



YEAR IN REVIEW

MAYOR JEFFREY CUSAT

2022

Topics of Discussion



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INTRODUCING HAZLETON CITY COUNCIL



**JAMES PERRY
ANTHONY COLOMBO
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ALLISON BARLETTA
JACK MUNDIE**



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PARKS & RECREATION DEPARTMENT



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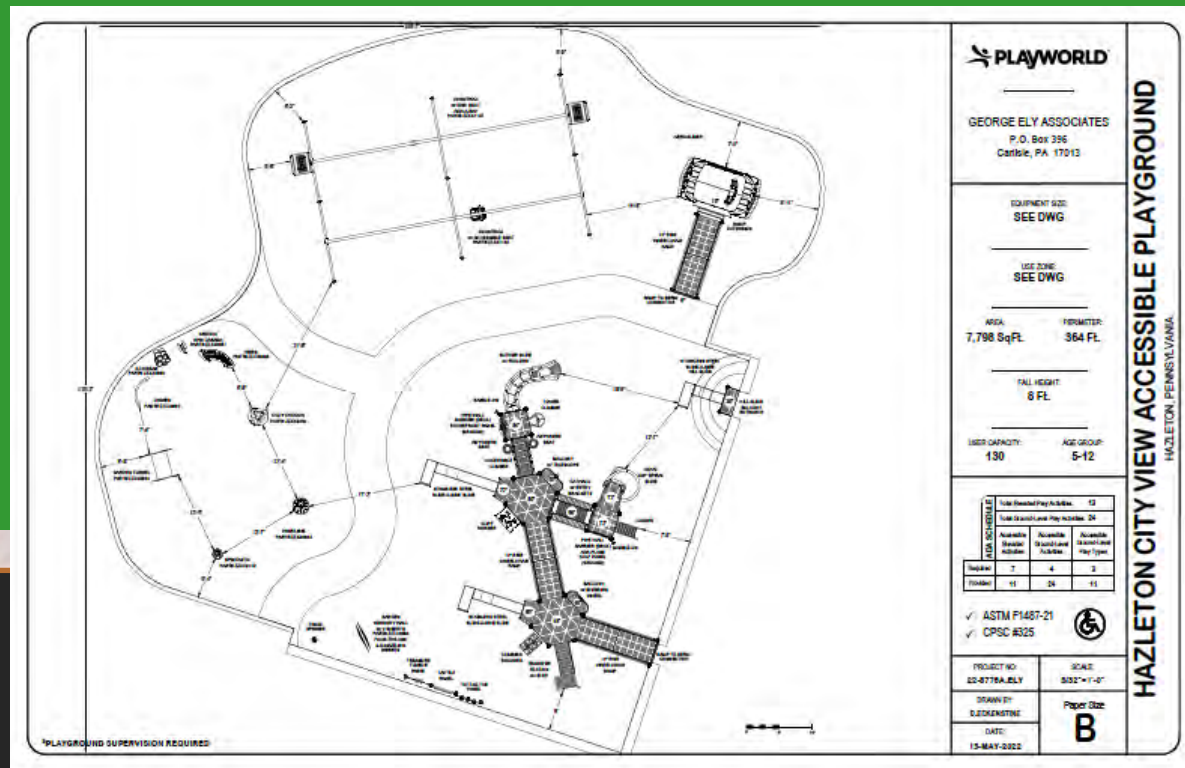
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PARKS & PLAYGROUND REVITALIZATION ■



GROUND-BREAKING

ACCESSIBLE PLAYGROUND AT CITY VIEW PARK (700 S. Poplar St.)



