

# April 2022 City Department Activity Report

Carol Webb,  
City Administrator



## REPORT OF MONTHLY ACTIVITY BY DEPARTMENTS

---

The City Administrator's Monthly Report is intended to provide a brief summary of City activities, with links to additional information where possible. Due to the variety and complexity of City functions, however, the report is not all-encompassing. Please always feel free to contact the City of Muscatine for more information or with questions or concerns. View past and upcoming events on the City's calendar. Any feedback can be provided to the City Administrator's office by sending an email to [feedback@muscatineiowa.gov](mailto:feedback@muscatineiowa.gov).

### TABLE OF CONTENTS

Letter from the City Administrator.....	Page 3
Muscatine City Council .....	Page 5
Department of Administration .....	Page 7
City Administrator's Office	
Human Resources Division	
Communications Division	
Finance & Records Division	
Department of Community Development.....	Page 10
Permitting & Building Projects	
Housing Division	
Department of Public Works.....	Page 12
Roadway Maintenance Division	
Building & Grounds Division	
Transit Division	
Engineering Division	
Vehicle Maintenance Division	
Solid Waste Division	
Collection & Drainage Division	
Water & Resource Recovery Facility	
Department of Public Safety.....	Page 18
Muscatine Fire Department	
Muscatine Police Department	
Department of Parks & Recreation.....	Page 24
Park Administration	
Park Maintenance	
Cemetery Division	
Boat Harbor & Marina Division	
Recreation Division	
Aquatics Division	
Wellness Programs	
Kent Stein Park	
Muscatine Soccer Complex	
Soccer Events	
Muscatine Municipal Golf Course	
Musser Public Library & HNI Conference Center.....	Page 26
Muscatine Art Center .....	Page 28

### From the City Administrator

They say April showers bring May flowers, however April in Muscatine brings pothole patching, road improvements, and spring and summer outdoor activities! The City's road maintenance program is in full swing. For a full list of Streets included in the Hot Mix Asphalt and Alley Overlay Program this summer visit <https://www.muscatineiowa.gov/1402/Hot-Mix-Asphalt-StreetOverlay-Program>.



[muscatineiowa.gov](https://www.muscatineiowa.gov). Details about items that are and are not accepted are on the City's website. Please remember that items must be set out by 5:00 am the day of pickup but not before 4:00 p.m. the day before collection.

The City did receive some good news recently that Moody's Investors Service assigned the City a Aa2 rating which the City has maintained since 2010.

This rating allows the City to sell bonds

Muscatine will also host a variety of special events, including the Muscatine Almost Friday Fest which returns to the Muscatine Riverfront on May 26. The Muscatine Aquatic Center also opens for summer fun on May 28. The pool will close on Sunday, May 29 for the Melon City Criterium, but will reopen on May 30 to be open daily through September 5. It is not too late to get a season pass! Check out the fees on the City of Muscatine website - [www.muscatineiowa.gov](https://www.muscatineiowa.gov).

at reasonable interest rates to fund a variety of City projects. The Series 2022 bond issue includes \$6.19 million in funding for projects such as the Grandview Avenue Reconstruction Project, a new fire engine and two ambulances, building demolition projects, playground equipment, and much more. The Aa2 bond rating is a reflection of the City's sound fiscal management, the expansion of existing industry, and the addition of new businesses to the community, among other things.

Perhaps you are doing a little spring cleaning at home? If so, you can arrange a bulky waste pickup from the City's transfer station to dispose of bulky items. You can request a pick up of items by calling 563-264-5865, or you can email [bulkywaste@](mailto:bulkywaste@muscatineiowa.gov)

It is a beautiful time of year here in Muscatine. Get outside and enjoy a picnic in Weed Park, a stroll along the riverfront, or visit the dog park! If you have questions/concerns, you may reach out to the City at [feedback@muscatineiowa.gov](mailto:feedback@muscatineiowa.gov).



## *Highlights of City Activity*

- **Department of Administration** - Presented 41 regular agenda items for consideration by City Council. Provided presentations to City Council on City Deer Management Plan, Violent Crime Statistics, and the South End Improvement Fund Projects.
- **Department of Public Works** – A total of 197 pounds of bulky waste was collected over 420 stops during April, up slightly over the March numbers of 190 pounds over 389 stops. The City held their annual spring leaf collection effort in April with five leaf box loads collected (approximately 100 cubic yards).
- **Finance Department** – Prepared Budget Amendment #2 for Fiscal Year 22 and prepared the required public notice for public hearing. Interviewed Meter Attendant candidates along with Human Resources. Continued working with the City's bond attorney and financial consultant on documents needed for May 2022 bond issue.
- **Community Development Department** – Staff continues to process code revisions to clarify property maintenance expectations, including revised weed ordinances, and non-owner occupied and commercial property maintenance codes. A \$1.8 million grant application was submitted to the Iowa Economic Development Authority to support revitalization activities in the targeted Mulberry neighborhood.
- **Housing Agency** – The average occupancy for all 3 properties is 97%, individually the occupancy rates are 96, 97, and 98% for Sunset, Clark House, and Hershey Manor apartments respectively.
- **Parks and Recreation Department** – With spring comes mowing in all of our parks, and weed control in all of our landscape beds. Restrooms and drinking fountains have been turned on at all park sites. The Rose Garden in Weed Park has just begun to bud out and flowers will be blooming soon. The hanging baskets for the downtown streets have been planted and are filling in nicely. The maintenance staff began preparation for the start up of the Muscatine Aquatic Center. The Disc Golf Course had its first tournament in April and is being maintained on a regular basis. The City of Muscatine received a \$5,000 Community Forestry Grant from the IDNR, with a match of \$5,000 from HNI Corporation. The City also received a \$5,000 Alliant Energy Branching Out grant. With the help of volunteers from HNI, and the opportunity for two Eagle Scouts to complete their required project, 52 trees will be planted throughout our parks on May 20-21!
- **Fire Department** – We had a German Firefighter from our sister city of Ludwiglust do a few days of ride alongs with our crews. We opened our fire station to Captain David Rieland and he went on some calls, participated in our physical agility annual testing, and participated in some training drills. He even met Mayor Brad Bark during a visit to City Hall and during an open house. Thanks to Assistant Fire Chief Mike Hartman for hosting this firefighter and opening up his house. This was a great experience for everyone.
- **Police Department** – On 04/12/22 Officer D. Wheeler handled a disabled vehicle at the intersection of Hwy 61/Cleveland St. The vehicle was disabled due to running out of gas. Wheeler was able to get the vehicle out of the travel portion of the roadway. Wheeler then took it upon himself to purchase gasoline for the driver of the vehicle and was able to fill the vehicle so it was operable. This information was obtained from a Facebook post. Sgt. Patel was the on duty supervisor and observed the post, later discovering Wheeler was the one who assisted the driver. His actions are worthy of recognition.
- **Human Resources Department** – WorkingWell-Muscatine, an offshoot of Healthy Hometown, has reengaged after a break in meeting. This group is working with the Muscatine County Health Assessment to provide information, resources, and wellness recommendation to local employers that address the needs of the community.
- **Communications Department** - Created and published video tour of Revolving Algae Biofilm System (RAM) that was installed at the Water and Resource Recovery Facility to help reduce struvite formation and to help meet DNR requirements for nutrient reduction.

## *Highlights of Muscatine City Council*

### **April 7 Regular Meeting**

- Public Hearing for the plans, specifications, and form of contract for the Transfer Station Resurfacing Project.
- Public Hearing on the community needs assessment and proposed use of Community Development block Grant funds.
- Public Hearing on an ordinance change to allow residency outside of Iowa for Civil Service covered employees.
- Public Hearing on the declaraction of property located at 1030 Hershey Avenue as surplus and authorizing the disposal of proerpty.
- Public Hearing for the plans, specifications, and form of contract for the Taxiway Widenign Project.
- Public Hearing on ordinance establishing vacant property and non-residential property maintenance regulations.
- Public Hearing on an ordinance striking Title 6, Chapter 9 of the Code of the City of Muscatine regarding the keeping of Pit Bull dogs.

### **April 14 Special Meeting**

- Presentation on Merge proposal for Carver Corner.
- Resolution approving support for an application to the Iowa Economic Development Authority by the Merge Development Group.
- Presentation on Rebuilding Together.

### **April 14 In-Depth Meeting**

- Presentation on City Deer Management Plan.
- Update on Community Foundation of Greater Muscatine South End Community Improvement Fund Projects.
- Presentation on violent crime statistics.

### **April 21 Regular Meeting**

- Public Hearing on ordinance providing regulations for the placement of cargo containers on private property.
- Public Hearing on ordinance revising regulations regarding weed and vegetation management.
- Public Hearing on the application for 2023 Consolidated Funding by the City of Muscatine Transit Division.
- First reading of ordinance adopting Cargo Container Regulations.
- First reading of ordinance amending Weed and Vegetation Management regulations.
- Approval of funding agreements with GMCCI, Senior Resources, and Humane Society.
- Resolution approving non-union pay plan.
- Resolution approving City Compensation Policy.

Note that this list is not all inclusive and only notes major discussion items. Please consult the published Council Agenda at <https://www.muscatineiowa.gov/86/Agendas-Minutes> or view Council meetings at <https://www.youtube.com/user/CityofMuscatine>

## *Upcoming for the Muscatine City Council*

### **May 5 Regular Meeting**

- Public Hearing on proposed zoning change for the 1900 block of West Stewart Road.
- Proclamation of EMS Week
- Resolutions setting Public Hearing for Amendment #2 to the FY21-22 budget.
- Resolution setting Public Hearing on amendemtn to the Urban Renewal Plan for Love's, McKee, and Merge Projects.
- Resolution awarding contract for widening the airport taxiway.
- Resolution setting date of Bond Sale and approving POS and electronic Bidding.
- Awarding of Asbestos Abatement Contract for demolished building at Carver Corner.

### **May 12 Special Meeting**

- Public Hearing for PHA Annual Plan
- Resolution approving PHA Annual Plan

### **May 12 In Depth-Meeting**

- Presentation on results from Community Survey.
- Presentation on potential code for ATV/UTV regulations.
- Presentation on feral and/or community cats.
- Presentation and discussson of smoking on city property.

### **May 19 Regular Meeting**

- Public Hearing on Amendment #2 to the FY21-22 Budget.
- Resolution approving contract and bond for widening the airport taxiway
- Presentation of Bond bids received and award and resolution authoring issuance proceedings.



### **June 2 Regular Meeting**

- Public Hearing on amendments to the Urban Renewal Plan for Love's, McKee, and Merge Projects.
- Resolution approving amendments to the Urban Renewal Plan for Love's, McKee, and Merge Projects.
- Resolution setting a Public Hearing approving a development agreement for Love's Project.
- Resolution setting a Public Hearing establishing a TIF District at Carver Corner.
- Resolution setting a Public Hearing regarding Community Cats Ordinance.
- Final closing on Bond Sale.
- Appointment of new members to various boards.
- Accept \$200,000 downtown housing grant.

### **June 9 Special Meeting**

- Public Hearing amending the Urban Renewal Plan for Love's, McKee, and Merge projects.
- Public Hearing approving a Development Agreement for Love's Project.
- Resolution approving amendments to the Urban Renewal Plan for Love's, McKee, and Mere projects.
- Resolution approving a Development Agreement for the Love's project.

### **June 9 In-Depth Meeting**

- Update on Sister Cities
- Update on MSORT

### **June 16 Regular Meeting**

- Public Hearing establishing a TIF District at Carver Corner.
- Public Hearing regarding Community Cats Ordinance.DOT Supplemental Agreement for maintenance of primary roads.
- Insurance renewal IMWCA/ICAP
- First reading of an Ordinance establishing a TIF District at Carver Corner.
- First reading of an Ordinance regarding Community Cats.
- Resolution setting a Public Hearing on the Merge Development Agreement.
- Resolution setting a Public Hearing on the McKee Development Agreement.



## REPORT OF MONTHLY ACTIVITY BY DEPARTMENTS

### Department of Administration | City Administrator's Office

The City Administrator's office is responsible for the overall management and administrative coordination of the activities of the City of Muscatine. The Office focuses on providing transparent and efficient city services that meet or exceed community expectations.

#### April Highlights

- Presented 41 regular agenda items for consideration by City Council
- Provided presentations to City Council on Merge Proposal for Carver Corner, Rebuilding Together, City Deer Management Plan, South End Improvement Fun Projects, and violent crime statistics.
- Responded to numerous citizen and City Council requests and concerns.



