



City Administrator's Report

September 2023

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.



September Highlights

- Presented 39 agenda items for consideration by City Council during their regular meetings.
- Assisted in staff presentations to Council on City Wayfinding, dredge spoil dewatering operation, animal regulation changes, and an update on building codes.
- Responded to numerous citizen and City Council requests and concerns.

Human Resources Division

September Highlights

- The Human Resources Department received 213 applications for positions including accountant, library technician, office coordinator, parking meter attendant, librarian, landscape horticulturalist, and several seasonal position.
- All open positions are posted online and can be found at <http://www.muscatineiowa.gov/1598/Career-Center>.
- Onboarding was done for two full time and one part time employee. Human Resources staff participated in the interview process for fire fighter, ambulance attendant, and parking meter attendant.
- The compensation study is underway with an anticipated report to City Council during a November meeting.

Communications Division

September Highlights

- Continued monitoring use of Civic Clerk.
- Continued monitoring use of Muscatine Connect, powered by SeeClickFix.
- Assisted in the implementation of Municode and participated in training from CivicPlus.
- Produced and distributed 30 press releases to media and Notify Me subscribers.
- Created and published 164 posts on social media (62 Facebook, 46 Instagram, 52 Twitter, 2 LinkedIn, and 2 YouTube).
- Ended the month of September with 11,241 (+204 from end of August) followers on Facebook, 1,602 (+12) on Instagram, 1,524 (+7) on Twitter, 364 on LinkedIn (+16), and 470 (+7) on YouTube.



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.

Department of Administration

Finance/Parking Division

Summary of Activities	July 2023	August 2023	Sept. 2023	Oct 2023	Nov. 2023	Dec. 2023	Jan. 2024	Feb. 2024	March 2024	April 2024	May 2024	June 2024	Fiscal Year
Accounts Payable Checks & ACH Payments	692	583	583										1,275
Payroll Checks and Direct Deposits	863	835	1155*										2,853
Accounts Receivable Invoices Sent	155	262	292										709
Finance Cash Register Transactions	454	440	487										1,381
Housing Receipt Transactions	189	182	192										563
Purchase Orders Processed	286	322	267										875
*Payroll checks and diect deposits for September 2023 included 3 payrolls.													

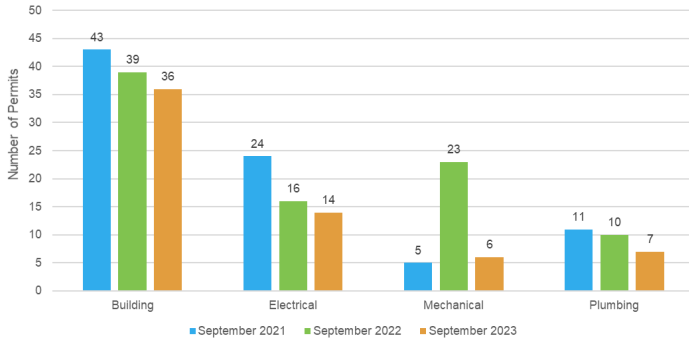
September Highlights

- Continued preparing City audit working papers.
- Auditors on-site September 18th - 20th, 2023; provided all information requested by the auditors.
- Prepared final annual financial statements for auditor review
- Continued preparing Hershey Manor audit working papers and financial report. Worked with auditors remotely for sample selections and submitted all documentation electronically for audit. Auditor on site for compliance review September 1.
- Completed interviews for both the vacant Accountant position and vacant Meter Attendant.

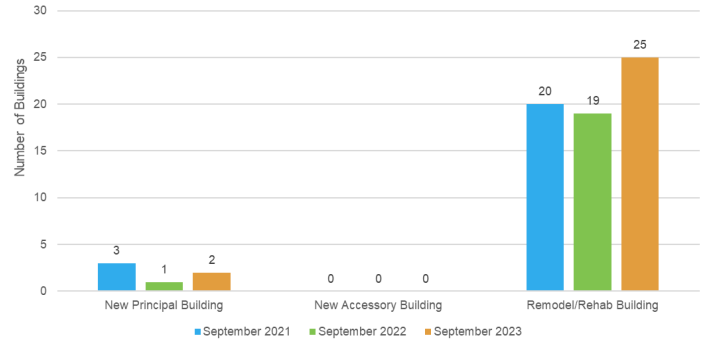


Department of Community Development

Permits Issued Monthly

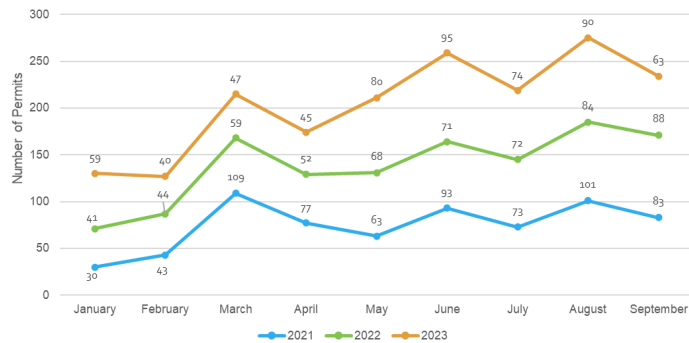


Monthly Commercial Building Construction Projects

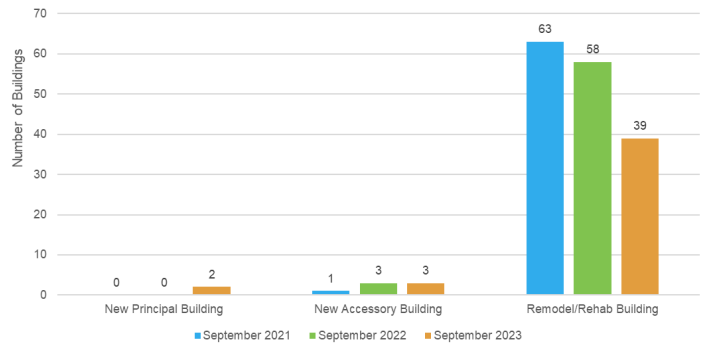


- Principal Building defined as the construction of new building on a previously vacant lot/parcel.
- Accessory Building defined as buildings constructed in addition to the principal building such as garages, storage buildings, shelters, etc.
- Remodel/Rehab defined as buildings undergoing any alterations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

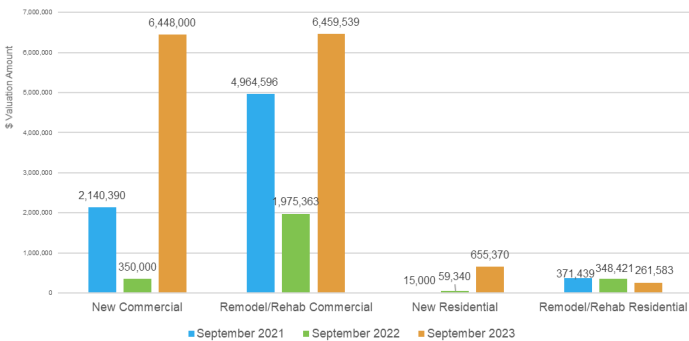
Permits Issued Per Month YTD



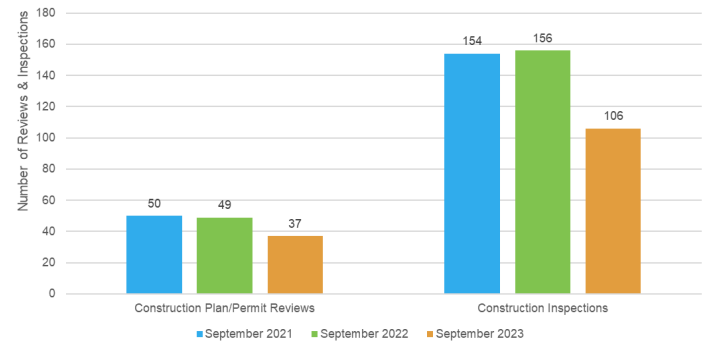
Monthly Residential Building Construction Projects