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PARKS & PLAYGROUND REVITALIZATION ■

GROUND-BREAKING



Wiffleball Field with Artificial Turf
Cornhole and Horseshoes
Concession Stand
Children's Playground Sets



12TH WARD PARK
(McKinley & 17th Street)

City of Hazleton



PARKS & PLAYGROUND REVITALIZATION ■

GROUND-BREAKING Saint Stanislaus Park (E. 17th and Hayes Street)



SIX PICKLEBALL COURTS



**THREE
PICNIC TABLES
COVERED BY
PAVILION**

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PARKS & PLAYGROUND REVITALIZATION ■

DESIGN PHASE

Pine Street Park & Playground (Pine & Hemlock Streets)



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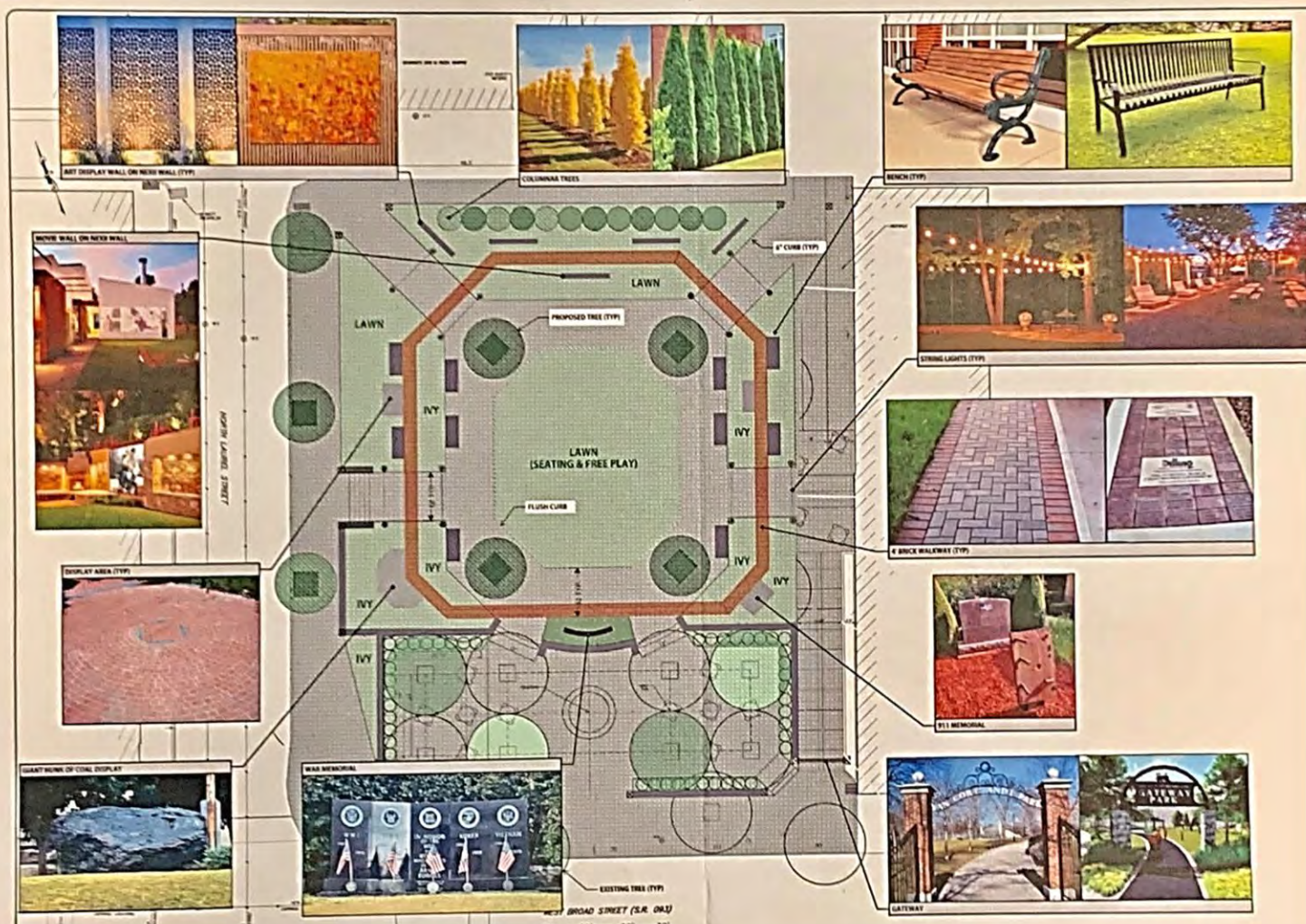
PARKS & PLAYGROUND REVITALIZATION ■



