



Department Activity Report

April 2023



April Highlights of City Activity

Department of Administration - City Administrator - Presented 39 regular agenda items for consideration by City Council. Continued to assess recent changes in state laws that may have an affect on city operations, and coordinated a presentation with Finance Director Nancy Lueck during the April In-Depth session.

Department of Administration - Finance Department – Continued updating narrative and financial schedules to be included in the published budget. Prepared the new sewer rate ordinance and new refuse collection rate ordinance for City Council consideration.

Department of Public Works – The Street Maintenance Division filled 123 potholes during the month despite spending most of staff's time dealing with spring flooding of the Mississippi River. The Solid Waste Division had 365 stops for bulky waste pickup in April with an average of 228 points per stop.

Community Development Department – The Community Development Director was elected to be President of the Iowa Chapter of the National Association of Housing and Redevelopment Organization (NAHRO) effective October 8, 2023. The Historic Preservation Commission (HPC), in partnership with the County HPC, is planning to host a conference to help property owners understand how to use resources to fund rehab activities.

Housing Agency – Thirty households attended seven Housing Counseling classes, six in the first-time homebuyer course and 24 in Step Ahead, Renter Education.

Parks and Recreation Department – With spring comes mowing 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. Vision Center donated and planted 25 hackberry saplings planted in air pots at the Weed Park Greenhouse. Sand volleyball nets were installed for use. Flood preparations have begun. Riverview Center and Pearl City Station will be closed and sandbagged and the trail system will be closed.

Fire Department – MFD participated in Operation Prom, the presentation of a motivating scenario meant to help young people make good choices on prom night. The first 'Stop the Bleed' training event was held. There has been overwhelming support for this training. Spots fill up fast and we have started waiting lists!

Police Department – The first ALL Female shift took to the street on April 6th. Capt. Jirak guided a building tour to home school children followed by a question and answer session. Officer Avis and Officer Staley graduated from the Iowa Law Enforcement Academy. Officer Middagh engaged neighborhood girls in conversation about being a female police officer, establishing a positive law enforcement interaction with young community members.

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@muscataineiowa.gov.

Muscatine City Council Past/Present/Future

April 6 Regular Session

- Public Hearing on plans and specifications for West Hill Sanitary and Storm Sewer Separation Project Phase 6A and 6B.
- Public Hearing on maximum tax levy for FY 2023-2024 budget.
- Final reading of ordinance updating designated truck routes.
- Set public hearing for April 20 on proposed FY 2023-2024 budget.
- Set public hearing for April 20 on declaring Tom Bruner Field as surplus and authorizing sale to Muscatine Community School District.
- Request to accept a \$1,738,000.00 Comprehensive Neighborhood Revitalization Grant for the Mulberry Neighborhood Project.
- Request to approve sidewalk connectors from Kent Stein Park to Muscatine Soccer Complex and Sunset Housing.

April 13 In-Depth Session

- Update from Parks and Recreation on Special Event Process.
- Update on Water and Resource Recovery Facility CIP and Sewer Rate Study.
- Update on impact of changes in state law on home occupatin regulations.
- Update on potential nuisance appeal process.

April 20 Regular Session

- Public Hearing for 2024 Consolidated Funding Application and Public Transit Infrastructure Grant Application.
- Public Hearing on proposed Amendment #1 to FY 2022-2023 budget.
- Public Hearing on proposed FY 2023-2024 budget.
- Public Hearing on declaring Tom Bruner Field as surplus and authorizing sale to Muscatine Community School District.
- First reading of ordinance setting refuse collection monthly fees.
- First reading of ordiance setting sewer rates.
- Award contract for Fulliam Avenue Reconstruction.
- Adoption of City of Muscatine Fiscal Year 2023-2024 budget.

May 4 Regular Meeting

- Public Hearing on FY20245 Annual Plan & Amendments to the Public Housing Admissions and Continued Occupancy Policy.
- First reading of temporary ordinance amending City Code to address public health and safety issues related to the July 29, 2023, RAGBRAI visit.
- Set May 18 Public Hearing on Amendment #2 to the Fiscal Year 2022-2023 City Budget.
- Approve dates for Transfer Station Free Drop-Off week for tires and electronics.
- Accept \$1,000,000 Destination Iowa Grant for the construction of an indoor sports comlex.

May 11 In-Depth Session

- Discussion of a proposed ordinance and policy regarding the disposal of surplus real property.
- Update on housing related activities.
- Update on City construction projects.
- Overview of the impacts to the City related to the recently adopted Property Tax Reform bill.
- Update on RAGBRAI planning and potential activities associated with the July 29, 2023, visit.
- Discussion on proposed Watermelon Sllice public art installation.

May 18 Regular Session

- Proclamations for National Public Works Week and Emergemy Medical Services Week.
- Public Hearing concerning Amendment #2 to the Fiscal Year 2022-2023 City budget.
- First reading of ordinance governign disposal of City-owned surplus real estate.
- Acceptance of completed work for the 2nd Street Streetscape Project.
- Acceptance of completed work for the rehabilita-
tion of underground pipes.

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>

Department of Administration

City Administrator

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 39 regular agenda items for consideration by City Council.
- Coordination of in-depth presentations on the Parks and Recreation Special events process, WRRF Capital Improvement Plan, Sewer Rate Study, Impacts of changes to state law in regards to home occupation regularions, and the nuisance appeals process.
- Responded to numerous citizen and City Council requests and concerns.

Human Resources Division

April Highlights

- Eighty-nine applications were received for a variety of positions for a variety of positions including seasonal openings. Two new employees were onboarded.
- The HR Department has been working with operating departments to update and streamline payroll processing systems, resulting in time savings for office personnel. HR personnel have been visiting departments individually to train on the updated steps and assist in the transition.

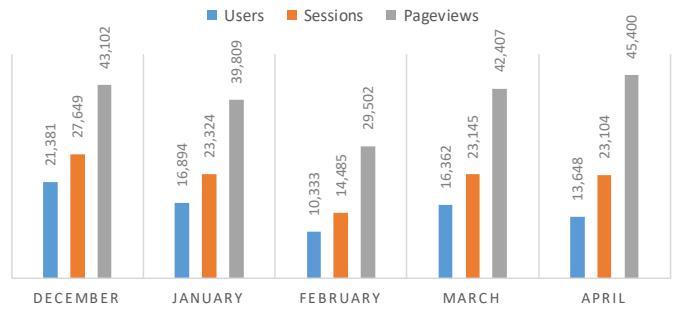
- The recruiting process for seasonal positions continues. Those looking for positions with parks and recreation can visit the City's website for various openings. The link for the career center is <http://www.muscatineiowa.gov/1598/Career-Center>. There are also so openings for the City Engineer, Equipment Operator, Transit Dispatcher, Police Officer, and Fire Fighter.

Communications Division

April Highlights

- Continued monitoring and implementing updates to Civic Clerk and Muscatine Connect powered by SeeClickFix.
- Continued working with CivicPlus and the design committee on the redesign of the City of Muscatine website.
- A total of 19 press releases were produced and distributed to media and Notify Me subscribers.
- Three virtual meetings held for various departments using GoToMeeting.
- Created 148 social media posts (53 Facebook, 37 Instagram, 45 Twitter, 1 LinkedIn, and 5 YouTube).
- One "Muscatine In Focus" presentation.
- Ended the month of April with 9,848 (+149 from end of March) followers on Facebook, 1,557 (+13) on Instagram, 1,504 (-4) on Twitter, 431 (+3) on YouTube.

