



2022

ANNUAL REPORT



NEWPORT
KENTUCKY

MESSAGE FROM CITY MANAGER THOMAS J. FROMME

Dear Constituents, Mayor, and Commissioners,

I am pleased to present the City of Newport 2022 Annual Report, that memorializes the activities of our various Departments and Divisions for the past year.

In my opinion, we enjoyed another successful year as indicated by our accomplishments and efficient use of resources. During 2022, there was continued progress on the Ovation and Martin's Gate projects. We have also worked on improving our code enforcement and building inspection functions through the hiring of additional staff and maintaining our expanded jurisdiction certification.

For 2023, we anticipate the beginning of several important projects including: the U.S. 27/Carothers improvements and the Peace Bell mixed use development.

While we have experienced continuing success, we continue to work on various issues such as: aging infrastructure, efficient delivery of public services, and affordable housing.

We are looking forward to a great 2023!

Sincerely,
Thomas J Fromme
Newport City Manager



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Kenneth Rechtin

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City Manager

Thomas J. Fromme

Acting Assistant City Manager

John Hayden

Department Heads

Fire/EMS Chief - Frank Peluso

Chief of Police - Chris Fangman

Public Works - Ray Ebert

Code Enforcement - Brian Steffen

Director of Finance - Leonard Kuntz

Office of the City Manager

City Attorney - Daniel R. Braun

Acting City Clerk - Joy Rovno



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FIRE DEPARTMENT

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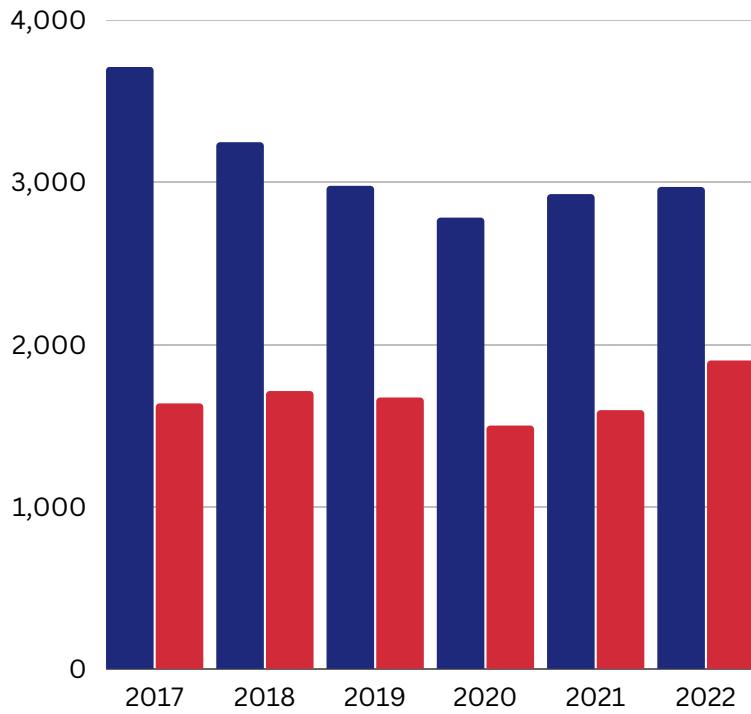
The Newport Fire Department is committed to the well-being of all the residents in many ways. Their priority is to respond to emergencies; this year they responded to 1,900 Fire calls and 2,969 EMS calls. Additionally, the department spent over 6,600 hours in training this year to help provide the best service possible. This year, the first Assistant Fire Chief since the year 2000 was among the many hires and promotions the Department saw.

Their work doesn't just start when 911 is called. The Newport Fire Department is dedicated to teaching fire prevention to children in the community. This year, a Newport student won the NKY Junior Fire Marshal poster contest. This is just one of the over 1,200 contacts the department made with children. Picture below is the Newport on the Levee Kids Crew, which occurred once a month during the summer months. You can see that the firefighter in full gear is teaching kids to not be afraid of their equipment. Firefighters know firsthand the dangers of drunk driving, which is why our department started Arrive Alive programs in both high schools.

Community involvement doesn't stop with kids, the Fire Department is involved in all neighborhood groups and has nearly perfect attendance at community meetings. You'll see firefighters at every big event, such as Riverfest, to quickly respond in case of an emergency. They also partner with area teams for responses local and a far, including involvement with the Mayfield tornadoes. The department, along with the Covington and Cincinnati Fire Departments, even hosted three German firefighters as part of Cincinnati Sister Cities exchange program. They are always looking to learn from colleagues. We are very grateful for their service.