### Department of Administration | Human Resources Division

#### April Highlights –

- The Human Resources Department conducted onboarding for four new employees. HR Department staff also assisted in the interview and hiring process for parking meter attendant.
- The application process for firefighter, library page, transit driver, and various seasonal positions also ongoing in April.
- WorkingWellMuscatine, an offshoot of Healthy Hometown, has reengaged after a break in meeting. This group is working with the Muscatine County Health Assessment to provide information, resources, and wellness recommendation to local employers that address the needs of the community.
- Human Resources staff continue to review applicant tracking software options. This will allow for an online employment application and more streamlined communication with departments about job applicants.



## REPORT OF MONTHLY ACTIVITY BY DEPARTMENTS

### Department of Administration | Finance Division

Monthly Activity Summary Report							
Summary of Activities for the Month of:	October 2021	November 2021	December 2021	January 2022	February 2022	March 2022	April 2022
Accounts Payable Checks and ACH Payments	620	531	506	532	487	523	584
Payroll Checks and Direct Deposits	1097*	711	682	645	650	661	1052*
Accounts Receivable Invoices Sent	204	186	261	186	205	160	194
Finance Cash Register Transactions	426	413	423	465	505	564	468
Housing Receipt Transactions	184	196	193	198	198	193	197
Purchase Orders Processed	253	268	215	215	203	252	200
* Payroll checks for October 2021 and April 2022 include three (3) payrolls.							

### Department highlights for the month of March:

- Staff conducted Meter Attendent interviews with Human Resources (Nancy, Lorrie, Stephanie)
- Prepared Budget Amendment #2 for FY22 and the required notice for public hearing.
- Continued working with the City's bond attorney and financial consultant on the documents needed for the May 2022 bond issue.
- Continued submitting information to the State for FEMA grant reporting and responding to requests for additional information. (Finance Director and Accounting Supervisor)
- Hershey Refinancing calls with Grandbridge, attorneys, Housing staff, and Finance staff to discuss information needed to complete the refinancing. Prepared and submitted required information needed from Finance.
- Staff assisted with the Humane Society event on April 8 and the "It Takes A Village Animal Rescue" event on April 30 to sell pet licenses. (Lorrie)
- Submitted the first annual American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) report due April 30. (Finance Director)
- Prepared and submitted all required payroll quarterly reports and sales tax quarterly reports.



## REPORT OF MONTHLY ACTIVITY BY DEPARTMENTS

### Department of Administration | Communications Division

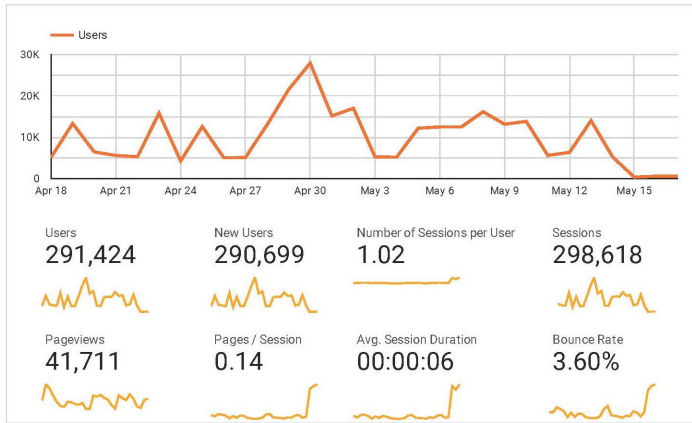
The goal of the Communication Division is to provide up-to-date and timely information to the citizens of Muscatine, and to provide a user

friendly website for citizens to find and download various information specific to their needs.

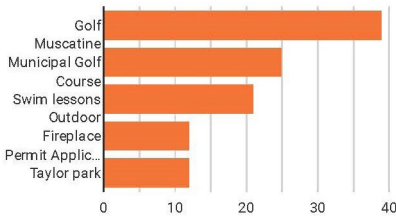
#### April Highlights

- A total of 22 news releases were produced and distributed to media and Notify Me subscribers.
- Hosted 17 GoToMeeting Virtual meetings for various departments.
- Created 125 social media posts (37 Facebook, 31 Instagram, 37 Twitter, 3 LinkedIn, and 17 YouTube).
- Created and published video tour of Reolving Algal Biofilm System (RAM) that was installed at the Water and Resource Recovery Facility to help reduce struvite formation and to help meet DNR requirements for nutrient reduction.
- Assisted with the production of three "Muscatine In Focus" presentations.

Your audience at a glance

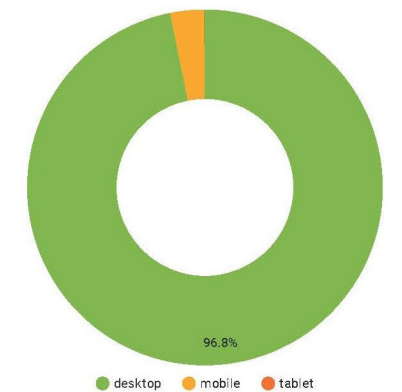


Search Term



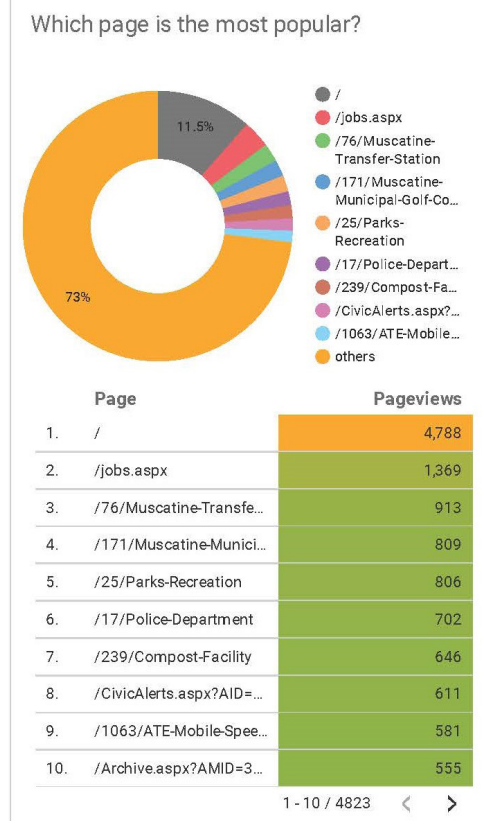
Search Term	Pageviews
1. Golf	39
2. Muscatine Municipal G...	25
3. Swim lessons	21
4. Taylor park	12
5. Outdoor Fireplace Per...	12

What device are people using?

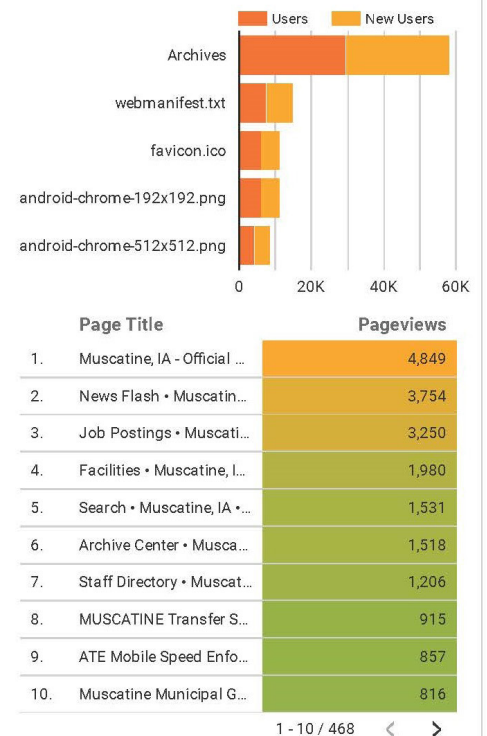


Device	Users	New Users
1. desktop	281,998	282,393
2. mobile	8,959	8,010
3. tablet	336	298

What do users see when they are in your website?



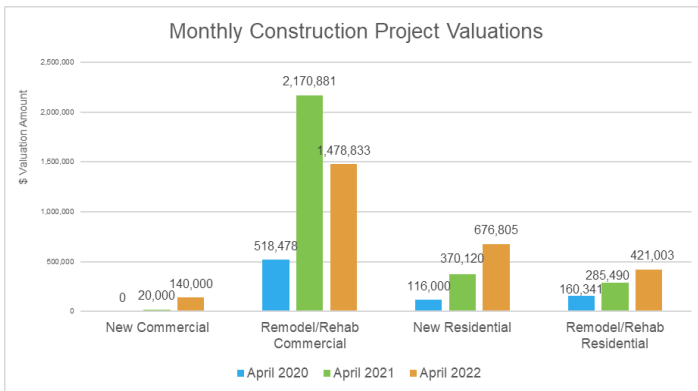
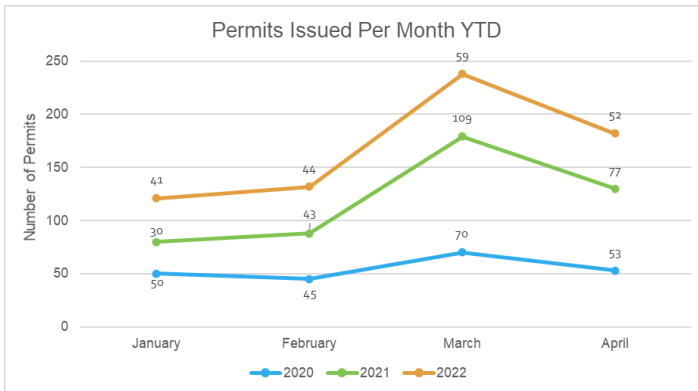
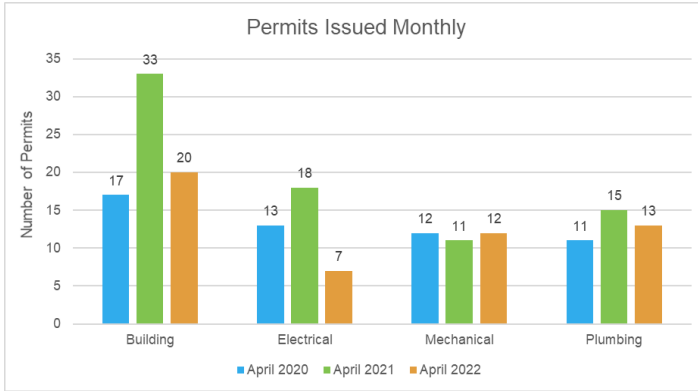
Most popular pages with title breakdown