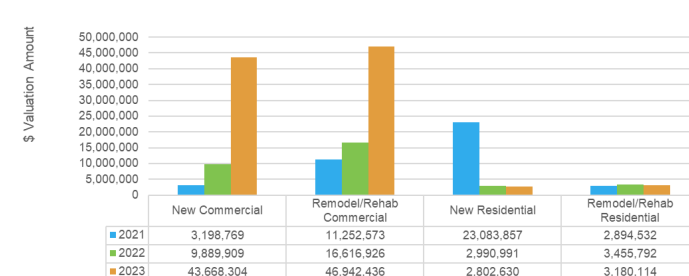
Monthly Construction Project Valuations



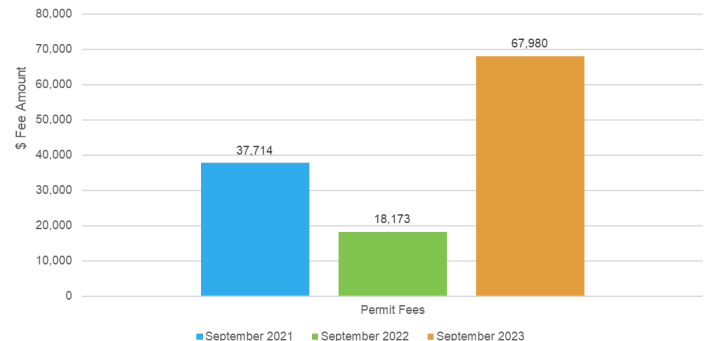
Monthly Construction Plan/Permit Reviews and Inspections



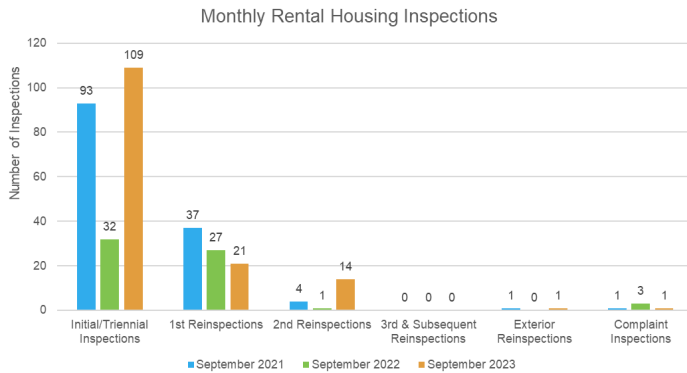
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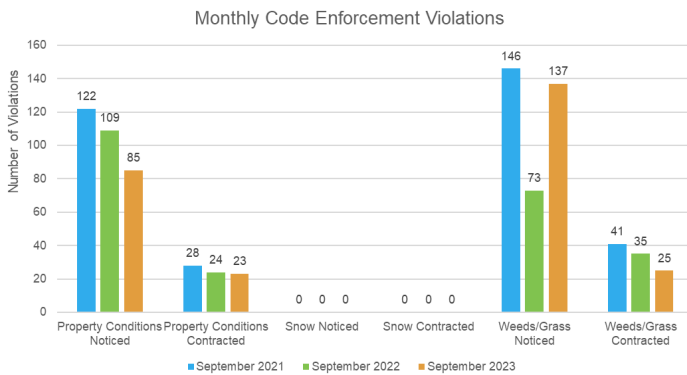
Monthly Permit Fees Collected



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.



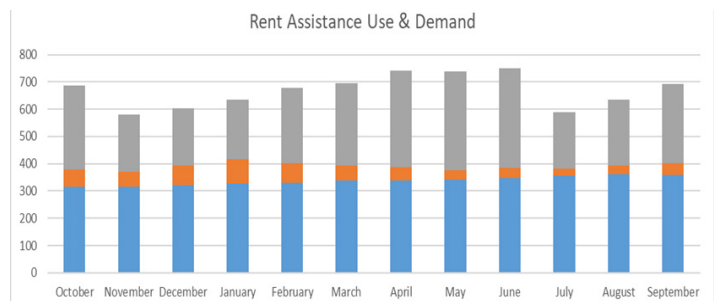
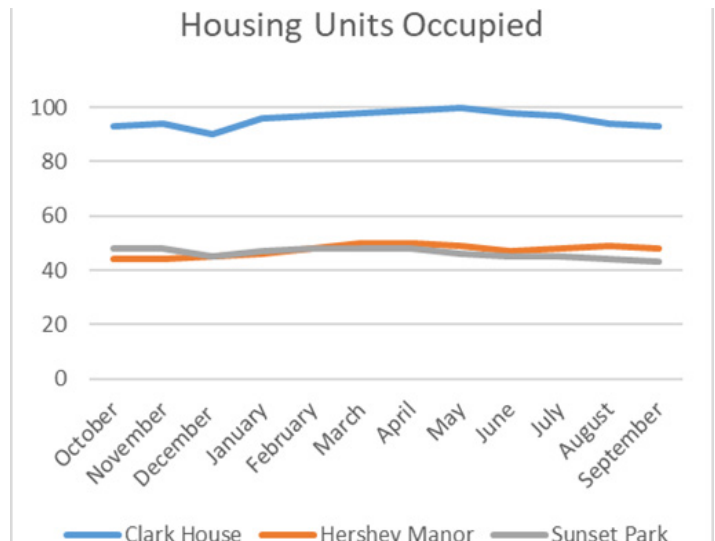
Department of Community Development

- Muscatine had the largest representation at the reception for the Thriving Communities hosted by the Iowa Finance Authority and the Community Development Director presented on what makes Muscatine a Thriving Community at the annual Iowa Housing Summit, along with the 10 other inaugural designees
- No structures were demolished in September, but staff continued to work through property maintenance notices.
- One surplus property was sold and requests for bids on two additional properties were released
- Six public engagement sessions were held to gather input for the Housing Market Analysis, and the online survey is open until October 15

Muscatine Municipal Housing Agency

- Housing staff and more than 800 of our best friends attended the "Housing is the Start", the annual, statewide housing conference hosted by the Iowa Finance Authority

- Eight families began receiving rental assistance, while 13 other families received a voucher to begin their housing search
- One family enrolled in the Family Self Sufficiency Program
- We had an overall occupancy of 92% for September.
- Currently working on 15 unit turnovers.
- Completed 86 work requests within 1.2 day of receipt.
- Paid more than \$153,232 for housing and utility assistance on behalf of 358 families
- \$7,936 was deposited into escrow accounts for families working toward self-sufficiency
- Earned \$24,033 with a 89.5% proration of administrative fees



Department of Parks and Recreation

Park Administration Division

The main office is open to the public with regular office hours Monday - Friday 8 a.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](#). 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	17 Reservations in September
Riverview Cente8	18 Reservations in September
Shelters	34 Reservations in September
Dog Park Passes	118 Dog Park Passes Sold in 2023

Park Maintenance Division

The month of September brought many special events to our park sites including: Food Truck Fight, Keep Muscatine Beautiful Almost Friday Fest, Barks and Brews Fest, Walk to End Alzheimer's, American Queen Voyage and a MHS cross country meet was held in Weed Park. HNI assisted in planting 22 trees through the Alliant Energy Branching Out Grant. Staff has also been working hard in closing down and winterizing the Muscatine Aquatic Center. The United Way Day of Caring took place on Wednesday, September 20, with many volunteers helping to mulch trees and plant beds in Weed Park. Riverfront buildings and shelters throughout our parks were very well utilized during the great weather in September. Staff began working on cleaning out the landscape beds throughout the parks in preparation for the upcoming winter season.

Subject	Result
Trees planted in 2023	30

Cemetery Division

Greenwood Cemetery remains open to the public for walkers, bicyclists and the community's cemetery needs. The Cemetery Steps are also open for public use. Staff continues to work on leveling gravesites, edging the roadways, and repairing foundations throughout the Cemetery. Staff also worked hard on preparing the grounds for the Cemetery Walk that took place on Sunday, September 24. Staff will be preparing for the Fall Cleanup week which will take place in October

Subject	Result
Cremains	0 burials in September
Full Casket	3 burials in September
County Assisted	0 burials in September
Grave Spaces	1 sold in September
Niche Spaces	0 sold in September

Boat Harbor/Marina Divisions

The Boat Harbor had a successful year of operations in 2023 with the help of low river levels throughout the season. The Marina Operations continued to provide fuel, oil, and pump out services to boaters throughout the month of September. The Marina Operations weekend hours continued through Labor Day weekend, and services were continued during the week through the end of September.

