



STATE OF THE CITY REPORT

Issued March 1, 2022 by Mayor Joel B. Day

Looking back on the year 2021, in my mind the single event that most impacted New Philadelphia was the possible loss of the City Health Department in the midst of the COVID-19 pandemic. House Bill 110 contained language that called for the consolidation of health departments in Ohio. That could have resulted in the closure of health departments in Ohio cities with populations less than 50,000.

The threat mobilized a response from our community that, I think in large part, caused members of the Ohio Legislature to change their minds. State Representative Brett Hillyer commented at the time that it was the most telephone calls and letters of support he had seen for any one issue.

City Health Commissioner Vickie Ionno, Director of Nursing Nicole Bache, City Council president Don Kemp, City Law Director Marvin Fete, and myself went to Columbus on May 6th to give testimony against HB 110 to the Ohio Senate's Health Committee. Afterward, our meeting with State Senator Jay Hottinger resulted in the senator crafting an amendment that saved our Health Department.

Throughout 2021, our Health Department showed its value to our residents and businesses. Commissioner Ionno and her staff worked long hours to provide essential public health services while guiding us through the second year of the pandemic. The Health Department administered 8,333 vaccinations last year and held 52 vaccination clinics at Tuscora Park and at other locations in the City.

Calls related to drug abuse and mental illness increased 32 percent last year for the City's fire and police forces. Both Fire Chief Jim Parrish and Police Chief Mike Goodwin attributed the increase to lockdowns and difficulties people had in coping with the pandemic. The drug of choice among addicts was methamphetamine. Lethal mixtures with fentanyl began showing up on our streets. Because of our larger population, New Philadelphia recorded the most drug overdose deaths in the county in 2021. Due to the rising crime and emergency response calls, the City hired two additional police officers, a K9 officer and three firefighters.

The City's Fire Inspector and Building, Zoning Code Administrator and Law Director joined forces to spearhead a successful program to rid our neighborhoods of unsafe and eyesore properties. Their Property Review Committee met monthly to discuss properties in violation of building and zoning codes and the International Property Maintenance Code.



The easing of pandemic restrictions in 2021 allowed many New Philadelphia businesses to fully reopen, which resulted in an 11 percent increase in City income tax revenue collected last year compared to the previous year.

The result of the 2020 U.S. Census showed that the City's population had increased by 389 over the past ten years, to 17,677. As our population grew, so did the City's manufacturing base. Battle Motors of Los Angeles purchased Crane Carrier and announced plans to double the size of the plant on Reiser Avenue SE to add electric vehicles to its line of specialty vehicles. Nearby Freeport Press began an expansion project that will substantially increase its print production.

Ribbon-cutting ceremonies were held at three new downtown businesses. Construction of a new Marriot Hotel began on West High Avenue. Many business owners I spoke with however, lamented the lack of workers to fill job openings.

Grand opening ceremonies were held at the new Southside Community Park and at the new Schoenbrunn Meadows Cemetery. The dog park at the Southside park quickly became popular with our four-legged residents. The opening of Schoenbrunn Meadows filled a strong need for cemetery plots in the City.

Other key construction projects completed in 2021:

- Connecting all municipal buildings with fiber optic cable greatly enhanced the security of the City's computer network. The faster data transmission boosted work efficiency and lowered hardware costs by eliminating the need for multiple servers in City buildings.
- Sidewalks and curbs were constructed on the east side of Lakeview Road NW. Also, a pedestrian crosswalk with pushbutton activated crossing lights was installed on Wabash Avenue NW. It allowed for safer crossing to and from Lakeview Road to the walkway around Woody Hayes Quaker Stadium.
- The City's first tranche of federal American Rescue Plan Act grant money was used to relocate the waterline under the Howden/Joy property to the Mill Avenue SE right-of-way.

The City's ability to receive Federal Aviation Administration grant money for Harry Clever Field was restored when ODOT-Aviation transferred ownership of runway land to the City. That concluded a two-year process that required agreement between the Ohio History Connection and the Ohio Department of Transportation because the land bordered Schoenbrunn Village.

Despite the challenges we had to overcome during the second year of the coronavirus pandemic, the state of our city as we enter 2022 remains strong and optimistic. We are learning to live with the threat of COVID-19. As the county seat, New Philadelphia is leading Tuscarawas County into a new year with grit and optimism.

