow.

More details are forthcoming in the City Health Department's Annual Report.

NEW PHILADELPHIA MUNICIPAL COURT – Judge Nanette DeGarmo Von Allman

In the Court's 2022 Annual Report, Judge Von Allman stated that operations returned to pre-COVID levels. The Court retained its capacity to utilize technology for efficiency and utilize programming like

the Recovery Court (substance abuse) and Pre-Trial Supervision to improve the outcomes for individuals in the court system. Statistics provided in the report included:

- The court handled a total of 8,747 cases, a decrease of 5.17% from the cases handled in 2021.
- The Municipal Court remitted \$1,274,124.46 to the City of New Philadelphia, including special court funds.
- The Municipal Court remitted \$133,767.81 to Tuscarawas County, including Law Library and Public Defender fees.
- 127 defendants were ordered to serve a total of 676 days on the Municipal Court Work Program, an increase of 106% over the previous year. If those days had been served in the county jail, the cost to the taxpayers would have been \$40,560.00.

The full text of the Court's 2022 Annual Report can be found on its website at www.npmunicipalcourt.org.

CONCLUSION

As the county seat of Tuscarawas County, New Philadelphia has responsibilities of leadership and direction. The achievements made by the City in 2022 would not have been possible without the commitment to serve made by the members of the American Federation of State, County and Municipal Employees Local 1958, the Fraternal Order of Police and the International Association of Firefighters Local 1501.

That commitment extends to the City's department heads and employees who truly care about the welfare of New Philadelphians. Much credit must also be given to members of New Philadelphia's City Council and my fellow Administrators for providing steady guidance and support throughout the year. We functioned as a team in 2022 and will continue that strong working relationship in 2023. It is an honor to serve you as the Mayor of New Philadelphia.



Joel B. Day, Mayor