DESIGN PHASE

CAN DO Community Park (Laurel & Broad Streets)

Walkways
Benches
Greenery
Monuments
Art Walls





YEARLY EVENTS

- EASTER BUNNY TRAIL
- INDEPENDENCE DAY CELEBRATION
- HALLOWEEN'S TRAIL OF TREATS
- HEARTVEST GATHERING
- CITY HALL TREE LIGHTING
- SANTA CLAUS PARADES
- CHRISTMAS VILLAGE VENDOR MARKET
- NEW YEAR'S EVE FIREWORKS





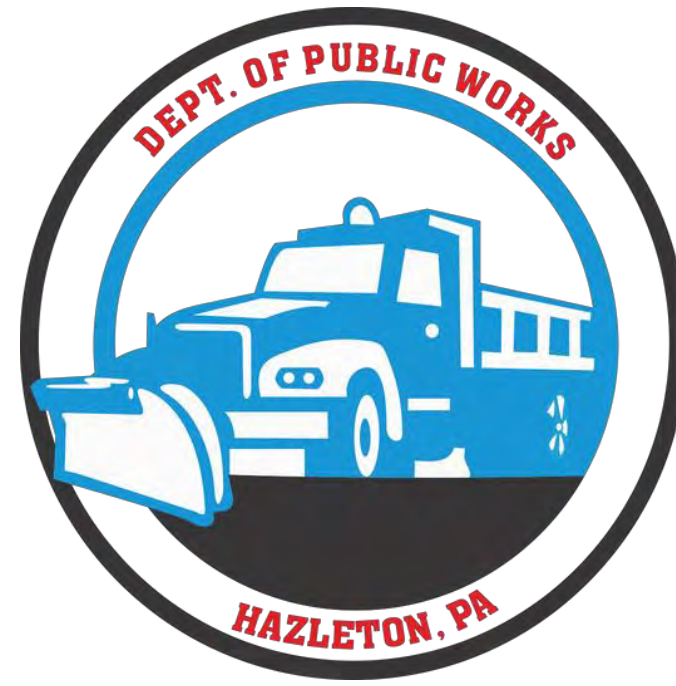


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City of Hazleton

DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS



SWEEPING AND PLOWING 99 OF THE 114 MILES OF ROAD

LANDSCAPING & CLEANING THE 16 CITY PARKS

MAINTAINING AND REPAIRING 4 PARKING LOTS & PARKING GARAGE

STORM WATER SYSTEM INCLUDING 1462 STORM INLETS

DECORATING FOR CITY EVENTS AND HOLIDAYS

PATCHING AND PAVING STREETS



ENFORCEMENT



■ PARKING

*ORDINANCE 2012-25
(As Amended by Ordinance 2013-5)*

Establishment of a Registration and Licensure Program for All Properties, All Institutional Occupancies, and Daycare

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE GOVERNING BODY OF THE CITY OF Hazleton, Pennsylvania, that the City Clerk hereby ordain and with the authority of the same as follows:

SECTION 1. INTENT

It is the purpose of this Ordinance and the policy of the City of Hazleton, to promote the public health, safety, and welfare of its citizens, to establish a program of registration and licensure for all owners and occupants relating to tenant occupied residential rental units, day care facilities, and daycare facilities. As a means to those ends, this Ordinance sets forth the requirements for inspections, issuance and renewal of occupancy licenses, and sets penalties for non-compliance. It also sets forth requirements of all owners of tenant occupied residential rental units, day care facilities, and daycare facilities, and prescribes duties of owners and agents.