CITY OF MUSCATINE WEBSITE ANALYTICS



Department of Administration

Finance/Parking Division

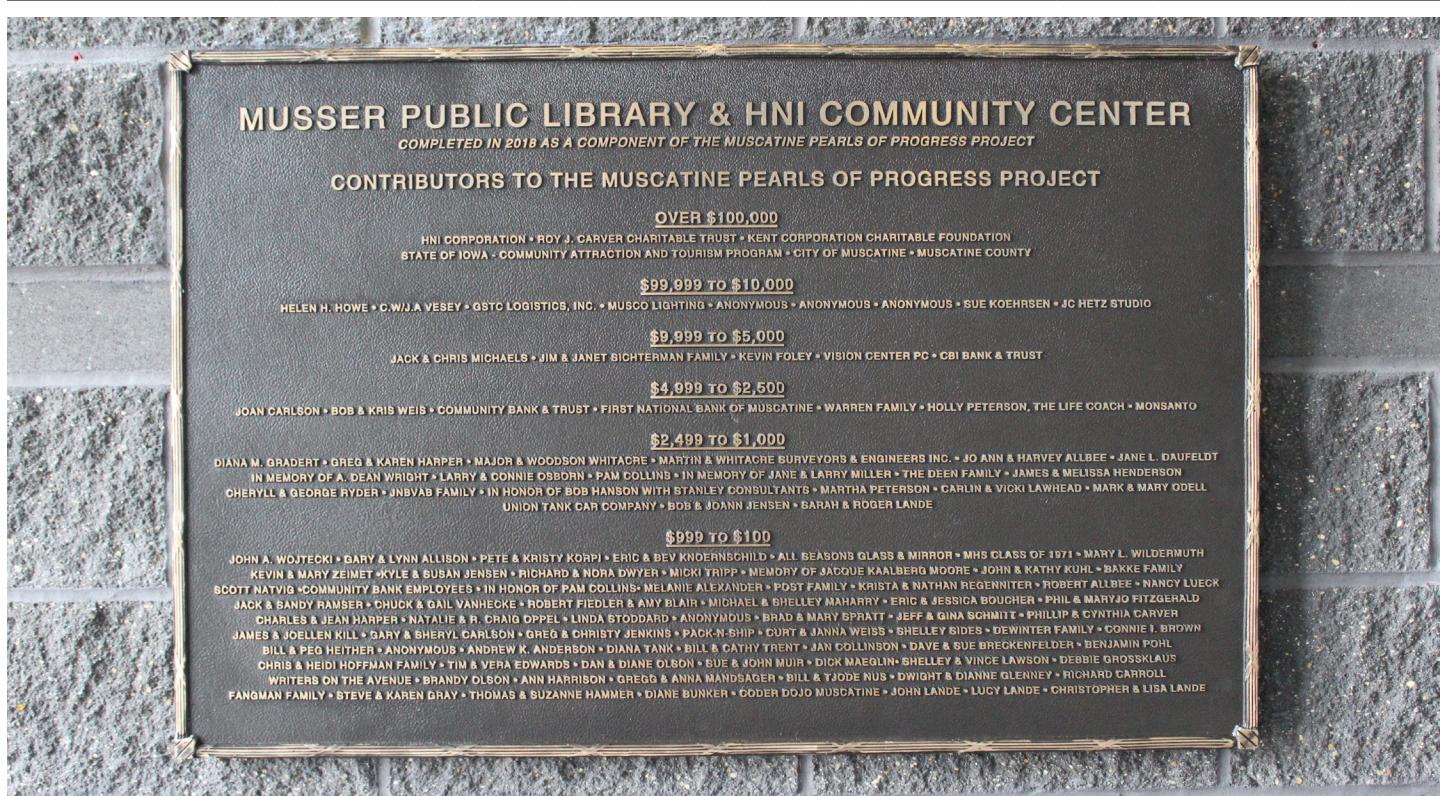
April Highlights

- Submitted required documentation for the Hershey Manor HVAC project reimbursement requests from the re-financed loan proceeds held by Grandbridge Financial.
- Prepared Budget Amendment #2 for FY23 and the required notice for public hearing.
- Submitted the second annual American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) report due April 30 (Finance Director).

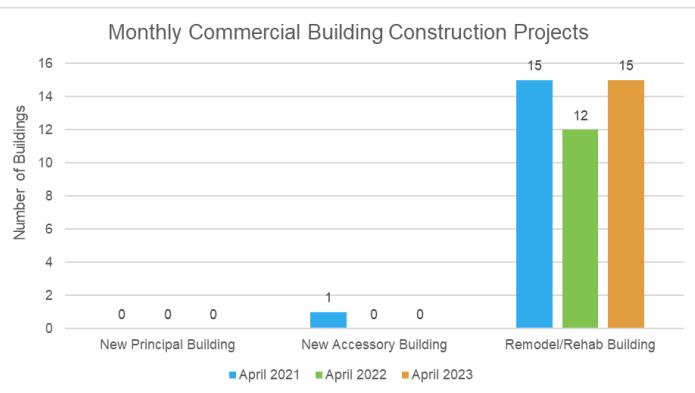
- Prepared and submitted all required payroll quarterly reports.
- Continued updating narrative and financial schedules to be included in the published budget
- Prepared the new sewer rate ordinance for City Council consideration based on the sewer rate study recently completed by Veenstra and Kimm.
- Prepared the new refuse collection rate ordinance for City Council consideration based on the budgeted residential rate amounts.

Summary of Activities	July 2022	August 2022	Sept. 2022	October 2022	Nov. 2022	Dec. 2022	January 2023	Feb. 2023	March 2023	April 2023	May 2023	June 2023
Accounts Payable Checks & ACH Payments	666	567	552	607	529	486	597	504	553	596		
Payroll Checks and Direct Deposits	883	848	1,174*	744	721	682	655	653	1,004*	732		
Accounts Receivable Invoices Sent	193	284	222	195	255	278	141	172	196	180		
Finance Cash Register Transactions	396	449	417	552	498	486	548	477	742	560		
Housing Receipt Transactions	194	217	211	183	186	194	191	216	215	197		
Purchase Orders Processed	270	322	256	230	240	259	246	228	248	217		

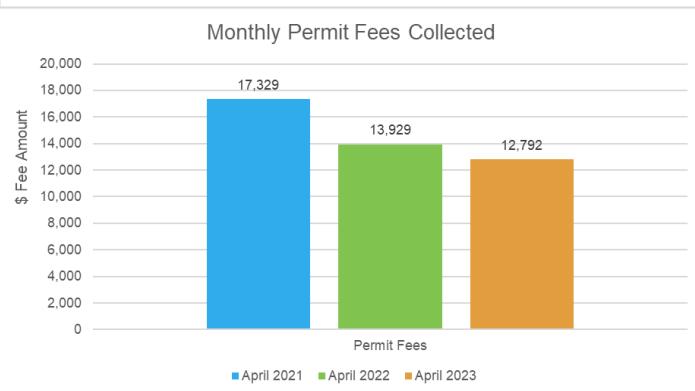
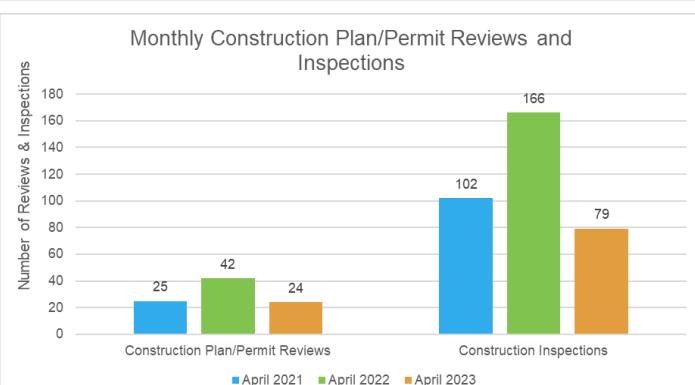
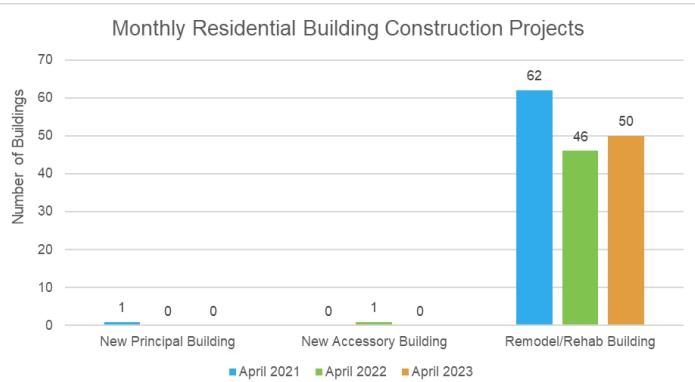
* Payroll checks and direct deposits for September 2022 & March 2023 included 3 payrolls.