Subject	Result
Long Dock Slips (48 Available)	21 Rented for 2023
Houseboat Dock Slips (8 Available)	2 Rented for 2023

Recreation Division

Youth and adult recreation programs and special events continue to be offered. Current programs taking place include the Little Muskies Football, Sport Starters, Gymnastics and the Walking Club. The annual Walk or Ride Through History at Greenwood Cemetery was held on September 24 with 98 people in attendance. MuscaBus assisted with the event by providing two buses which allowed the event to be accessible to a wider group of citizens. The Fall Festival and Trunk or Treat will be held in October.

Subject	Result
Youth Program Participation	336 occurrences in September
Adult Program Participation	698 occurrences in September

Department of Parks and Recreation

Aquatics Division

The Aquatic Center closed for the season on September 4. The Shallow Area Play Structure crawl tube replacement is scheduled to be completed this fall.

Subject	Result
Lifeguards	31 Lifeguards hired
Pool Party Reservations	70 Pool Parties Booked
Swim Lesson Enrollment	367 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. The Wellness Committee will begin meeting this fall to review survey responses and discuss changes for the upcoming year. Flu Shots and Hearing Tests are in the process of being scheduled.

Subject	Result
Participation	3 occurrences in September

Kent Stein Division

Kent Stein Park hosted two one day softball tournaments in September. These tournaments were hosted by the local Monsters Softball Organization. The Saturday tournament had 28 teams and utilized 7 fields. The Sunday tournament had 27 teams and utilized 6 fields. During the regular week Kent Stein Park continues to host our local organizations: MYB (Muscatine Youth Baseball), MBA (Muscatine Baseball Academy), MGSA (Muscatine Girls Softball Association), Muskies Prospects softball, Monster's softball, Muscatine High School baseball, and adult softball (3 divisions- Men's, Women's, and Co-ed). Staff has started to change out light bulbs in both restrooms to LED bulbs. The west concession stand has been painted and the east restrooms will be completed as time allows. Fields were aerified and thin areas were seeded. We have filled some of the vacant seasonal positions but are still in need of a few more.

Soccer Complex Division

The soccer complex hosted two different tournaments the month of September. The first tournament was the SOMOS HNI Fiesta and they utilized 7 fields. The Muscatine Soccer Club hosted the second tournament and utilized 14 fields for 91 teams. The following groups had a combined total of 160 games in September: Pearl City Soccer Club (youth and adult leagues), Muscatine Soccer Club (youth and adult leagues), ILLOWA, Community Y and ISA. Staff continues to make improvements to the park to include: seeding, rolling and slicing fields, repairing divots, raising sprinkler heads for better playability and edging valve box lids for easier access when servicing the sprinklers. The soccer complex irrigation project has started and will take approximately 5 weeks. We have filled some of the vacant seasonal positions but are still in need of a few more.

Golf Divisions

The course hosted the Muskie Pride outing and the Special Olympics of Iowa golf outings in September, as well as a Musco employee outing. All but one of the weekly leagues wrapped up in September. As the season slows down, staff will begin to start planning for next season. Greens were core aerified and topdressed to relieve compaction and for water movement after a dry summer. The plugs were used around the golf course to fill holes. Tees were seeded with a bluegrass-ryegrass mixture. Par 3 tees and the driving range tee were closed for the month of September to let the new seed grow since they take the most abuse. Alternate tees were mowed so golfers could still play the par 3 holes and hit off of grass. Bunkers were edged to give them a nice appearance. Fairway aerification has started and will continue through October with the hope of relieving compaction from constant golf cart wear.

Subject	Result
Outings	18 Outings Scheduled for 2023
Leagues	6 Leagues Scheduled for 2023
Season Passes	203 Season Passes Sold for 2023
Rounds Played	3,417 rounds played in September

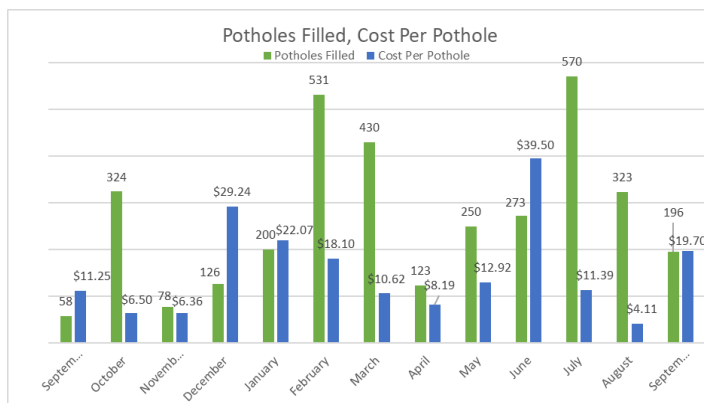
Department of Public Works

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.

grounds: Art Center, City Hall, Library, Public Safety Building, Public Works, South Fire Station, and certain maintenance functions at the Airport.

Roadway Maintenance Division September 2023:

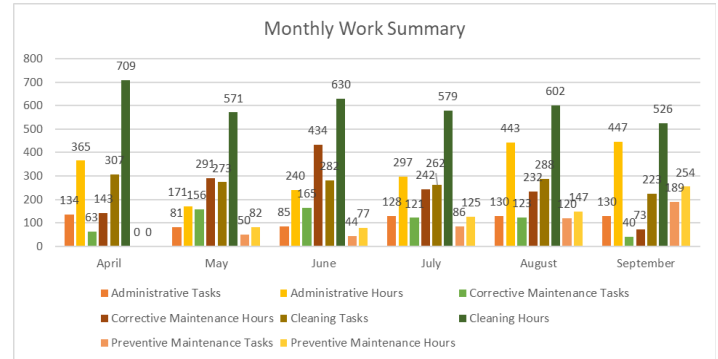
Roadway Maintenance includes activities related to street repairs, snow removal, traffic control, and street cleaning. They are responsible for over 254 lane miles of streets within the city limits.



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.

Building and Grounds Activities September 2023:

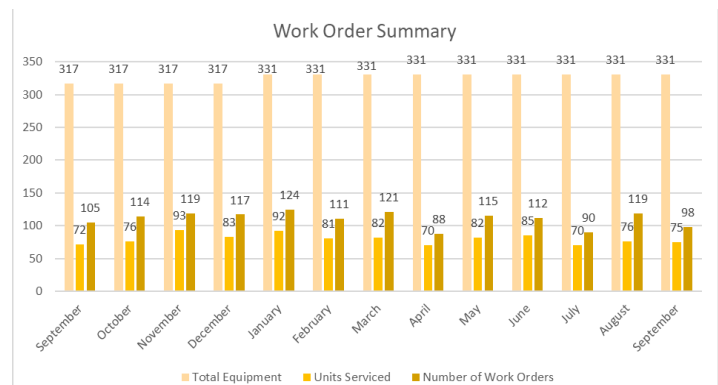
The Buildings and Grounds Division of the Public Works Department is responsible for the upkeep and repair of city facilities, grounds, and equipment. The division is responsible for maintaining the following facilities and



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. Cleaning includes building cleaning and janitorial services. This chart is being capped at six month intervals so that the numbers are legible.

