

2022

Annual Report

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Mayor's State of the City

This last year was full of excitement, growing responsibilities and planning for our future. Gretna continues to be one of the most vibrant and desirable communities in the state. We offer safe neighborhoods, quality schools, community focus, a growing list of amenities and excellent businesses to work at and serve us.

The best example of our growth was in building permits. In 2021 we issued 1,108 residential and commercial building permits, in 2022 our staff issued 1,445. While we were adding more residents and buildings we were also busy adding a lot of infrastructure. In addition to roads, sewers and water, two new fiber providers were approved - ALLO and Great Plains Communications.

Many, many wonderful business have invested in Gretna to be a part of our community. Businesses like Fairway, Casey's, Heavy Brewing, Good Life, Stories Coffee, FNB and REI just to name a few. These businesses not only bring fantastic products and services, but they provide local jobs and additional tax revenues. This year has more excitement in store. Hy-Vee opens this summer, Gretna Crossing Park this fall, and a wonderful Hillcrest Senior Living campus shortly thereafter in early 2024. Along with these exciting additions, I expect there will be many more ahead.

Gretna's fast-paced environment brings with it a lot of additional responsibility and challenges and we understand the importance of staying aware and ahead of these. Last year we completed a master plan for a significant corridor for our future, added different zoning ordinances to allow for more density and affordable housing options, and modified various ordinances to better handle the growth as it comes. Completing additional master plans, establishing our financial strategy for the future needs of the community, and scaling our services and staff to support what Gretna is becoming are crucial for the well-being of the community.

As noted by our strong bond rating, we continue to operate our finances with a very conservative approach. For the first time in 13 years, we lowered our levy las year and continue to be the second lowest municipality in Sarpy County. We work hard to build our tax base and diversify our revenue sources as shown by our property taxes representing only 14% of our revenues in 2022.

I'm excited about Gretna's future and not just because of all the growth and activity our community is attracting. Every day I see the wonderful values that our residents have, whether it's being friendly to a visitor, helping someone in need or getting involved in the community. While our community will continue to grow, it will always be the people that make Gretna the Great Life!

Sincerely,

Mike Evans
Mayor, City of Gretna



**Gretna Crossing Park to open
September 2023!**



TREE CITY USA
Arbor Day Foundation

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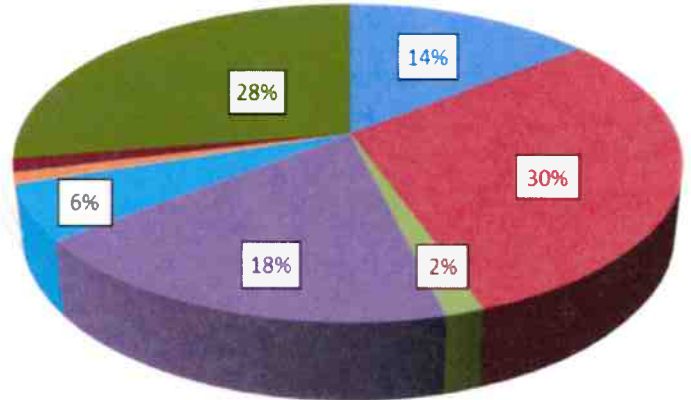
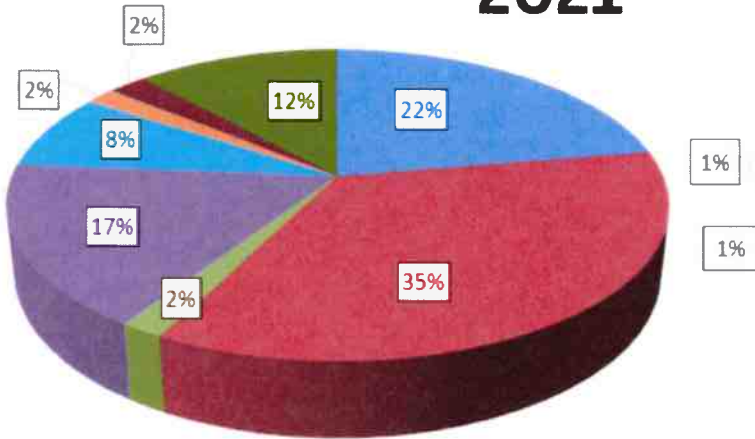
Governmental Funds Overview (Excluding Incentive & TIF Funds)