Paramedic and Fire Runs



	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022
Paramedic Runs	3,710	3,245	2,976	2,780	2,925	2,969
Fire Runs	1,636	1,712	1,672	1,499	1,594	1,900
Inspections	573	675	518	334*	342*	544
Ambulance Revenue	\$387,724	\$454,249	\$414,503	\$383,730	\$408,658	\$425,660

*Impacted by Covid





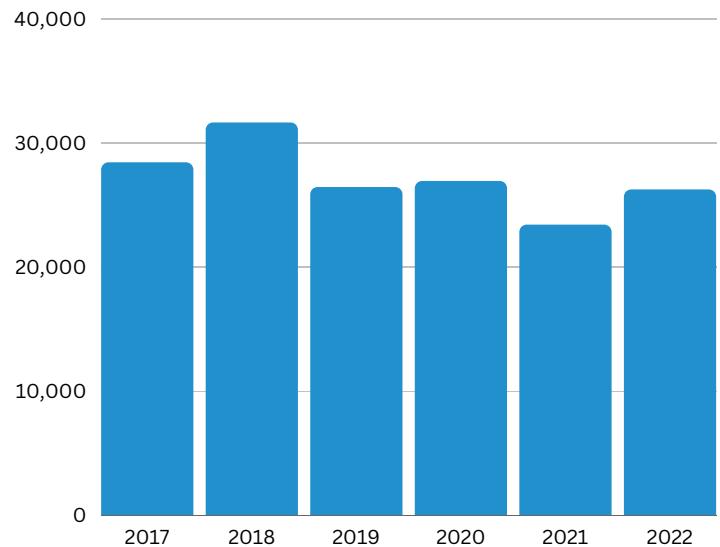
POLICE DEPARTMENT

The Newport Police Department strives to be the benchmark of professionalism and leadership across the region and state. This starts with community involvement to build trust and relationships. The department organizes one of the largest Night Out events in the region. This year included bike stunts and raffle, face painting, a petting zoo, a concert, donated food and drinks, and much more. It was attended by hundreds. You'll also find them at events such as the Halloween Trick or Treat, Photos with Santa, the Kids Crew at Newport on the Levee, and a Newport Police Internship Program.

Charity is an important value to the Newport Police Department. Every year the department organizes a "Stuff the Cruiser" campaign before school starts and a "Holiday Donation Drive" with CAC and surrounding police departments. They also partner with Big Brothers Big Sisters of Greater Cincinnati at local schools. Their charity doesn't end with children, this year they conducted a "Scam Prevention" campaign for our elderly community.

The officers of the Newport Police Department prioritize the safety of the community. This year they responded to 26,239 calls for service, or approximately 71 calls per day. They upgraded crosswalks near parks and schools, upgraded the NPD body camera system, and implemented a Newport Drone Program on top of their daily work. We are proud of their leadership, professionalism, and commitment to the City.