MAYOR'S ACTIVITIES IN 2021

- Conducted the meetings of the City Cemetery Board, the Downtown Design Standards Board of Review, the City Planning Commission, the Property Review Committee, and the City Board of Health.
- Worked with the Tuscarawas County Economic Development and Finance Alliance (EDFA, port authority) to coordinate the building demolition and environmental cleanup at the former Howden/Joy property on South Broadway.
- Agreed to help the EDFA fund a study by 4Ward Planning of Philadelphia, Pennsylvania to determine the best use of the Howden/Joy property for redevelopment. I participated in the teleconference meetings held to provide data and information for the study.
- Participated in an Appalachian Leadership Institute teleconference on possible uses for the Howden/Joy property.
- Chaired the Tuscarawas County Economic Development Corporation's Site Selection subcommittee, which met to identify potential industrial development sites in the county.
- Attended monthly Tuscora Park Foundation meetings as the secretary of the foundation's board of trustees.
- Attended virtual monthly meetings of the Tuscarawas County Chamber of Commerce Board of Directors as an ex-officio member.
- Attended virtual quarterly meetings of the Tuscarawas County Economic Development Corporation and the Tuscarawas County Community Improvement Corporation as a board trustee.
- Attended bi-monthly meetings of the County Chamber of Commerce Business Retention and Expansion Committee.
- As a member of the board of directors, attended the virtual monthly HARCATUS board meetings and the board's finance committee and personnel committee meetings.
- Attended ADAMHS Board virtual Addiction Task Force meetings to learn about local alcohol and drug abuse statistics and the organization's efforts to put people with addictions on paths of recovery.
- Chaired meetings of the Addiction Task Force New Philadelphia subcommittee identifying the areas of the City where most drug addiction cases were located.
- Attended the monthly meetings of the Tuscarawas County Mayors Association.
- Attended the Buckeye Career Center's Scholarship Awards Ceremony.
- Attended virtual quarterly meetings of the Cleveland Clinic Union Hospital's Community Relations Committee.
- Attended virtual quarterly meetings of the Ohio Mid-Eastern Governments Association.



- Attended virtual quarterly meetings of the Stark-Wayne-Tuscarawas Solid Waste Management District's Policy Committee.
- Participated in virtual monthly meetings hosted by Dan Rice, the Executive Director of the Ohio and Erie Canalway Coalition. The purpose of the meetings was to give progress updates on the process of building New Philadelphia's section of the Ohio and Erie Canal Towpath Trail.
- Helped develop a one-year pilot program agreement with Buckeye Career Center to allow the Fire Chief and Assistant Fire Chief to serve as Firefighting Training Commanders for the school's Firefighter/EMT program.
- Administered oaths of office to new hires in the Fire and Police Departments, Police Department Auxiliary Officers and promoted Fire and Police Department officers.
- Conducted interviews of candidates applying to fill vacancies in the City's workforce.
- Participated in the opening ceremony at the First Town Days Festival and led the festival's Grand Parade.
- Welcomed members of the Model T Ford Club International to New Philadelphia, where it held its 64th annual tour.
- Traveled to Delaware, Ohio, to learn about the Heritage Ohio – Ohio Main Street Program and how it could benefit downtown economic development and local tourism.
- Gave opening remarks at the unveiling of the Latino Mural Project on 1st Drive NW.
- Welcomed the organizers and featured speaker of the Field of Freedom event.
- Recorded Mayor's Reports at Our City Productions. The reports were posted on Our City's social media.
- Attended the New Philadelphia/Dover Rotary Club's annual Sportsmanship Breakfast at Buckeye Career Center.
- Attended the Ohio Municipal League's virtual Annual Conference.
- Conducted monthly staff meetings with department heads.
- Participated in the Ohio Public Works Commission District 14 Integrating Committee meetings to recommend funding of infrastructure projects in Tuscarawas County.
- Participated in the groundbreaking ceremony for the new Marriott Hotel being built on West High Avenue.
- Participated in the ceremony that dedicated the new public art mural on the side of The Eye Doctors building on West High Avenue. The mural commemorates the 250th anniversary of the founding of Schoenbrunn Village.
- Hosted the City's annual Christmas Lighting Ceremony and led the annual Christmas Parade.
- Attended ribbon-cutting ceremonies for the opening of new businesses in New Philadelphia:
-Carol Goff and Associates

- Fresh the Market
- Chatterbox Nutrition
- Solid Rock Photos

EXECUTIVE ASSISTANT – Jami Bailey

The following is the number of licenses and permits issued by the Mayor’s Executive Assistant, as well as the money collected from parking meters and fines:

- 207 Vendors Licenses
- 295 Parking Permits
- 25 Solicitors and Handbill Permits
- 290 Garage Sale Permits
- 0 Internet Café Licenses
- 1 Taxicab Permit
- 0 Going Out of Business Permits
- 0 Billiards Hall Permits
- 0 Bowling Alley Permits
- 1 Subdivision/Condo/Rezoning Request
- 62 Complaints and inquiries forwarded to the Street Department, Police Department, and Zoning & Building Code Administrator
- \$17,347.29 Total monies collected from parking meters and fines

Total Revenue collected for the year 2021 - \$27,617.29

CITY PLANNING COMMISSION

The City Planning Commission held ten meetings in 2021. It took the following actions on city planning issues:

- Recommended to City Council’s Zoning and Annexation Committee the rezoning of three properties on 11th Street NW, one property on Maple Avenue NW and one property on West High Avenue from Industrial to Business.
- Recommended to City Council’s Zoning and Annexation Committee the rezoning of four properties on West High Avenue from Residential to Business.
- Approved the Lawver housing subdivision on 5th Street SW.
- Recommended to City Council’s Zoning and Annexation Committee the annexation of the four parcels of Goshen Township land that make up the Schoenbrunn Meadows Cemetery.
- Recommended to City Council’s Zoning and Annexation Committee the new zoning map designation of Mobile Home Parks for three parks located within the City.