Vehicle Maintenance Division September 2023:

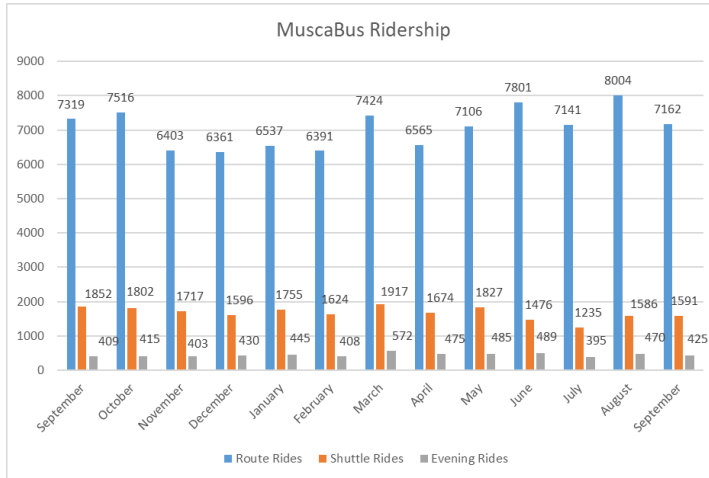
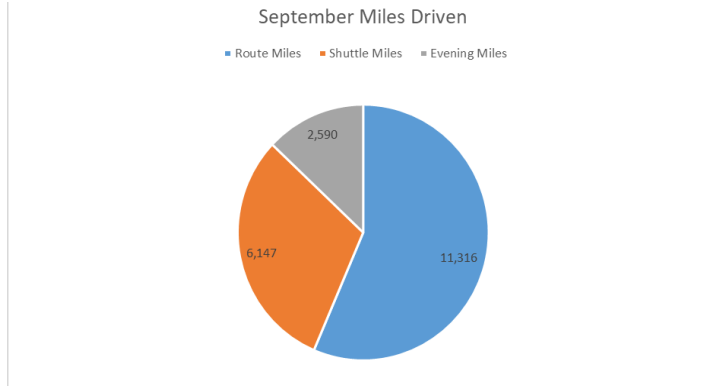
The Vehicle Maintenance Division services and repairs approximately 331 pieces of equipment and vehicles from all city departments with the exception of the fire trucks and ambulances.



Department of Public Works

Transit Summary of Operations for September 2023:

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

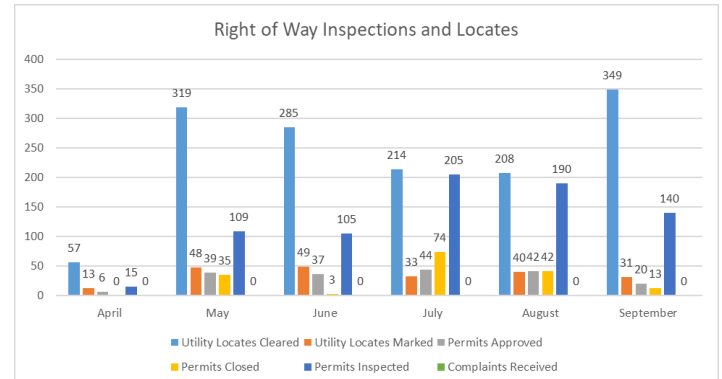


Engineering Division September 2023:

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

Project Name	Project Start	Percent Complete	Project Notes
Grandview Reconstruction	May 2021	99%	Seeding, Punch List
West Hill Sewer Separation Phase 5	April 2021	90%	Paving on Lucas
Park Avenue 4 to 3 lane	March 2021	99%	Punch List
Fulliam Reconstruction Phase 1	September 2023	99%	Punch List

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



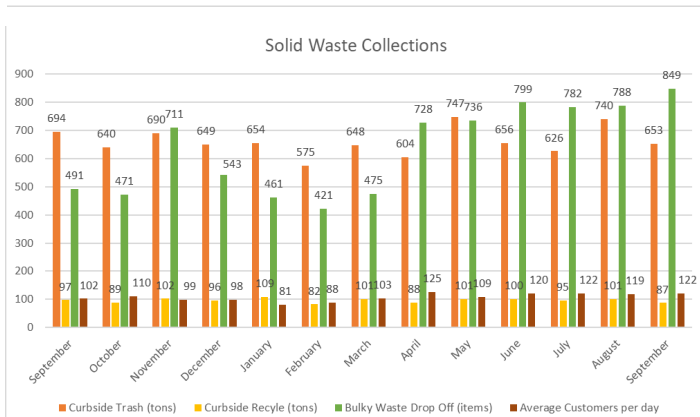
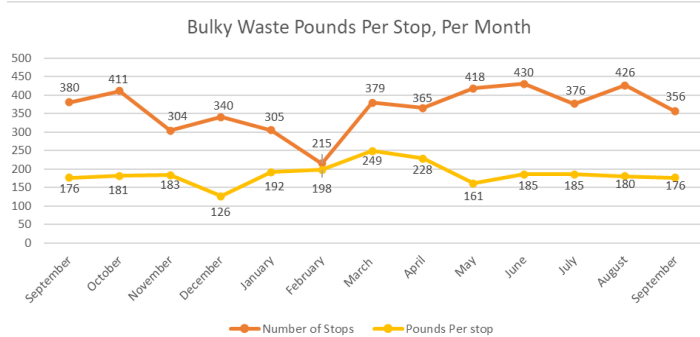
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Solid Waste Division Report September 2023:

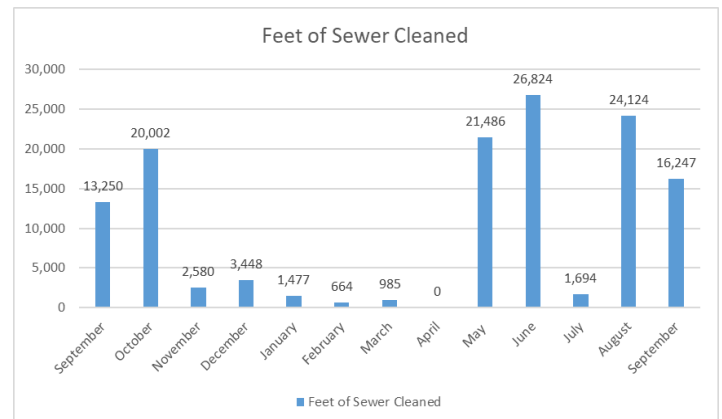
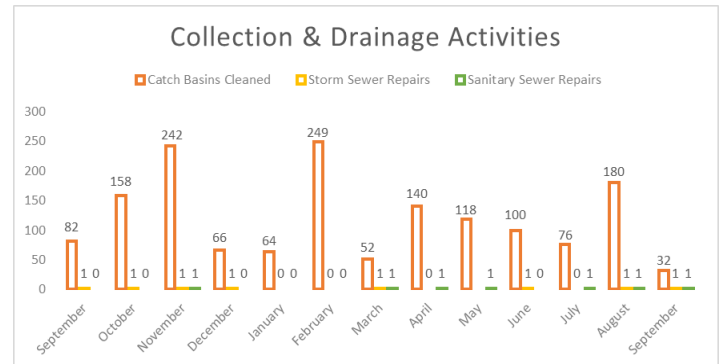
The Solid Waste Division consists of activities related to refuse collection, transfer station, compost site, and landfill, as well as overseeing the contracted recycling collection.



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.

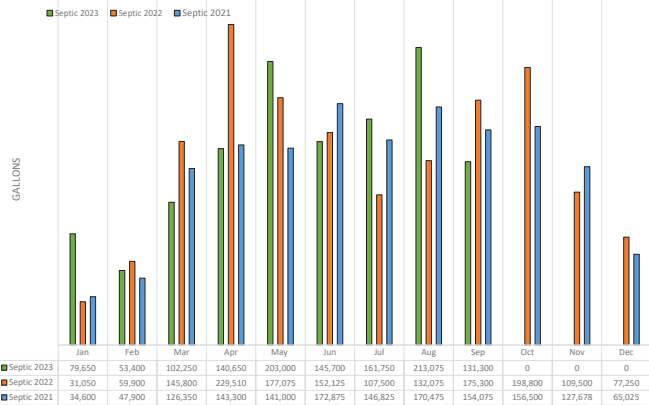
Collection & Drainage Division September 2023:

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.

