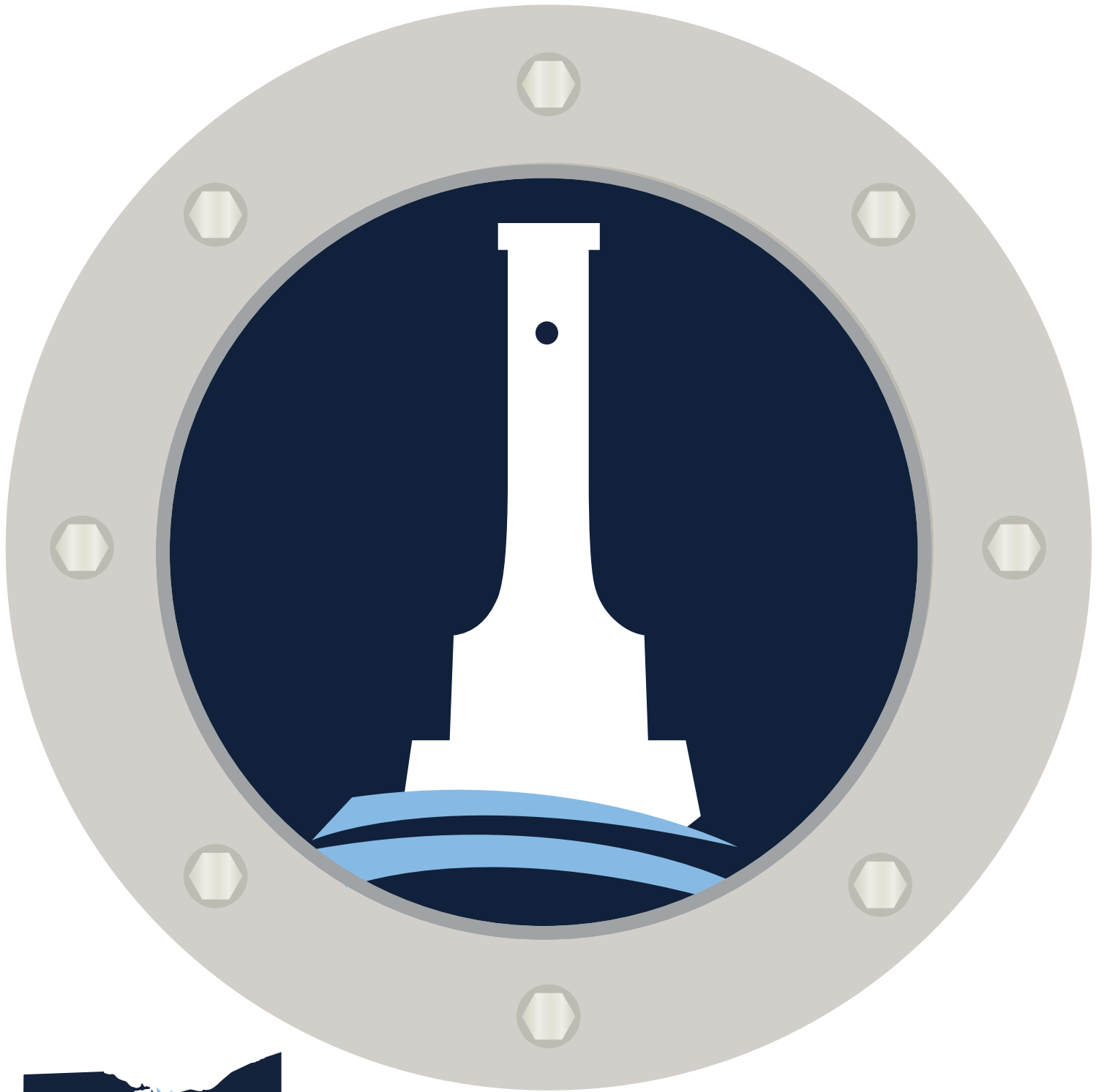
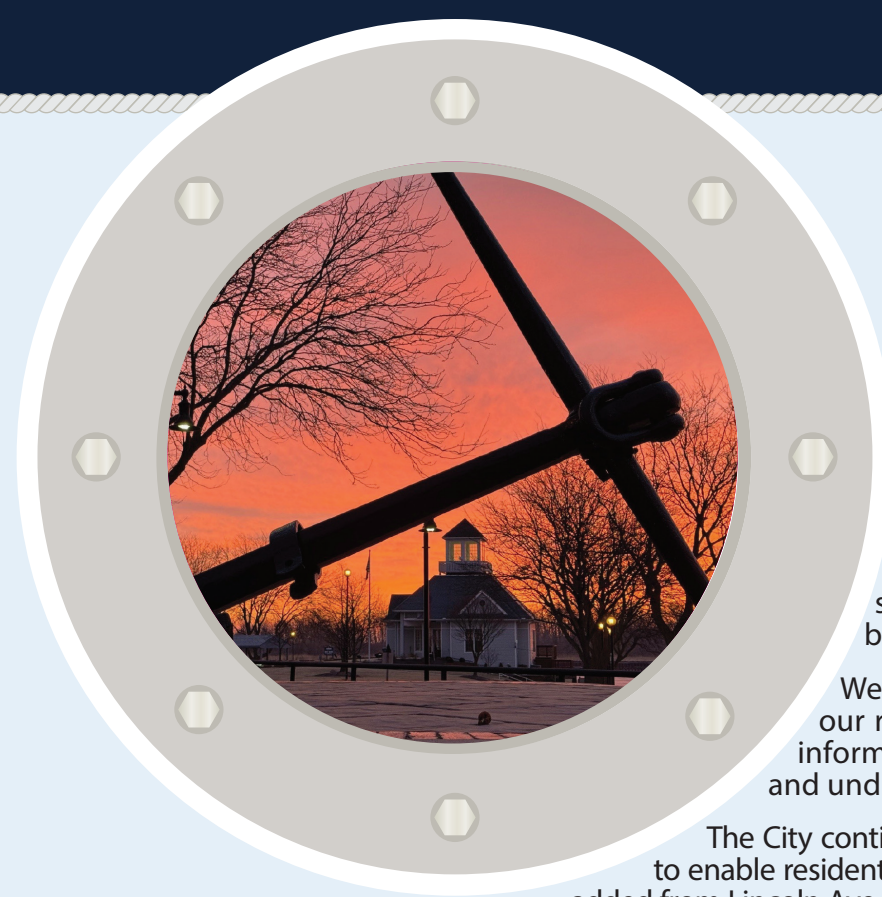




2025 ANNUAL REPORT



A MESSAGE FROM ...