Department of Community Development

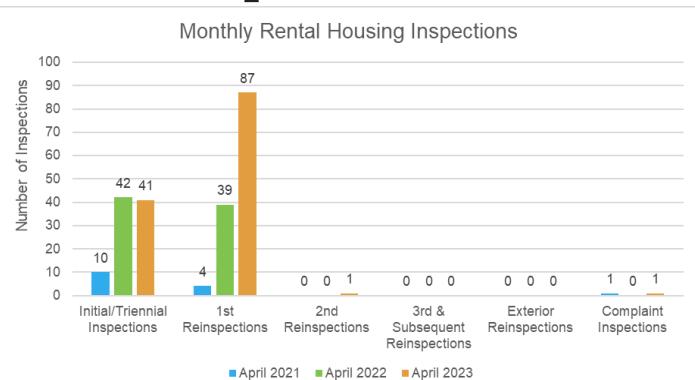


- Principal Building defined as the construction of new building on a previously vacant lot/parcel.
- Accessory Building defined as buildings constructed in addition to the principal building such as garages, storage buildings, shelters, etc.
- Remodel/Rehab defined as buildings undergoing any alterations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

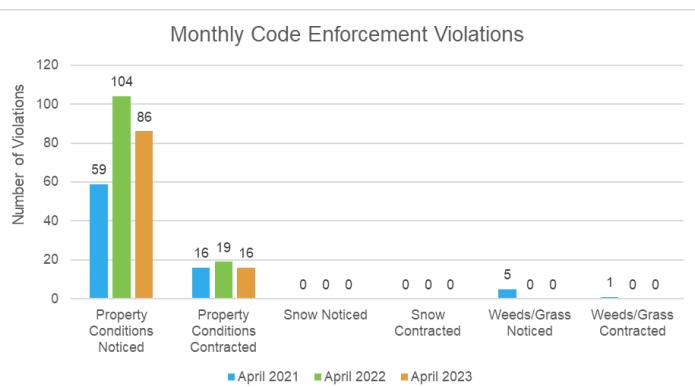


*2022 New Residential Valuation includes Mechanical Permit for Grandview Senior Loft Apartments – Building Permit was issued in June 2021

Department of Community Development



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

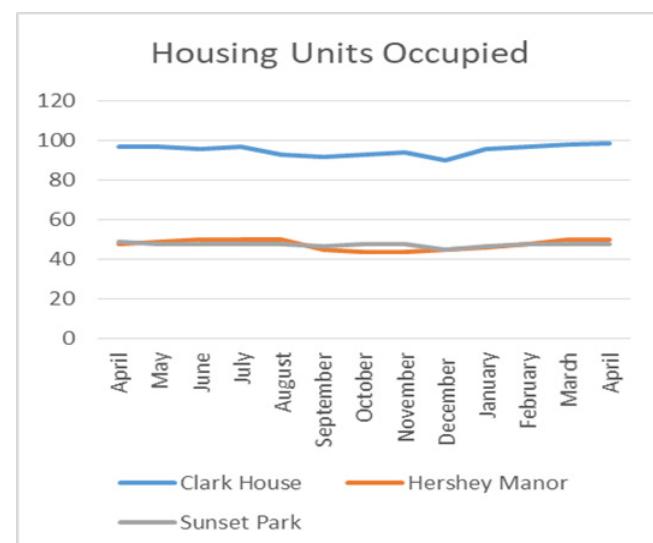


Department of Community Development

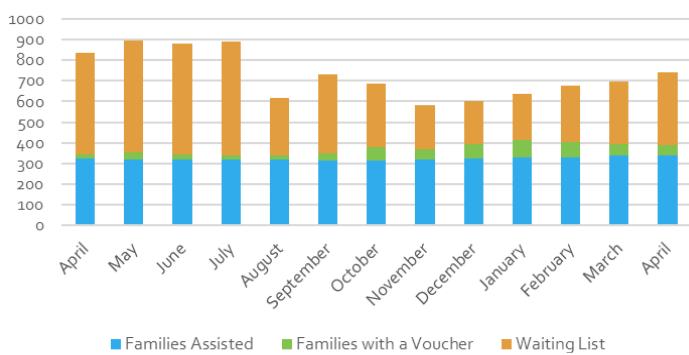
- Five additional property owners were sent notices of non-compliance with the Property Maintenance Code. A total of 27 notices have been sent. Six have been resolved or are actively working on repairs, and staff is working with legal counsel to issue the first citations.
- The Community Development Director was elected to be President of the Iowa Chapter of the National Association of Housing and Redevelopment Organization (NAHRO) effective October 8, 2023.
- Staff has continued to provide information on the Grandview Corridor Façade Grants to residents and service providers.
- The Historic Preservation Commission (HPC), in partnership with the County HPC, is planning to host a conference to help property owners understand how to use resources to fund rehab activities.

Muscatine Municipal Housing Agency

- 7 families began receiving rental assistance
- Thirty households attended 7 Housing Counseling classes, 6 in the first-time homebuyer course and 24 in Step Ahead, Renter Education.
- The Hershey Manor HVAC replacement is now 60% complete.
- We ended the month with 1 vacancy at Clark House and 2 at Sunset. Hershey Manor maintained a 100% occupancy rate. Overall occupancy is over 98%
- 92 work orders were received, with an average completion time of 1 days
- The new HVAC system was placed into operation for first floor residential units at Hershey Manor.
- Paid more than \$150,906 for housing and utility assistance on behalf of 338 families
- \$6,452 was deposited into escrow accounts for families working toward self-sufficiency
- Earned \$21,173 with a 91% proration of administrative fees



Rent Assistance Use & Demand



Department of Parks and Recreation

Park Administration Division

The main office is open to the public with regular office hours Monday - Friday 8 am to 5 pm. There continue to be many requests to hold special events on public property. The complete special event listing can be found at our website. If you wish to hold a special event within the parks system, please contact our office at 563-263-0241 or by email at parksoffice@muscatineiowa.gov. Please enjoy the many services provided through the Parks and Recreation Department and contact us to let us know about your experiences as we love to hear from you!

Subject	Result
Pearl City Station	9 Reservations in April 2023
Riverview Center	3 Reservations in April 2023
Dog Park Passes	68 Passes Sold in 2023

Park Maintenance Division

With spring comes mowing in all of our parks and weed control in all of our landscape beds. Storm cleanup was completed after our last snow storm which caused damage to several trees. 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. Vision Center donated and planted 25 hackberry saplings planted in air pots at the Weed Park Greenhouse. Sand volleyball nets were installed for use. Flood preparations have begun. Riverview Center and Pearl City Station will be closed and sandbagged and the trail system will be closed

Subject	Result
Seasonal Employees	16 Seasonal Employees Recruited

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 started throughout the Cemetery.

Subject	Result
Burials	18 Burials Took Place
Burial Spaces	2 Burial Spaces Sold

Boat Harbor/Marina Divisions

The latest flood prediction report shows moderate to major flooding expected this Spring. Staff is adjusting docks daily with the rising river levels. Long Dock and Houseboat Dock boat slips are available for rent for the 2023 season. Please contact the parks and recreation office for more information or to make arrangements. The Marina has gas and diesel for sale and has a pump out station for boater's convenience. 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)	8 Rented for 2023
Houseboat Dock Slips (8 Available)	1 Rented for 2023

Recreation Division

Youth and adult recreation programs and special events continue to be offered. Current programs taking place include Youth Gymnastics, Adult Volleyball Leagues and the Walking Club. The 2023 Summer Brochure is being distributed around the community and is available to view on the City website. Summer program registration is underway. The Easter Egg Hunt had 370 participants. The Melon City Bike Rodeo is scheduled for May 12.