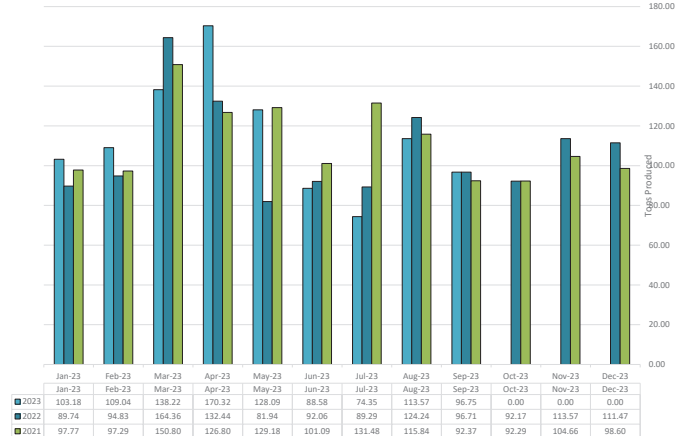


Water Pollution Control Plant

MUSCATINE WRRF HAULED SEPTAGE WASTE 2023



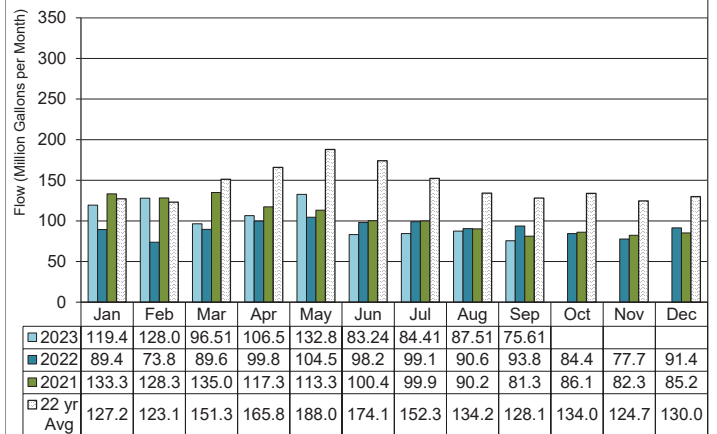
Muscatine WRRF Monthly Total Sludge Production



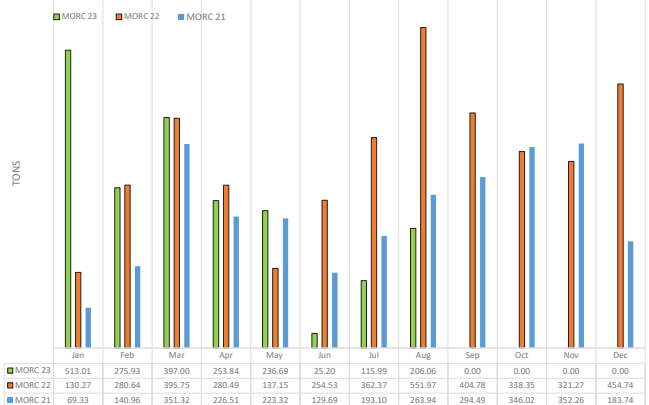
MUSCATINE WRRF HAULED FOG - HIGH STRENGTH WASTE 2023



Muscatine WRRF Total Flow per Month



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Public Safety / Muscatine Fire Department

September 2023 Highlights



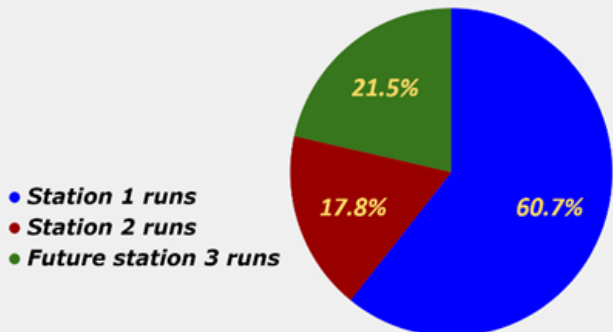
- Moment of Silence for 9/11 was held on September 11th at the PSB memorial site.
- Moment of Silence ceremony was held on September 14th at the PSB memorial site for observing the Line of Duty Death (LODD) of Firefighter Mike Kruse.
- The Public Safety 911 stair climb was held at the high school on September 11th.
- The Fire Department assisted the United Way with the "Day of Caring Smoke Detector Drive" in Muscatine on September 20th.
- MDA Boot Drive (Fill the Boot) was held the week of September 25th.



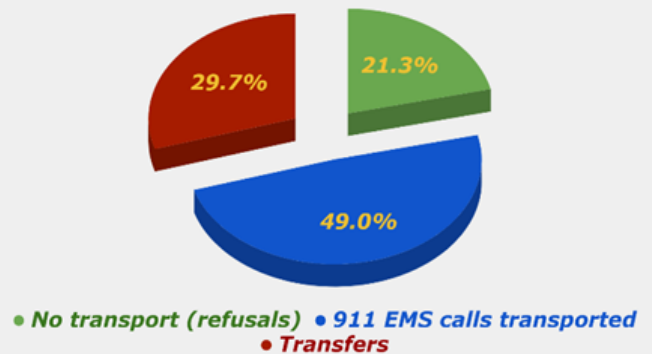
Staff Updates & Kudos

- Firefighter Carter Dewey and Carter Hendrix completed their 6 week recruit academy and a graduation ceremony was held at the PSB on September 15th.
- Two new firefighters, Connor Christiansen and Thomas Davis, were hired on September 25th.

Calls per Coverage Area - September 2023



EMS Call Types - September 2023



Public Safety / Muscatine Fire Department

Demand for Services / Response Activity

	September 2023	AVG. PER DAY	September 2022	AVG. PER DAY
Fire Responses	54	1.80	67	2.23
911 EMS Responses	315	10.50	283	9.43
Out of Town Transfers	112	3.73	132	4.40
Local Transfers	11	0.37	17	0.57
Total Responses	492	16.40	499	16.63
	September 2023		AUGUST 2022	
Urban Response Time - Goal - 90% within 9 min or less	91.0%		91.9%	
Rural Response Time - Goal - 90% within 15 min or less	96.3%		93.5%	

Staff Training

Type	September 2023	YTD
Recruit /Probationary	8.33	932.68
Fire Suppression	398.05	2,675.10
EMS / Medical Related	185	1,527.25
Technical/Rescue	203.5	305.80
Driver/Operator	2	474.30
Professional Development/Leadership	56	746.60
Paramedic Program	256	1,864
Totals	1,108.88	8,525.73

Vehicle & Equipment Maintenance

	September 2023	YTD
Fire Vehicle Miles Driven	2,606	24,179
Ambulance Miles Driven	11,176	112,044
Total Miles Driven	13,782	136,223
Gallons of Diesel Fuel Dispensed	454	3,900.10
Gallons of Gasoline Dispensed	1,477	14,053.20
Total Gallons of Fuel Dispensed	1,931	17,953.30
Work Orders Completed (PPE, Vehicles, Equip.)	38	194

Prevention, Education and Outreach

	SEPT 23	YTD		SEPT 23	YTD
Fire Inspections	22	216	Plan Reviews/Site Visits	15	226
Fire Reinspections	15	107	Fire Investigations	2	49
Educational Events	4	48	Permits Issued	26	968