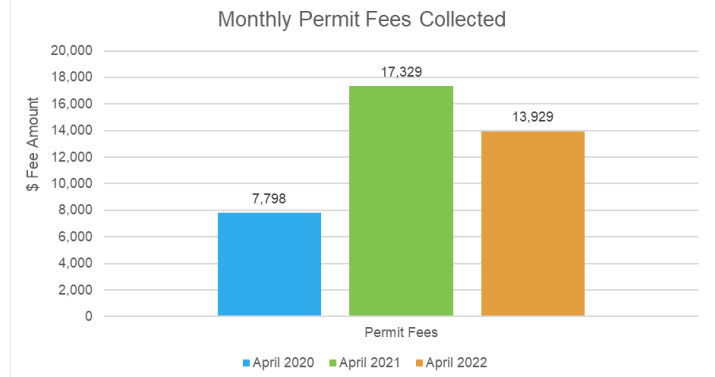
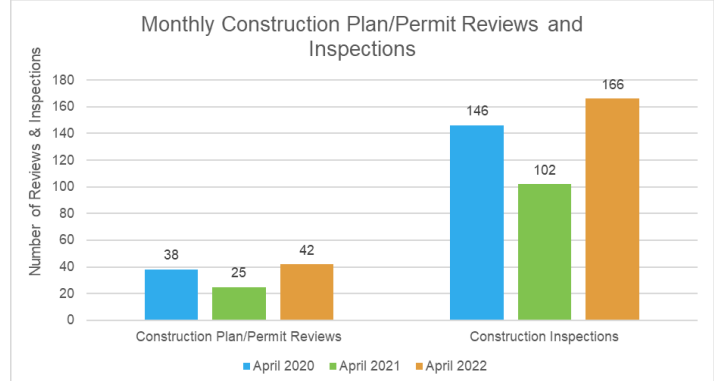
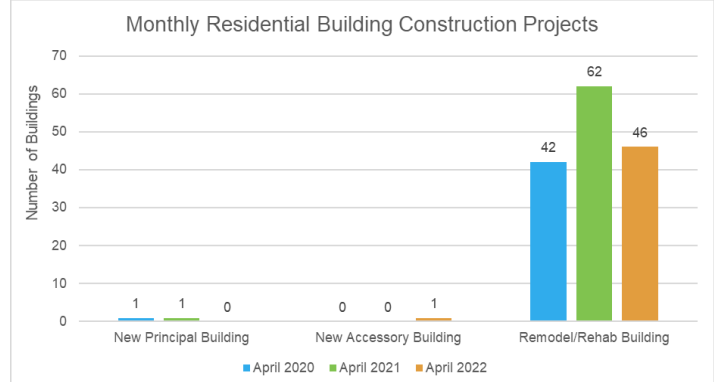
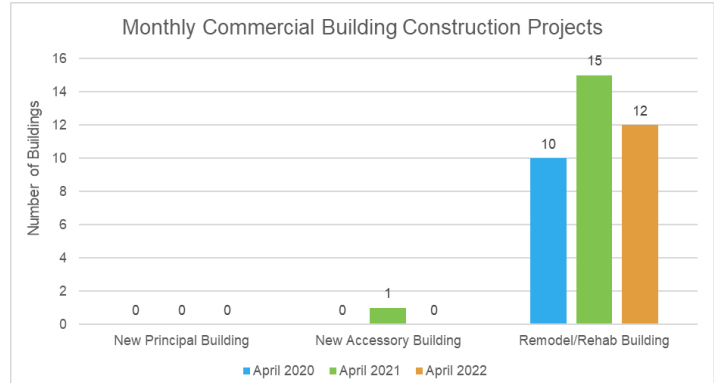
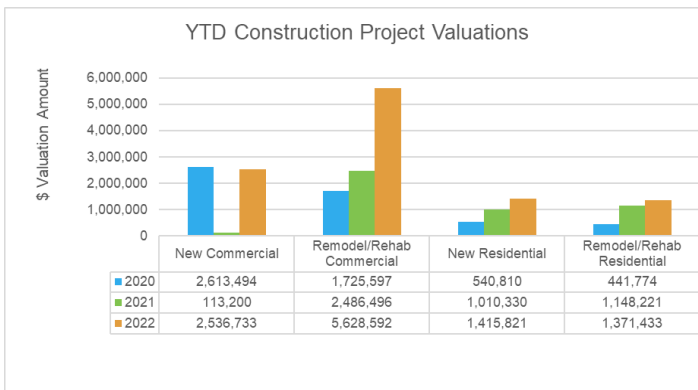
## REPORT OF MONTHLY ACTIVITY BY DEPARTMENTS

### Department of Community Development

- Principal Building defined as the construction of new building on a previously vacant lot/parcel.
- Accessory Building defined as buildings constructed in addition to the principal building such as garages, storage buildings, shelters, etc.
- Remodel/Rehab defined as buildings undergoing any alterations whether it be for a remodel or repair.

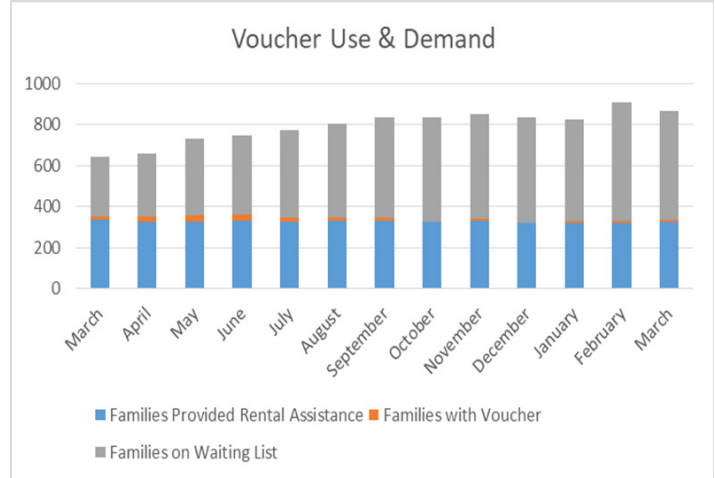
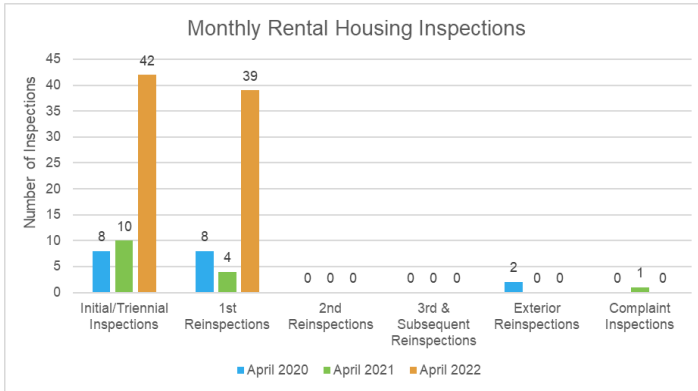


\*2022 New Residential Valuation includes Mechanical Permit for Grandview Senior Loft Apartments – Building Permit was issued in June 2021

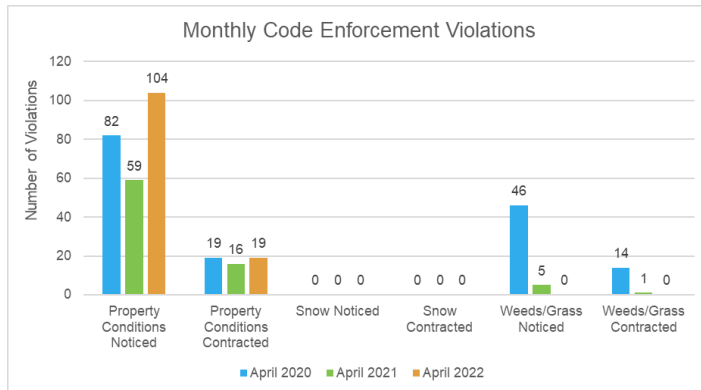


## REPORT OF MONTHLY ACTIVITY BY DEPARTMENTS

### Department of Community Development



Property Conditions defined as Nuisance Abateements and other Code Violations including but not limited to dangerous tree trimming/removal, zoning regulation violations, etc.

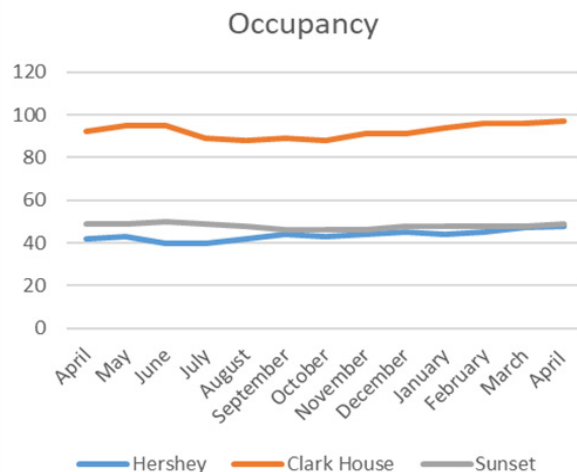


### Muscatine Municipal Housing Agency

- A briefing was attended by 6 priority applicants (those in experiencing homelessness or enrolled in Fueling the Future).
- Staff attended fair housing, Section 3, and capital fund training to ensure regulatory compliance and provide guidance to tenants and landlords.
- Staff continues to work with individual residents to support them in sustaining their tenancy, including providing hours of guidance and assistance to resolve hoarding, house-keeping, and other family responsibility issues.
- Paid \$140,295 to private landlords and utilities on behalf of assisted clients
- \$5,279 was deposited into escrow accounts for families working toward self-sufficiency
- Received \$19,585 in administrative fees based on the 82% proration of fees earned
- Completed 107 work orders with an average turnaround time of 1 day. This puts us back at the prepandemic level and Division goal.

### Department of Community Development

- Staff sustained operations while being displaced for the flooring replacement projects.
- 680 contractors were invited to a meeting to discuss opportunities for improved service in the permitting and inspection operations. We would still like to hear from contractors and welcome any feedback through the survey at <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/FPXBZ8T>.
- The Office Coordinator continued to build reports and processes to enable SmartGov to go live in May.
- Staff continues to process code revisions to clarify property maintenance expectations, including revised weed ordinances, and non-owner occupied and commercial property maintenance codes.
- A \$1.8 million grant application was submitted to the Iowa Economic Development Authority to support revitalization activities in the targeted Mulberry neighborhood.



- The average occupancy for all 3 properties is 97%, individually the occupancy rates are 96, 97, and 98% for Sunset, Clark House, and Hershey Manor apartments respectively.



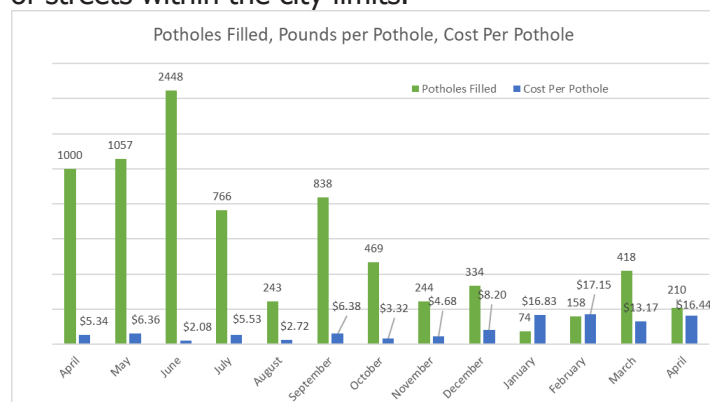
# REPORT OF MONTHLY ACTIVITY BY DEPARTMENTS

## Department of Public Works

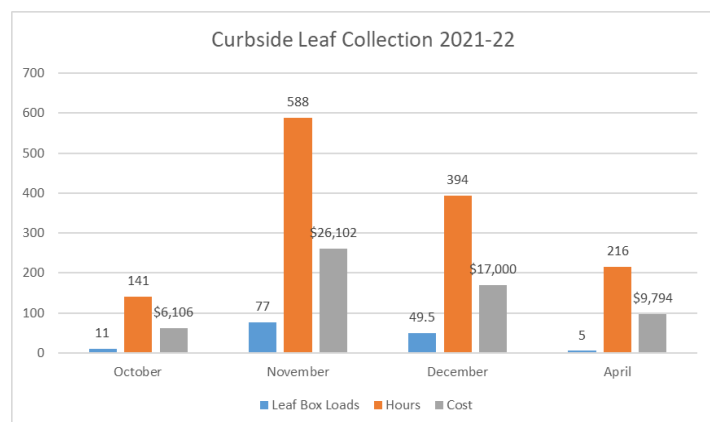
The Public Works Department is composed of eight divisions which include: Administration, Building & Grounds Maintenance, Collection & Drainage, Engineering, Roadway Maintenance, Solid Waste, Transit (Muscabus), and Vehicle Maintenance. For budgeting purposes several of these divisions are broken down into subdivisions. For the purpose of the monthly report there will be several divisions that will be reporting consistently, while others may only be reporting on special events or accomplishments.

### Roadway Maintenance Division Report:

Roadway Maintenance includes activities related to street repairs, snow removal, traffic control, and street cleaning. They are responsible for over 254 lane miles of streets within the city limits.



This measure indicates the number of potholes filled, and the approximate cost to fill each pothole. Beginning January 20, 2021, a "standard" pothole is defined as being the size of large pizza box. Potholes will be divided no smaller than one half of a pizza box.



This chart indicates the number of leaf loads collected and the hours of work and cost associated with the curbside leaf collection program. One leaf box load is approximately 20 cubic yards of compacted leaves.