Subject	Result
Youth Program Participation	822 participation occurrences in April
Adult Program Participation	552 participation occurrences in April

Department of Parks and Recreation

Aquatics Division

Staff recruitment has begun and previous employees received information to apply for the 2023 season. The Shallow Area Play Structure crawl tube and slide are scheduled to be replaced this spring. The Aquatic Center will open on May 27th for the season.

Subject	Result
Lifeguards	26 Lifeguards hired
Pool Party Reservations	40 Pool Parties Booked
Swim Lesson Enrollment	149 Swim Lesson Registrations

Wellness Division

The City employee wellness programs continue to be offered through the virtual Wellness Center. The Fitness Reimbursement program continues throughout the year. Staff is collecting survey responses from employees and establishing a Wellness Committee in an effort to reorganize the Wellness program mix.

Subject	Result
Participation	7 occurrences in April

Kent Stein Division

Kent Stein Park opened the last week in March. Staff has been adding ag lime to infield dirt areas, leveling infields, fixing fence issues, and changing damaged bases. Water to the restrooms at both east and west concession areas have been fully operational. We have received our new infield groomer and have been using it in our daily preparations. Practices and games are now underway for the local organizations during the week. There were three scheduled tournaments for the month of April. The Lady Hitmen Organization was able to hold their entire event with 28 teams. Unfortunately, the Monsters Tournament and TBT Sports Tournament had to cancel half of their events due to mother nature.

Soccer Complex Division

The soccer complex facilities opened the weekend of April 1st. The robotic painter arrived and staff were trained on how to operate the equipment. Both sprinkler systems have been energized and operational. We continue to train new staff on onsite supervisor positions and are still looking for more. Staff continues to maintain fields with seeding thin areas and fertilizing all fields. Games are now underway at the main complex for the following groups: Community YMCA, Pearl City Soccer Club, Muscatine Soccer Club, EIYSL, ISA, and both Pearl City Soccer Club and Muscatine Soccer Club adult leagues. Groups have also started their spring practices at the Soccer West facility and schedules are posted daily at the kiosk to allow for drop in usage.

Golf Divisions

The golf course had a nice month as we saw stretches of nice weather. 2 Leagues started up in the Month of April. Staff continues to be trained on customer service and cash handling expectations. The new simulator was taken down and put into storage. The old simulator was listed as surplus and the auction will last into May. Greens, tees, fairways and rough all had spring fertilizer with weed control applied. All winter debris was removed from the course. New ball washers were installed.

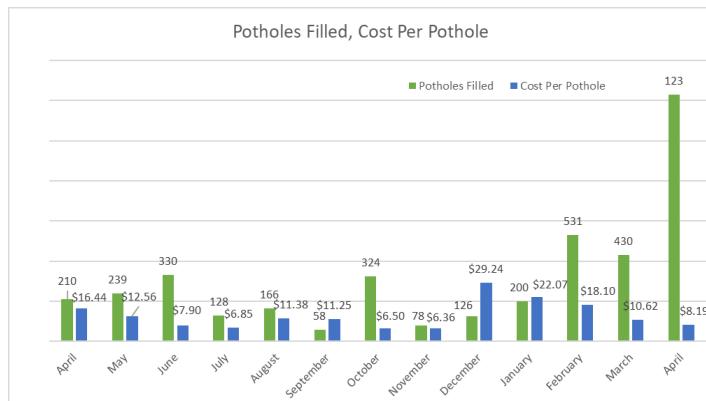
Subject	Result
Outings	16 Outings Scheduled for 2023
Leagues	6 Leagues Scheduled for 2023
Season Passes	185 Season Passes Sold for 2023
Simulator Usage Hours / Dollars Generated	2,197 Rounds Played

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.

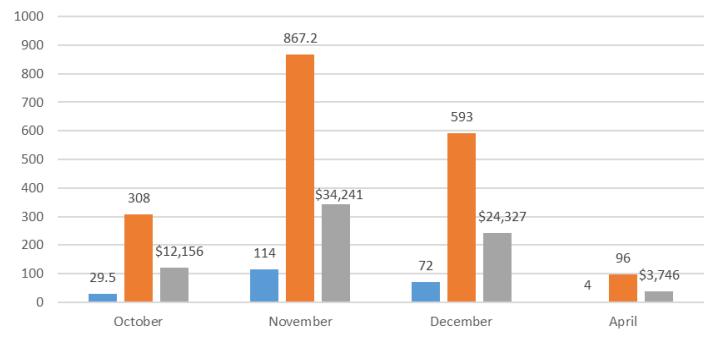
Roadway Maintenance Division April 2023:

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. Beginning in April of 2022, we began tracking pavement repairs separately from potholes. This has lowered the pothole numbers as many of them were previously counted in larger pavement patches.

Curbside Leaf Collection 2022-23

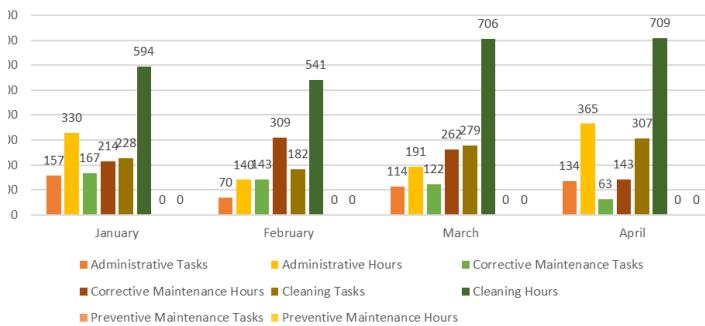


This chart indicates the number of leaf loads collected and the hours of work and cost associated with the curbside leaf collection program. One leaf box load is approximately 20 cubic yards of compacted leaves.

Building and Grounds Activities April 2023:

The Buildings and Grounds Division of the Public Works Department is responsible for the upkeep and repair of city facilities, grounds, and equipment. The division is responsible for maintaining the following facilities and grounds: Art Center, City Hall, Library, Public Safety Building, Public Works, South Fire Station, and certain maintenance functions at the Airport.

Monthly Work Summary

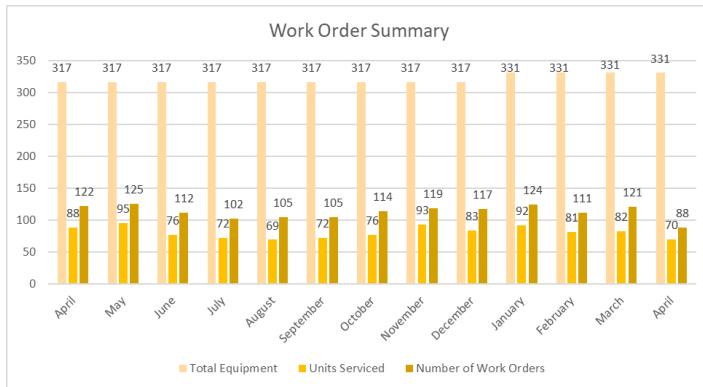


This chart indicates the number of work activities and the hours committed to them per month. Administrative tasks include ordering equipment and materials, requesting and receiving bids and quotes for work or supplies, project oversight, delivery of building supplies, training and paid time off. Corrective maintenance tasks are unscheduled repairs or work done on as-needed or emergency basis. Preventive maintenance tasks include routine, scheduled maintenance items and building cleaning and janitorial services.