Public Safety / Muscatine Police Department

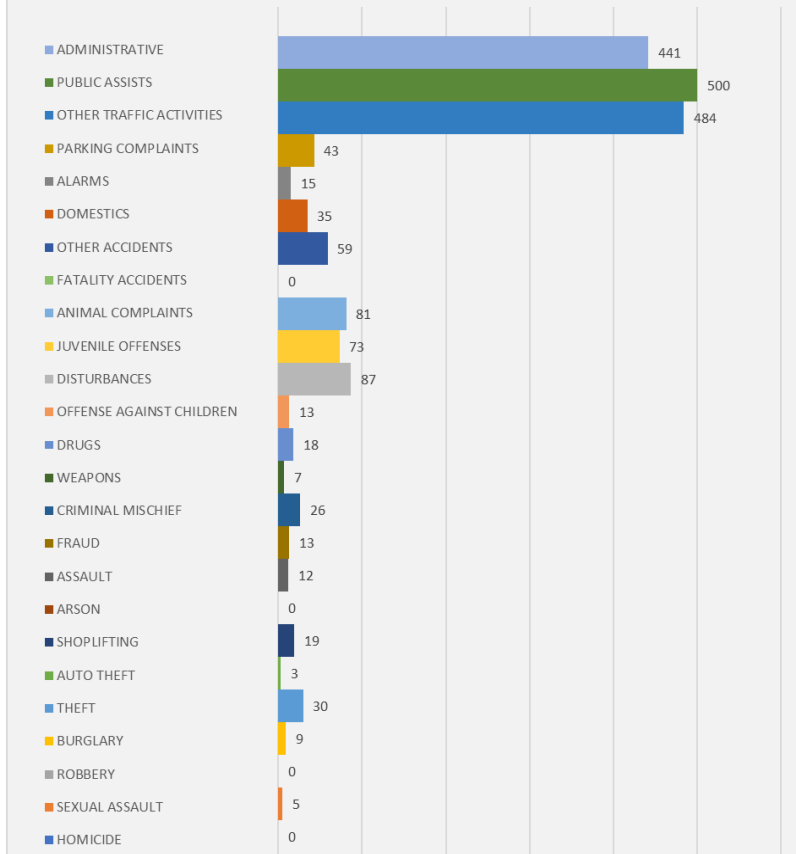
September 2023 Updates

- Officer Pena shared some great bus safety information on Facebook.
- Officer Reddick helped a vehicle owner from incurring towing fees by pushing their disabled vehicle from the roadway. Much appreciated!
- We celebrated our women in blue for National Police Women's Day.
- Lt. Hesseling lead 7 Run-Hide-Fight presentations to almost 500 employees of SSAB and GPC.
- Officer Demitri Wheeler was promoted to rank of Corporal. Congrats!!
- Coffee with a Cop was held at All American Diner.
- The Department sent officers to mourn the loss of Algona Officer Kevin Cram who was killed in the line of duty.
- Capt. Jirak, Officer S. Wheeler and Fergus completed Peer Support Team Certification.
- ACO Courtney Patel orchestrated the rescue of a cat from the condemned Welsch Apartment Building.
- Members of MPD participated with MFD in the Memorial Stair Climb to commemorate 9/11.
- SROs helped out with MHS Homecoming festivities.
- Cpl. Wheeler received citizen praised for professionalism when dealing with a subject who's tire fell off their vehicle. Keep up the good work!

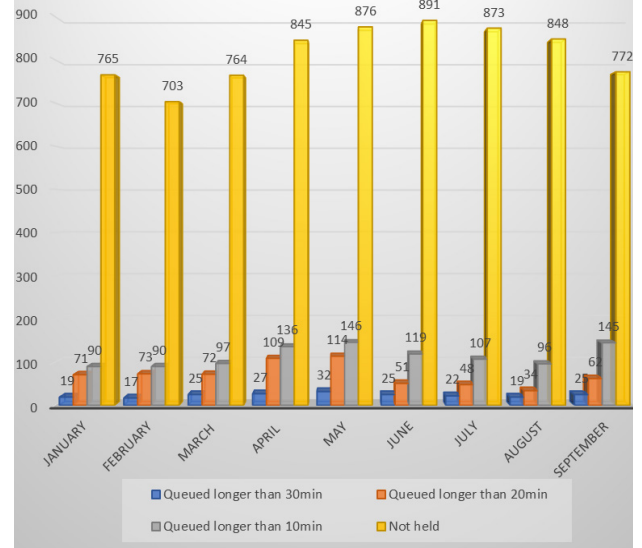


Public Safety / Muscatine Police Department

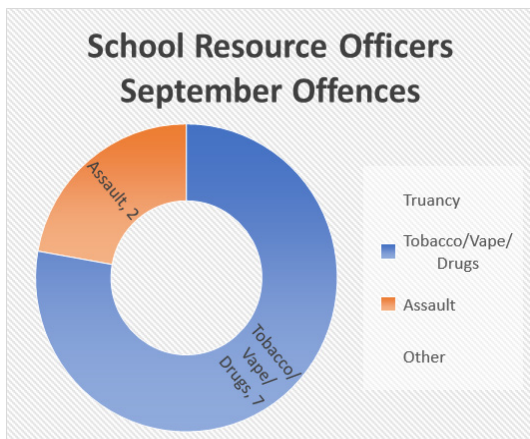
Muscatine PD Calls for Service-September 2023



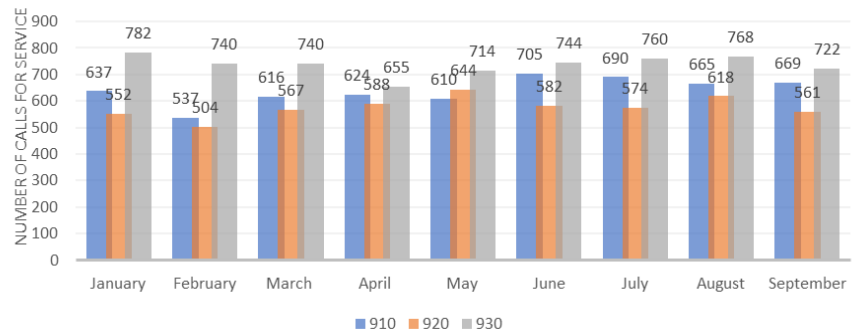
Police Calls in Queue 2023



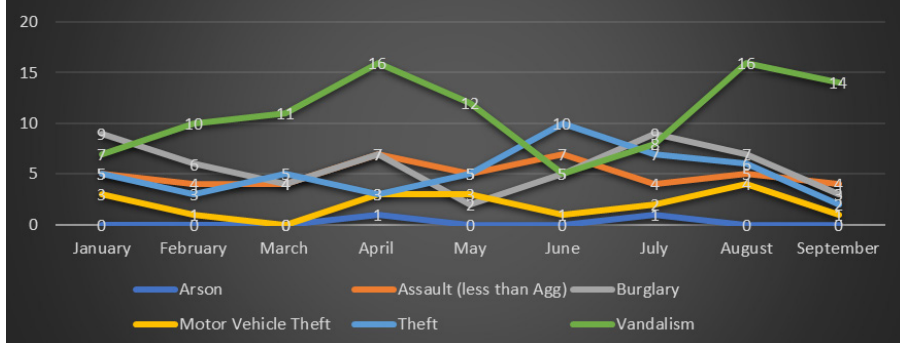
School Resource Officers
September Offences



Police Services per Beat 2023



Street Crimes 2023





Musser Public Library

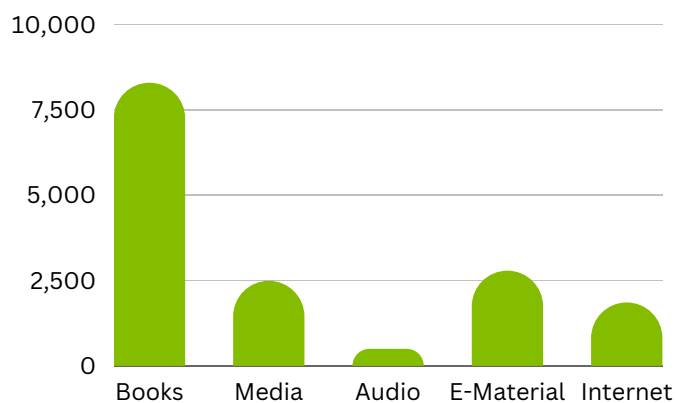
THE STORY OF SEPTEMBER 2023

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

We saw a lot of people stopping in for the Hispanic Heritage event. Near the end of the day, a boy was looking for his older brother, but was scared to go to 3rd floor alone. A second boy jumped at the chance to help him. A third heard about the adventure and excitedly said he'd ask his dad if he could go too! They proceeded to explore the whole library, chatting about books they were reading and how the "3rd floor wasn't even scary". It was amazing to see these three boys who didn't know each other came together for a shared purpose and love of reading.

Circulation Staff Member

This month, people checked over 15,000 items in the library and online.



PEOPLE ASKED US A LOT OF QUESTIONS.



WE ANSWERED 370 QUESTIONS THIS MONTH.

WE HELPED PEOPLE GET MATERIALS FROM OTHER LIBRARIES 2,971 TIMES.

WE GREETED 5,068 PEOPLE THIS MONTH.

437 OF THEM USED OUR MEETING ROOMS AS GATHERING SPACES.

PEOPLE CAME TO OUR PROGRAMS FOR ALL AGES. WE HAD 44 PROGRAMS THIS MONTH!



AND WATCHED US ON TV.

50 new shows debuted
346 different shows aired
858 total programs
517 hours of programming
average program length:
36 minutes



PEOPLE VISITED US ONLINE, TOO.