SECTION 2. DEFINITIONS AND INTERPRETATION

■ CODE



■ ZONING

PARKING DEPARTMENT



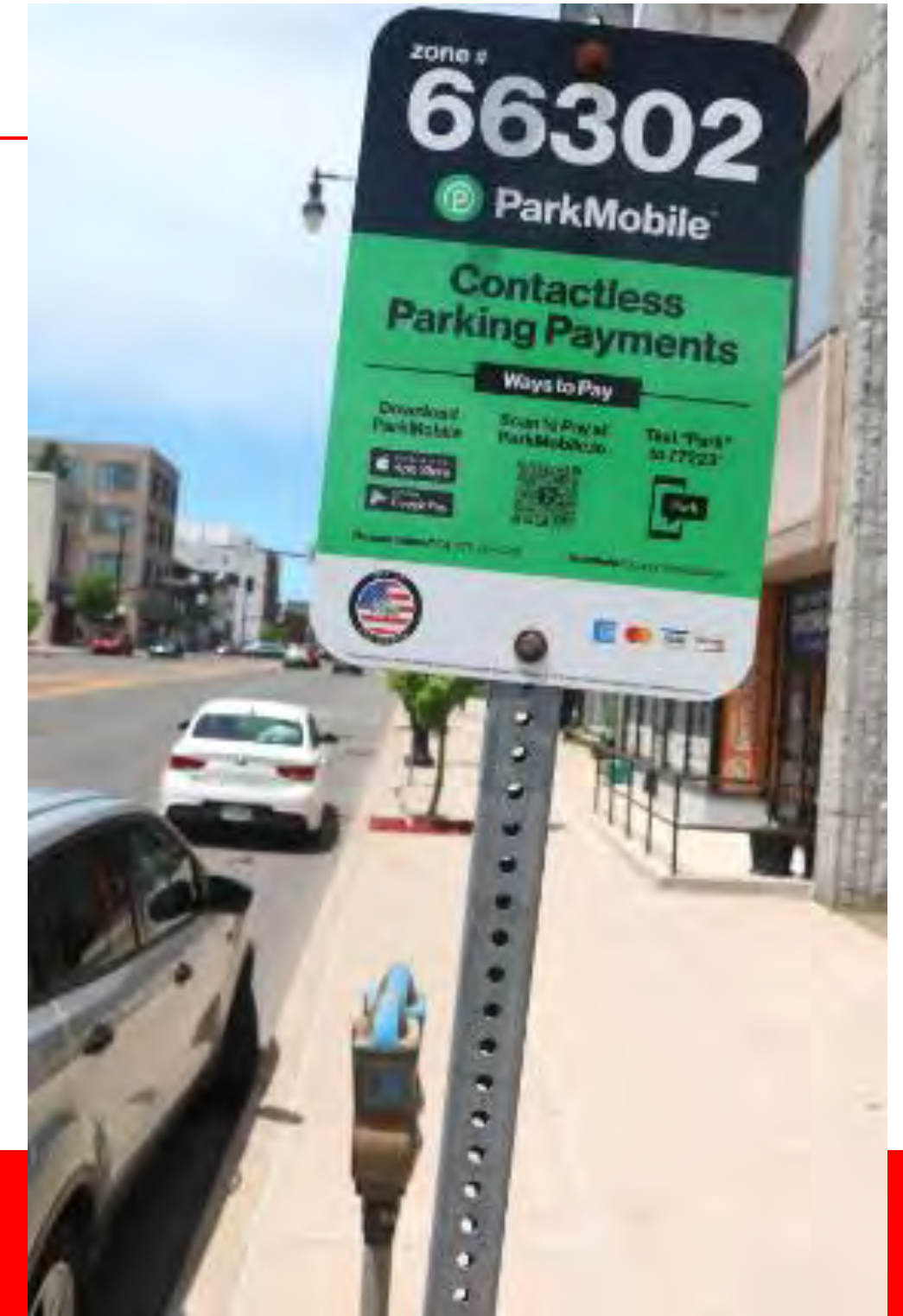
ENFORCEMENT

Tickets issued **9,744**
Collected **\$253,444.00**
Tow releases forms processed **861**
(consensual **74**, non-consensual **787**)



IMPROVEMENT

Installed Kiosks to replace coin-based Parking Meters
"Park Mobil" Phone Application
Reconstruction and Rebranding of the "Feeley Parking Plaza"



City of Hazleton

CODE DEPARTMENT

LICENSING
BUSINESS LICENSES
926

BUILDING
INSPECTIONS
2118



REGISTRATIONS

RENTAL PROPERTIES **5,109**
HANDICAPPED SIGNAGE **331**

PERMITS

UCC PERMITS ISSUED **1065**
WORK AUTHORIZATION PERMITS ISSUED **693**
OCCUPANCY INSPECTIONS **815**
ZONING APPLICATIONS PROCESSED **444**