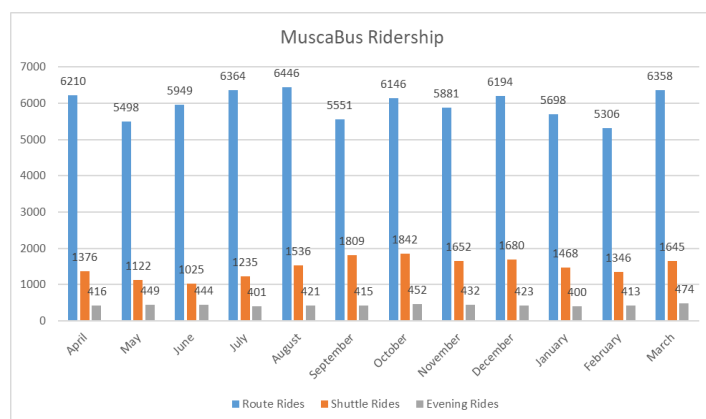
### Building and Grounds Activities:

This month in addition to their regular duties including cleaning, plumbing, electrical, HVAC work, supply ordering and delivery, and other regular repairs, staff have been completing multiple projects including: repaired a light in the parking lot across from City Hall; replaced furniture after new carpet installation in the Housing and Community Development offices in City Hall; repaired the pressure washer, assisted in replacing an air compressor, and replaced furniture after new carpet was installed at Public Works; repaired several humidifiers and moved four statues, and began clean-up of trees at the Art Center; welded and repaired the lawn mower and replaced a damaged garage door track at the Public Safety Building; sealed leaks above the alley door at the library.

In addition, got items ready for the surplus auction, "summer-ized" all snow blowers, delivered lawn mowers to buildings that mow their own grass, and began mowing and trimming around city buildings. They also cut keys for other departments and did a final clean out of the former Kum & Go Building and finished the installation of new lighting, painted the walls and ceiling and installed a furnace. Staff continue to utilize the PubWorks asset management software and are now using it to create preventive maintenance work orders, standard operating procedures, and lock out-tag out procedures.

### Transit Summary of Operations:

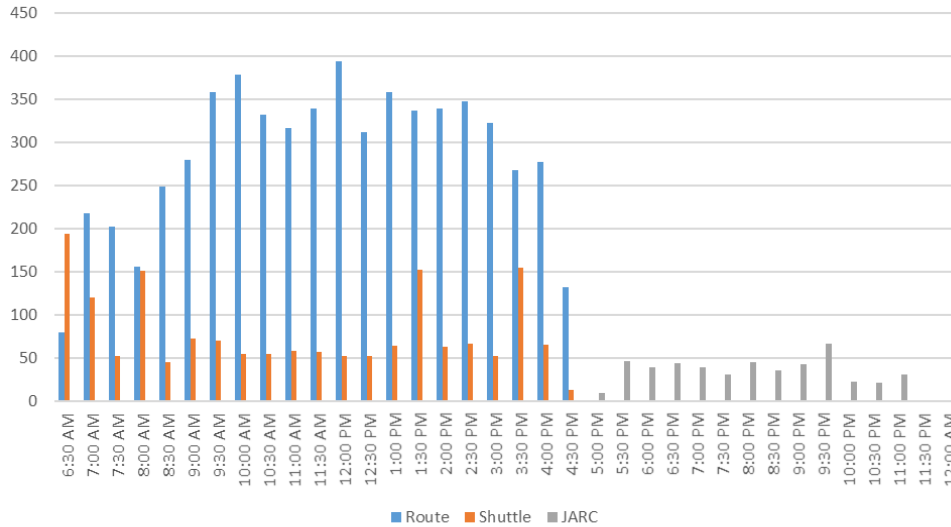
MuscaBus is the city's transit service. It operates four fixed routes, shuttle service, and evening service.



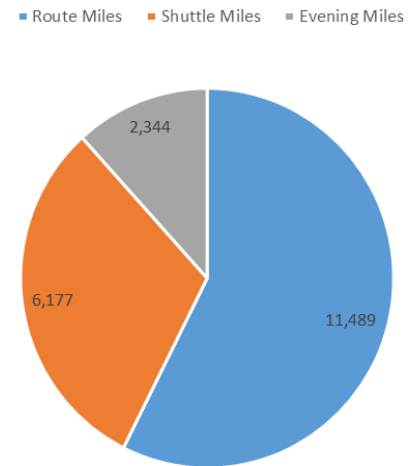
## REPORT OF MONTHLY ACTIVITY BY DEPARTMENTS

### Department of Public Works

April Average Ridership by Time of Day



April Miles Driven



#### Engineering Division Report:

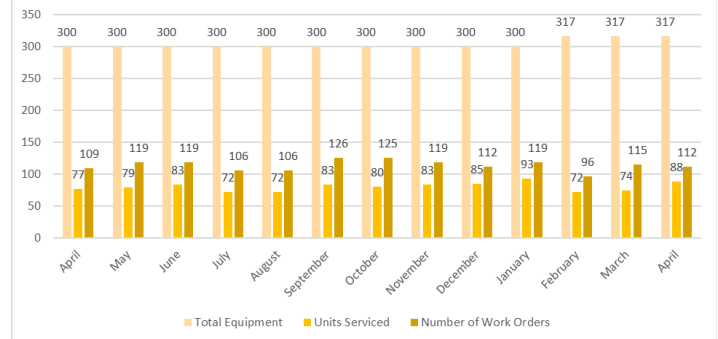
The following table describes current and proposed construction projects and their status.:

Project Name	Project Start	Percent Complete	Project Notes
Concrete Full Depth Patch	March 2022	75%	Pathcing began March 21
Asphalt Street/Alley Overlay	November 2021	31%	3 alleys, 2 streets completed
Grandview Reconstruction	May 2021	63%	Sewer Musser to Houser
West Hill Sewer Separation Phase 5	April 2021	48%	Work through ravine south of Climer
Park Avenue 4 to 3 lane	March 2021	99%	Punch List
2nd Street Streetscape	March 2021	98%	Punch List

#### Vehicle Maintenance Division Report:

The Vehicle Maintenance Division services and repairs approximately 317 pieces of equipment and vehicles from all city departments with the exception of the Fire Department, Soccer, and WPCP.

Work Order Summary

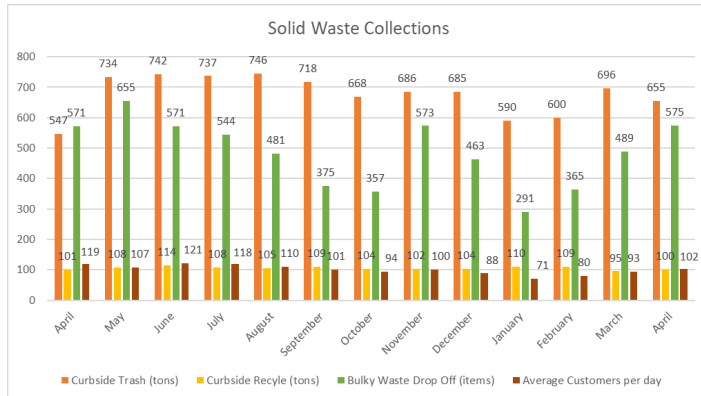
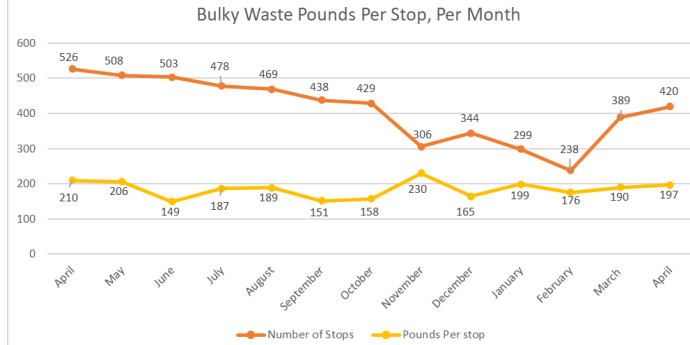


## REPORT OF MONTHLY ACTIVITY BY DEPARTMENTS

### Department of Public Works

#### Solid Waste Division Report:

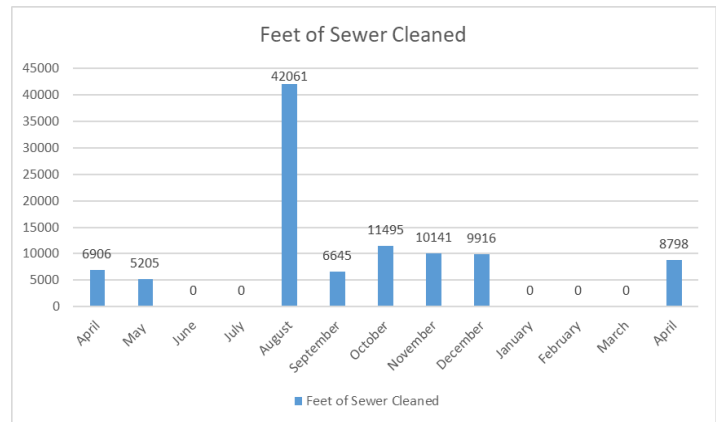
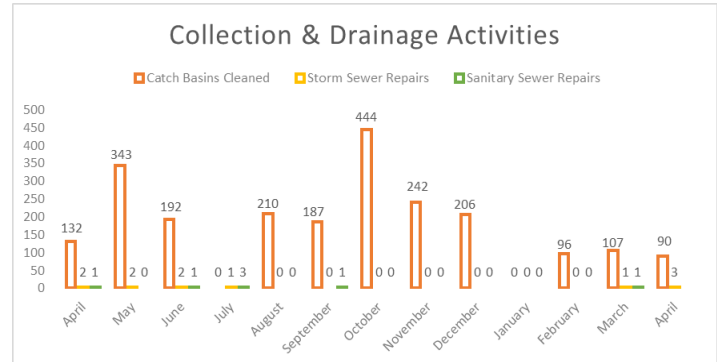
The Solid Waste Division consists of activities related to refuse collection, transfer station, compost site, and landfill, as well as overseeing the contracted recycling collection.



This chart shows the amount of solid waste collected curbside (in tons) as well as the amount of material dropped off at the Transfer Station (per item). Dropped off items include: electronics, appliances, tires, household hazardous waste and recyclables. Also included is the average number of customers per day at the Transfer Station.

#### Collection & Drainage Division Report:

The Collection & Drainage Division is responsible for inspecting and maintaining the city's sanitary, storm, and combined sewer systems. This includes 993 storm water manholes, 2,407 sanitary sewer manholes, 151 combined sewer manholes, 2,840 stormwater catch basins, 112 miles of sanitary sewer and 68 miles of storm sewer pipe.