- Approved an annexation request from Piedmont Gas on 16th Street SW and recommended it to City Council's Zoning and Annexation Committee. The recommendation included that the property be zoned as Business.
- Approved the donation of properties on Mill Avenue SE to the City and recommended it to City Council's Zoning and Annexation Committee.
- Approved the annexation of three parcels on 22nd Street NE in Goshen Township and recommended it to City Council's Zoning and Annexation Committee.
- Approved the annexation of a parcel of Goshen Township land on East High Avenue and recommended it to City Council's Zoning and Annexation Committee. The recommendation included that the property be zoned as Business.

The Planning Commission also held considerable discussion on the Master/Vision Plan created by Professor Michael McInturf and his students at the University of Cincinnati School of Architecture and Interior Design. It also explored ideas on creating a Community Entertainment District in the downtown area and the regulation of storage buildings and Airbnb locations in the City.

DOWNTOWN DESIGN STANDARDS BOARD OF REVIEW

The board conducted eight meetings in 2021. Members continued their work to develop design standards for building façade improvements, other structures, and public art in the downtown area. The standards for murals agreed upon were:

- Murals cannot be used for commercial advertising purposes
- Murals cannot cover up historical signage that already exists on downtown buildings
- Murals cannot have offensive content

Wilma Mullet, the Executive Director of the Tuscarawas Arts Partnership, was added to the board as its design consultant. It met with Johnny Riddle, the Executive Director of the Franklinton Arts District in Columbus to learn how his organization created and implemented design standards.

The board gave recommendations on the design of the Artagain Alley project, and a proposed mural and sitting area on West High Avenue near The Eye Doctors building. It also reviewed sign designs for L.A.C.E.Y. Performing Arts Center on South Broadway and Solid Rock Photos on North Broadway.

HUMAN RESOURCES DEPARTMENT – Lacey McKain

In June of 2021, Lacey McKain was hired as the new Director of Human Resources. She worked very hard to support all the City departments with their Human Resources needs. The City's workforce consisted of 175 full-time employees, 10 permanent part-time employees, 20 part-time employees and 56 seasonal employees. Director McKain listed the following as her department's accomplishments:

- Worked closely with the City Health Department to maintain a safe workplace for all employees during the Covid-19 Pandemic. This included isolating employees who tested positive and quarantining exposed employees. The City's Covid-19 workplace policy was also revised as needed to comply with CDC guidelines.
- Completed all BWC requirements for the following programs:
 - DFSP (Drug-Free Safety Program): Earns the City a 4% discount on the BWC premium for participation in the Program.
 - 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 on the BWC premium for participation in the Program.
 - Attended classes throughout the year on Occupational Safety and Health.
 - TWBP (Transitional Work Bonus Program): Earns the City up to a 10% discount on the City's BWC premium for participation in the Program.
 - Ensured that employees with physician orders for restricted duty were provided duties in line with the order.
- Conducted Mandatory Harassment Training for all employees through COMPASS.
- Welcomed and managed a Student Intern from New Philadelphia City Schools for the school year: September 2021-May 2022.
- Interviewed and on-boarded new employees in the following positions:
 - Executive Assistant to the Mayor
 - Information Specialist
 - Building and Zoning Code Administrator
 - Assistant Water and Wastewater Superintendent
 - Bilingual Health Educator
 - Public Health Nurse
 - Victim's Advocate
 - Deputy Clerk
 - Magistrate



- Data Processor
- Police Officer
- Dispatcher
- 6 Firefighter/Paramedics
- 4 Sanitation Laborers
- Many Seasonal Service Maintenance and Protective Service employees

Director McKain wrote this statement to conclude her report: “We are very excited about all the new employees that we have added to our City workforce as they will be a huge asset in the accomplishment of many projects in 2022, along with all the current dedicated staff that continue to show us how much they care about improving New Philadelphia.”

SERVICE DEPARTMENT – Director Ron McAbier

The growth of our City continued in 2021, highlighted by the completion of the first phase of the Southside Community Park’s development and the opening of the Schoenbrunn Meadows Cemetery. In addition, infrastructure improvements were made in several areas of the City, new businesses came to town and new home construction continued.

Service Director McAbier listed these accomplishments for his department:

2021 PROJECTS

- **Southside Community Park** - Phase 1 was completed.
- **Schoenbrunn Meadows Cemetery** - Construction of the new office building and maintenance garage was completed. A grand opening ceremony was held on July 24th and the office was opened for sales of columbaria niches and in-ground lots. The entrance area was landscaped. See the Cemetery Department report for details.
- **Lakeview Road NW** - Sidewalks and curbs were constructed on the east side of the street using \$470,000 of ODOT funding. Approximately 3,250 feet of sidewalk and curb were installed from Wabash Avenue to Parklane Drive NW. The project included a pedestrian crosswalk on Wabash Avenue NW, with flashing beacon signs, an ADA ramp, and stairs to access Woody Hayes Quaker Stadium and Tuscora Park.
- **New Waterlines** - Over 3,300 feet of 6-inch waterline was installed in various areas of the City.
- **Paving Program** - 4.3 miles of city streets and alleys were paved at a cost of \$650,366.03.