Department of Public Works

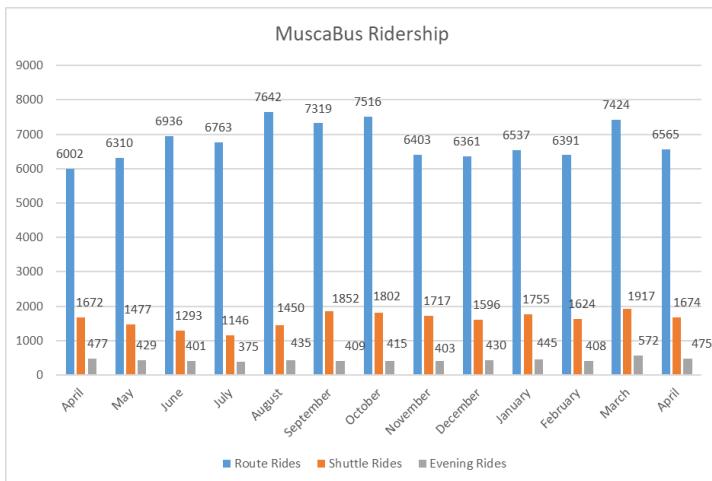
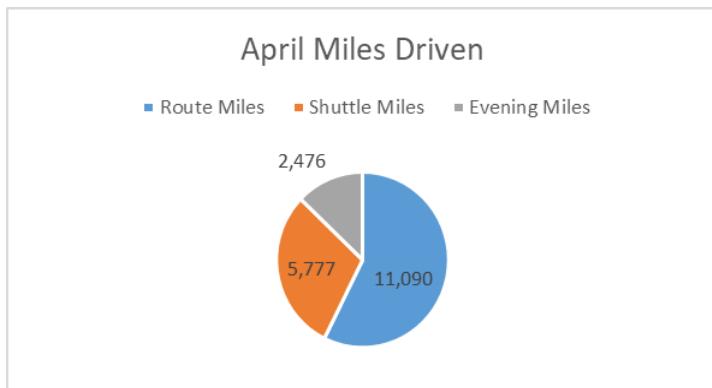
Vehicle Maintenance Division April 2023:

The Vehicle Maintenance Division services and repairs approximately 331 pieces of equipment and vehicles from all city departments with the exception of the fire trucks and ambulances.



Transit Summary of Operations for April 2023:

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

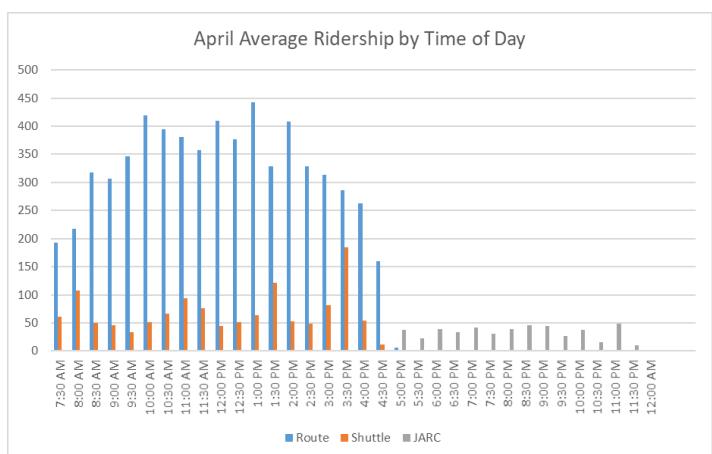
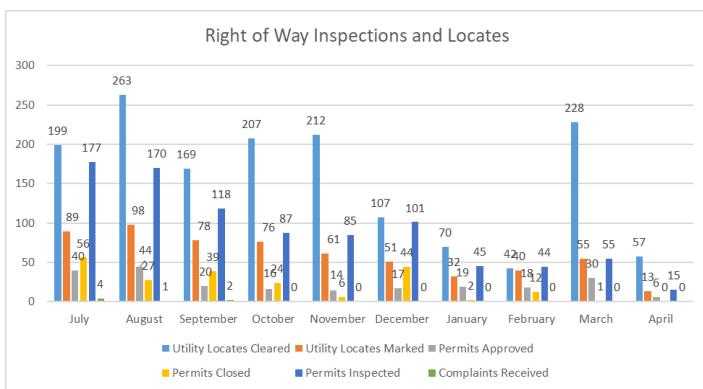


Engineering Division April 2023:

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

Project Name	Project Start	Percent Complete	Project Notes
67th Street Sidewalk	September 2022	100%	Project Complete
Grandview Reconstruction	May 2021	97%	Sidewalks
West Hill Sewer Separation Phase 5	April 2021	70%	Sewer on Climer and Lucas
Park Avenue 4 to 3 lane	March 2021	99%	Punch List
2nd Street Streetscape	March 2021	99%	Punch List

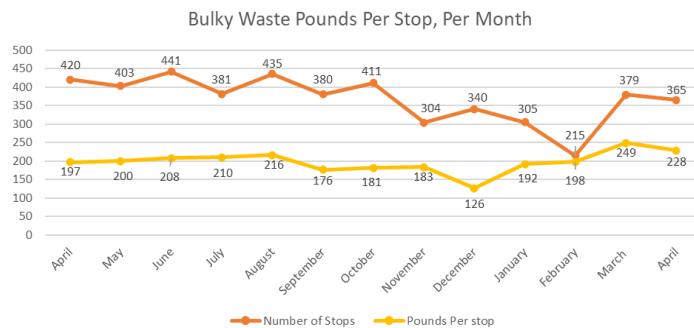
The following chart describes the monthly activities of the Right of Way Inspector:



Department of Public Works

Solid Waste Division Report April 2023:

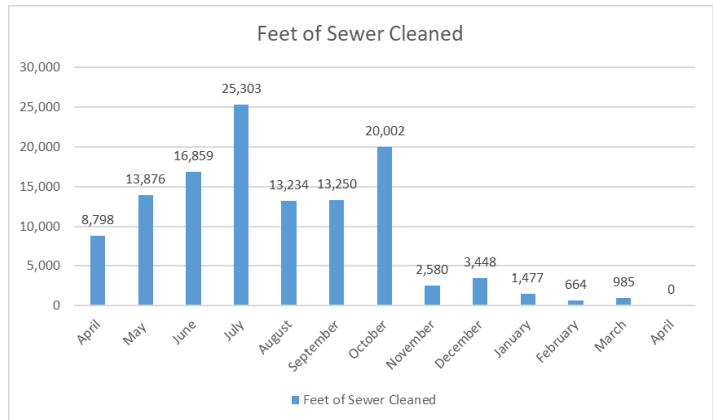
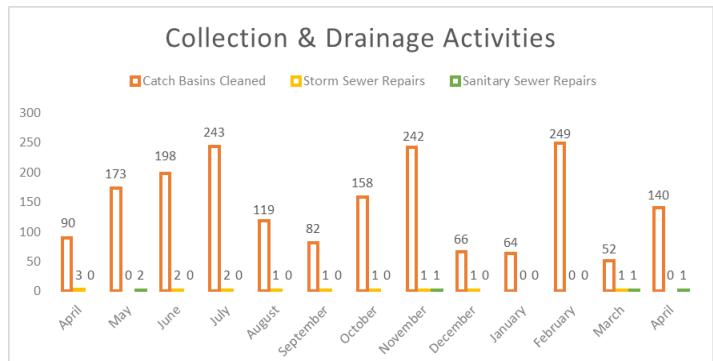
The Solid Waste Division consists of activities related to refuse collection, transfer station, compost site, and landfill, as well as overseeing the contracted recycling collection. Of special note this month was the replacement of the Transfer Station tipping floor.