THE MAYOR & CITY MANAGER

The City continues to make major capital investments into our infrastructure, understanding that we have to invest in ourselves, before others will invest. To ensure that our residents have the best services that the City can provide within the current budget constraints.

We continue to improve our level of transparency to our residents and businesses, believing that making information available to all is critical in ensuring trust and understanding.

The City continues to ensure walkability/bike-ability is improved to enable residents to enjoy our beautiful City, safely. A sidewalk was added from Lincoln Ave to Heron Drive in partnership with Huron Township and ODOT.

These partnerships are critical to ensure these multi-jurisdictional projects are a success, and we thank our partners for their support. We also added two high visibility crossings on Rt13 to connect ValleyView and Forest Hills to existing sidewalks.

On the utilities front, work has begun on our 2MG water tower, which was made possible by a \$5M grant. Once complete, this will double the amount of water we hold in reserve ensuring water security for both our residents and businesses. Huron Public Power expanded their electrical distribution service north of the train tracks on Rye Beach Road and is getting ready to expand down Sawmill Parkway, bringing an affordable and reliable service to our businesses.

In 2025, the City also advanced design and engineering plans for several capital projects to occur in 2026 and 2027. These include:

- Route 6 Phase II improvements
- South Main Street Streetscape
- Huron River secondary raw water intake
- Lake Erie Electric Trail Connector to the new bike path to Sandusky
- High visibility crossing on Jim Campbell BLVD by the High School

The Con Agra site is never far from our planning table. Our developer Triban Investments continues to work through due diligence and once complete, the site will be sold to them. Triban Investment consists of development partners Knez Homes and K. Hovnanian (one of the nation's largest homebuilders). Their plan is to construct 100+ multi-family units on the site, along with amenities and a restaurant space. There will remain a public access walkway around the perimeter of the property.

All of this is not possible without the leadership of Council and the support of a GREAT staff. To achieve what we do, with the limited funds available to us takes daily dedication and passion for doing the very best for our residents. We thank you for your continued support!


Monty Tapp, Mayor


Stuart Hamilton, City Manager



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2026 ELECTED OFFICIALS

Monty Tapp, Mayor
William Biddlecombe, Vice-Mayor
Sam Artino, Councilperson
Mark Claus, Councilperson
Joe Dike, Councilperson
Joel Hagy, Councilperson
Tom Harris, Councilperson

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ZONING & BUILDING

What’s the difference & what do we do?

Zoning: controls what may be built (use, location, size on the land) residential vs. commercial, setbacks, and height. The Planning & Zoning Department conducts zoning application plan reviews, issues zoning permits, and conducts zoning inspections. In addition to Zoning Permits, our department manages Contractor Registration, Transient Rental Registration & Inspections, Miscellaneous General Permits/Licensing, Right-of-Way Permits & coordination of inspections through the Street and Engineering Departments.

Building Codes: dictates how it must be built (materials, safety, structure, plumbing, electrical) to ensure public safety and structural integrity. The city contracts with Huron Township to provide Building Department services, which include building application reviews, issuance of building permits, and building inspections.

Zoning sets the stage for land use; building codes ensure the structure is safe within that stage.

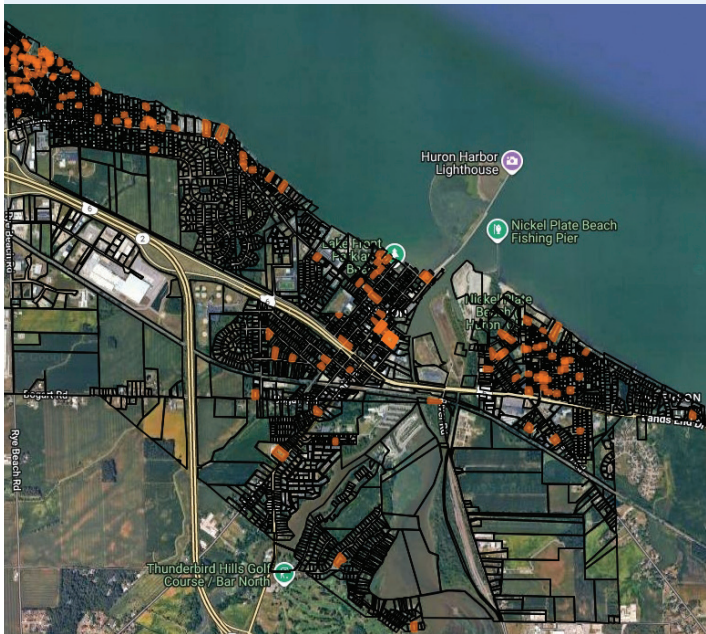
TRANSIENT RENTAL PROGRAM

The purpose of the transient rental program, which includes annual inspections and certification, is to set standards that address public safety issues while providing a revenue source to offset costs related to public safety and zoning enforcement efforts.