BUILDING PERMITS

The following building permits were issued in 2021:

- 24 New Single-Family Homes
- 4 Duplexes
- 3 New Commercial Buildings
- 72 Additions to Commercial Buildings
- 8 Garages / Carports
- 9 Additions to Family Homes
- 346 Miscellaneous permits and licenses for such things as signs, lot splits, concrete work, and water and sewer line taps.

The Service Department issued 406 total permits and licenses in 2021.

BUILDING PLANS - New construction plans for the SAI Hospitality Hotel and Biggby Coffee on West High Avenue were approved.

ANNEXATIONS - The City's municipal corporation limits grew in 2021 following the approval of these annexations:

- James & Carrie Hartrick - Parcel #25-02508-003,
- Piedmont Gas - Parcel # 12-00257-001
- Ryan Ruth - Parcel #25-00203-000
- Investment Source - Parcels #25-01172-000, 25-00089-000

TREE PLANTING – TREE CITY USA PROGRAM - 39 Trees were planted throughout the city.

SIDEWALK REPLACEMENT PROGRAM - The City assisted 18 property owners in replacing their sidewalks.

THE BOARD OF ZONING APPEALS - The board held eight meetings in 2021. Nine variance requests were granted and four were denied.

ZONING AND BUILDING CODE ADMINISTRATOR – Joshua Mathias

NON-COMPLIANCE/ZONING CODE VIOLATIONS - Notices were drafted and mailed out to property owners in violation of the City's Codified Ordinances, declaring that corrective actions were necessary to come into compliance. The following list includes these Zoning violations and the number of notices sent out:

High grass & overgrown vegetation:	47
Property cleanup for junk being stored:	12
Failure to obtain Permit:	3
Failure to obtain Certificate of Zoning Compliance:	3
Total Zoning violations:	65

The City sent crews out to mow/trim properties where the owners failed to come into compliance with our Ordinances at **9 locations**. These property owners were subsequently billed for our workers' time and services.

BUILDING CODE VIOLATIONS

The City deals with property owners who have unsafe buildings/structures on their land and orders them to be repaired or removed by demolition. The following list includes buildings/structures that were either repaired, demolished by the property owner, or demolished by the City:

Structures repaired:	1
Structures demolished by the property owner:	8
Structures demolished by the City:	3

Total Building Code violations: 12

A total of three property owners were billed for the cost of having their structures demolished by the City. One property owner paid their bill in full and the other two had liens placed on their property taxes. The County has collected the amount owed to our City and will reimburse us after the first round of property taxes are collected this spring.

Total reimbursement from liens for demo cost: \$12,000

INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY/GIS – Larry Lowdermilk

The following improvements were made to the City's computing infrastructure:

- Completed the installation of fiber optic cabling to all City buildings to create an integrated fiber network.
- Migrated all users to Microsoft Cloud 365 management services.
- Migration and continual upgrade of approximately 115 computers and 5 servers across the network, as well as mobile devices, to allow for improved data collection and field work.
- Purchased a Canon large scale plotter/scanner to create digital files of maps and other large format documents. My department is on a path to transition to digital GIS document file storage. This will assist in our efforts to work remotely when the need arises.

We will continue to explore all solutions that keep the City's data secure and available.

AIRPORT - Harry Clever Field Airport

The City was successful in obtaining ownership of the land at the 33, or southeast, end of the airport runway. The land was transferred to the City in August from ODOT-Aviation, with the cooperation of the Ohio History Connection. The FAA had notified the City that it would no longer fund improvements at the airport if the City did not own the land. Other improvements at Harry Clever Field in 2021 were:

- The hangers along East High Avenue were repainted, and many of the hangers had their concrete pads replaced.
- The roofing on the FBO office was repaired and replaced.
- The taxi lanes from the hangers were resurfaced – FAA grant.

The following revenue from the Fixed Base Operator (ProAv) was paid to the City in 2021:

- Fuel sales \$10,657.50
- Hanger rents \$20,257.50
- ProAv rent \$12,000.00

In 2021, the restaurant on the airport grounds (Magoo's) produced \$17,297.97 in revenue. The revenue was used to pay for airport maintenance and repairs.

The airport courtesy car, provided to aviators flying into Harry Clever Field, was used 114 times.

GENERAL SERVICES DIVISION – Superintendent Ray Grewell

STREET DEPARTMENT

- 224.48 tons of hot mix was purchased for \$13,803.27 and used to fill potholes and make other street repairs.

- 1,499.79 tons of salt was purchased for \$81,768.55 and used for snow and ice control and removal.
- A new Freightliner dump truck/snowplow was purchased at a cost of \$159,900.00.

TREE MAINTENANCE AND REMOVAL

- Trees cut down – 90
- Trees trimmed – 207
- Stumps removed - 79

As the result of the tree maintenance program, the City was again named a Tree City USA community.

SANITATION AND RECYCLING DEPARTMENT

- 10,537.43 tons of garage was collected and sent to the landfill, at a cost of \$318,828.88.
- 536.26 tons of recycling materials were collected and sent to a recycling center at a cost \$24,131.70.
- 215.16 tons of street sweeping debris was sent to a landfill at a cost of \$7,545.12.