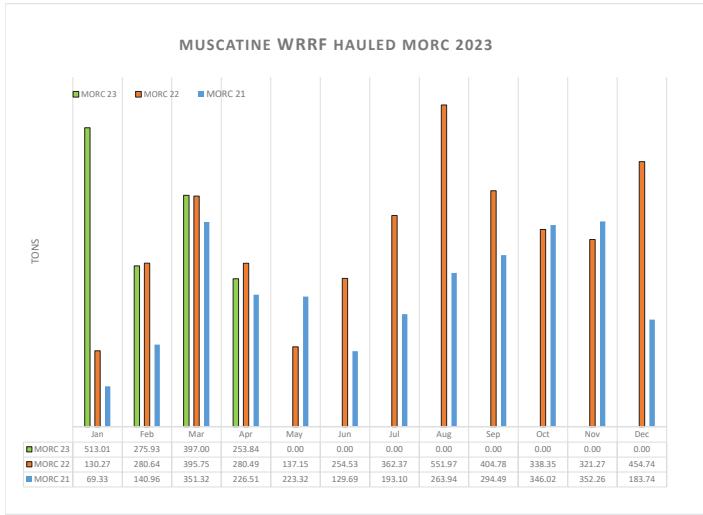
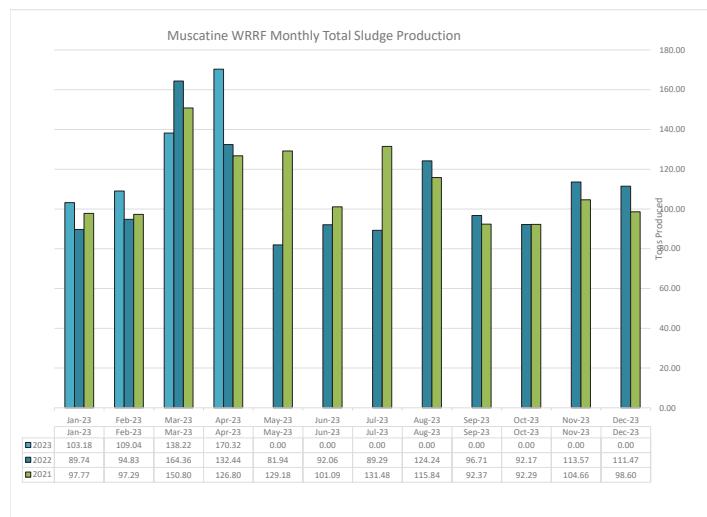
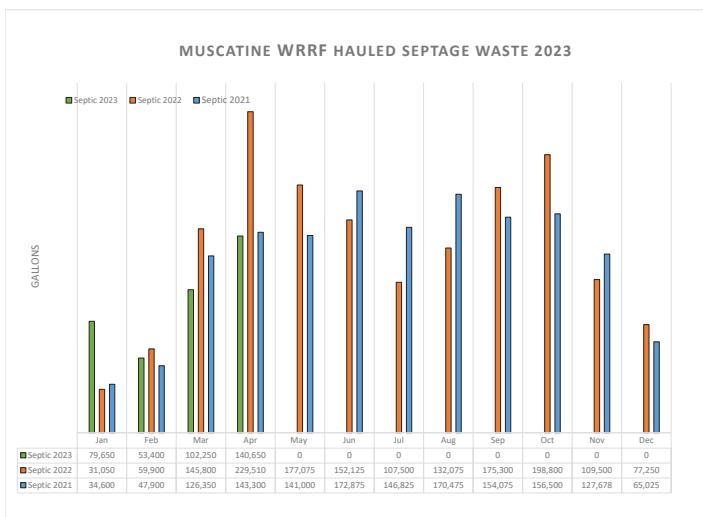
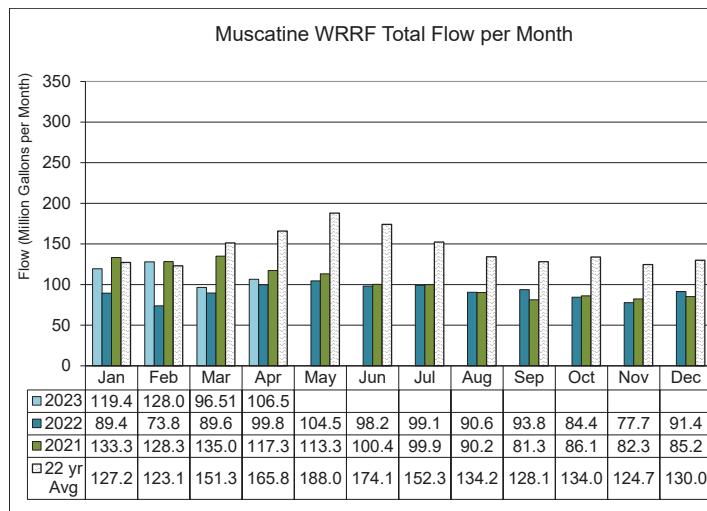
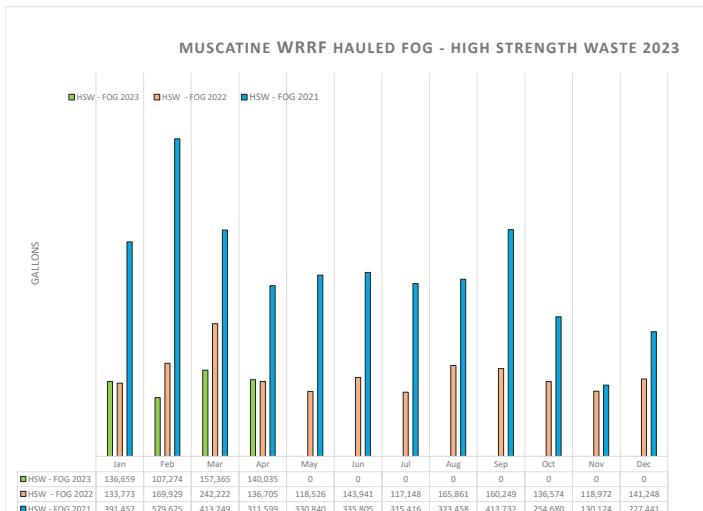
This chart shows the amount of solid waste collected curbside (in tons) as well as the amount of material dropped off at the Transfer Station (per item). Dropped off items include: electronics, appliances, tires, household hazardous waste and recyclables. Also included is the average number of customers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

Collection & Drainage Division April 2023:

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.



Water Pollution Control Plant



Public Safety / Muscatine Fire Department



Fire Department December Report

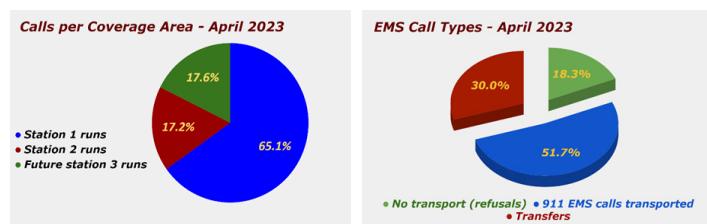
By: Fire Chief Jerry Ewers

April 2023 Highlights

- Four new firefighters completed their four-week academy and have been assigned to shift
- Two members have completed Emergency Vehicle Operator Course train-the-trainer and will begin presenting the class to all department members – Capt. Summitt and Lt McSorley
- Our training ground development using shipping containers is moving along, with some expert help from Hoffmann, Inc.
- MFD participated in Operation Prom, we are a partner in the presentation of a motivating scenario meant to help young people make good choices on prom night
- The first 'Stop the Bleed' training event was held. There has been overwhelming support for this training. Spots fill up fast and we have started waiting lists!