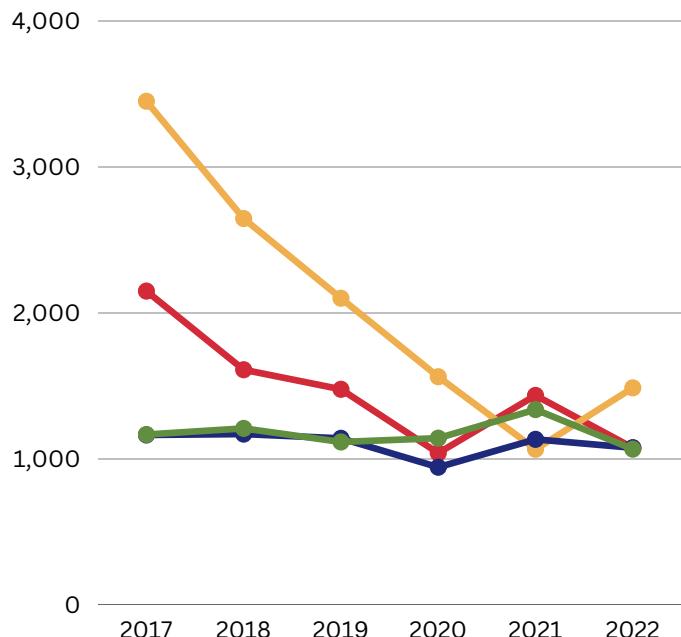
Number of Police Calls





**Traffic
Citations**
**Physical
Arrests**
**Offense
Reports**

**Traffic Accident
Reports**



	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022
Police Calls	28,424	31,635	26,433	26,922	23,404	26,239
Traffic Citations	2,149	1,610	1,476	1,039	1,434	1,075
Physical Arrests	3,450	2,646	2,100	1,562	1,065	1,486
Traffic Accident Reports	1,163	1,169	1,140	942	1,133	1,075
Offense Reports	1,166	1,208	1,115	1,141	1,337	1,066
Response to Resistance	15	15	8	6	6	8
Parking Meter Collections	\$214,992	\$221,126	\$224,817	\$109,948	\$170,412	\$200,000



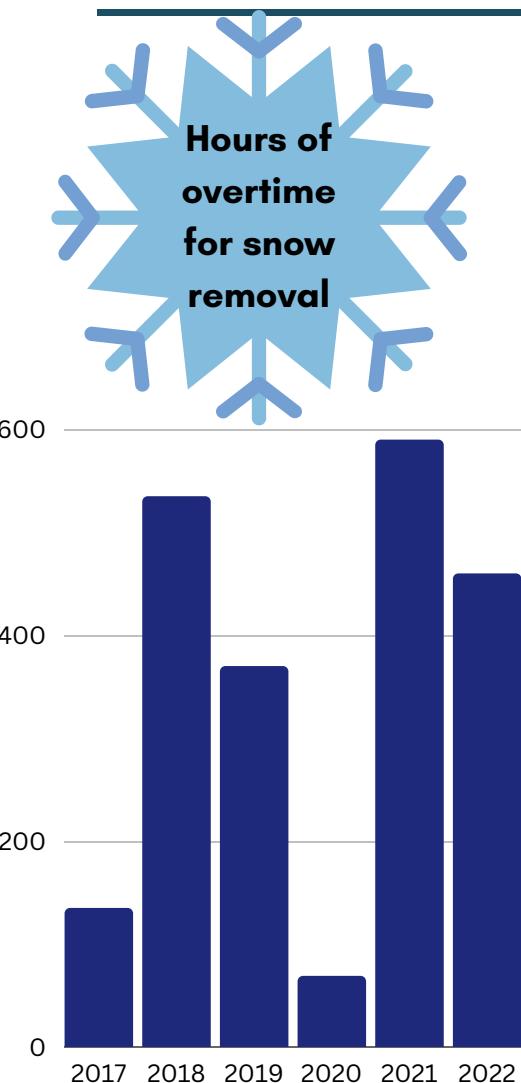
PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT

The Newport Public Works Department is an important part of the City. They are responsible for roads, the tree canopy, flood prevention, basic services, parks and recreation, the pool, festival preparation and clean up, a mechanic for vehicle maintenance, and more. You can find them working throughout the City any day.

The department made replacing playground equipment a priority. This year they received a grant to replace the equipment at Buena Vista Park and Ralph Mussman Park and are looking to continue this momentum into 2023. Additionally, they trim the grass, set up for events, clean up, and maintain our many parks.

Basic services are where the department excels. Things like a street sweeping schedule, a leaf pickup schedule, street and sidewalk repair and improvement, streetlight maintenance, and infrastructure projects are a constant. When snow starts falling, they jump into action working 12 hour shifts around the clock to keep the roads safe. We are very appreciative of all the work they do.