Crews made 1,085 extra residential trash pick ups in 2021. 49 twenty-yard hoppers of brush and yard waste were recycled by Bull Country Compost.

WATER OFFICE / WATER SUPPLY / WATER DISTRIBUTION - Superintendent Scott DeVault

WATER DISTRIBUTION

Essential improvements were made to the City's water distribution system. Several six-inch water main projects were completed:

- 640' on North Ave. NW between N. Broadway & 2nd St. NW
- 100' on 2nd St. SW
- 1148' on Minnich Ave. NW between 2nd St. NW & 4th St. NW
- 289' on Ohio Ave. NW & Oak St. NW
- 525' on Baker Ave. NW between 6th St. NW & Kelly St. NW
- 624' 2nd St. NW between Fair Ave. NW & Ray Ave. NW

Work began to relocate a 12' water line under the Howden/Joy property to the right-of-way on Mill Avenue SW. The project required 1725' of 12" water line. It was completed in January of 2022.

The two-million-gallon reservoir off of Ridge Road NE was epoxy coated. Other improvements to the Distribution System included:

- Hydrant Replacement
- Valve Replacement
- Service Connection Renewals
- New Taps
- New Mains
- New Service Installations all across the City.

WATER PLANT

In 2021, the City's Water Plant continued efficient production of safe, clean drinking water to the residents and businesses of New Philadelphia.

2021 WATER DEPARTMENT IMPORTANT STATISTICS

WATER OFFICE

JANUARY 1, 2021 - DECEMBER 31, 2021

TOTAL NUMBER OF SERVICE CONNECTIONS

SPRINKLING METERS	391
WATER ONLY ACCOUNTS	172
SEWER ONLY ACCOUNTS	15
ACH ACCOUNTS	1712
WORK ORDERS	2230
AMR WORK ORDERS	10

8129 - ACCOUNTS INSIDE CITY

226 - ACCOUNTS OUTSIDE CITY

8355 - TOTAL ACCOUNTS

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

WATER SUPPLY

JANUARY 1, 2021- DECEMBER 31, 2021

PUMPED FROM WELLS	849,347,475	GALLONS
PUMPED TO DISTRIBUTION SYSTEM	767,326,037	GALLONS
CHLORINE USED	4683	POUNDS
PERMANGANATE USED	968	GALLONS
SALT USED	4,938,700	POUNDS
CARBON DIOXIDE USED	131,300	POUNDS
TOTAL HOURS OPERATIONAL	5,863	



WATER DISTRIBUTION WORK STATISTICS

JANUARY 1, 2021 - DECEMBER 31, 2021

LEAKS MAIN 21	LEAKS SERVICE 18	NEW SERVICES 25	RENEWED SERVICES 35	NEW OR REPLACED HYDRANTS 15
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WATER IMPROVEMENTS

JANUARY 1, 2021- DECEMBER 31, 2021

WATER DISTRIBUTION

REPLACED 13 - 6" MAIN VALVE

INSTALLED 25 - NEW 6" MAIN VALVE
INSTALLED 3326' OF NEW 6" WATER MAIN

WASTEWATER/SEWER DEPARTMENTS – Superintendent Brian Myers

WASTEWATER DEPARTMENT

The most visible work of the City's Wastewater Department in 2021 was its role in the algae remediation and cleanup of the Tuscora Park pond and the Lakeview Avenue NW lagoon. The department hauled away and disposed of 225 tons of sludge that was dredged from the lagoon to increase its depth.

By the end of the year, the Wastewater Treatment Plant had treated 1.1 billion gallons of raw sewage, averaging 2.8 million gallons per day (MGD). From that, 5.7 million gallons of sludge was produced. It was run through a filter press, yielding 393.8 dry tons of sludge, which was then disposed of at the Kimble landfill.

Projects completed by the Wastewater Department during 2021 included:

- A complete rehab of the lift station on the corner of Hummel Avenue and 3rd Street SW. A new wet well, new pumps, rails, pipe, and control panels were installed.
- Two new return activated sludge pumps were purchased and installed at the plant.
- The large final clarifier at the plant was rebuilt, along with all the final clarifiers being rewired.
- A new portable generator was purchased for use with all the lift stations during power failures.
- New storm sewers and catch basins were installed on Lakeview Avenue and Countryside Road NW.

SEWER DEPARTMENT

The Sewer Department's activities in 2021 included:

- Raised 34 manholes throughout the city.
- Rebuilt 25 catch basins and raised another 3 catch basins.
- Handled all OUPS tickets.
- Cleaned catch basins daily.
- Each month, used the sewer jetter truck to jett and clean out hot spot areas to ensure that the sanitary system worked properly.
- Answered 20 sewer calls resulting in only 4 lines needing jetted to help flow.
- Purchased a new sewer camera to look for problems in both the sanitary and storm systems.
- Fixed several sink holes.
- Used the jetter truck to help the Water Department replace hydrants and services, and repair multiple leaks.
- Opened manholes and jetted lines to help with gas company video inspections.
- Spot tested all power poles on Lakeview Avenue NW for the sidewalk project.
- Plowed snow.
- Mapped all new sewer laterals.
- Continued work on the storm water management and FOG programs.