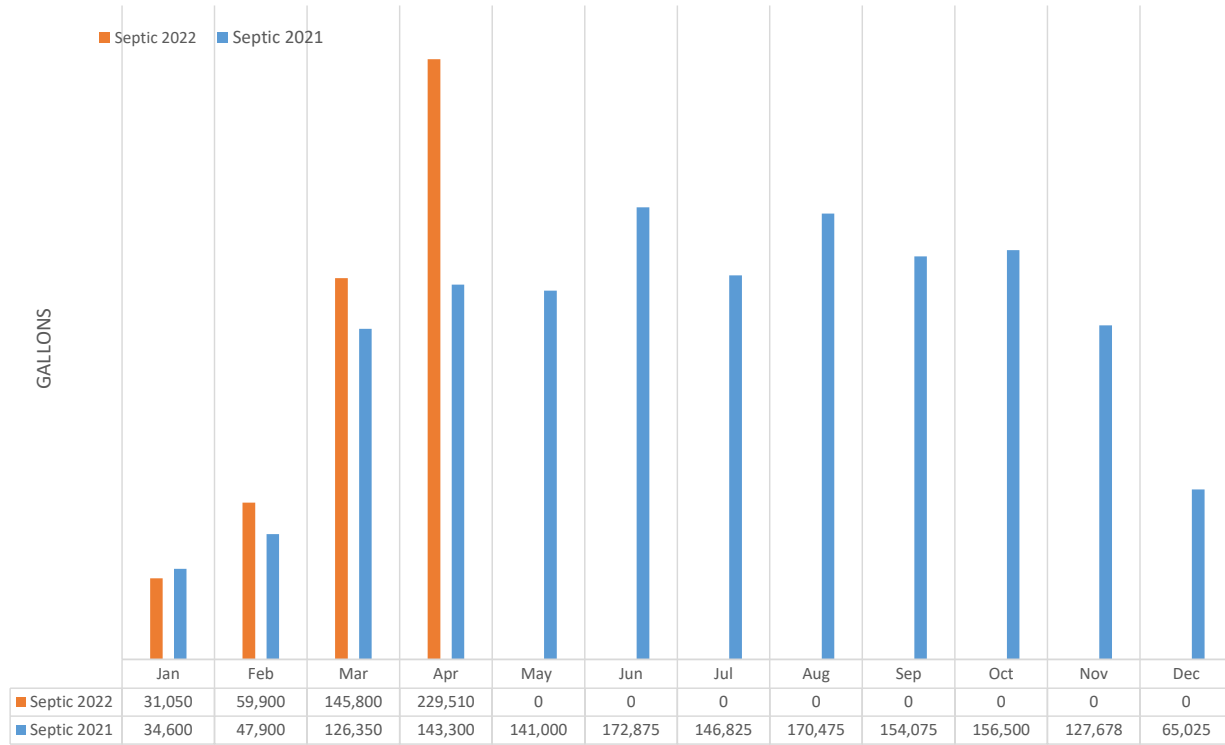




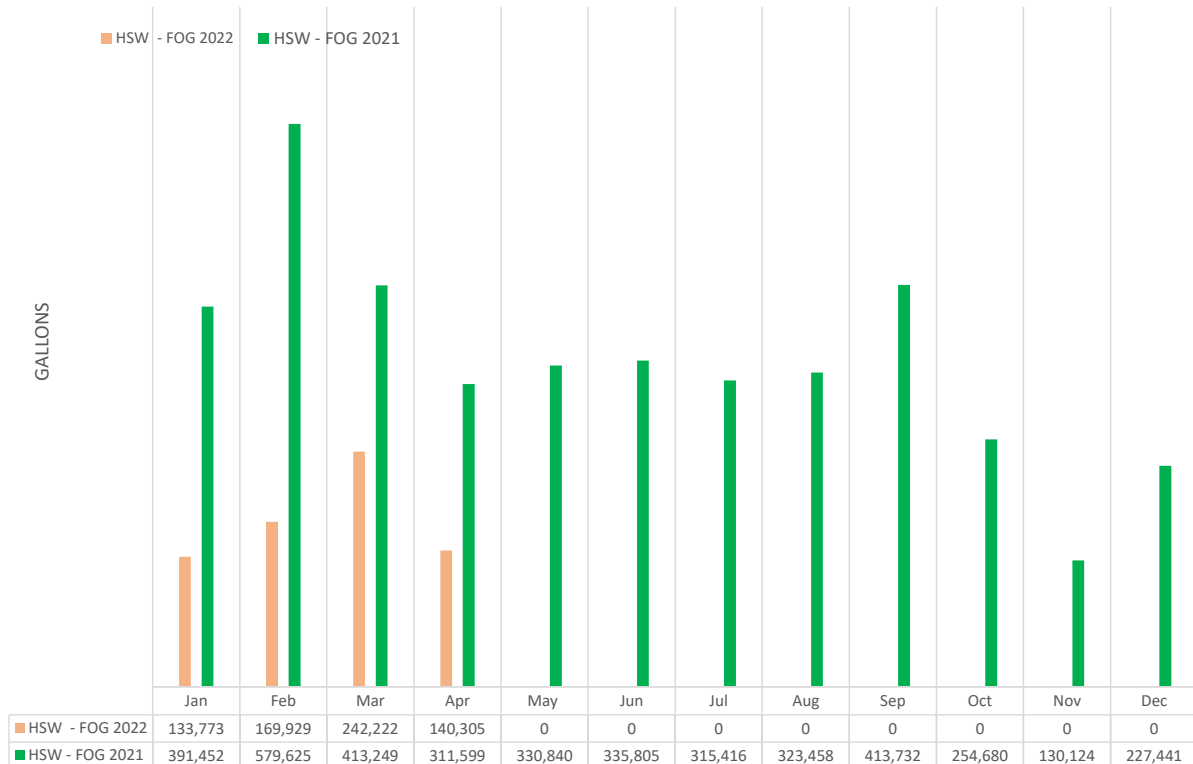
## REPORT OF MONTHLY ACTIVITY BY DEPARTMENTS

### Water Resource & Recovery Facility

#### MUSCATINE WRRF HAULED SEPTAGE WASTE 2022



#### MUSCATINE WRRF HAULED FOG - HIGH STRENGTH WASTE 2022



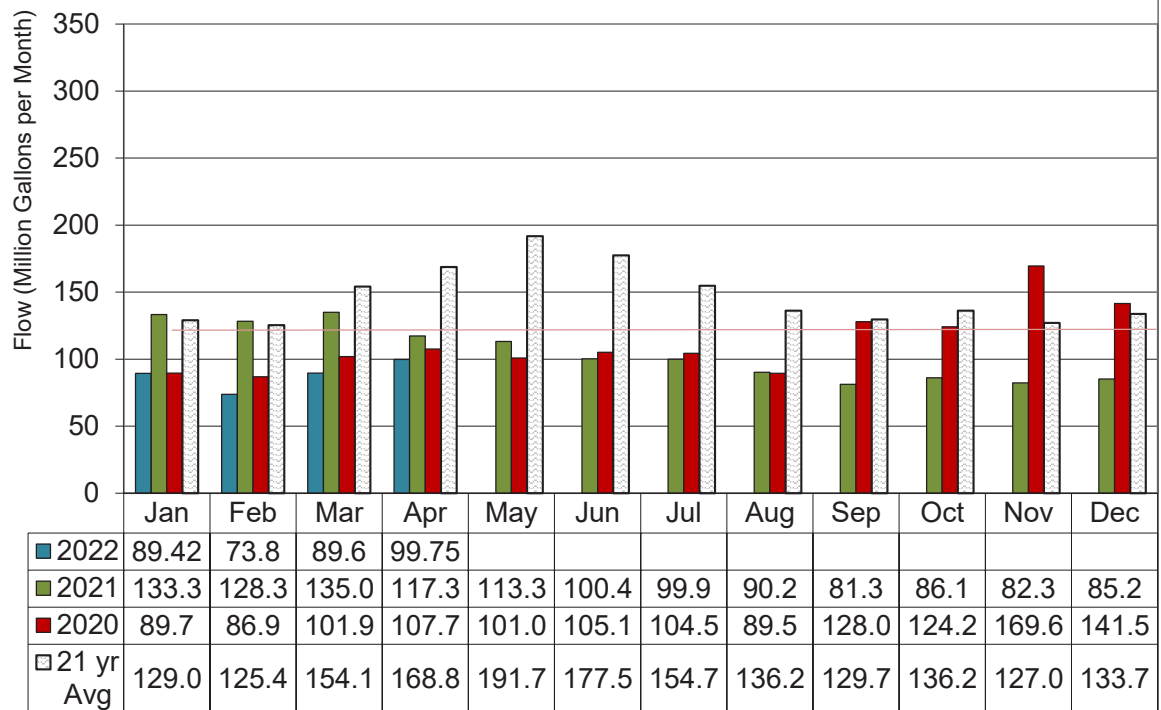
## REPORT OF MONTHLY ACTIVITY BY DEPARTMENTS

### Water Resource & Recovery Facility

Muscatine WRRF Monthly MORC Loading



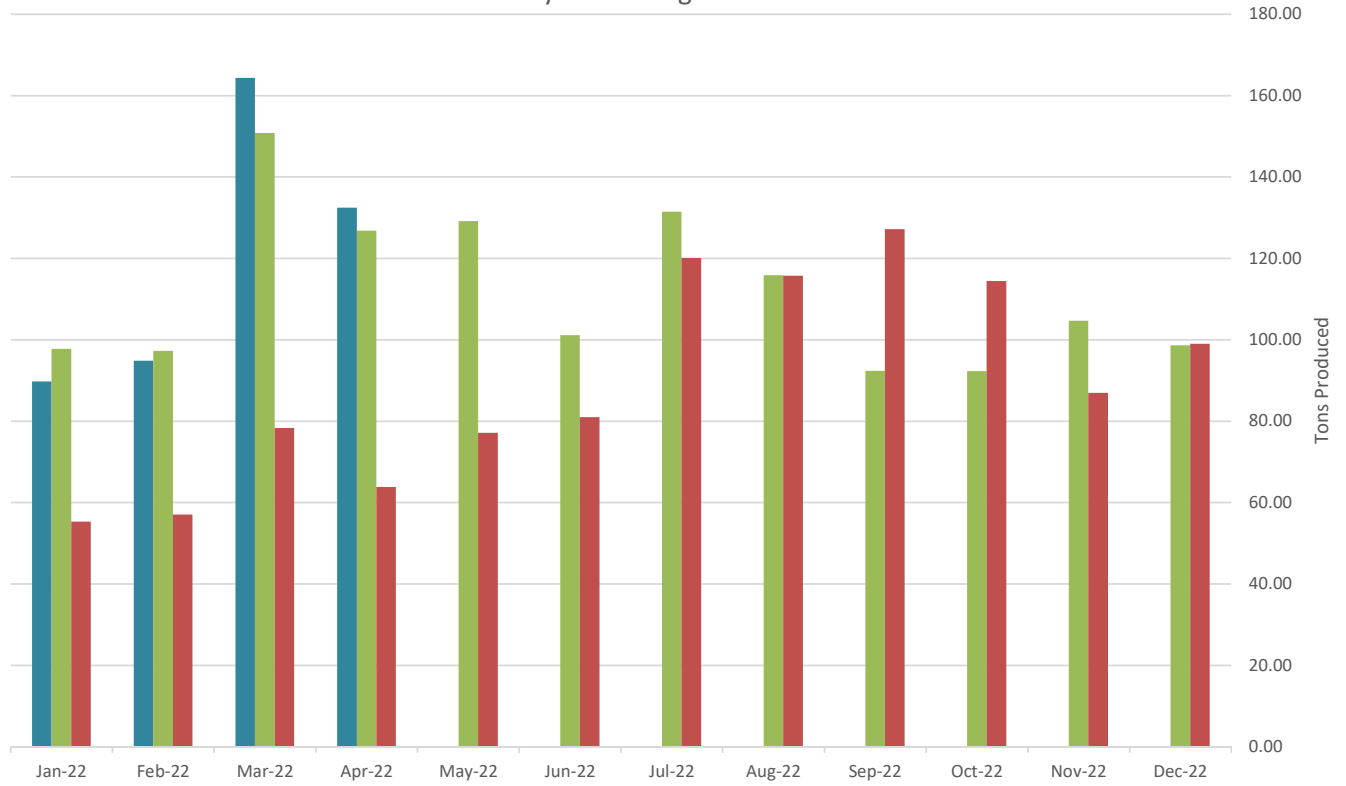
Muscatine WRRF Total Flow per Month



## REPORT OF MONTHLY ACTIVITY BY DEPARTMENTS

### Water Resource & Recovery Facility

Muscatine WRRF Monthly Total Sludge Production



	Jan-22	Feb-22	Mar-22	Apr-22	May-22	Jun-22	Jul-22	Aug-22	Sep-22	Oct-22	Nov-22	Dec-22
2022	89.74	94.83	164.36	132.44	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
2021	97.77	97.29	150.80	126.80	129.18	101.09	131.48	115.84	92.37	92.29	104.66	98.60
2020	55.29	57.02	78.32	63.84	77.12	80.95	120.05	115.73	127.19	114.41	86.91	99.03

Axis Title



## REPORT OF MONTHLY ACTIVITY BY DEPARTMENTS

### Muscatine Fire Department



#### Fire Department Monthly Report By: Chief Jerry Ewers

#### April 2022 Highlights

- We had a German Firefighter from our sister city of Ludwigslust do a few days of ride alongs with our crews. We opened our fire station to Captain David Rieland and he went on some calls, participated in our physical agility annual testing, and participated in some training drills. He even met Mayor Brad Bark during a visit to City Hall and during an open house. Thanks to Assistant Fire Chief Mike Hartman for hosting this firefighter and opening up his house. This was a great experience for everyone.



- We are in the process of conducting entrance testing for firefighter candidates. Application period ends May 18th, 2022.
- EMS Week is May 15 – 21, 2022.