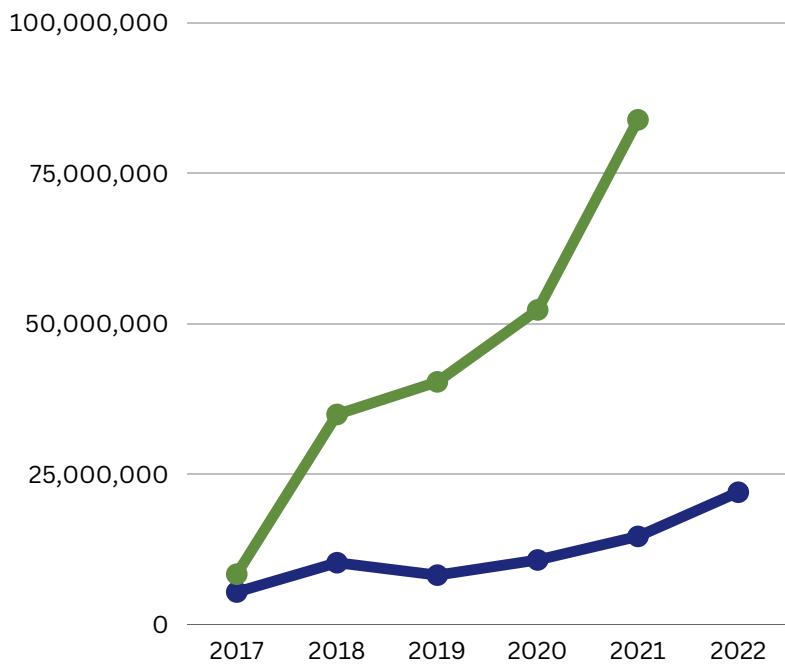




	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022
Street Miles Paved	1.4	0	3.7	0.75	1.4	0.16
Tons of Asphalt	160	98	88	38	41	60
Potholes Filled	1,640	920	879	390	619	425
Handicap Access Ramps	12	10	14	7	8	8
Trees Removed	26	71	177	34	27	50
Trees Planted	28	71	177	34	27	75
Overtime for Snow Removal	135	535	370	69	590	460
Days Streets Swept	161	168	163	187	182	280
Field Use/Permits	742	396	408	450	471	482
Streetlights Replaced	600	19	7	6	15	6

CODE ENFORCEMENT

Residential and Commercial Construction Costs



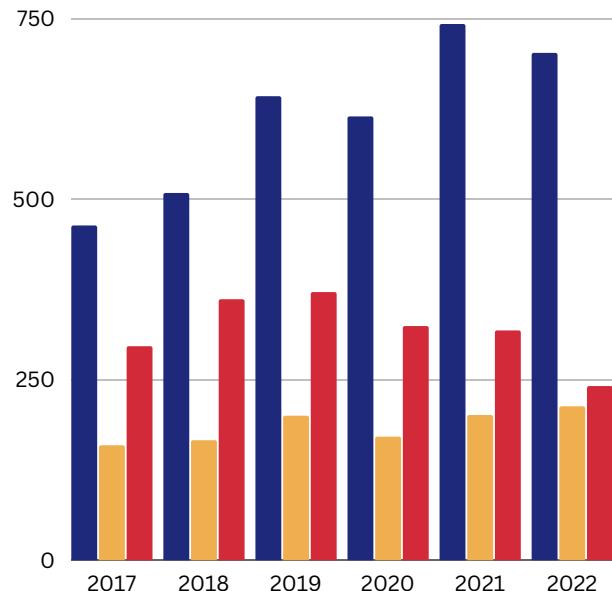
The Newport Code and Planning Department is responsible for a wide range of issues in the City. On top of code enforcement and planning responsibilities, they are charged with building permits, inspections, historic preservation, and five boards: Code Enforcement Board, Board of Adjustments, Planning and Zoning Commission, Historic Preservation Commission, and the Urban Design Review Board. Their goal for this year was to focus on a streamlined customer service process. Resulting in three new hires and a new online portal for permits and complaints.

The Southgate Street School has been an important part of this department's work, led by Scott Clark and Daylin Garland. They are pictured below after a Newport Board of Education meeting. They, along with Bev Holiday, organized an Arts and Music Festival at the school.

The department added Terri Baker, as the Animal Control Officer, to its department this fall. She has done an amazing job educating the public and helping the animals in the City. We are very grateful for her, and the rest of the department, for helping our City.



	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022
Code Enforcement Citations	555	1,339	677	493	408	398
Code Inspections	2,707	3,621	3,871	4,135	4,082	4,404
Condemnations	19	16	11	21	11	6
Residential Permits	463	508	642	614	742	702
Residential Construction Cost	\$5,409,907	\$10,285,311	\$8,219,777	\$10,740,398	\$14,655,400	\$21,995,481
Residential Permit Fees	\$48,939	\$64,522	\$69,726	\$82,202	\$114,084	\$136,698
Commercial Permits	159	166	200	171	201	213
Commercial Permits Cost	\$8,376,022	\$34,922,106	\$40,333,341	\$52,288,784	\$83,874,733	\$224,383,136
Commercial Permit Fees	\$35,765	\$101,127	\$123,436	\$176,345	\$179,964	\$131,593
Complaints	1,440	1,506	1,303	1,108	705	503
Historic Preservation COA's Issued	296	361	371	324	318	241