ENFORCEMENT

COMPLAINTS **807**
HEARINGS **100+**
NON-TRAFFIC CITATIONS FILED **790+**
CIVIL ACTIONS FILED **19**

IMPROVEMENTS

METHODS OF MASS COMMUNICATION
LIVE UPDATED PROPERTY INFORMATION VIA INCREASED USE OF GIS SYSTEM
DEDICATED DUTIES
ADDITIONAL VEHICLES

ZONING DEPARTMENT

ENFORCEMENT

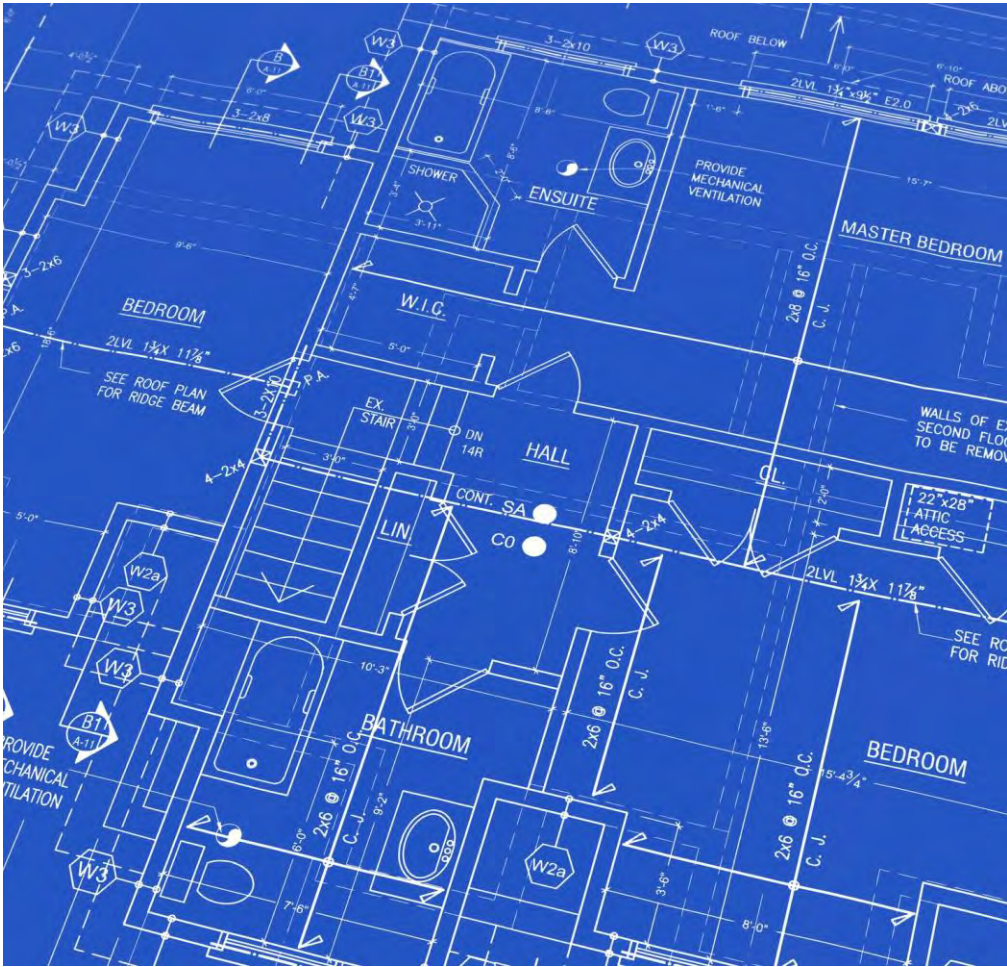
APPLICATIONS PROCESSED **453**

APPEALS **83**

VIOLATION ENFORCEMENT
LETTERS SENT **125**

MAGISTERIAL HEARINGS **7**

ZONING BOARD HEARINGS **17**



IMPROVEMENTS

EXPANDED AND RELOCATED OFFICES ON THE THIRD FLOOR

AUTHORITIES, BOARDS, AND COMMISSIONS



PLANNING COMMISSION

CASES HEARD BY THE BOARD 15

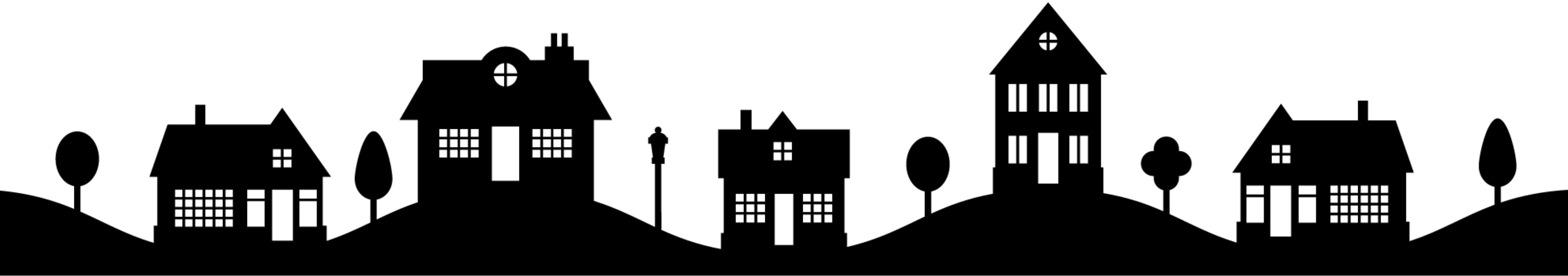
ZONING BOARD

APPLICATION APPEALS HEARD BY THE BOARD 83

AUTHORITIES, BOARDS, AND COMMISSIONS

LAND BANK

REMEDIATING AND REPURPOSING
BLIGHTED PROPERTIES PURCHASED
SOLD / PUT BACK ON TAXROLLS
ASSETS



City of Hazleton

COMMUNITY & ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