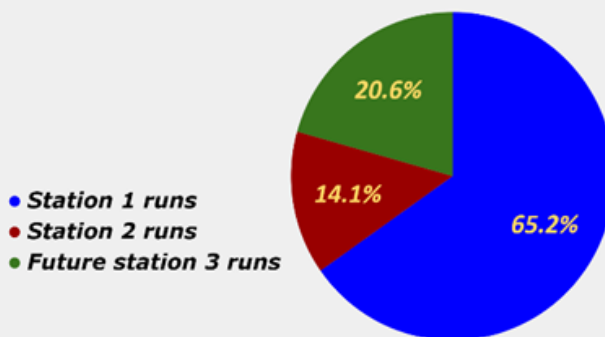
## EMS WEEK

Rising to the Challenge  
May 15-21, 2022

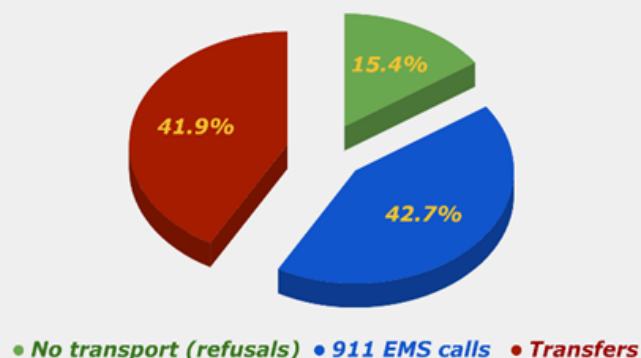
#### Staff Updates & Kudos

- Lieutenant Roy Patterson received a service retirement on April 19th, 2022. We are in the process of conducting acting Lieutenant positions for staff on the promotional lists, then we will be announcing a promotion of a firefighter to Lieutenant to fill his open position.
- Captain Andy Summitt obtained his Flight Paramedic Certification (FP-C).
- Kudo's to Lieutenant Andrew McSorley for orchestrating a Canadian Pacific Class for our department along with a donation of a new Midland ERK and other small tools for us to use on rail emergencies.
- Staff participated in the Special Olympics basketball game held at the YMCA.
- Red shift received a plaque from Brian Hatfield on April 25 thanking them for their quick response and treatment he received for a medical emergency.

#### Calls per Coverage Area - April 2022



#### EMS Call Types - April 2022



## REPORT OF MONTHLY ACTIVITY BY DEPARTMENTS

### Muscatine Fire Department

#### Demand for Services / Response Activity

	Avg. Per Day	Monthly Totals	YTD Totals
<b>Fire Responses</b>	<b>2.50</b>	<b>75</b>	<b>256</b>
<b>911 EMS Responses</b>	<b>7.96</b>	<b>239</b>	<b>1,012</b>
<b>Out of Town Transfers</b>	<b>3.33</b>	<b>100</b>	<b>398</b>
<b>Local Transfers</b>	<b>0.30</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>398</b>
<b>Total Responses</b>	<b>14.10</b>	<b>423</b>	<b>1,755</b>
	Avg. Per Day	Monthly Totals	YTD Totals
Urban Response Time		<b>93.2%</b>	<b>92.4%</b>
Goal - 90% within 9 min or less			
Rural Response Time		<b>90.7%</b>	<b>93.6%</b>
Goal - 90% within 15 min or less			

#### Staff Training

Type	Monthly	YTD
Recruit /Probationary	50	572.45
Fire Suppression	346.45	999.75
EMS / Medical Related	115.5	871
Technical/Rescue	188.3	761.95
Driver/Operator	30.3	92.6
Professional Development/Leadership	43.3	204.3
Paramedic Program	256	1,088
<b>Totals</b>	<b>1,029.85</b>	<b>4,590.05</b>

#### Vehicle & Equipment Maintenance

	Monthly	YTD
Fire Vehicle Miles Driven	3,028	10,393
Ambulance Miles Driven	10,917	43,207
<b>Total Miles Driven</b>	<b>13,945</b>	<b>53,600</b>
Work Orders Completed (PPE,Vehicles,Equip.)	74	249
Gallons of Diesel Fuel Dispensed	414.2	1,610.20
Gallons of Gasoline Dispensed	1,523.7	5,808.80
<b>Total Gallons of Fuel Dispensed</b>	<b>1,937.9</b>	<b>7,419</b>

#### Prevention, Education and Outreach

	Month	YTD		Month	YTD
<b>Fire Inspections</b>	24	62	<b>Plan Reviews/Site Visits</b>	6	30
<b>Fire Reinspections</b>	15	42	<b>Fire Investigations</b>	10	25
<b>Educational Events</b>	4	14	<b>Permits Issued</b>	155	611

## REPORT OF MONTHLY ACTIVITY BY DEPARTMENTS

### Muscatine Police Department

#### March Highlights

- The PD hosted our monthly Coffee.
- On 4/3/22, Det. Adam Raisbeck worked with the Sac County Sheriff's Office in locating a suspect who had a Muscatine PD Sex Abuse arrest warrant.
- Det. Joe Roseman reported to work on Easter Weekend to interview an Arson suspect. The suspect confessed to starting the fire. Sgt. Minnat Patel assisted the Major Crimes Unit by getting a search warrant for the suspect's residence.
- On 4/29/22, Det. Roseman donated the use of the Rose Bowl for Muscatine Police Officers and their families for a night of free bowling, pizza, and pop.
- On 4/30/22, Assistant Chief Snider, Detective DeVrieze, Officer Samantha Wheeler, and Officer Cabrera volunteered at the Senior Resources cookout.
- Officer Nicole Blum was contacted by Jen Davis regarding her juvenile son (Lane) who was having a birthday party on 4/24/22. Davis explained that her son has great interest and admiration for law enforcement. Davis requested that Officer Blum make a "surprise" appearance at the birthday event. Officer Blum agreed and coordinated with me because the party was in Wilton as well as on Office Blum's "day off". The arrangements were made and Officer Blum's attendance was well received. Officer Blum is commended for her initiative and sacrifice of her personal time in order to make a positive law enforcement interaction with children.
- Officers Jeff DeVrieze, Samantha Wheeler, and Cesar Cabrera attended the Senior Resource community cookout and helped with the event.
- On 04/12/22 Officer D. Wheeler handled a disabled vehicle at the intersection of Hwy 61/Cleveland St. The vehicle was disabled due to running out of gas. Wheeler was able to get the vehicle out of the travel portion of the roadway. Wheeler then took it upon himself to purchase gasoline for the driver of the vehicle and was able to fill the vehicle so it was operable. This information was obtained from a Facebook post. Sgt. Patel was the on duty supervisor and observed the post, later discovering Wheeler was the one who assisted the driver. His actions are worthy of recognition.
- Asst. Chief Steve Snider and Captain Tony Kies participated in a discussion event with the author of American Boys.
- On Tuesday, April 27th Detective Joe Roseman recognized an employee from Happy Joes walking to work. He was wearing his Happy Joes uniform and was a few miles away from work. Detective Roseman ended up giving the guy a ride to work.
- Captain Kies and Sergeant John Hesseling participated in four (4) run hide fight presentations.
- Sergeant Minnat Patel, Corporal Matt Fowler, Officers Matt Wilkinson and Cesar Cabrera were written a thank you from the Vice President of Patient Services of Unity Point for their role in dealing with a child that had been taken to the hospital to the Emergency Room. The helped not only the child during this time, but also ER staff. This was an extremely stressful and traumatic event due to the age and condition of the child.
- The department participated in a two (2) "Code Blues", one for a young female with five (5) children who had a house fire that destroyed a large amount of their personnel belongings. There was also a bin of toys and clothes donated to the family. The other Code Blue was for a family where mother died during the birth of her third child.
- Lt. Jeff Jirak had representatives from Mental Health grant on site for assessment of the police department.
- Lt. David O'Connor attended Child Protection Center meeting.
- Sergeant's Gregg Hazelett and John Hesseling conducted a presentation on personal safety awareness and defensive tactics for a Muscatine realtor group.
- Officer Mitchell Griffin provided a K-9 demonstration for Muscatine Church of Christ.

#### Staff Updates

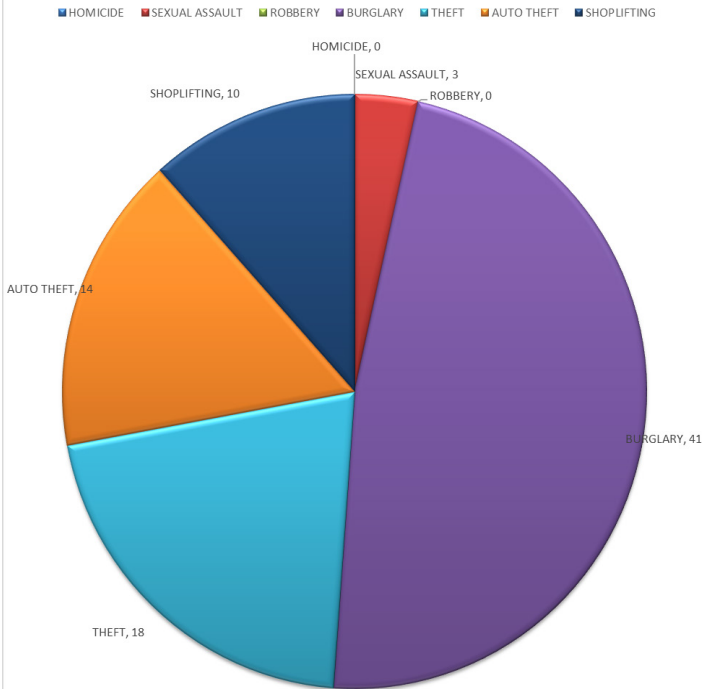
- We have two police recruits awaiting entrance into the Cedar Rapids Police Department Academy class. Another certified officer was hired and working in the Field Training Program
- Officers Kassy Middagh and Darran Riitchie graduated from the Iowa Law Enforcement Academy
- The department is currently down one (1) officer due to an unanticipated retirement in April.