Transient Rental Registration Certificates

165	Transient Rental (Active)
18	Wait List

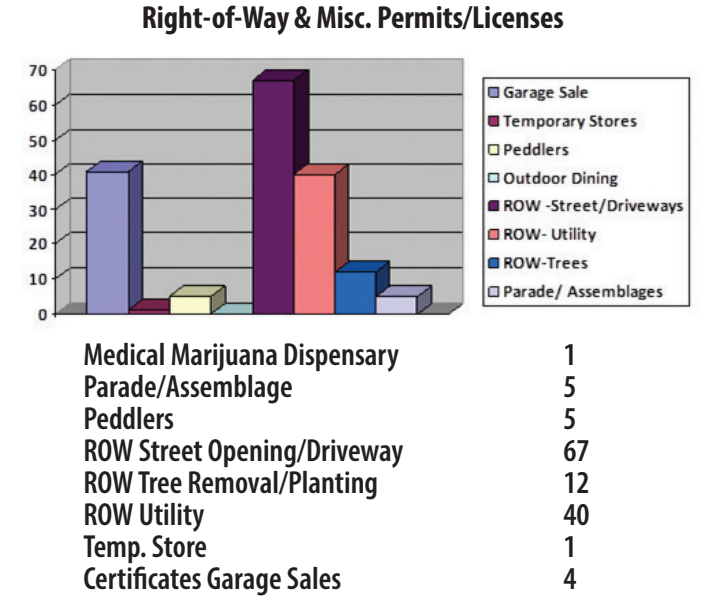
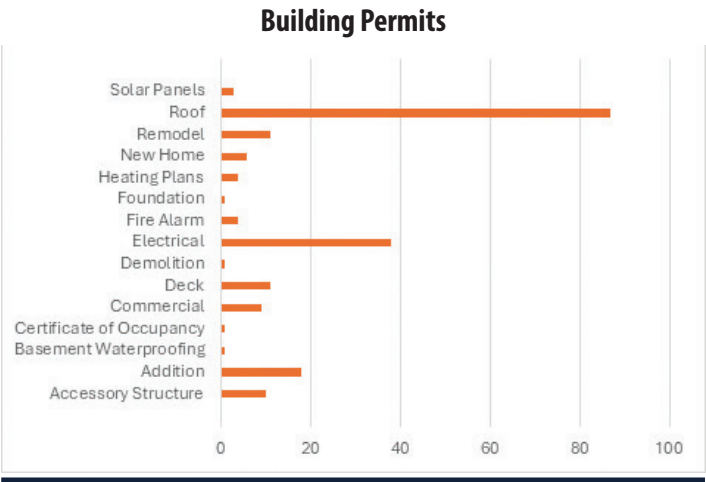
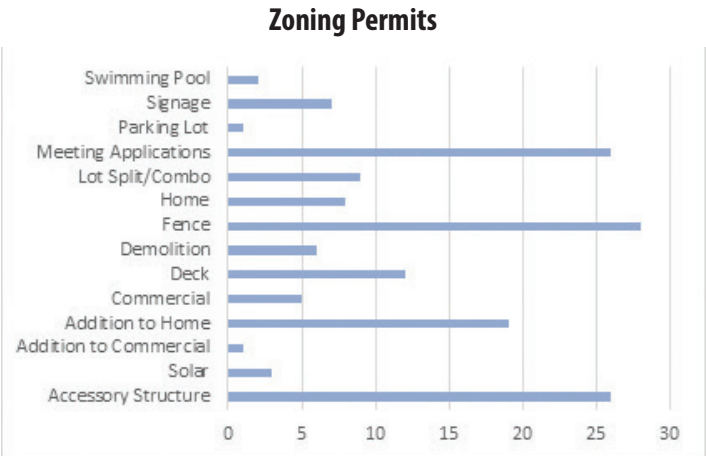
Active Transient Rental Map - 165 Properties



DAILY OPERATIONS
WORKLOAD MEASURES

Type of Permits

- 153 - Zoning Permits
- 205 - Building Permits
- 172 - Right-of-Way, Misc., Permits/Licenses
- 230 - Contractor Registration



Medical Marijuana Dispensary	1
Parade/Assemblage	5
Peddlers	5
ROW Street Opening/Driveway	67
ROW Tree Removal/Planting	12
ROW Utility	40
Temp. Store	1
Certificates Garage Sales	4

CODE AMENDMENTS

Other types of Amendments

• **Ord. 2025-1 Amendment to the Turtle Bay Planned Residential Development Project:** Amendment to the Planned Development Plan to reduce a rear yard setback on a particular lot within the residential development.

The following Code Amendments are in process and/or priorities for 2026:

• **Chapter 1129-Signage Code-** Staff and Legal are working with a consultant who is drafting a comprehensive replacement of the entire existing signage code.

• **Fees-** Presently fees are scattered throughout the City’s Codified Ordinances in various Chapters reflecting the respective fees within that Chapter. The city wishes to eventually consolidate all fees into one comprehensive section.

Staff continues its mission to identify code sections that are antiquated/obsolete, contradictory, and/or contain confusing and unclear language. The code is extensive and difficult to navigate in many cases. Staff feels it’s important for the department, and more importantly, the public, to have a code that is as clear as possible and easy to follow. As code sections and issues are discovered, staff is adding them to a database to review and prioritize for future amendments.

Code Amendments are necessary for a variety of reasons. These include new issues/topics that are not currently within the city code, clarification of code language making them more user-friendly, editing or removing codes that are found to conflict with others, and to update/revise language or fees. Amendments involve research into existing codes in other municipalities, research to identify any cross references needed within the city code, collaboration with Legal, and drafting of a proposed amendment which ultimately must be approved legislatively by City Council.

Code Amendments Adopted in 2025:

• **Ord.2024-56 Chapter 1131, New Section 1131.11:** Residential Exterior Lighting Regulations drafted by Legal to address residential light trespass complaints.

• **Ord. 2025-7 Amendments to the Zoning Map** to incorporate various rezonings, annexations, and planned development projects, bringing the map up to date.

• **Ord.2025-8 Chapter 1129-Sign Regulations:** Addressing existing nonconforming signage, replacements/maintenance, and triggers for removal.

• **Ord.2025-28 Chapter 557 Grass, Weeds, Vegetation:** Amendments to regulations for violation notices, increase to fees, increase to fees for repeat offenders.

• **Ord.2025-30 Chapter 1132-Off Street Parking:** Clarifying language relative to the trigger for applying required residential off-street parking regulations.

Property Violations/Code Enforcement

The goal of our department is to work with owners to bring the property into compliance, often providing suggestions, extensions or schedules over time to accomplish the goal. Much time and effort is taken by the Zoning Inspector to follow up with owners, reinspect, and track progress. The majority of the time the violations are remedied within the specified period, other cases may take more time depending on the circumstances and type of violation. The city continued to mow a few properties on a continual basis throughout the season.

Of the 126 total cases, four (4) cases were ultimately turned over to the City Prosecutor after all attempts had been exhausted to bring properties into compliance. An additional case which originated in 2022 went to the Ohio Supreme Court and is now back in Huron Municipal Court. Cases include violations such as: exterior conditions, landscape maintenance, roof issues, drainage, debris, operating a transient rental without a certificate, and driveway construction non-compliant to the code and without a permit. The Zoning Inspector works to compile the case file, performs re-inspections, and when needed, testifies in these cases.

Violation Breakdown

Grass/Weeds	37
Grass/WeedsTree Trimming/Site Line Obstructions	11
Grass/Weeds Signage	8
Accessory Structures	5
Trailer Parking	3
Accumulation of Rubbish	3
Work w/o permit	2
Roofs/Drainage	2
Sanitation	2
Vehicle Parking	2
Fence	1
Commercial Lighting	1
Protective Treatment	1
Rodent Harborage	1
Address Identification	1
Driveways	1
Lighting	1
Landscaping Maintenance	1
R-1 District	1
Accessory Buildings	1
Neglected Vehicles	1
Dwellings	1
Total Cases:	126
Mailings/Postage Expense:	\$1,268.58
Contractor Mowing Expense:	\$2,655.24
Mowing Fees Paid to City by property owner:	\$1,095.65
Unpaid Mowing Fees Awaiting Certification to the County Auditor:	\$1,389.59

RESIDENTIAL & COMMERCIAL PLAN REVIEWS

Considerable time is spent meeting/speaking with the public to help them through the process of permitting and/or researching the code for regulations to assist with their inquiry or project. These consultations are comprised of both residential and commercial projects; some are required as part of an application submission to either the Planning Commission or the Board of Building and Zoning Appeals. 2025 saw an increase in inquiries from owners regarding buildable footprints of their unusually shaped and/or mixed zoned parcels; a total of 31 cases were researched, comprehensive reports drafted and provided for each.