Residential Permits

Commercial Permits

Historic Preservation

COA's Issued

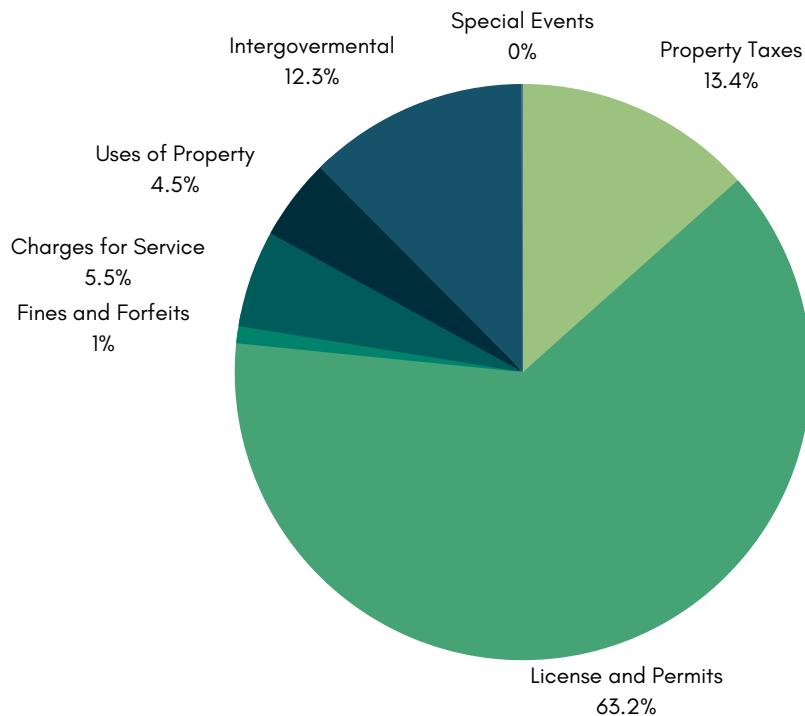


FINANCE DEPARTMENT

The Finance Department keeps the City running behind the scenes. This year, they wrote their first Budget Book in years, which showcases all the work they do in collecting revenue and making sure expenses are used appropriately. They are responsible for Occupational Licensing, rentals, alcohol beverage control, and taxes. They are also responsible for making sure all funds are categorized and available when needed.

Economic Development depends heavily on the success of this department. They track and do all necessary reporting for our Tax Increment Financing (TIF) Districts, like the one-billion-dollar Ovation project, our Payment in Lieu of Tax (PILOT) programs, property tax moratoriums, and Jobs Development Incentive Program (JDIP). They also track and do necessary reporting for grants, such as Community Development Block Grants (CDBG), Kentucky Surface Transportation Block Grant (SNK), Local Public Agency (LPA) Grants and many more.

There were many changes in the Finance Department this year. Following two retirements, personnel were moved and, as pictured, were hired. They are focused on improving efficiencies by creating streamlined emails and fillable forms. We are thankful for the work they do to keep the City's finances impeccable.



Revenue Sources

Property Taxes \$3,428,200
 License & Permits \$16,161,100*
 Fines & Forfeits \$246,300
 Charges for Service \$1,393,850
 Uses of Property \$1,163,210
 Refunds/Reimbursements \$12,500
 Intergovernmental \$3,156,930
 Interest \$5,000
 Miscellaneous \$1,000
 Special Events \$7,500