Staff Updates & Kudos

- Two of our staff who are assisting with our recruitment and retention efforts have begun to provide social media updates via Facebook and will soon be adding video content to highlight our staff and operations – Thank you FF Chelf and FF Janssen



Public Safety / Muscatine Fire Department

Demand for Services / Response Activity

	Avg. Per Day	Monthly Totals	YTD Totals
Fire Responses	1.87	56	213
911 EMS Responses	10.4	313	1182
Out of Town Transfers	3.77	113	461
Local Transfers	0.4	13	53
Total Responses	16.5	495	1909
	Avg. Per Day	Monthly Totals	YTD Totals
Urban Response Time - Goal - 90% within 9 min or less		92.4%	93.2%
Rural Response Time - Goal - 90% within 15 min or less		95.8%	95.8%

Staff Training

Type	Monthly	YTD
Recruit /Probationary	670	778
Fire Suppression	187	1227
EMS / Medical Related	179	623
Technical/Rescue	40	98
Driver/Operator	61	235
Professional Development/Leadership	20	438
Paramedic Program	320	1120
Totals	1,477	4,519

Vehicle & Equipment Maintenance

	Monthly	YTD
Fire Vehicle Miles Driven	3,677	12,124
Ambulance Miles Driven	12,636	50,420
Total Miles Driven	16,313	62,544
Work Orders Completed (PPE,Vehicles,Equip.)	57	178
Gallons of Diesel Fuel Dispensed	375	1,602
Gallons of Gasoline Dispensed	1,511	6,352
Total Gallons of Fuel Dispensed	1,886	7,954

Prevention, Education and Outreach

	Month	YTD		Month	YTD
Fire Inspections	1	71	Plan Reviews/Site Visits	22	55
Fire Reinspections	9	39	Fire Investigations	7	21
Educational Events	5	15	Permits Issued	259	552

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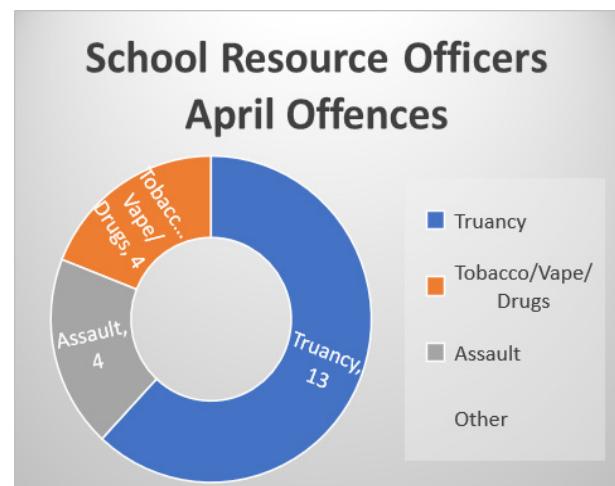
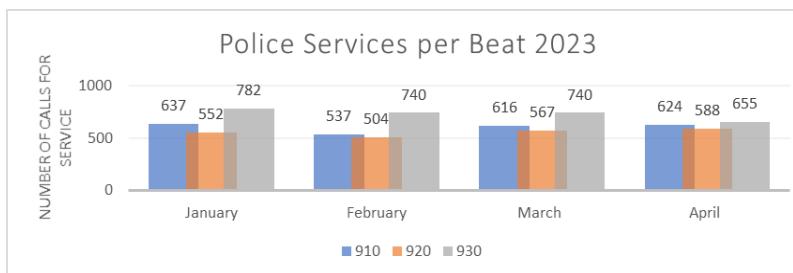
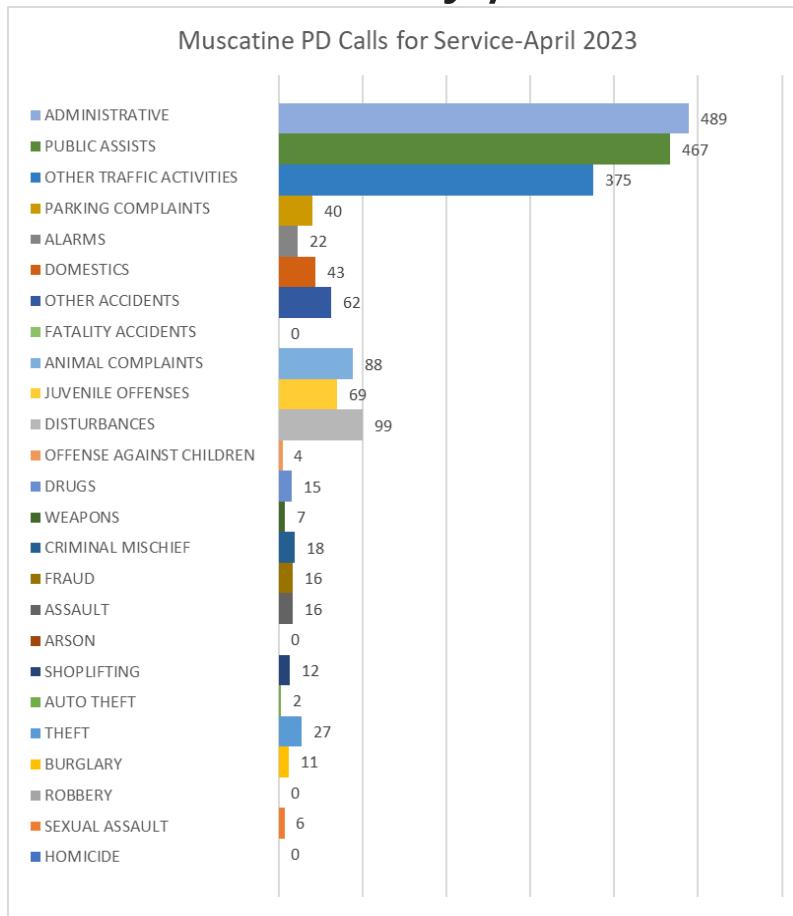


April Updates

- The Department, with the Mississippi Valley Child Protection Center, planted blue pinwheels to raise awareness for Child Abuse Prevention Month.
- The first ALL Female shift took to the street on April 6th!
- Capt. Jirak guided a building tour to home school children followed by a question and answer session.
- Officer Avis and Officer Staley graduated from the Iowa Law Enforcement Academy.
- SRO Shoultz collaborated with MCSD and UnityPoint to host "Operation:Prom", to discourage drinking and driving.
- Det. Roseman, Det. Arnaman, Sgt. DeVrieze, Det. Sink. And Officer Elliott assisted Bettendorf PD with executing a search warrant in Muscatine, locating a shooting suspect.
- Members from our department participated in an intense game of dodgeball with Jefferson Elementary students.
- Officer Middagh engaged neighborhood girls in conversation about being a female police officer, establishing a positive law enforcement interaction with young community members.
- SROs assisted with Prom and C.A.P.E, keeping our MHS Juniors and Seniors safe and happy during their celebrations.



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Musser Public Library

THE STORY OF APRIL 2023

PEOPLE LOVE WHAT WE DO AND WE LOVE SHARING THAT WITH YOU!

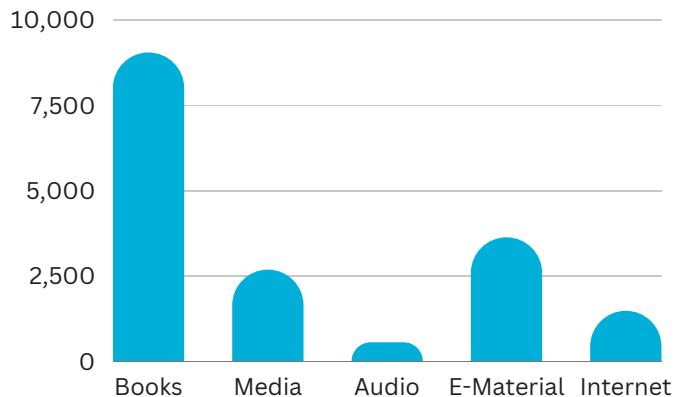
Musser Movies is one of our most popular programs on Channel 5.

We are celebrating the 100th movie! What I think makes Musser

Movies such a hit is the information Dan shares about each film with the viewers. Dan is very insightful and cultivates a wide range of movies from the public domain and shares little-known facts about the actors, directors and a bit of their personal story, which I think really adds a lot of interest in these hidden gems.

from a
Media Staff Member

This month, people checked almost 30,000 items in the library and online.



PEOPLE ASKED US A LOT OF QUESTIONS.