Commercial and Residential Projects

- Huron Harbor (ConAgra) Approval of the General Development Concept Plan
- Latanick Equipment- Commercial Building
- First Presbyterian Church- Commercial Cooler Addition
- Firelands Scientific- Accessory Structure
- New and/or replacement commercial signage
- Lot split/Lot combinations
- Residential Solar Roof Panels
- Freestanding Single-Family Condos
- New homes
- Additions



BOARD & COMMISSION CASES

Staff conducts meetings with applicants, plan reviews, preparation of staff reports, and fulfills noticing requirements for all cases appearing on the Planning Commission and BZA agendas. Case files, preparations of meeting minutes and record retention management for these Boards/Commissions are performed by staff.

Thank you to all our members serving on the Planning Commission/Design Review Board and Board of Building & Zoning Appeals. Members volunteer their time to serve our community in these roles.

Board	# of Mtgs	# of Cases
Planning Commission Design Review Board	10	24
Board of Building & Zoning Appeals	10	19

Huron Harbor Development

The General Development Concept Plan/Site Plan for the Huron Harbor development, located at the former ConAgra site, was approved by Huron City Council in August. The new condominium development is aimed at providing modern, high-quality housing options and supporting the community's long-term growth strategy.

The Huron Harbor development will consist of 106 condominium units ranging from 1,649 square feet to 2,548 square feet and will feature sustainable designs, accessible amenities, and landscaped green spaces. The plans include a private pool, a dockage element, a six-foot wide public access path around the perimeter, and a 6,000 square foot restaurant.

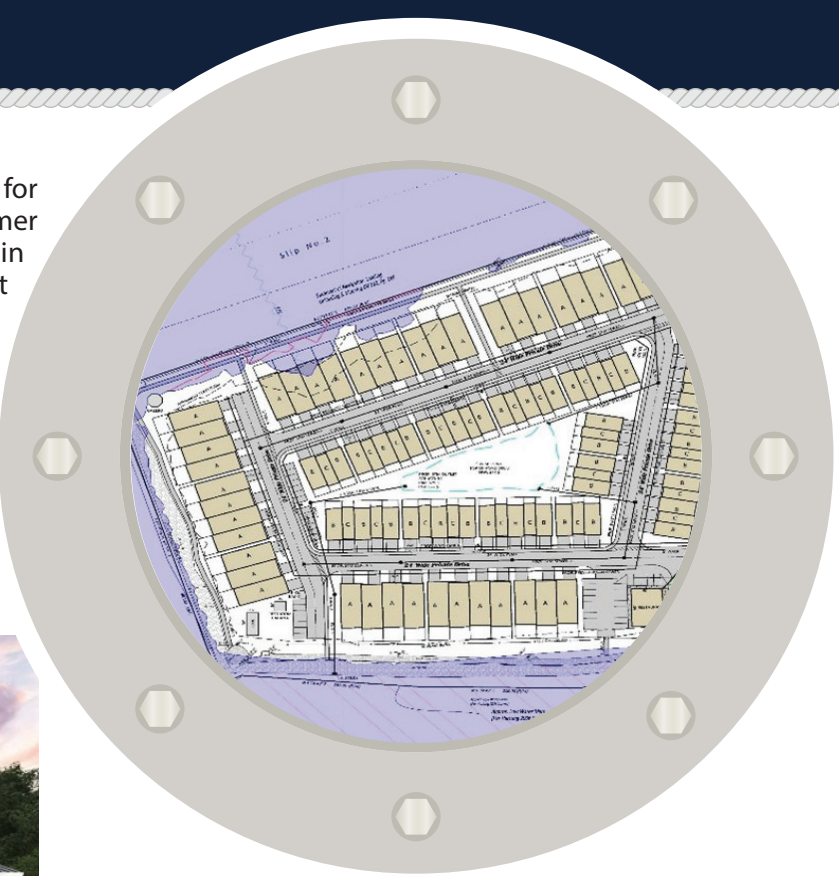


Stage Three East Side Sidewalks

The East Side Sidewalk Stage 3 portion of the project was completed during 2025. RMH Concrete & Foundations was the lowest and best bid at \$367,352.45. Stage 3 portion of the entire project consisted of extending the sidewalk on the south side of Cleveland Road, East between Lincoln Avenue and the entrance of Huron Green.

The sidewalk is approximately 4,430 feet in length and five feet wide. The northern edge of the sidewalk is approximately five feet from the roadway with a pedestrian crossing at Anchorage Circle and Bald Eagle Drive complete with markings and a flashing light warning system. Both drainage and stormwater work was completed at this time.

The joint project between the City and the Township was made possible with the help of Erie Regional Planning and the Ohio Department of Transportation.



Council's approval of the proposed Concept and Site Plans followed a very extensive review and the recommendation by the City's Planning Commission/Design Review Board (PC/DRB) and two Public Hearings (May 21 and June 18, 2025). All parties involved worked through modifications, clarifications, and several changes to the initial plan prior to its approval.

Construction is anticipated to begin later in 2026.

High Visibility Crosswalks on Main Street

Two high visibility crossings with flashing beacons on South Main Street at the Valley View Drive and Forest Hills Drive intersections were installed during the summer of 2025. In both cases, the crosswalks will connect to existing sidewalks.

These improvements are part of a broader effort to create a more pedestrian-friendly downtown. South Main Street connects neighborhoods, businesses, places of worship, and restaurants, and safer crosswalks will make a noticeable difference for everyone who uses them.

The City applied for and received grant money through the Ohio Department of Transportation to help cover the costs associated with adding crosswalks and safety measures. The ODOT Systematic Safety Program grant was awarded 90% funding of the project, leaving a local match coming from the City's general fund. D.L. Smith Concrete, LLC submitted the lowest bid at \$92,935.



MARINE PATROL PROGRAM

Over the summer months, the waterways were patrolled by the department’s marine patrol funded in part by a state grant. Marine patrol officers conducted 84 safety inspections (54% increase), contacted 279 persons on board (20% increase), issued 94 warnings (34% increase), and assisted 138 vessels.