OUR DATABASES WERE USED 7,413 TIMES.

WE HAD 7,289 VISITS TO OUR WEBSITE.

We're celebrating all of the staff who are making a life change right now.

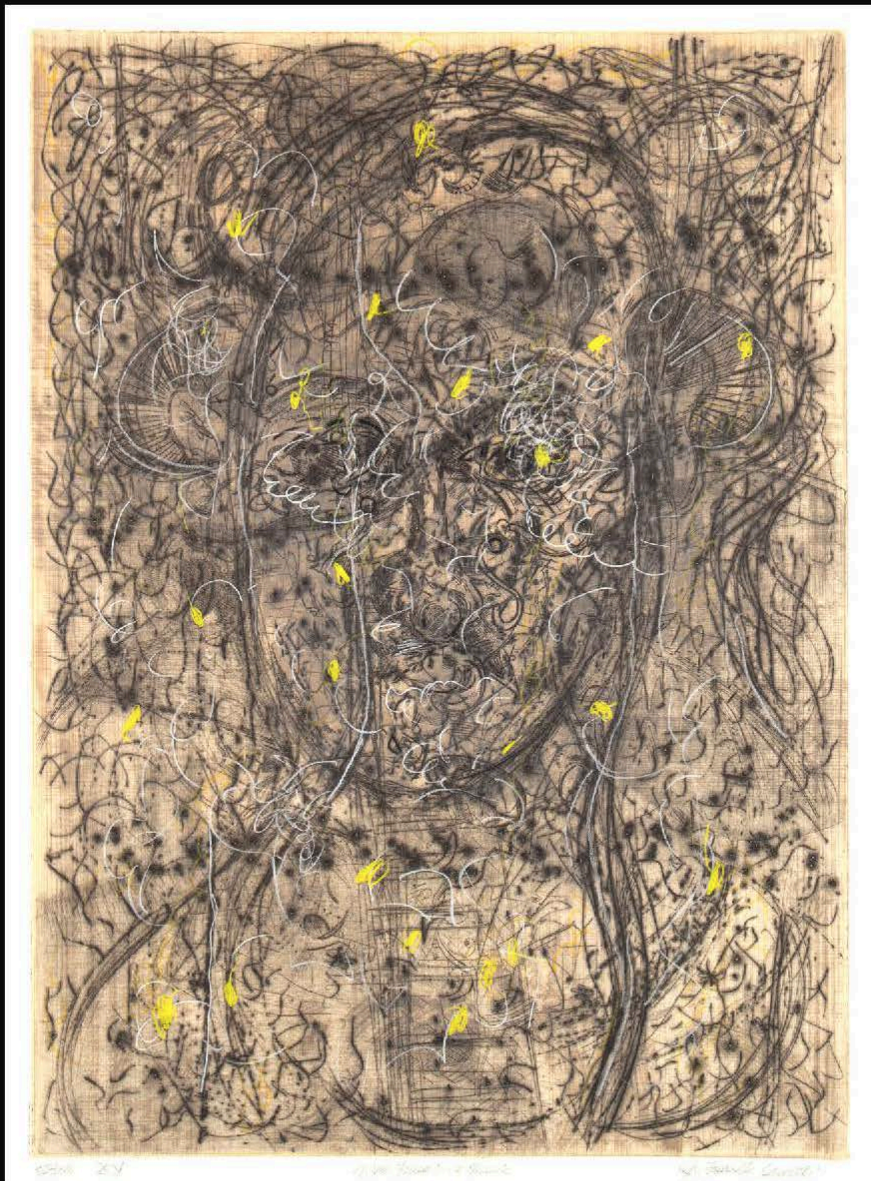
Although it's sad to say good-bye, it just means a new adventure awaits. We look forward to the exciting changes to come.

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From the Muscatine Art Center

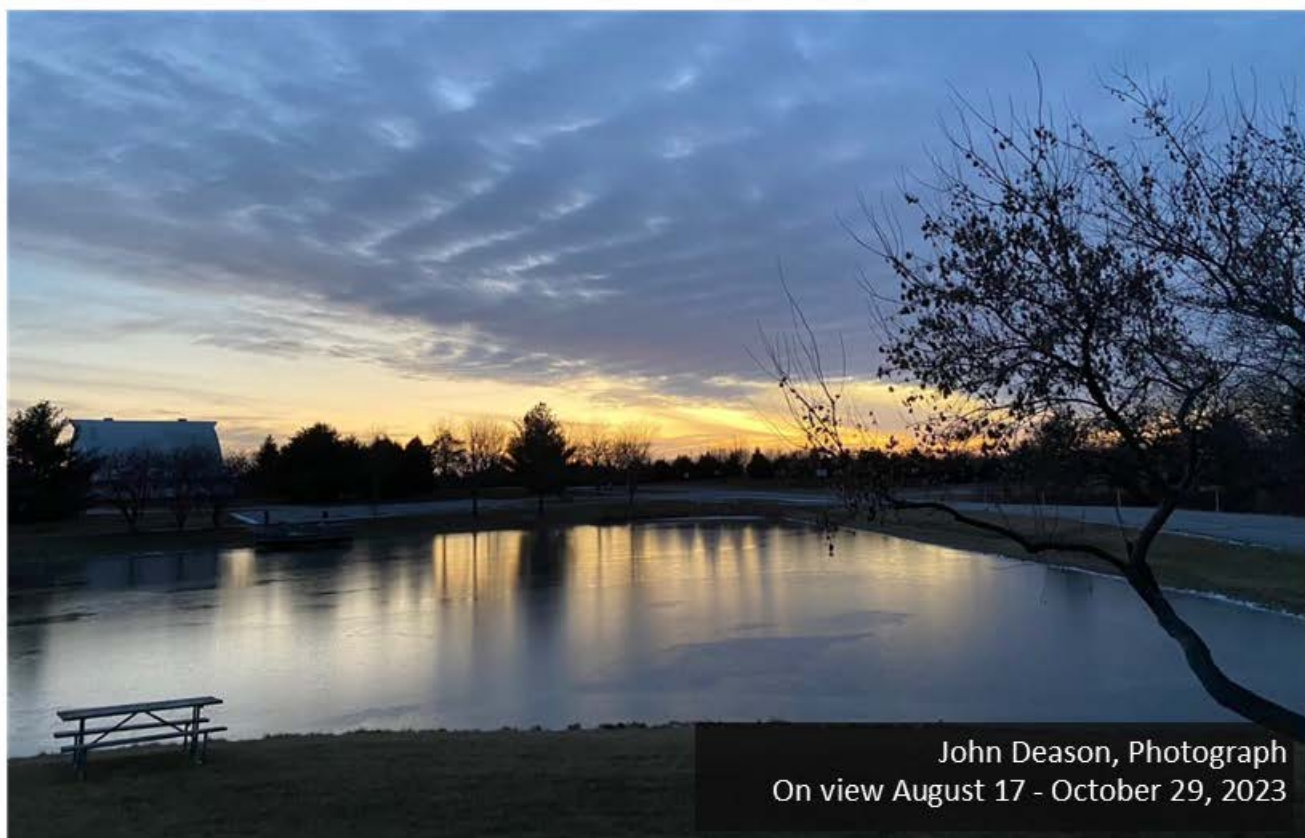
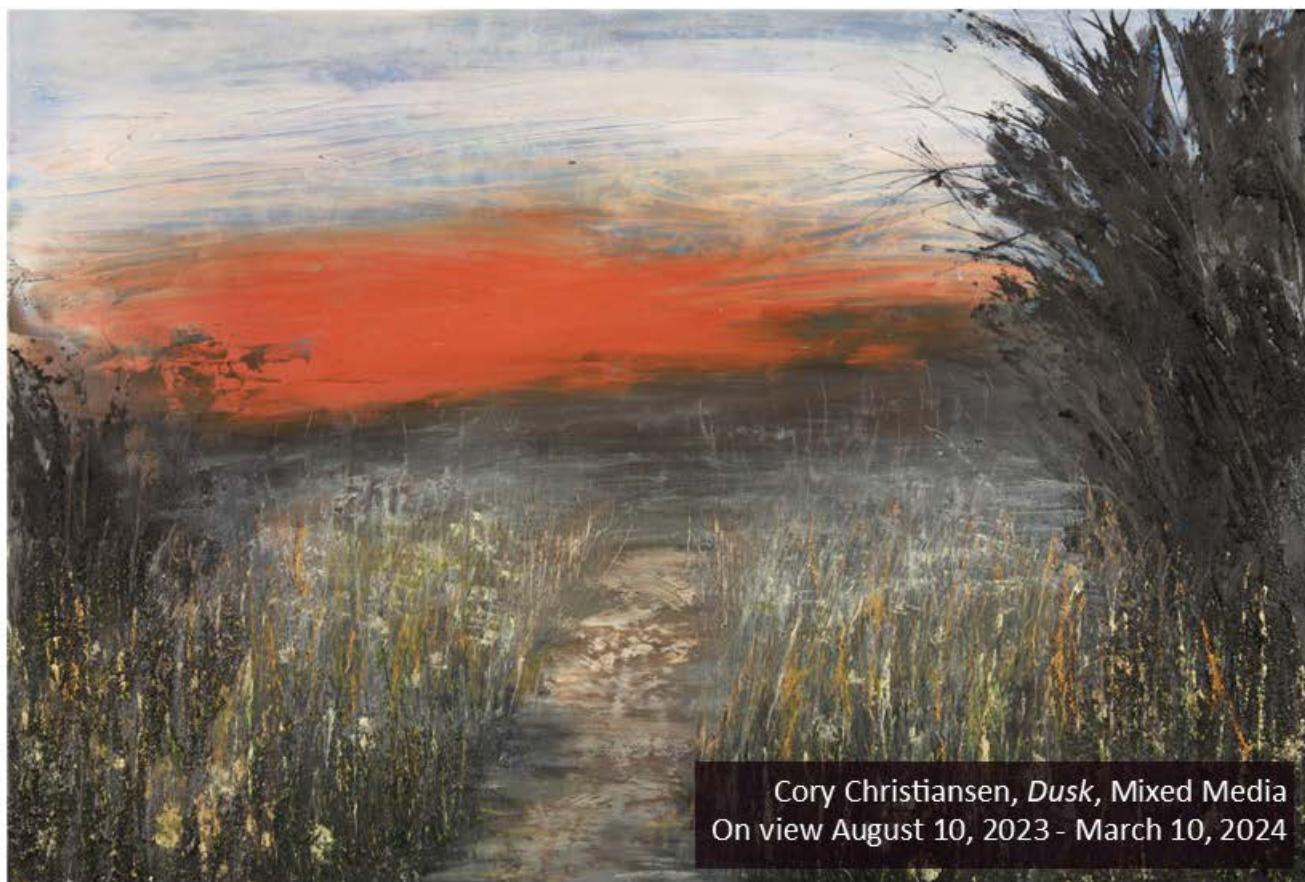
For a complete list of exhibitions, classes, programs, and projects at the Muscatine Art Center, request a copy of the quarterly newsletter or subscribe to the monthly e-newsletter by contacting art@muscatineiowa.gov.