2022 CDBG ALLOCATION

\$641,743



City of Hazleton

COMMUNITY & ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT



AMERICAN RESCUE PLAN ACT

\$17,132,482.00

**REVENUE REPLACEMENT
PREMIUM PAY
OPEN AIR SPACE
GUN VIOLENCE PREVENTION
INFRASTRUCTURE
PUBLIC SAFETY**

City of Hazleton

COMMUNITY & ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT



GRANTS RECEIVED

LOCAL SHARE ACCOUNT GRANTS

Hazleton Active Adult/ Senior Center

Citizen's Services, Inc.

Hazleton City Hall

Hazleton City Fire Department

Hazleton One Community Center

Pennsylvania Theatre of Performing Arts (PTPA)

OTHER GRANTS

DCNR grant

Greenways, Trails, and Recreation Grant

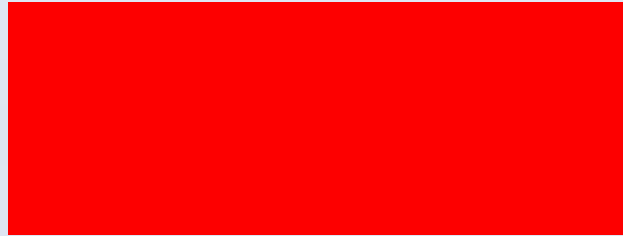
CDBG-CV funds allocated (Covid money)

PUBLIC SAFETY

FIRE & POLICE DEPARTMENTS



PUBLIC SAFETY FIRE DEPARTMENT



PUBLIC SAFETY POLICE DEPARTMENT



Technology and Safety Equipment
Grants and Funding Sources
Training & Expansion
Other Information