In 2025, the agency received a generous private donation that funded the purchase of a new police marine patrol boat, significantly enhancing public safety and emergency response capabilities along the city’s shoreline, Huron River, and Lake Erie. The donation, made by a local benefactor requested to remain anonymous, completely covered the cost of the new vessel which was valued around \$200K. The new vessel will include modern navigation and communication technology, enhanced speed and maneuverability, and improved rescue equipment. The new boat will allow our agency to respond more quickly and efficiently to emergencies on the water, assist boaters in distress, and work more closely with other local and regional agencies.

COMMUNITY POLICING PROGRAM

Part of the department’s community policing agenda assigns an officer to a neighborhood with specific duties. The neighborhood policing duties include checking for roadway view obstructions or potentially dangerous conditions, junk vehicles, 24-hour violations, streetlights not working, traffic signs in need of repair, weed and grass violations, looking for subjects with arrest warrants, conducting resident house checks, and attending neighborhood or association meetings when requested. Depending on shift activity, officers are to conduct at least three patrol area checks of their assigned neighborhood each tour of duty. The community policing program is a proactive approach to problem solving. The city also has a new very comprehensive website that is interactive and has information and answers to many questions.

STAFFING

The department is staffed with a Chief, four (4) sergeants, eight (8) patrol officers, a detective, and a School Resource Officer. In 2025, the department hired two (2) new full-time officers to fill two vacancies creating a total staff of fifteen (15) full-time officers.

PROFESSIONAL TRAINING

All officers completed twenty-four (24) hours of state mandated Continuing Professional Training and at least 40 hours of specialized training.

K-9 PROGRAM

The department continues the K-9 fund initiative to support the K-9 program. Fundraising efforts will continue into 2026. K9 “Jax” and his handler continue to complete state mandated training.

FLOCK CAMERAS

A total of eight (8) Flock cameras have been purchased since 2024. Over 8.2 million license plate reads took place in 2025. The solvability rates of investigations, such as hit/skip accidents and thefts, have increased exponentially due to the Flock cameras.

GRANT FUNDING

The department continues to receive state grant funding for our body worn camera program allowing each officer to be fully equipped. Additionally, all officers are equipped with new tasers and handguns, both of which are interfaced to activate the officer’s camera. New cruisers are being equipped with in-car cameras.

2025 CALLS

Huron Police responded to 4,072 calls for service.

- Reports - 2,898
- Traffic Citations - 344
- Traffic Warnings - 1,508
- Accident Investigations - 73
- Parking Citations - 10



STAFFING

Huron Fire was comprised of three (3) Captains, three (3) Lieutenants, and 30 full and part-time firefighters as of January 1, 2025. Late in 2025, the decision was made to return to a Fire Chief lead style department. Recruiting began with the intention of filling the position in early 2026. The department is staffed 24/7/365 with 16 full-time and 26 part-time firefighters. Firefighters work 10 - 24 hour shifts each month in a rotating pattern called the California swing (24 on, 24 off, 24 on, 24 off, 24 on, 96 off). Shifts change at 7 AM.

PROFESSIONAL TRAINING

This year firefighters maintained their yearly departmental requirements with monthly training. We were able to receive some specialized training from Columbia Gas dealing with natural gas emergencies. All three shifts spent several days working on different types of vehicle extrication and stabilization.



DIVE RESCUE AND RECOVERY TEAM

This fall, seven members of the Dive Team through Dive Rescue One obtained their Dive Rescue Specialist certification. To obtain this certification there were several classroom sessions and training dives local ponds and the boat basin. This training ensures that HFD members are capable to effectively respond and mitigate to water related emergencies.

VEHICLE MAINTENANCE

The existing 28 year old ladder truck is unable to be repaired due to obsolete parts, the apparatus committee was able to quickly locate a nice used ladder truck that was traded in by the Orange Township Fire Department near Columbus. The new-to-us truck is currently being refurbished and repainted to match the rest of our fleet with an estimated delivery date of sometime in March.

CPR CLASSES

The fire department continued their efforts in 2025 to provide CPR classes for both residents and businesses within the community. These classes were held five times throughout the course of the year with 108 certificates issued. Additionally, fire department personnel were able to provide an instructor to assist with classes at St. Peter Catholic School and Huron High School, as well as offered a babysitting course hosted by the Abbey Rose Foundation.

FIRE INSPECTIONS

The fire department completed 190 inspections of commercial properties. During these inspections, violations of the Ohio Fire Code were noted and relayed to the business owner for maintenance and were then mitigated, thus lessening the number of major incidents. Fire Inspectors also verified and monitored 5 fireworks displays in 2025.

HURON FIRE AND LOCAL SCHOOLS

Fire Education hosted 201 third and fourth graders from Huron during the annual Water Safety Day event in May. Each student saw presentations from 6 different public safety and water related agencies, and each was provided a life jacket to keep. Huron Fire also hosted 745 Preschool through 4th graders during Fire Prevention Week.



2025 ACTION

Huron Fire responded to 2,208 calls for assistance.

- EMS - 1,935
- Fire - 221
- Motor Vehicle Accidents - 41
- Water Rescues - 11

Of these calls for service:

- City Calls - 1,199
- Township Calls - 953
- Mutual Aid Calls - 47
- HFD requested Mutual Aid - 9

2025 WATER DEPARTMENT ACCOMPLISHMENTS

OHIO EPA LIMITED SCOPE SITE VISIT

- Completed in October
- No violations and 13 recommendations

PLAN UPDATES

Update and revise Huron Water Contingency Plan, Asset Management Plan, Risk and Resiliency Plan, and the Emergency Response Plan. It is a combination of these plans that ensures a potable water supply flows uninterrupted 24/7/365.

NEW WET WELL SCREENS INSTALLED

- Prevent large debris from lake entering the treatment process
- Replace 8" drain valve for Sedimentation Basin #1
- Staff replaced the failed valve installed in 1993

BASIN INSPECTIONS

- Performed annually. Involves draining each basin and inspecting all components and hardware. Each basin is also cleaned with a fire hose at this time.
- Filter Inspections
- Performed annually to inspect components and measure filter media
- Filter media is lost over time during the backwash cycle. 600 cubic feet of anthracite filter media was installed by staff.