EXHIBITIONS



JON FASANELLI-CAWELTI:
THE MAN FILLED WITH MUSIC
September 21, 2023 - February 18, 2024







Japanese Garden Rehabilitation



The rehabilitation of the Japanese Garden is nearing completion. To allow for the establishment of the new plantings and sod, visitors are to keep to the pathway. A press release on the project will be issued after signage and handrails are installed.

UNIVERSITY OF IOWA INTERNATIONAL WRITING PROGRAM PRESENTS

Community Reading

Thursday, October 19
5:30 - 6:30 p.m.

Muscatine Art Center Stanley Gallery
1314 Mulberry Avenue
Muscatine, IA 52761



Marina Porcelli is a fiction writer and essayist from Argentina. Her work has garnered her the 2014 Edmundo Valadés Ibero-American Award and the 2021 Eduardo Mallea National Essay Award.



Martha Cecilia Ruiz is a non-fiction and fiction writer, editor, and arts promotor from Nicaragua. She has worked as a reporter, scriptwriter, and a host of radio and tv programs. She founded "Proyecto365MCR," which promotes Nicaraguan women's creative writing.

This program is presented by the International Writing Program's Fall Residency at the University of Iowa. The writers' participation was made possible by the Bureau of Educational and Cultural Affairs at the U.S. Department of State. Visit muscatineartcenter.org for full bios and writing samples. Read about the IWP at iwp.uiowa.edu.



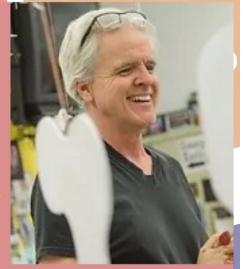
International Writing Program
Fall Residency



SCHOOL SCULPTURES

WITH KEVIN REESE

Thursday, October 26
5:15 - 6:45 p.m.



Artist Kevin Reese introduces students to the art of moving sculptures (mobiles) and their key design element - balance. Working in groups, students each make 1-2 pieces for a mobile from classroom art supplies and materials provided by Kevin.

For this event, however, the public is invited to join! Kevin will lead groups of participants in making mobiles at the Muscatine Art Center. Join a group or watch the magic happen! There is no registration required for this free event.

schoolsculptures.com

muscatineartcenter.org

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UPCOMING CLASSES and ACTIVITIES

Free 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 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 October is "Monster Mash", and the theme for November is "Explore the Stars".

Free Workshops for Kids

Picasso's Guitar Collage - Saturday, October 21, 1:30 - 2:30 p.m. (AGES 7-14)

Channel your inner Picasso while making a paper and cardboard guitar collage, inspired by Picasso's signature style, Cubism. Register by October 20.

Día de los Muertos - Saturday, October 28, 1:30 - 2:30 p.m. (AGES 7-14)

Join Miss Julie to celebrate Día de los Muertos by creating a cursive esqueleto (skeleton). Register by October 27.

Explorer Maps - Saturday, November 4, 1:30 - 2:30 p.m. (AGES 7+)

Learn how to create your own unique explorer's map with Miss Heather! Explore mapmaking as an art form and let your imagination take you to far off places. We will also experiment with ways of making the map look aged and weathered. Register by November 3.

Free Family Event

Halloween @ West Hill Cakery - Tuesday, October 24, 10:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.

Join Muscatine Art Center Program Coordinator Katy at West Hill Cakery for a Halloween party! Enjoy fresh-baked sweets from West Hill Cakery and free crafts and activities from the Muscatine Art Center. No registration required.

Adult Studio

Red Barn Studio: Black Cat Button Mosaic - Sunday, October 22, 1:30 - 2:45 p.m.

Use hand-colored and vintage buttons and beads to create a black cat button mosaic. Fee is \$15 or \$13.50 for Friends members. No experience necessary. All supplies included. Register by October 20.

Thursday Night Makerspace: Ornament Workshop

Thursday, November 2, 5:15 - 6:45 p.m.

Join Program Coordinator Katy in creating handmade Holiday ornaments. Several options will be available to try. Materials include paper/collage, beads, string, glass, buttons, wire, and much more. Fee is \$15 or \$13.50 for Friends members for TWO ornaments. No experience necessary. All supplies included, but you are welcome to bring items to incorporate into your ornaments. Register by November 1.

Life in Miniature- Pen & Ink Workshop with Heather Seibel

Thursday, November 9, 5:15 - 6:45 p.m.

Explore pen and ink techniques while documenting your favorite memories and experiences in a post-card-sized format! The small layout allows for multiple mini artworks if you are a fast worker. Fee is \$15 or \$13.50 for Friends members. No experience necessary. All supplies included. Register by November 8.

Heartfelt & Handmade
Ornament Competition

Join the Competition

Now accepting handmade ornaments!
Support Friends of the Muscatine Art Center
and compete for cash prizes!

All participants receive a complimentary ticket to the
Holiday Open House
on December 7th

Cash prizes for People's Choice, 1st, 2nd & 3rd place!
Ornaments are due on or before November 1st.
Entry form & details at muscatineartcenter.org

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All proceeds benefit Friends and its mission to support educational programs at the Muscatine Art Center.