FIRE DEPARTMENT – Chief Jim Parrish

The men and women of the New Philadelphia Fire Department responded to a record 3,511 calls in 2021. That was an increase of 423 calls compared to 2020. Over 32 percent of the calls were related to drug abuse or mental illness.

In August, the Fire Department began contractually protecting Goshen Township residents with both Fire and EMS services. We averaged approximately 26 EMS calls per month in the township, which is typical and not unexpected.

The on-duty training of our staff remained paramount with such a young Fire Department. We averaged two hours of on-duty training per day per Firefighter Monday thru Friday.

It was a wise decision two-years ago to bring our ambulance billing in-house. Thanks to the efforts of Ambulance Billing Specialist Denise Phillips, collection rates are well over 80 percent. Because of her skill and organization, in November the village of Baltic contracted with the Fire Department for ambulance billing services.

Also in November, the new position of Assistant Chief was in place for one year. Assistant Chief Tharp did a tremendous job overseeing firefighter/EMS training and the daily operations of the Fire Department.

Divisions of the Fire Department:

Fire Suppression and EMS

Fire Prevention/Education

Ambulance Billing

New Philadelphia Community Access Resource Center (CARES)

2021 Monthly Call Volume

January	256
February	204
March	240
April	273
May	278
June	233
July	285
August	360
September	354
October	373
November	292
December	363
TOTAL	3,511

Working Fire Type Summary

1/1/2021 – 12/31/2021

Building fire	25
Passenger vehicle fire	14
Cooking fire, confined to container	8
Trash or rubbish fire, contained	7
Natural vegetation fire, other	6
Grass fire	4
Chimney or flue fire, confined to chimney or flue	3
Outside rubbish, trash or waste fire	2
Fires in structure other than in a building	2
Fire in portable building, fixed location	1
Fuel burner/boiler malfunction, fire confined	1
TOTAL	73

Mutual Aid Given by Type Summary

1/1/2021 – 12/31/2021

DEPARTMENT	EMS	NON-EMS
Dover Fire Department	1	25
Smith Ambulance	9	5



Uhrichsville Fire Department	0	8
Bolivar Volunteer Fire Dept.	0	3
York Township	1	1
Stone Creek Volunteer Fire Dept.	0	1
Fairfield Township Fire Dept.	0	1
Mineral City Volunteer Fire Dept.	0	1
TOTAL	11	45

FIRE PREVENTION BUREAU ACTIVITY – Fire Inspector Captain Jim Sholtz

The Fire Prevention Bureau inspected 917 businesses in 2021. That is an increase of 860 from the end of 2020. The Bureau logged the following activities in 2021:

- 1,039 inspections were conducted.
- 417 re-inspections were conducted.
- Started inspections in Goshen Township, adding 25 businesses.
- Improved and enforced the City’s false alarm ordinance.
- Made 44 post false alarm inspections.
- Issued the first fine for repeated false alarms.
- Post false alarm inspections were improved to identify the causes of false alarms and develop solutions.
- Performed seven post incident inspections and when necessary, used the State Fire Code to require fire prevention measures.
- Began entering Knox Box information on the county’s Active 911 map. 397 City addresses were entered.

Standard Operating Guidelines (SOGs) were developed in the following areas:

- Bonfires
- Controlled Burning
- Permits
- Vacant Properties
- Fire Prevention Bureau Structure
- Fire Prevention
- Fire Safety Inspections
- Hotel/Motel dangerous drug policy, in accordance with chapter 1335.11 of the City’s Codified Ordinances

In addition, I conducted interventions with two youth fire setters.

ESTIMATED FIRE LOSS IN 2021

Property - \$279,800
Contents - \$ 94,500
Total \$ 374,300

INTERNATIONAL PROPERTY MAINTENANCE CODE ENFORCEMENT ACTIVITY

- 27 properties were found in violation. Owners were sent notices.
- Issued Tear Down Orders on seven houses, one commercial building and five garages.
- Eight houses in violation were sold to new owners and renovated.

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 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 hours per week position, she logged the following activities in 2021:

Identified Risk	Total
Adult Education	1
Behavioral Health/Drug Addition	3
Development Referral	4
Domestic Violence	2
Educations	1,020
Employment	5
Face To Face	610
Fall Assessment/ Home Assessment	60
Family Planning	11
Food	23
Handrails	14
Health Insurance/Medicaid	44
Home Health/Physical Therapy	52
Home Repairs	4
Stable Housing	24
Immunizations Referral/Screening	49
Local Social Serves Referral	415
Medical Alarm	7
Medical Equipment	14

Medical Home	43
Medical Referral	210
Medication Assessment or Access to	33
Nursing Home Placement	15
Smoke Detectors	6

POLICE DEPARTMENT – Chief Mike Goodwin

Three new employees were added to the Police Department in 2021. Darren Avon and Mark Sadolsky were hired as police officers and Rachel Kinsey as a police dispatcher. Cooper, a new K9 unit, also joined the force. K9 Cooper and his handler, Officer Bradley Geist, will serve the community for years to come. The addition of two new officers allowed a third detective to be assigned to solving drug trafficking crimes in the City.