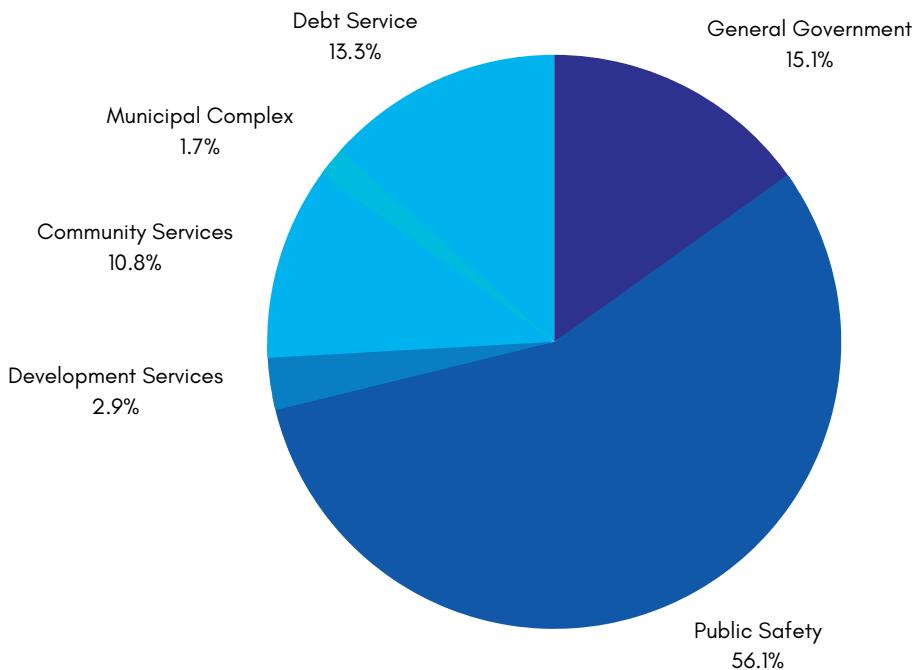
Total \$25,575,590

Fiscal Year 2022-2023

Expenses

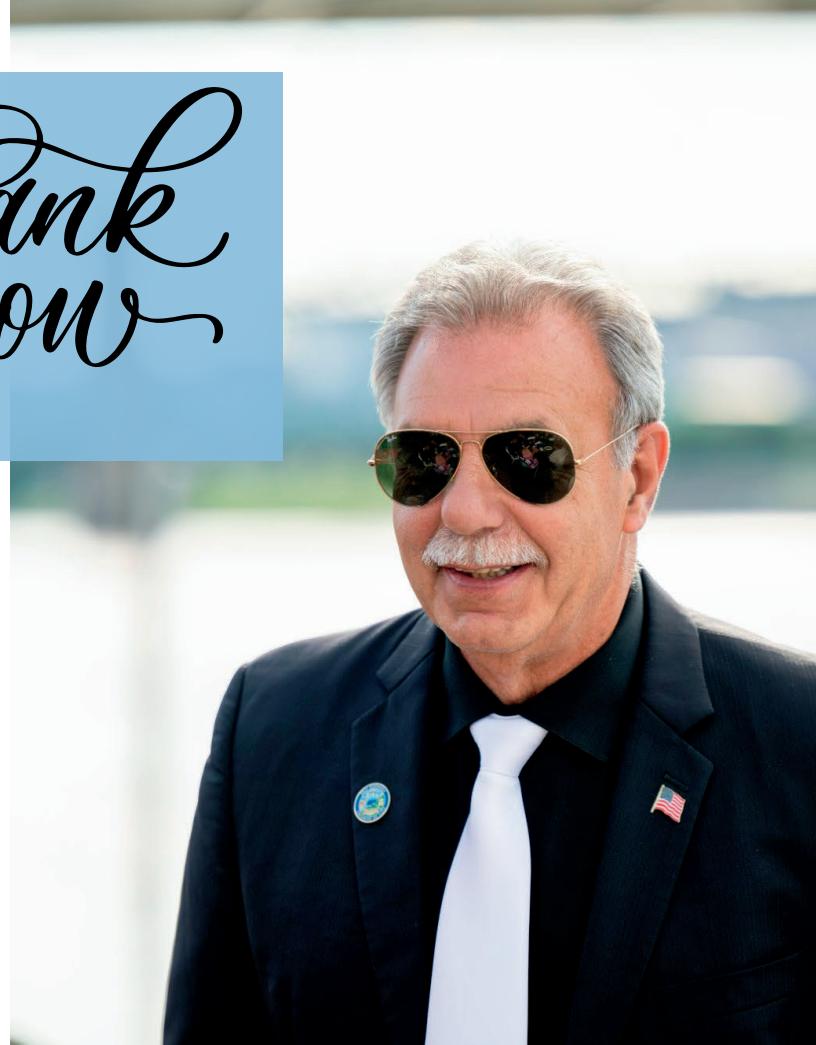
General Government \$3,776,950
 Public Safety \$14,007,780
 Development Services \$734,980
 Community Services \$2,706,720
 Municipal Complex \$423,790
 Debt Service \$3,335,690

Total \$24,985,910





Thank
you



Thank you Vice Mayor Frank T. Peluso, Sr for serving the City since 1973 and Commissioner Jerry Peluso for 35 years, including 12 years as Mayor, of service to the City.





Community
Service









Traditions





Ribbon Cuttings



Thank you for your support



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