CYBER SECURITY ASSESSMENT
WATER FILTRATION PLANT

- Recommended by the Ohio EPA. No deficiencies were noted in the assessment, only recommendations for continued improvement

NEW CHEMICAL PUMPS

- 4 chemical feed systems were updated to Watson-Marlow peristaltic pumps. Two chemical feed systems were upgraded to weight scales with digital displays for improved accuracy.
- New pressure switches for the chlorine gas feed system were also installed

2.0 MG WATER TOWER CONSTRUCTION

- \$5,000,000 grant
- Site work began in October of 2025. The foundation work is expected to be completed by the end of the year, with construction of the stem beginning in 2026

EAST SIDE TOWER PAINTING

- 2 exterior overcoats
- New city logo displayed
- 2030 scheduled interior sandblast and recoat
- 2035 exterior overcoat
- Yearly inspections

WATER TREATMENT CHEMICALS

Completed competitive bidding for water treatment chemicals for calendar year 2026. A collaborative effort among the City of Sandusky, Erie County, and the City of Huron was completed. Advertising together allows greater chemical volumes to be bid on and thus more competitive financial offers from vendors. Chemical prices increased 11% overall from 2025.

SLUDGE LAGOON MAINTENANCE

Completed annual sludge lagoon maintenance. 2024 maintenance involved the rental of a Case long-reach excavator to dredge the one-acre sludge lagoon into the two previously formed retention dikes for a duration of two weeks.

Staff has been diligently building the GIS database for mapping of water assets including water mains, valves, fire hydrants, water meter pits, and more.

HYDRANT FLUSHING

Exercised valves and flushed hydrants in the water distribution system. It is a requirement of the Ohio EPA to flush hydrants annually and exercise 20% of system valves per year. Hydrant flushing ensures water quality in the system, specifically in dead end water mains, while also ensuring the proper operation of the hydrants for emergency needs. Valve exercising ensures that valves will open and close successfully when needed in the event of routine or emergency maintenance (water main break).

STAFFING

- Additional employee at the Water filtration Plant
- Assist with shift coverage and plant maintenance
- 24/7 operation required increasing staff from 5 to 6 employees

(Water Continued)

EMERGENCY WATER MAIN REPAIRS 2025

01/06/25	6" line	Magnolia Ave.	Crack
02/24/25	8" line	Brookview	Crack
03/03/25	6" line	Ohio Street	Crack
09/03/25	6" valve	Dayton Ave.	Gasket
10/20/25	4" line	Ashland Ave.	Crack

2026 WATER OBJECTIVES

- Receive a plant rating of 5.5 MGD (increasing from 3.4 MGD) from the Ohio EPA. This rating is necessary to support the increased residential and commercial demands. The tube settler project that was completed in 2022 increased plant capacity to allow for this rating increase.
- Receive plan approval from the Ohio EPA for the Huron River Emergency Intake
- Completion of the 2.0 MG Water Tower. Anticipated completion Fall 2026.
- Continued development of the GIS program including the mapping of water assets.
- Continue to transition chemical feed systems to weight scales with digital displays.
- Update SCADA computers at the Water Filtration Plant that are used to control the treatment process and all components.

STREET DEPARTMENT

CRACK SEAL PROGRAM

The Street Dept. used 11,250 lbs. of crack seal material for sealing Street and Water Dept. roadway repairs also many roads including: Jim Campbell (stadium to center), Stowe, Huron, Washington, Lincoln, McKinley, Gateway, Cove, Beachside, Dockway, Anchorage, Harborview, N & S Oakhurst and a section of Wilbor. Maintenance Systems of Ohio crack sealed Cleveland Rd. W (Main to Rye Beach) using 14,400 lbs. of crack seal material. Totaling 25,650 lbs. of crack seal.

MOWING, WEED WHACKING, AND
TREE TRIMMING OF CITY LOTS & ROADWAYS

City-owned properties; Berlin Rd., River Rd., Tiffin Ave., Water towers, Rte. 6 to merge, Bogart underpass, Rye Beach HPP, Silvern, Center St., old city dump, Pier, Conagra, Service complex, & Rye beach park. Also, Fecon Forestry Mulcher Attachment for the city mini-excavator for a lot of additional cutting and trimming behind guardrails, along roadside areas, walk path on Catalpa, and around Berlin rd. Pond/Park.

UPDATING STREET SIGNS, POSTS,
PAVEMENT & CURB PAINTING

Updating/replacement of many old posts and/or faded out traffic signs (Stop, Mph, No Parking, street names, etc.) throughout the city. Also, the painting of curbs throughout the city using a total of 265 gallons of yellow curb paint.



STREETS STAFFING

The department is staffed with 4 full-time employees' (foreman/3 maintenance)

STORM WATER

Catch Basins, Manholes, Storm Lines,
City Ditch Maintenance and GIS Mapping

Continuing to work on updating GIS storm sewer mapping, Jet/camera 7,600ft of storm line, repair/replace 57ft of storm line, repair/replaced 11 catch basins/manholes, maintaining Nickel Plate, Sail Away and part of Rte. 6 ditch area by walk bridge and cleaning out 222 catch basins/manholes.

STREET PAVING, CONCRETE PROJECTS
& REPAIRS

We had some of our own inhouse repairs on Bogart, Williams, Elmwood, South, Laguna, Center, Glenview, and Canterbury. Some of the most notable concrete/curb road slab repairs were on South Oakhurst and Wilbor streets, and adding new base and blacktop repaving to Mckinley.

FALL LEAF COLLECTION PROGRAM &
STREET SWEEPING

Another successful leaf collection year, the city offered 2- methods of collection; 1st was weekly pickup with yard waste service and the 2nd was the Big Green Leaf Truck which started the year Monday Oct. 27 and finished Friday Dec. 12. We rotated from the eastside of town to the westside of town making 9 complete trips around town for a total 65.5 truckloads equaling 1,637.50 cubic yards of leaves. The city street sweeping was done mid-March to mid-October. The city swept up 55 truckloads equaling 330 cubic yards of material.



COMMUNITY EVENTS & FESTIVALS
CITY WIDE CLEAN UP

The City-Wide Clean-Up returned with over a dozen volunteers helping to clean up the green public areas of Huron. The 2025 event focused on the pier, Nickel Plate Beach, and Dancing Waters Park.

HURON FARMERS MARKET & LAKE FRONT MARKET
The Huron Farmers Market and Lake Front Market returned through a partnership with Greater Sandusky Partnership.

CITY WIDE GARAGE SALE

The City Wide Garage Sale took place on May 17 with 40 vendors consuming 60 spaces for the annual spring sale.