The public continued to use the prescription drug take back box located in the Police Department lobby. The box was emptied every other week, with approximately 50 pounds at a time.

2021 POLICE DEPARTMENT STATISTICS

- CALLS TO SERVICE 11,409
- TRAFFIC ACCIDENTS 704
- TRAFFIC CITATIONS 1061
- CASES SENT TO THE COUNTY PROSECUTOR 131
- PRISONERS IN CITY JAIL 86*

*Jail was closed for several weeks due to a criminal damaging a security window.

TOP CALLS AND OFFENSES IN 2021	NUMBERS OF CASES
911 hangups	608
Alcohol related	21
Animal related	298
Assaults	59
Thefts	324

Shoplifting	69
Breaking and Entering	61
Death investigations	24
Disorderly conducts	355
Domestic related	120
Drug related	154
Fraud	190
Intoxicated person	74
Mental	135
OMVI	14
Protection order violation	35
Sexual related	36
Trespassing	113
Auto thefts	36
Felony warrants	43
Misdemeanor warrants	175
Lockouts	582
TOTAL	3,526

MONIES RECEIVED BY THE POLICE DEPARTMENT

Parking tickets generated	\$ 17,347.29
Other monies collected	\$113,955.85
TOTAL	\$131,303.14

OTHER ACTIVITIES

- Provided security for the Tuscarawas County Library, the Performing Arts Center, and the New Philadelphia High School sporting events.
- Hired two new dispatchers and a new police officer.
- Promoted officer Tessa Pohovey to the rank of sergeant.
- Increased the number of Police Auxiliary officers to 14.
- Continued to use social media to maintain a positive relationship with the community and to assist in crime fighting efforts.

POLICE AUXILIARY REPORT – Captain Ty Norris

The police auxiliary added four new officers in 2021, bringing the total roster to 14 members. It was a great year for participation by the Auxiliary Officers. The Police Department received a total of 2,665.25 patrol hours. The hours were completed on patrol either by an Auxiliary Officer on solo patrol or riding with a full-time officer, providing backup and assistance in various

capacities. If the auxiliary hours had been worked by a full-time patrolman, the cost in salary minus benefits would have been \$75,933.00.

The participation of the Auxiliary Officers has not only been a great service to the citizens of New Philadelphia, but it has also substantially increased the safety of the Police Department's full-time officers and undoubtedly reduced the threat of assault to officers and citizens alike. The Auxiliary has taken control of business and vacation checks, with members completing three checks on every shift worked. I believe this has been instrumental in making our local businesses safer when they are not open and unoccupied.

Per the Auxiliary Policy, each member worked a shift at the First Towne Days Festival and Christmas in the Park, the two largest annual events held at Tuscora Park. Each Auxiliary Officer also worked a minimum of three unpaid off-duty details throughout the course of the year. These events included parades, New Philadelphia Schools sporting events, Tuscarawas Central Catholic sporting events, Performing Arts Center shows and numerous 5k events hosted in the city. This increased safety for all who attended or participated in them.

In his report, Captain Norris added: "For this upcoming year, 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 city. I would like to add to our current manpower and bring us back to or close to the number of officers we are allotted, which is 15. The Auxiliary will continue to meet on a regular basis and discuss where they can make the most difference and I will continue to oversee and ensure that the Auxiliary and this department work seamlessly together as one."

In 2020, the Police Department will step up its community policing to be more visible in our neighborhoods. Officers will also continue to enforce traffic laws because of their direct relationship to the number of accidents.

PARKS AND RECREATION DEPARTMENT – Superintendent Rod Miller

The City, in partnership with the Tuscora Park Foundation, was able to make key improvements to the parks system in 2021.

The Foundation hosted the grand opening of the new Southside Community Park on June 19th. The Dog Park feature quickly became very popular, and hundreds of residents and visitors enjoyed the walking trails and pollinator garden. The Tuscarawas County Public Library installed a Wi-Fi access point at the pollinator garden to encourage reading while enjoying the garden's quiet setting.

The three public basketball courts in the City were completely renovated, thanks to donations received from the Reeves Foundation, the Rosenberry Foundation, the Tuscora Park Foundation, New

Philadelphia Quaker Club and the New Philadelphia High School boys and girls basketball programs. The City contributed \$15,000 to the project's \$83,000 total cost. The two courts at Tuscora Park and the court at the old South School on South Broadway were painted to match the color scheme of the Tuscora Park tennis courts.

Tuscora Park's field #2, located at the end of 2nd Street NW, gained a new and improved look. New Philadelphia Youth Baseball Commissioner Mitch Pace and the Tuscora Park Foundation were able to secure funding for a new crushed brick infield, an upgrade to the scoreboard, and an in-ground sprinkler system. Lisa Hoy of "Lisa Hoy State Farm Insurance" became the first field sponsor, contributing \$2,000 a year for five years. The money will be used for field maintenance and future improvements.

An estimated 25,000 people used the Tuscora Park swimming pool in 2021. The pool was staffed by 18 lifeguards.