## REPORT OF MONTHLY ACTIVITY BY DEPARTMENTS

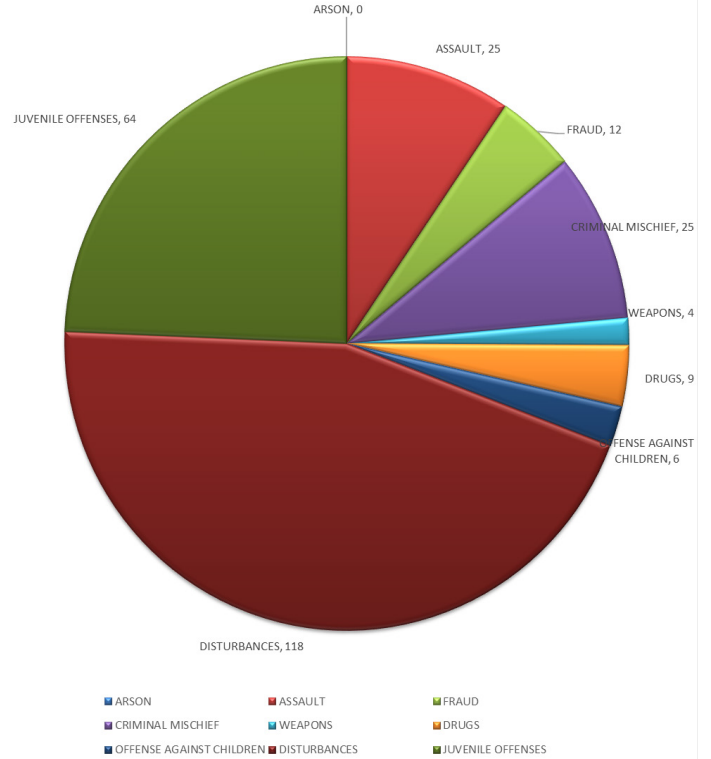
# Muscatine Police Department

### MUSCATINE POLICE DEPARTMENT END OF YEAR STATISTICS

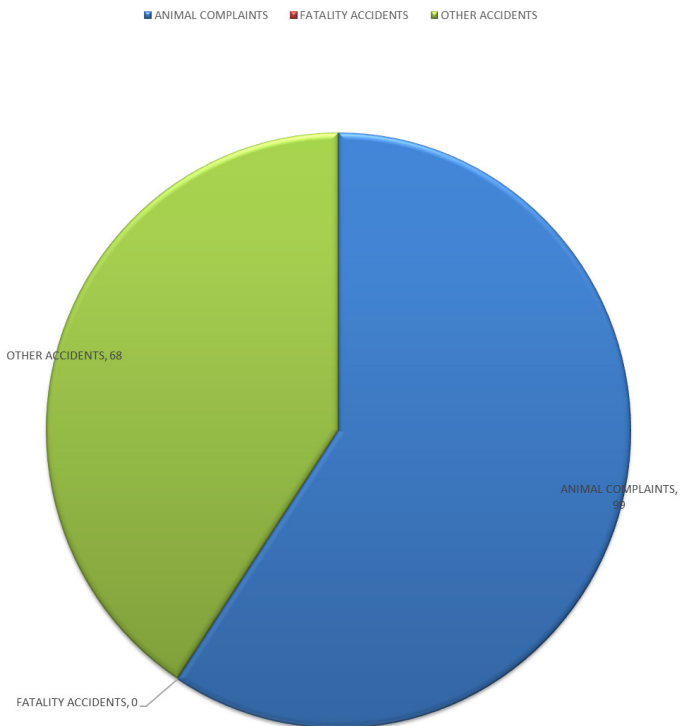
Class I Calls



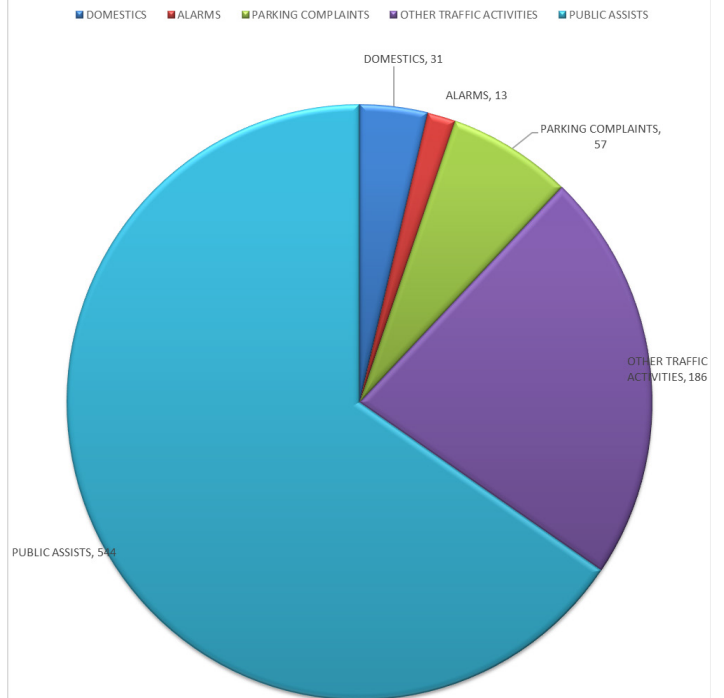
Class II Calls



Class III Calls



Class V Calls



# REPORT OF MONTHLY ACTIVITY BY DEPARTMENTS

## Muscatine Police Department

### MUSCATINE POLICE DEPARTMENT CALLS FOR SERVICE

CALL TYPE	YEAR	JAN	FEB	MAR	APR	MAY	JUN	JUL	AUG	SEP	OCT	NOV	DEC	YEARTO DATE
HOMICIDE	2022	0	0	0	0									0
	2021	0	0	0	0									0
SEXUAL ASSAULT	2022	4	9	9	3									25
	2021	3	4	5	14									26
ROBBERY	2022	0	0	0	0									0
	2021	0	0	0	0									0
BURGLARY	2022	16	11	24	41									92
	2021	14	16	14	21									65
THEFT	2022	16	16	25	18									75
	2021	23	15	30	27									95
AUTO THEFT	2022	2	4	9	14									29
	2021	6	5	3	6									20
SHOPLIFTING	2022	5	13	17	10									45
	2021	8	8	12	11									39
Class I Total														266

ARSON	2022	0	0	0	0									0
	2021	0	0	0	0									0
ASSAULT	2022	9	8	15	25									57
	2021	7	4	18	10									39
FRAUD	2022	10	15	11	12									48
	2021	12	14	18	22									66
CRIMINAL MISCHIEF	2022	21	19	17	25									82
	2021	11	11	11	15									48
WEAPONS	2022	0	5	2	4									11
	2021	7	1	3	5									16
NARCOTICS/DRUGS	2022	6	9	15	9									39
	2021	7	15	4	13									39
OFFENSES AGAINST CHILDREN	2022	8	2	6	6									22
	2021	4	5	8	10									27
DISTURBANCES	2022	75	42	111	118									346
	2021	89	91	112	103									395
JUVENILE OFFENSES RUNAWAYS	2022	29	29	38	64									160
	2021	21	15	43	31									110
Class II Totals														765



## REPORT OF MONTHLY ACTIVITY BY DEPARTMENTS

### Muscatine Police Department

ANIMAL COMPLAINTS	2022	116	67	120	99									402
	2021	56	62	82	80									280
FATALITY ACCIDENT	2022	0	0	0	0									0
	2021	0	0	0	0									0
OTHER ACCIDENTS	2022	64	53	59	68									244
	2021	67	76	49	36									228
													Class IV Totals	646

DOMESTICS	2022	29	22	36	31								118
	2021	34	38	33	48								153
ALARMS	2022	25	39	20	13								97
	2021	17	12	15	13								57
PARKING COMPLAINTS	2022	55	37	49	57								198
	2021	237	114	69	49								469
OTHER TRAFFIC RELATED ACTIVITIES	2022	197	229	278	186								890
	2021	232	221	303	244								1000
PUBLIC ASSISTS	2022	413	415	484	544								1856
	2021	491	420	446	492								1849
Class V Totals												3159	

OPERATING WHILE INTOXICATED	2022	4	3	5	6									18
	2021	4	6	5	5									20
TRAFFIC CITATIONS ISSUED	2022	98	163	189	146									596
	2021	166	130	165	140									601
ADULT ARRESTS	2022	93	90	117	105									405
	2021	100	118	86	110									414
JUVENILE ARRESTS	2022	13	8	10	12									43
	2021	5	5	9	15									34
TOTAL ARREST	2022	106	98	127	117	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	448
	2021	105	123	95	125	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	448
ADMINISTRATIVE	2022	373	316	367	352									1408
	2021	232	289	334	314									1169

*TOTAL REQUEST FOR POLICE	2022	1473	1360	1712	1699	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	6244
	2021	1578	1436	1612	1564	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	6190

## REPORT OF MONTHLY ACTIVITY BY DEPARTMENTS

### Parks and Recreation Department

#### Park Administration Division

The main office is open to the public with regular office hours Monday-Friday 8 a.m. to 12 p.m. and 1 p.m. to 5 p.m. There continue to be many requests to hold special events on public property. The complete special event listing can be found at our [website](#). Please enjoy the many services provided through the Parks and Recreation Department. Please contact us to let us know about your experiences as we love to hear from you.

Subject	Result
Pearl City Station Reservations	47 reservations taken in 2022
Riverview Center Reservations	67 reservations taken in 2022
Shelter Reservations	80 reservations taken in 2022
Dog Park Passes	93 passes sold for 2022

#### Park Maintenance Division

With spring comes mowing in all of our parks and weed control in all of our landscape beds. Restrooms and drinking fountains have been turned on at all park sites. We ask that if anyone is using a park and they see something in need of repair or attention to please contact our office.

The Rose Garden in Weed Park has just begun to bud out and flowers will be blooming soon. The hanging baskets for the downtown streets have been planted and are filling in nicely. The maintenance staff began preparation for the startup of the Muscatine Aquatic Center. The Disc Golf Course had its first tournament in April and is being maintained on a regular basis.

The City of Muscatine received a \$5,000 Community Forestry Grant from the IDNR, with a match of \$5,000 from HNI Corporation. The City also received a \$5,000 Alliant Energy Branching Out grant. With the help of volunteers from HNI, and the opportunity for two Eagle Scouts to complete their required project, 52 trees will be planted throughout our parks on May 20-21.

Subject	Result
Seasonal Employee Recruitment	16 Seasonal staff hired

#### Cemetery Division

Greenwood Cemetery remains open to the public for walkers, bicyclists and the community's cemetery needs. Staff is working hard on mowing and string

trimming on a daily basis and preparing for the upcoming Memorial Day weekend. The Cemetery steps were opened for public use in early April. Spring foundations have been completed throughout the Cemetery.

Subject	Result
Burials	6 Burials Took Place
Burial Spaces	9 Burial Spaces Sold

#### Boat Harbor/Marina Divisions

The latest flood prediction report shows low to moderate flooding expected this Spring. The harbor opened for the season on May 1 and power and water has been turned on both the Long Dock and the House Boat Dock. The Marina has gas and diesel for sale and has a pump out station for boater's convenience, and will be opened to the public prior to Memorial Day weekend. Requests for fueling and pump out services may be made by contacting the parks and recreation office at 563-263-0241.

Subject	Result
Long Dock Slips (48 Available)	11 Long Dock Slips Rented
Houseboat Dock Slips (8 Available)	1 Houseboat Slips Rented

#### Recreation Division

Youth and adult recreation programs and special events continue to be offered. Current programs taking place include Gymnastics and the Walking Club. The Melon City Bike Rodeo and Family Bike Ride is scheduled for Thursday, May 19. Summer programs are scheduled to begin on June 13 with program registrations being taken now in the Parks and Recreation office and online.

Subject	Result
Youth Program Participation	598 occurrences in March
Adult Program Participation	765 occurrences in March

#### Aquatics Division

Aquatic Center staff recruitment to include lifeguards, slide attendants, cashiers, and maintenance staff is in process. To date, five American Red Cross Lifeguarding courses have been scheduled in Muscatine for this year. The pool season is scheduled to start on Saturday, May 28. We are currently taking requests for pool

## REPORT OF MONTHLY ACTIVITY BY DEPARTMENTS

### Parks and Recreation Department

party reservations. Hy-Vee will be the concessionaire this year.

Subject	Result
Lifeguards	26 Lifeguards Hired
Pool Party Reservations	29 Pool Parties Booked
Swim Lesson Enrollments	113 Swim Lesson Enrollments

#### Wellness Division

The City employee wellness programs continue to be offered through the virtual Wellness Center. The Fitness Reimbursement program and weekly Wellness Wednesday newsletters continue throughout the year. Biometric screenings are in the process of being scheduled.

Subject	Result
Participation	16 occurrences in April

#### Kent Stein Division

Kent Stein Park opened for the season on April 2nd. Water to the restrooms at both East and West concessions areas have been fully operational since April 2nd. Staff continues to make improvements to the Parks and its facilities for the upcoming season. Some of those tasks have been adding Ag lime to infield dirt areas, leveling infields, changing light bulbs, and changing damaged bases. Season has started for several Softball and Baseball groups. Practices and games are underway, generally speaking Monday thru Thursday we are heavy use on every diamond during the week and then diamonds loosen up for the weekend, unless there is a tournament. Which then allows more drop in usage. We hosted our first of the season baseball and softball tournaments.

Subject	Result
Seasonal Employee Recruitment	8 Seasonal Employees Hired

#### Soccer Complex Division

The Soccer Complex and restrooms facilities opened on April 2nd. We have had several groups started playing games, The Community YMCA, Pearl City Soccer Club, Muscatine Soccer Club, EIYSL, ISA, and both adult leagues have started their games. We also have had steady practice usage at our Soccer West facility. With Soccer West being open we do post schedules daily to

allow users to see what is reserved and what can be used for drop in usage. We have turned on the sprinkler system and wash bay areas but have not had to utilize the sprinklers because Mother Nature has been doing it for us. Staff continues to prepare fields with seeding thin areas and fertilizing all fields. We have a steady 12-14 fields that get paint weekly for games at the main Soccer complex. ISA has utilized our complex for two of the weekends in April.

Subject	Result
Seasonal Employee Recruitment	6 Seasonal Employees Hired

#### Soccer Events Division

The 26th Annual College Search Kickoff is scheduled to take place July 21-24, 2022 and registrations are currently underway. Staff continues to actively recruit college coaches and teams. It is our hope to have 150 plus college coaches and 60 plus teams attend the event.

Subject	Result
College Coaches	54 College Coaches Registered
Soccer Teams	16 Teams Registered

#### Golf Divisions

The Muscatine Municipal Golf Course opened for the season on March 17th. Mother Nature did not cooperate in April. We had a cold, windy, wet month and it impacted rounds and momentum for the start of the season. Season passes are still on sale and the incentive card was offered all month long. Three new Clubhouse Supervisors were hired and began training. Once the weather stays nice for an extended time, they will be fully trained. Staff has water on to the restrooms on the course and the irrigation system is up and running now. Tees, collar, approaches and fairways have been fertilized with weed control. Bunker work is currently taking place and will continue through the month of May. Bids will soon be sent out for a new finishing mower for around trees and other tight areas.