WE GREETED 9,905 PEOPLE THIS MONTH.

549 OF THEM USED OUR MEETING ROOMS AS GATHERING SPACES.

PEOPLE CAME TO OUR PROGRAMS FOR ALL AGES. WE HAD 56 PROGRAMS THIS MONTH!



WE ANSWERED 426 QUESTIONS THIS MONTH.

WE WORKED WITH OUR RIVERSHARE LIBRARIES TO GET 1,662 ITEMS TO OUR PATRONS.

AND WATCHED US ON TV.

43 new shows debuted
327 different shows aired
830 total programs
527 hours of programming
average program length:
40 minutes



PEOPLE VISITED US ONLINE, TOO.

OUR DATABASES WERE USED 9,784 TIMES.

WE HAD 7,262 VISITS TO OUR WEBSITE.

Our programming is paused for the month of May while we prepare for our busy summer of reading.

"Find Your Voice" is the Summer Reading theme!

April 2023 REPORT OF DEPARTMENT ACTIVITY

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@muscataineiowa.gov.

EXHIBITIONS

4th & 5th Grade STUDENT ART EXHIBIT

April 20 - May 21, 2023



Art Array 2023

On view at the Muscatine Art Center

March 17 - May 28

Artists

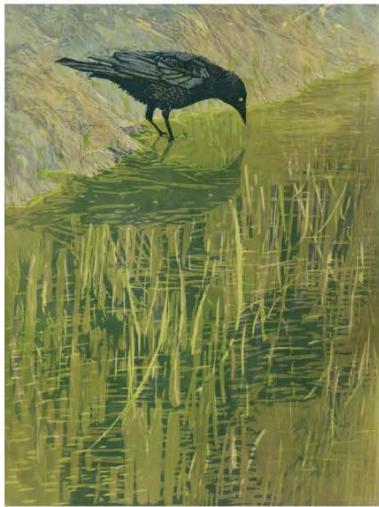


Carol Anthony
NeVada Baker
Joseph Barnard
Kent Broadbent
Cory Christiansen
Garth Conley
Duffy De France
Tracy Edens
Robin Edwards
Jim Elias

Laura Farahzad Mayer
Kay Flanders
Cara Fuller
Jim Houseman
Jon Lawrence
Rick Lodmell
Melissa Morse
Janet Rees
Peter Xiao

From Left To Right

Millie Whipplesmith Plank, *Am I Real?*
Barbara Bantien, *Dark-eyed Junco In Sweetgum*
John Miller, *Super Hero*



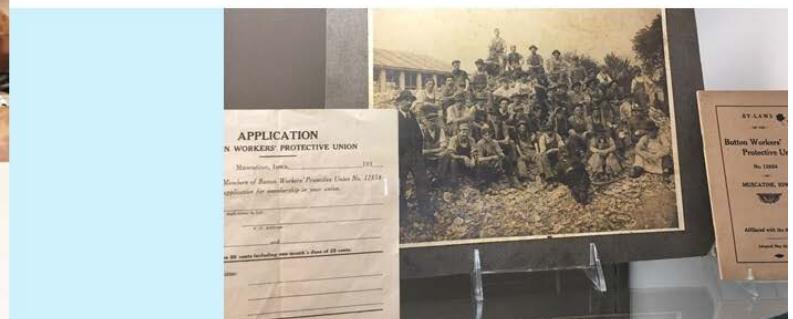
Birds in Art

47TH Annual Juried Exhibition
by the Leigh Yawkey Woodson Art Museum
June 1ST — September 10TH, 2023 in Muscatine



Muscatine's Pearl Button Industry

on view in the Local History Room
Historic House – Second Floor



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Iowa Watercolor Society Juried Exhibition

June 8 - July 30, 2023

Muscatine Art Center
Historic House
Free Admission
Muscatineartcenter.org
1314 Mulberry Avenue



House of Cards by Philip Laber



ON VIEW IN THE HISTORIC HOUSE
JUNE 3 - AUGUST 6, 2023



mini masters

UPCOMING CLASSES and ACTIVITIES

Free For Kids

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 most **Wednesdays from 9:30 - 10:15 a.m. and Thursdays from 3:30 - 4:15 p.m.** Classes are **FREE!** Call 563-263-8282 to register. The theme for May is "ROAR, Dinosaur!", and the theme for June is "Birds in Art".

Free Workshops for Kids

Origami with Miss Heather - Saturday, June 3, 1:30 - 3:00 p.m. (AGES 8+)

In this workshop with Miss Heather, learn some basic origami folds and browse the different projects available to try. No experience necessary. All supplies included.

Saul Steinberg Doodles - Saturday, June 17, 1:30 - 2:30 p.m. (AGES 6+)

Join Miss Julie to celebrate Romanian-American artist Saul Steinberg by drawing whimsical doodles and turning a paper bag into a mask. All supplies included.

Free Teen Workshop (ages 13 and up)

Tie-Dye It - Saturday, June 10, 1:30 - 3:30 p.m.

Spend your afternoon learning different types of tie-dye techniques. Bring a pre-washed plain black shirt and a pre-washed plain white shirt to dye. All other supplies included.

Free For Families

Take & Makes - "Outer Space Bags" available May 16 - 23

Stop by the Muscatine Art Center during open hours and grab a Take & Make bag with some supplies to make outer space themed projects. These bags are free to pick up while supplies last.

Kids Open Studio - Saturday, May 20, 1:30 - 3:00 p.m.

Let's get creative! Join Program Coordinator Katy in the studio for a Kids Open Studio! Kids and their families can drop in anytime between 1:30 and 3:00 p.m. on Saturday, May 20 to try their hands at different crafts and art projects provided. Registrations are not required for this free drop-in workshop. Projects appropriate for kids ages 4 - 14. On May 20, help us make tissue paper flowers for Almost Fiesta this June!

Fairytales Day @ West Hill Cakery - Tuesday, June 6, 10:00 - 2:00 p.m.

Hear ye! Hear ye! Join Muscatine Art Center Program Coordinator Katy at West Hill Cakery on June 6 for a fairytale fantasy day! Enjoy fairytale-themed crafts and activities from the Muscatine Art Center and plenty of fresh-baked sweets from West Hill Cakery. There is no registration for this free event.

Live Raptors with Muscatine County Conservation -

Saturday, June 17, 10:30 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.

In partnership with Muscatine County Conservation, join us in the Muscatine Art Center studio to learn about some raptors with naturalist Michelle Berns! Kids will get to see live birds and hear about their habitats and habits. Then, make an owl inspired craft to take home! There is no registration for this free event.

Adult Studio

Colored Pencil Blending with Heather Seibel - Thursday, May 25, 5:15 - 6:45 p.m.

Pleasant Valley School District art educator Heather Seibel leads this class where participants will learn how to blend colored pencils using solvents. This process enhances the vibrancy of colored pencils and allows for the application of layers, creating a drawing that looks more like a painting. This method works well for any subject matter. Come with an idea or reference of what you would like to draw and have fun experimenting! **Class fee is \$15 or \$13.50 for Friends Members.** No experience necessary. All supplies included.

All About Succulents with Bonnie Buel - Sunday, June 4, 1:30 - 3:00 p.m.

Island Floral owner, Bonnie Buel, will guide participants in an informal learning workshop about selecting and taking care of various types of succulents. Bring your own coffee cup-sized container, and you will be provided with a starter succulent and potting soil. Other full-sized succulents from Island Floral will be available for purchase. **Fee is \$3 for a small starter succulent.**

Red Barn Studio - Sunflower Earrings/Pendant - Sunday, June 11, 1:30 - 2:45 p.m.

Artist Vada Baker returns to the Muscatine Art Center with fresh new projects to usher in the spring! Vada gives step-by-step instructions on how to complete your earrings or pendant. Learn new techniques and have all your questions answered in this fun studio class you won't want to miss. Class fee is \$15 or \$13.50 for Friends members. All supplies included.