The First Town Days Festival in July came back stronger than ever. Attendance at the festival was one of the largest in its history. The same could be said of McInturf Realty's Christmas in the Park in December. It's record crowd resulted in \$1,800 in donations to Big Brothers, Big Sisters.

RTY, Inc. resumed its Sunday "Summer Showcase" musical entertainment series at the Tuscora Park Amphitheatre. In May, the remodeling of the former Park Place Teen Center was completed, and the facility rebranded as the "Park Place Youth Center." In July, RTY informed the Park Board that the park Ferris wheel ride had to be closed for repairs and restoration. Repairs to the RTY ticket booth and train station were completed. The building had suffered termite and water damage.

CITY PARKS AND RECREATION BOARD

The board held 11 meetings in 2021 and took the following actions:

- Accepted the appointment of Jim Range to the board.
- Elected the following slate of officers:
President – Jan McInturf
Vice-President – Jim Range
Secretary – Bill Morgan
- Postponed pool pass sales due to the COVID pandemic and staffing issues at the swimming pool.
- Accepted the \$45,000 grant from the Reeves Foundation to help fund the basketball court renovation project.
- Requested ReMax Realtors to re-schedule its dog "Adopt-a-Thon" at a date other than the date of the Southside Community Park's grand opening event.

- Approved a request by the New Philadelphia Rotary Club to hold a Trick or Treat festival at Tuscora Park on October 24th.
- Approved the improvements proposed by Mitch Pace to Tuscora Park's Field #2.
- Approved a donation of a swing from the NPHS Class of 1973.
- Approved the closing of the dog park at the Southside Community Park during the winter months of January and February 2022.

SOUTHSIDE COMMUNITY PARK

The park's two pedestrian bridges and vehicular bridge were closed for brief periods in July to allow for final application of coatings on the decking surfaces. Marissa Lautzenheiser, the Huff Run/Mud Run Watershed Coordinator of Rural Action in Mineral City visited the park to give recommendations on the maintenance of Oldtown Valley Creek, which is a feature of the walking trail.

WATERWORKS PARK AND STATE ROUTE 416 BOAT RAMPS

The boat ramps 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. A nighttime security light was installed at the trail head's parking lot.

CEMETERY DEPARTMENT – Superintendent Kelly Herron

Using the cemetery master plan, construction of Phase One of the new Schoenbrunn Meadows Cemetery was completed, and a grand opening ceremony was held on Saturday, July 24th. Schoenbrunn Meadows was the first new cemetery constructed in the City since at least the 1960's, and maybe longer.

Other cemetery activities included:

- From January 1, 2020 thru December 30, 2020, provided service for 125 burials. 72 were full burials, 53 were cremations.
- Sold 108 grave spaces, 96 full spaces and 12 columbarium niche spaces. 31 foundations were installed.
- Removed 5 trees in the East Avenue Cemetery.
- Planted 25 trees in the Schoenbrunn Meadows Cemetery.
- Installed a landscaping structure in the parking lot of Schoenbrunn Meadows Cemetery.

- Installed fencing along Delaware Drive SE at the Schoenbrunn Meadows Cemetery.
- Picked up 40 loads of leaves, approximately 30 tons.

CITY CEMETERY BOARD

The opening of the City’s new Schoenbrunn Meadows Cemetery and office building was the highlight of the Cemetery Board’s activity in 2021. The board held a ribbon-cutting ceremony on July 24th. The cost of the first phase of the cemetery’s development and office/maintenance garage building totaled \$199,336.50. Future development will be done in several phases according to the Cemetery Master Plan.

The board held nine meetings in 2021. Actions taken by the Cemetery Board included:

- Set the prices for columbaria niches: \$950 for bottom row, \$1,150 for second row from the bottom, \$1,350 for third row from the bottom and \$1,600 for a niche in the top row.
- Set a fee of \$125 for inurnment of a second urn in a columbaria niche.
- Set a \$250 additional fee for plot and columbaria burials of non-New Philadelphia residents.
- Accepted the donation by Chris Born to build brick pillars at the entrance to the Schoenbrunn Meadows Cemetery.

CITY HEALTH DEPARTMENT - Commissioner Vickie Ionno

Its work to guide the residents and businesses of New Philadelphia through the coronavirus pandemic in 2021 proved the value of having our own City Health Department. The demands of contact tracing, administering vaccinations and reporting data to State and Federal health agencies challenged the resolve of Commissioner Vickie Ionno and her staff. As did the Ohio Legislature’s threat to close the department. But they met the challenge with grit and dogged determination, which is why I called them “The hardest working Health Department in Ohio.”

Commissioner Ionno will issue an annual report of the Health Department’s activities at a later date. She provided these statistics for 2021:

- The number of vaccinations given: **8,333**
- The number of vaccination clinics held: **52** (outside the Health Department clinics)
- The number of reported positive COVID-19 cases among New Philadelphia residents: **1,823**
- The number of deaths among New Philadelphia residents: **18** (marked “COVID-19” as the cause of death on the Death Certificate).

CONCLUSION

The achievements made by the City in 2021 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.

Our City is blessed with 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 2021 and will continue that strong working relationship in 2022. It is an honor to serve you as the Mayor of New Philadelphia.



Joel B. Day, Mayor