Subject	Result
Outings	15 Outings Scheduled for 2022
Leagues	5 Leagues Scheduled for 2022
Season Passes	190 Sold for 2022
Rounds	1,514 Rounds Played

## REPORT OF MONTHLY ACTIVITY BY DEPARTMENTS

### Musser Public Library & HNI Community Center

Circulation Statistics			
PRINTED MATERIALS	2022	TOTAL TO DATE	2021
ADULT BOOK	3,878	33,415	3,143
YOUNG ADULT BOOKS	316	2,493	165
JUVENILE BOOKS	5,626	47,885	3,642
MAGAZINES	182	1,791	133
OTHER	34	321	24
<b>RECORDED MATERIALS</b>			
MP3 BOOKS	3	7	0
DIGI-BOOKS/ PLAYAWAY	10	130	20
RECORDED BOOKS	250	2,372	258
CD's	467	3,080	166
ADULT KITS AND JKITS	9	44	14
<b>A-V MEDIA</b>			
EQUIPMENT	7	120	5
MICROFILM	2	6	2
VIDEOGAMES	127	1,079	88
DVDS	3,046	25,556	2,126
BLU-RAY	105	793	68
<b>ONLINE</b>			
INTERNET COMPUTER USAGE	608	5,296	421
WIFI USAGE	5,275	45,398	4,591
DATABASE USAGE	12,498	114,013	13,924
E AUDIO	392	4,415	364
E BOOKS	645	6,661	782
E MAGAZINES	359	2,642	143
E MUSIC/STREAM-ING	1,120	14,122	1,317
<b>TOTAL CIRCULATION</b>	34,959		31,396
<b>PREVIOUS CIRCULATION</b>	276,680		306,570
<b>TOTAL CIRC. TO DATE</b>	311,639		337,966

Circulation Statistics			
INTER-LOANS	2022	TOTAL TO DATE	2021
RS BORROWED	2,173	15,442	1,654
RS SENT	1,462	10,460	1,535
SILO BORROWED	2	40	4
SILO SENT	16	180	9
OCLC BORROWED	36	333	21
OCLC SENT	10	135	15
<b>TOTAL</b>	3,699		3,238
<b>PROGRAMMING</b>			
CHILDRENS PROGRAMS	39	298 In-per-son 5-virtual	1 in-person 24 virtual
CHILDREN PRG ATTEND.	973	8,858 (IP) 989 one-min 5,887 raw	271 Virtual 96 in-person
TEEN PROGRAMS	0	2	0
TEEN PRG ATTENDANCE	0	20	0
ADULT PROGRAMS	1	14	9
ADULT PRG ATTENDANCE	9	253	No Data for Tai Chi
TECHNOLOGY CLASSES	1	7	0
CLASS ATTENDANCE	1	7	0
BUILDING USAGE (WALK-IN)	9,167	86,113	5,921
MEETING ROOMS USAGE	691	6,180	339
<b>REFERENCE</b>			
REFERENCE QUESTIONS	253	2,745	158
TECHNICAL QUESTIONS	137	1,661	128
DIRECTIONAL QUESTIONS	127	1,877	148
<b>TOTAL</b>	517		434

## REPORT OF MONTHLY ACTIVITY BY DEPARTMENTS

### Musser Public Library & HNI Community Center

Circulation Statistics			
EXAMS PROCTORED	0	0	0
NOTARY PUBLIC USAGE	23	130	10
GENEALOGY RESEARCHERS	4	39	16
GENEALOGY INTERLOANS	0	0	0
RESEARCH/OBIT REQUESTS	7	53	1
PHOTO PRINTS ORDERED	5	38	3

Patron Statistics			
	ADDED	TOTAL	2021
Adult Residents	46	14,893	14,821
Computer Use Only	2	359	340
Juv Residents	14	2,522	2,398
IL (Contract)	3	680	670
Open Access	5	1,050	987
New Borrower	10	379	314
Other	0	169	164
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>80</b>	<b>20,052</b>	<b>19,694</b>

Home Delivery Statistics			
(already included in circulation statistics)			
	2022	TOTAL	2021
Materials Circulated	80	1,251	141
Visits	15	387	30
Clients	40		41
Volunteers	1		1

Database Usage			
	2022		2021
Ancestry Library Edition	728		191
Chilton	0		3
ContentDM Images	1,288		1,149
Gale	0		0
Gale Forms	11		11
Heritage Quest	290		252
Learning Express	0		0
Newspaper Archive	2,362		2,411
Newspaper.com Musc. Journal	2,184		3,559
New York Times	1,800		2,010
Niche Academy	14		7
Novelist	94		42
RefUSA	7		6
Sanborn Maps	140		107
Transparent Language	4		0
Value Line	3,586		4,176
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>12,498</b>		<b>13,924</b>
	<b>LIKES</b>		
<b>FACEBOOK</b>	<b>5,798</b>		
	<b>VISITS</b>	<b>UNIQUE VISITORS</b>	
<b>WEBSITE</b>	<b>10,011</b>	<b>9,766</b>	
	<b>FOLLOWS</b>		
<b>TWITTER</b>	<b>944</b>		



## REPORT OF MONTHLY ACTIVITY BY DEPARTMENTS

### Muscatine Art Center

#### From the Muscatine Art Center

For a complete list of exhibitions, classes, programs, and projects at the Muscatine Art Center, request a copy of the quarterly newsletter or subscribe to the monthly e-newsletter by contacting [art@muscatineiowa.gov](mailto:art@muscatineiowa.gov).

#### EXHIBITIONS



"Where Children Sleep: Photographs by James Mollison"  
is organized by Curatorial Exhibitions, Pasadena, California.

#### **Where Children Sleep:**

**Photographs by James Mollison**

**May 26 - August 21, 2022**




Prena, 14  
Kathmandu, Nepal



## REPORT OF MONTHLY ACTIVITY BY DEPARTMENTS

### Muscatine Art Center



Sanctuary of the Sun #69

Sanctuary of the Sun #2

**William Havlicek:**  
**Sanctuary of the Sun Series**

June 2 - September 11, 2022

Meet the Artist  
June 2 - 5 to 6 p.m.  
Free Admission

#### UPCOMING CLASSES and ACTIVITIES

##### *For Kids*

### mini masters

Introduce your children (ages 2 to 7) to the world of art with free art classes. Each class consists of a story and two art projects! Classes meet **Wednesdays from 9:30 - 10:15 a.m. and Thursdays from 3:30 - 4:15 p.m.** At this time pre-registration is required. Classes will also be pre-recorded and can be viewed on the Muscatine Art Center Mini Masters Facebook page. Classes are **FREE** of charge! Call 563-263-8282 to register. The theme for May is "Silly Stories", and the theme for June is "Under the Sea".

##### *For Families*

#### **Live Snakes with Naturalist Michelle Berns - Saturday, May 21, 10:00 - 11:30 a.m.**

In partnership with the Muscatine County Conservation Board, join us in the Brad Burns Performing Arts Park (on Mulberry, next to the Muscatine Art Center) to learn about snakes with naturalist Michelle Berns! Kids will get to see live snakes and hear about their habitats and habits. Then, make a snake craft to take home! In case of inclement weather, activities will be held in the Muscatine Art Center studio. There is no registration for this free event.



## REPORT OF MONTHLY ACTIVITY BY DEPARTMENTS

### Muscatine Art Center

#### **Eulenspiegel Production - Friday, June 10, 12:30 p.m.**

*Uncle Rabbit's Adventures (Las Aventuras de Tio Conejo)* combines two trickster tales into one delightful story celebrating the victory of the small but clever rabbit over his larger, wealthier, and more powerful adversary. This story is presented bilingually and features live music. The performance will be held in the Brad Burns Performing Arts Park (on Mulberry, next to the Muscatine Art Center). Bring a sack lunch to enjoy before the performance! In case of inclement weather, the performance will be held inside the Muscatine Art Center. Free Admission.

#### **Happy Birthday, Jim Dine! - Saturday, June 18, 1:30 - 2:30 p.m.**

Jim Dine is an American artist whose work includes painting, drawing, printmaking, sculpture, and photography. Dine has been associated with numerous art movements throughout his career. Much of his art focuses on self-reflection and includes numerous motifs such as hearts. **Join Miss Julie Saturday, June 18** to celebrate Dine's birthday by creating a painting inspired by the artist. Please register by June 16.

#### *For Adults*

#### **Laura Musser McColm's Garden & Early 20<sup>th</sup> Century Japanese Gardens in the Midwest**

**PRESENTED BY BETH CODY  
SUNDAY, MAY 22, 1:30-2:30 P.M.**

Research consultant, Beth Cody, author of the book *Iowa Gardens of the Past*, will share her findings on the influences behind Laura Musser McColm's decision to have a Japanese-style garden installed in 1930. Topics include Japanese Gardens at World's Fairs, landscape designers who created early Japanese-style gardens in the Midwest, and the fate of many Japanese-style gardens during World War II.

Cody's research was funded by a grant from Humanities Iowa.



**Humanities Iowa**



#### **Thursday Night Makerspace**

Join our Program Coordinator Katy on select Thursday nights to create fun projects to decorate your home or give as gifts. Painted signs, keychains, fabric bowls, stepping stones, and more - there's always something new to try! Fees are \$15 or \$13.50 for Friends members, and all supplies are included. Advanced registration required. Class fee must be paid upon registration to secure your spot.

**Thursday, May 19, 5:15 - 6:45 p.m.: Wood Garden Signs**

#### **Living Proof Exhibit (LPE) Creative Sessions**

Living Proof Exhibit provides the therapeutic benefits of the arts to those impacted by cancer. Each month LPE partners with different community organizations throughout the Quad Cities and beyond to bring free Creative Sessions to patients, survivors, families, and caregivers. Advanced registration required by calling the Muscatine Art Center at 563-263-8282 or online at [livingproofexhibit.org/creative-sessions](http://livingproofexhibit.org/creative-sessions). Free of charge.

**Thursday, June 9, 5:30 - 7:30 p.m.: Acrylic Mixed Media on Canvas with Gina Kirschbaum**



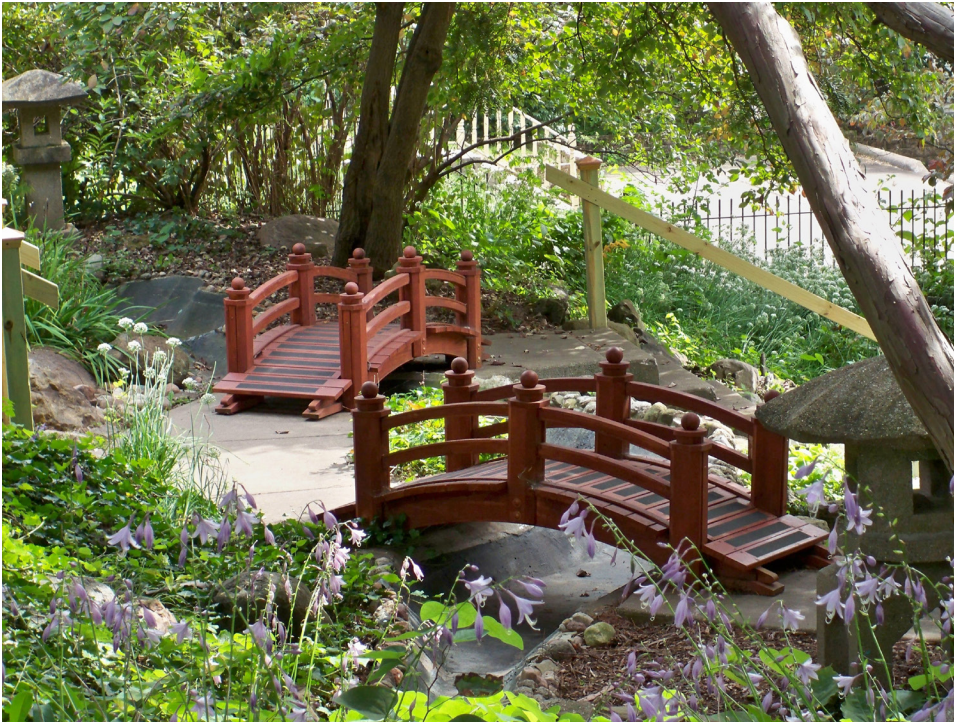
## REPORT OF MONTHLY ACTIVITY BY DEPARTMENTS

### Muscatine Art Center

#### Red Barn Studio

Local artist Vada Baker gives step-by-step instructions on how to complete your project. Create a project just like Vada or add your own personal flair. Learn new techniques and have all your questions answered in this fun studio class you won't want to miss! Fees are \$15 or \$13.50 for Friends members, and all supplies are included. Advanced registration required. Class fee must be paid upon registration to secure your spot. Now offered on Sundays.

*Sunday, June 12, 1:30 - 2:45 p.m.: Eagle Painting on a Feather*





# Scenes From April 2022