City of Hazleton

PUBLIC SAFETY POLICE DEPARTMENT



MAYOR CUSAT'S YEAR IN REVIEW



TECHNOLOGY AND
SAFETY EQUIPMENT

GRANTS AND
FUNDING SOURCES

TRAINING &
EXPANSION

PUBLIC TRANSPORTATION



Mayor Cusat's Year in Review

01 TRANSIT DEPARTMENT



- SECURED TWO COMPRESSED NATURAL GAS (CNG) BUSES
- GPS TRACKING SYSTEM
- MODESHIFT PAYMENT SYSTEM

HAZLETON PUBLIC TRANSIT BUS FACILITY



02 HAZLETON REGIONAL AIRPORT

FUEL SALES: **115,083 GALLONS**

HANGER RENTALS: **\$161,800.00**

FULLY OCCUPIED HANGERS WITH A WAITING LIST

GRANT-FUNDED LED PAPI SYSTEM INSTALLED TO REPLACE VASI SYSTEM

LED MARKER LIGHT SYSTEM INSTALLED

FAA REQUIRED TREE MITIGATION



City of Hazleton

FEELEY PARKING LOT

- Renovated, Paved & Renamed
- New Gate and Pay System Added



OFF WYOMING STREET BETWEEN SPRUCE ALLEY AND GREEN STREET



MAYOR'S OFFICE

RECYCLING/ GREEN INITIATIVES

- Paper Shredding Events **41,680 pounds of recycled paper**
- Electronic Recycling Events **21 tons of recycled electronics**

Created / Updated Codification Book, Zoning Ordinance, Recreation Comprehensive Plan
Started a Comprehensive Plan for the City and its surrounding municipalities

Weddings Performed **65**

Right to Know Requests Processed **130**





ADMINISTRATION AND FINANCIAL DEPARTMENTS

Eliminated mercantile tax

Eliminated per capita tax

Eliminated resident tax

Eliminated Rental Registration

RETIRED
\$3,200,000 OF
DEBT EARLY

REVENUES EXCEED
EXPENSES FOR 5
STRAIGHT YEARS

EXITING ACT 47
AS A SUCCESS
STORY



FINANCIAL DEPARTMENT

NO TAX INCREASE for the **SECOND CONSECUTIVE** year

\$1,500,000.00 EMERGENCY FUND BALANCE was created as a result of sound fiscal management

- REVENUES EXCEEDED EXPENSES FOR 5 STRAIGHT YEARS APPROXIMATELY \$318,000.00 / 2%
- RETIRED \$3,200,000.00 OF DEBT EARLY RESULTING IN NEARLY \$130,000.00 ANNUAL SAVINGS
- PREVIOUSLY \$.21 OF EVERY REAL ESTATE TAX DOLLAR WENT TO OLD DEBT. CURRENT \$.03
- REDIRECTED DEBT SERVICE MILAGE TO THE GENERAL FUND
- REAL ESTATE TAXES WERE 48% LOWER THAN FORECASTED BY THE EXPERTS IN THE ACT 47 RECOVERY PLAN



Holiday Food Distribution

Candy for Easter Bunny, Halloween Trail, and
Santa Parades

Financial Contributions given to Local Service
Organizations

Event Sponsorships

Donated Additional Picnic Tables at St. Stans



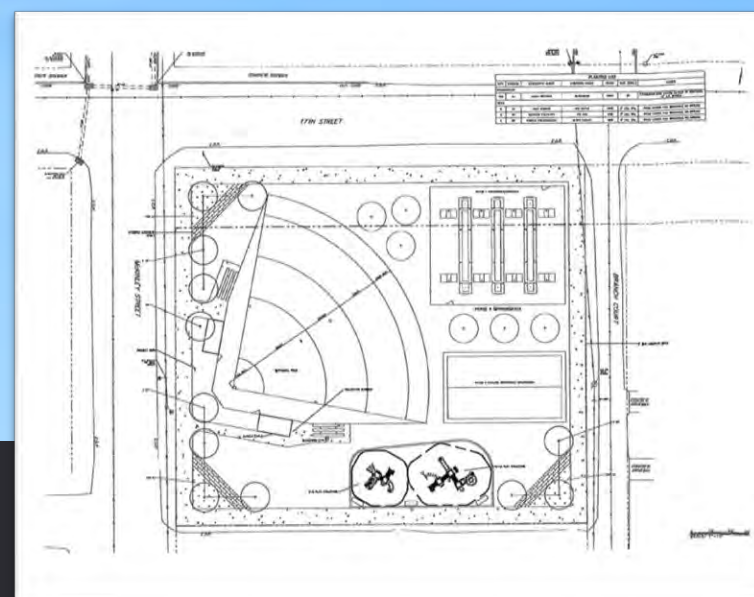


**FUTURE PLANS FOR
2023 AND BEYOND!**

**PARKS & PLAYGROUND
REVITALIZATION**



City View Park



12th Ward Park



CAN DO Community Park



FUTURE PLANS FOR 2023 AND BEYOND!