EASTER BUNNY & EGG HUNT

HPRD partnered with the Huron Lion's Club for a pancake breakfast, magic show and canned food collection for the Huron Food Pantry. Over 150 children (between the ages of 2-8) returned and participated in the Egg Hunt at the Boat Basin.

HURON PUMPKIN FEST

The 15th Annual Pumpkin Fest had plenty of fall family fun with live entertainment, children's games, and of course, the Pumpkin Drop.

HURON WINTER FEST

Huron Winter Fest took place on Saturday, Dec. 6, 2025, with a full schedule. The afternoon event kicked off with a 25-unit parade, a visit from Santa & Mrs. Claus, Elsa, Anna, and Olaf along with horse-drawn carriage rides, maker's markets, cookie decorating, Main Street shopping and Family & Friends photo stops. The event concluded with the Tree Lighting Ceremony and Winter Fireworks over the Huron River.



PARKS & GREEN SPACES

LAKE ERIE SCENIC VISTA DESIGNATION

Three of Huron's public parks were awarded Lake Erie Scenic Vista locations through the ODNR's Ohio Coastal Management Program. Lake Front Park, Rotary Centennial Park and Lighthouse Pier. Signs were hung with a QR code explaining what the ODNR Lake Erie Scenic Vista is all about and their location along Lake Erie. The goal of the program is to identify, through a list of standardized criteria, locations that exhibit outstanding qualities ideal for Lake Erie scenic views.

FISH SCULPTURE

The Parks & Recreation Department worked with the Fish Huron Ohio group through a donation of a hanging fish sculpture to be located at the Huron River Boating Access Facility. This public art piece will provide fishermen with the ability to show off their catch and take pictures while promoting Huron as a fishing destination. The art installation would be a stainless-steel sculpture with a concrete base to be located north of the existing fish cleaning station.

BERLIN ROAD PROPERTY

Huron City Council decided the green space on Berlin Road would be renamed Dancing Waters Park – as a bit of an acknowledgment to the family that was responsible for developing the man-made lake on-site. A sign was installed at the entrance of the park.

FABENS PARK RESTROOM AND CONCESSIONS BUILDING PAINTED

The Fabens Park restroom and concession building was painted by Akzo Nobel employees, who donated their time and materials. We would like to thank Akzo Nobel for their commitment to the community.

OKLAHOMA PARK (TURTLE PARK)

HPRD partnered with EHOVE Collision and Refinishing Program to bring the "Turtle" play apparatus back to life with new paint and a fresh new look.

HURON PIER

Six new life rings and cabinets were installed on the Huron Pier. This equipment replaced the existing equipment. These life ring stations are highly visible in case of an emergency and will bring added safety.

HURON BOAT BASIN

2025 Event Schedule

The 2025 Event Schedule at the Huron Boat Basin was full of live entertainment with:

- 12 Boppin' on the Basin
- 5 Movies by the River
- 5 Arts at the Amphitheater

The Huron Boat Basin supported community and charitable events such as Huron River Fest, Rotary Fest, Kedas Memorial Fishing Tournament and Grady-White Fishing Tournament

The Boat Basin facility partnered and hosted numerous community events including fishing tournaments, Water Safety Day, School activities and more.

The facility successfully welcomed 17 organized boating clubs and rendezvous and hosted marquee events including the Lyman Boat Owners Association All Classics Event and the Chris-Craft Commander Club Rendezvous.

OHIO CLEAN MARINA
GOLD LEVEL CERTIFICATION

The marina achieved Gold Level certification in the Ohio Clean Marina Program, reflecting a commitment to best management practices that protect Ohio's waterways and the Lake Erie ecosystem, and for the excellence in environmental stewardship and customer service.

ELITE FLEET AWARD

The Huron Boat Basin Marina was awarded the Elite Fleet award recognizing exceptional service and facilities by marinas.com.

DOCKAGE

The Boat Basin Marina remained full for Seasonal Boaters totaling 71 filled slips. The extended good weather this past fall helped to increase the transient dockage to record-breaking 1,025 stays in 2025. The strong fall fishing season saw 50+ reservations and over 1,800 overnight stays, extending economic impact beyond the summer.

FACILITY IMPROVEMENTS

A significant improvement was the removal of the former restroom building on the south side of the marina. This action addressed aging infrastructure concerns, and improved sightlines and pedestrian circulation.

Ongoing marina maintenance included the annual replacement of floating dock components such as floats and deck boards. These proactive efforts are essential to maintaining safe walking surfaces, structural integrity and reliable dock operations for both seasonal and transient boaters.

Renovations began on the public restrooms located in the Harbor Building. The improvements focused on modernizing fixtures, enhancing durability and improving accessibility for marina users, amphitheater patrons and event attendees.

Additional improvements included concrete repairs and surface upgrades throughout the marina, addressing wear from weather exposure and heavy use. These repairs reduced trip hazards, enhanced safety and extended the service life of key pedestrian areas.



NICKEL PLATE BEACH

Nickel Plate Beach attendance remained very high for 2025.

- 140 season passes sold.
- Over 8,500 daily parking passes sold at the park between 10 AM and 6 PM daily from Memorial Day to Labor Day



GRANTS

ERIE METROPARKS LOCAL PARK CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT

The HPRD was successfully awarded the Erie MetroParks 2025 Local Park Capital Improvement Grant Program in a total amount of \$4,368.00. The funds awarded were used to replace the Access Mat System that enables beachgoers a safe, stable, obstacle-free means of accessing the beach and water's edge.

MYLANDER FOUNDATION GRANT AWARD

The Mylander Foundation has awarded a grant of \$2,000 to be used for purchase of equipment for the Movies by the River Series at the Boat Basin.

WIGHTMAN/WIEBER FOUNDATION GRANT

The City of Huron Parks & Recreation Department were fully funded \$2,500 from the Wightman/Wieber Foundation grant application to support its inaugural "Kids Learn to Fish Day" at the new Dancing Waters Pond Park located on Berlin Road.

RECREATION

YOUTH PROGRAMMING

A total of 450 local youth participated in the Youth Summer Camps and the Youth Sports Camps. The 2025 camp offerings included: Safety Town, Safety Town Extended Camp, Arts & Crafts Camp, four separate Junior Fun Camps, Baseball, Track, Golf, Cheer, Basketball and both indoor and outdoor Soccer Camps.

KIDS LEARN TO FISH

The youth fishing program was held at Dancing Water Park that provided 30 youth an engaging, hands-on fishing experience while also offering an educational component on fishing techniques, water safety and conservation.