Financial Stewardship

Revenues

2021

2022



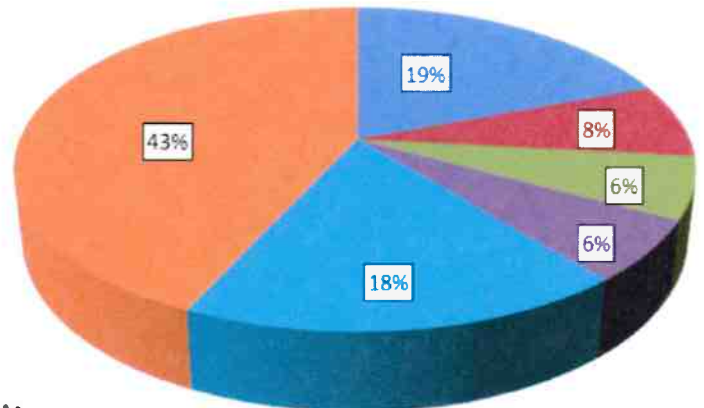
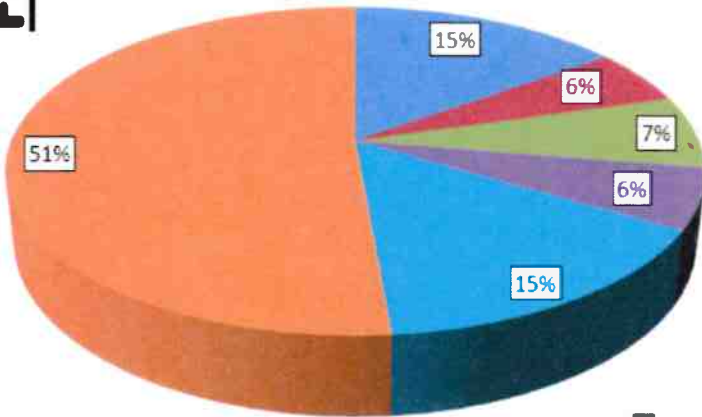
Revenues

- Property Tax
- Licenses & Permits
- Charges for services
- Sales Tax
- Intergovernment
- Reimbursements & other
- Other Tax
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Expenditures

2021

2022

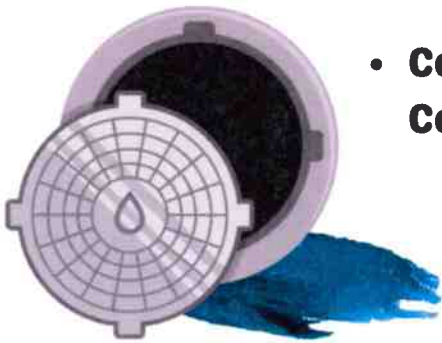


Expenditures

- General Government
- Culture & Recreation
- Debt Service
- Public Safety
- Public Streets
- Capital Outlay

City Levy: \$0.454678 per \$100 of Valuation

- **Well #9 was brought online to provide an additional 800,000 gal per day (Summer) and 60,000 gal (Winter) of potable water to Gretna's system.**
- **Implemented asset management software system to track inventory, equipment maintenance, city assets, and manage work orders.**
- **Reduced gravel road dust control cost from \$5,000 / mile to \$1,500 / mile through staff engineering solution.**
 - **Awarded state grant to purchase needed equipment.**



- **Convert North Park Tennis Courts into Pickleball Courts. Estimated completion June 1, 2023.**
- **Purchased Asphalt Hot Box enabling Street employees to apply 8 tons of asphalt in 2 days.**

Number of Lots Platted:

2021 - 748
2022 - 1,273

Number of Building Permits Issued:

2021 - 1,108
2022 - 1,445

Commercial and Multifamily Projects:

(Completed or Under Construction)

- **HyVee**
- **Gretna Logistics**
- **Tidal Wave Car Wash**
- **Hillcrest Silver Ridge**
- **Elementary School #8**
- **High School #2**
- **Standing Stone Strip Mall**
- **Apartments at 370 & 168th**
- **The Beanery @ 168th**
- **REI**
- **Fareway**
- **Pepperjacks**
- **Casey's**
- **Auto Zone**



The Capehart Rd Station is occupied and operational

**Gretna Rural
Fire Department**



Calls Answered:
In 2021 there were 1,263
(10% increase from 2020)
In 2022 there were 1,402
(11% increase from 2021)

Gretna Fire Museum Opened

Calls on average: 68% medical, 21% fire, 11% personal injury

Library Return On Investment = 147%

For every \$1 the Gretna Community invested in the library, GPL converted it into \$1.47 for the Community.

What the Numbers Mean:

- 30,466 Unique Library Website Visitors
- 25,765 people visited the Library
- 589 Library Events held
- 12% increase in Library accounts
- 108,808 Library circulation
- 25,240 Materials Available for Check Out
- \$1.3M Saved by Patrons using the Library instead of purchasing items outright

**2022
STATE OF THE LIBRARY REPORT**



Mayor Mike Evans



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