Future Approved Plans and Applications

TWO DISTRIBUTION PARKS TOTALING
APPROX. 1.5 MILLION SQ. FT.

216 TOWNHOUSE / 11 SINGLE HOME
DEVELOPMENT OFF WILSON STREET

NORTH SIDE PUBLIC SAFETY CENTER

EXPANDING THE FLOCK CAMERA SYSTEM IN HAZLETON AREA

CITY OF HAZLETON

PAVING PLANS

COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT FUNDED

LSA GRANT FUNDED

ARPA FUNDED



Year in Review 2022



CITY OF HAZLETON – PAVING PROJECTS

GENERAL FUND LIST

1.	21 st St. from Meade Ct.	
2.	21 st St. from Wyoming St.	
3.	18 th St. from Carson St. to Sybert St.	
4.	17 th St. from Hayes St. to Carson St.	
5.	17 th St. from Laurel St. to Church St.	
6.	15 th St. from Sybert St. to Carson St.	
7.	13 th St. from Garfield St. to Hayes St.	
8.	9 th St. from Sybert St. to Arthur St.	
9.	9 th St. from Thompson St. to Monges St.	
10.	Garfield St. from 11th St. to 13th St.	
11.	Garfield St. from 9 th St. to 11 th St.	
12.	Hayes St. from Diamond Ave. to 3 rd St.	
13.	Hayes St. from 3 rd St. to 5 th St.	
14.	Hayes St. from 5 th St. to 9 th St.	
15.	Perry Ct. from 20 th St. to 22 nd St.	
16.	Laurel St. from 6 th St. to 17 th St.	
17.	Morris Lane	

CDBG LIST

1.	Parde St. from 7th St. to 9th St.	
2.	Parde St. from Diamond Ave. to 1st St.	
3.	Monge St. from Diamond Ave. to 9th St.	
4.	Harrison St. from Diamond Ave. to 1st St.	
5.	Harrison St. from 1st St. to 5th St.	
6.	Harrison St. from 5th St. to 7th St.	
7.	Harrison St. from 7th St. to 9th St.	
8.	Cleveland St. from Diamond Ave. to 7th St.	
9.	Arthur St. from Diamond Ave. to 3rd St.	
10.	Arthur St. from 3rd St. to 5th St.	
11.	Arthur St. from 5th St. to 9th St.	
12.	Arthur St. from 9th St. to 11th St.	

LSA LIST

1.	Dietrich Ave. from S. Popular to East St.	
2.	Kiefer Ave. from S. Popular to East St.	
3.	East Ct. (EW) from East Ct. (NS) to East St.	
4.	Thirwell Ave. from S. Popular to East St.	
5.	D. Ct. from East Ct. to East St.	
6.	Berner Ave. from S. Popular to East St.	
7.	C. Ct. from S. Hazle St. to Mill St.	
8.	B. Ct. from East Ct. to East St.	
9.	A. Ct. St. from East Ct. to East St.	
10.	Samuels Ave. from S. Popular to East St.	
11.	Lahm Ave. from East Ct. to Mill St.	

ARPA LIST

1.	James St. from Diamond Ave. to 8 th St.	
2.	Peace St. from Diamond Ave. to 8 th St.	
3.	Lincoln St. from Diamond Ave. to 22 nd St.	
4.	McKinley St. from 4th St. to 17 th St.	
5.	Roosevelt St. from	
6.	McNair St. from 11th St. to 17 th St.	
7.	9th St. from Thompson St. to the End	



CODE RED

**PUBLIC SAFETY
ALERTS**

**TEXT Hazleton INFO
TO 99411**