US FISH & WILDLIFE SERVICE BOATING INFRASTRUCTURE GRANT

ODNR Parks & Watercraft has received notification from the US Fish & Wildlife Service (USFWS) that our project has been fully approved for selection of funding on the Boating Infrastructure Grant Tier II for \$300,000. Funds will be used to replace two transient dock piers.

OHIO HISTORICAL MARKER

The Erie County Historical Society was awarded for a grant through the Erie County Community Foundation for the replacement of the Huron Urban Renewal Marker at the Boat Basin.

STATE CAPITAL BUDGET

The city was awarded \$200,000 from the State of Ohio as part of the one-time Strategic Investment funding for the Huron Boat Basin improvements

LOCAL BASEBALL/SOFTBALL PROGRAMS

Over 300 local youth participated in the Huron Baseball/ Softball Program at Fabens Park.

FALL BALL TOURNAMENTS

Four consecutive weeks of the tournaments took place in August and September with fourteen baseball teams playing on Saturdays and sixteen softball teams playing on Sundays with 350 youth participating.

The two local baseball and softball programs represent over 700 youth.

THE 25TH ANNUAL DAWG DAZE TOURNAMENT

The annual weekend event is a girls fast pitch softball tournament in August bringing in 35 teams from Michigan, Illinois, Pennsylvania, New York, and Ohio.

TOURNAMENTS

Hosted 5 outside baseball/ softball tournaments at Fabens Park with over 240 teams and over 2,500 youth participants.

ADULT PROGRAMMING

There was a total of 50 registered adult participants for both Tai Chi and Yoga along with 31 new or renewed yoga memberships and 115 daily (drop-in) participants over the course of the summer season. Walk your Way to Fitness at Fabens (Summer) and Walking at Woodlands (Winter) are two free, non-registration required programs.

LAW

In 2025, the Huron Law Department:

- Assisted with preparation of over 80 pieces of legislation
- Assisted with negotiation for the proposed sale of the ConAgra lands
- Assisted with grant receipt and real estate and easement acquisition for the new Huron Water Tower

Further, Prosecutor Andrea Rocco routinely represented the City in all labor and employment matters, violations of law, citations, and code enforcement matters, including BZA appeals, serving our community with prudence and diligence.

MUNICIPAL COURT

The mission of Huron Municipal Court is to provide a fair, impartial, and efficient resolution of the matters brought before it, without unnecessary delay, in a courteous manner.

Huron Municipal Court is pleased to announce a transition in leadership within the Clerk's office.

After a distinguished career that began in 1996, Julie Ortega officially retired as the Clerk of Court. While she has stepped down from her primary leadership role, she continues to serve the court part-time as a Deputy Clerk. Effective October 24, 2025, Kim Binford was sworn in as the new Clerk of Court having served with the Huron Municipal Court since January 2017.



1,719 traffic cases filed
394 criminal cases filed
239 civil cases filed

1,784 traffic cases resolved
516 criminal cases resolved
286 civil cases resolved

In total there were 105 court sessions held with 3,211 total cases scheduled.

FINANCE DEPARTMENT

The Finance Department supports the operations of all City departments and Council. Services provided to these departments and the public include accounts payable, payroll, utility billing, budget preparation and financial reporting. In addition, the Finance Department assists Council and the City Manager to secure funding, while managing the City's debt capacity and investment portfolio. The City utilizes 62 separate funds to account for the activity of various services, such

as Fire, Police, Service, Water and Electric. The General Fund is an unrestricted Fund and critical to the City's essential operations, such as Police and Fire. The City must maintain a General Fund reserve greater than 15% of annual expenditure. As of 12/31/2025 the general fund balance is at 25% of annual general fund expenses. The City maintains these reserve balances to ensure essential services are not affected by unanticipated emergencies and economic downturns.

GENERAL FUND RESERVE BALANCE



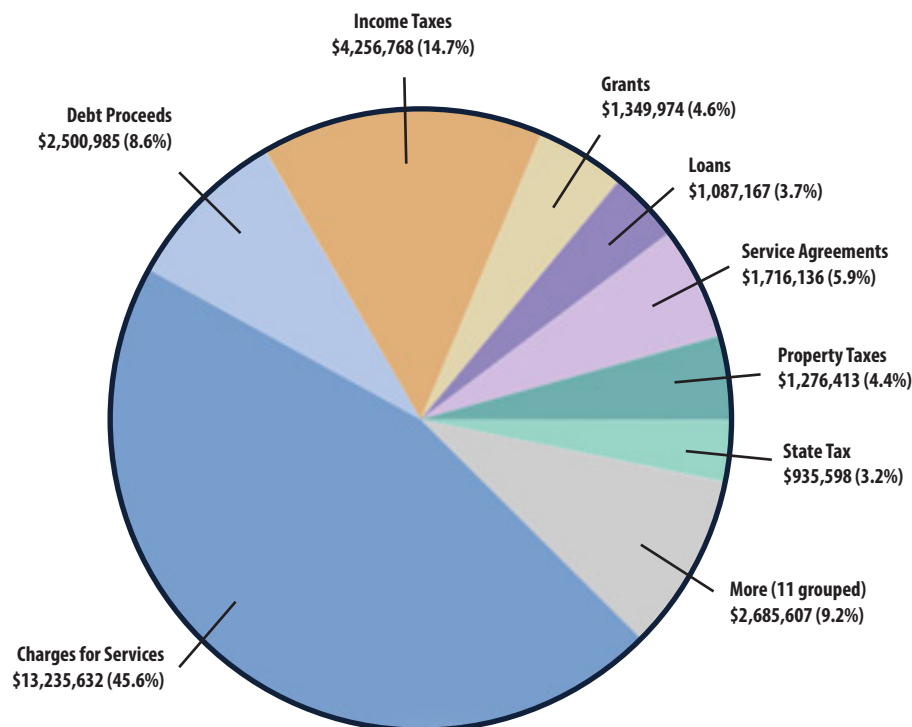
The City's income tax revenue accounts for approximately 65% of General Fund income. Income Tax growth year over year is pivotal due to the City's reliance on this revenue source. 2025 income tax revenue was 4% greater than 2024.



2025 REVENUES BY SOURCE

The below chart provides a breakdown of 2025 revenue by type. As of 12/31/2025, 46% of the City's revenue source is from Charges for Services, 5% from grants, 4% from property taxes, and 15% of the City's revenue is attributed to income tax. Charges for Services primarily includes the following: (see chart below)

- Electric and Water Utility Fees (71% together)
- Other Revenue is mostly attributed to intergovernmental service agreements and state taxes.



2025 EXPENSES BY DEPARTMENT

TOTAL EXPENDITURES: \$27,863,321

