

City Administrator's Report January 2024



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.



January Highlights

- Presented 11 agenda items for consideration by City Council during their regular meetings.
- In-depth presentations from outside agencies including Laundry of Love, Theo Wolf Foundation, Riding For Success, Muscatine Art Council, and Sleep in Heavenly Peace.
- Responded to numerous citizen and City Council requests and concerns.

Human Resources Division

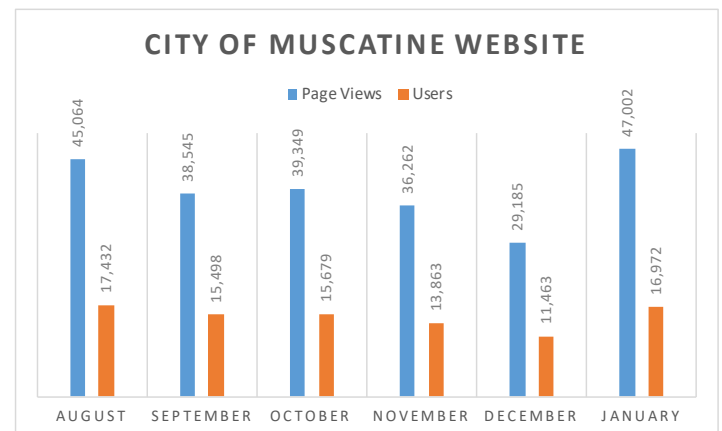
January Highlights

- One hundred thirty eight applications were received for a variety of positions.
- The recruiting process for seasonal positions is underway. Those looking for positions with parks and recreation or the compost site can visit the City's website for various openings. The link for the career center is <http://www.muscatineiowa.gov/1598/Career-Center>.
- One hundred twenty employees completed their required training on the updated use of city vehicles policy.
- Human Resources staff is in the process of negotiating with the City's three bargaining units. The current contracts end on June 30, 2024. New contract proposals are expected to go to City Council for approval by sometime in March.

Communications Division

January Highlights

- Produced and distributed 32 press releases to media and Notify Me subscribers.
- Created and published 146 posts on social media (60 Facebook, 39 Instagram, 41 Twitter, 2 LinkedIn, and 3 YouTube).
- Ended the month of January with 11,469 (+56 from end of December) followers on Facebook, 1,629 (+4) on Instagram, 1,525 (+3) on Twitter, 408 on LinkedIn (+14), and 589 (+14) on YouTube.
- Continued monitoring use of Civic Clerk, Muscatine Connect (powered by SeeClickFix), and Municode.
- Continued development of Marketing & Branding initiative.
- Continued work with Animal Control on PetData.
- Continued to work with departments on improvements to department website pages.



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	577	575	655	478						4,143
Payroll Checks and Direct Deposits	863	835	1155*	728	710	688	656						4,480
Accounts Receivable Invoices Sent	155	262	292	197	233	196	153						1,488
Finance Cash Register Transactions	454	440	487	321	486	425	479						3,092
Housing Receipt Transactions	189	182	192	181	178	190	186						1,298
Purchase Orders Processed	286	322	267	306	239	208	246						1,874
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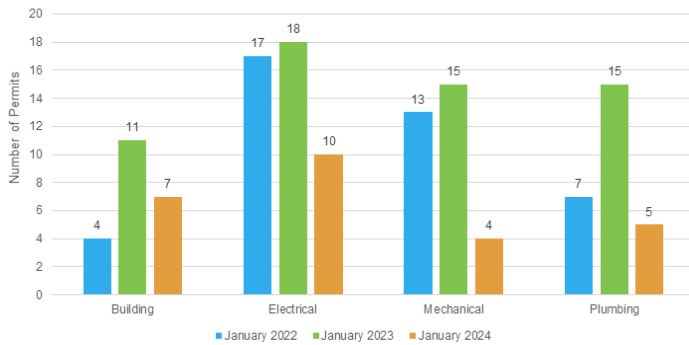
January Highlights

- Completed budget reviews submitted by departments. Finance Director and City Administrator met with departments to review budget requests (Revised Estimate FY24 and Budget FY25)
- Started preparing FY 25 proposed General Fund Budget Overview and Budget Notebooks for City Council Budget meetings
- Began budget review meetings with City Council
- Prepared and distributed 1099 statements to vendors.
- Prepared and distributed W-2 statements to employees. Submitted W-2 file to IRS and State of Iowa as required.
- Prepared and distributed 1095 statements (Health Insurance Forms) as required
- Prepared and submitted all required quarterly reports (Federal, State Withholding, State Sales Tax, IPERS, Unemployment, MFPRSI)

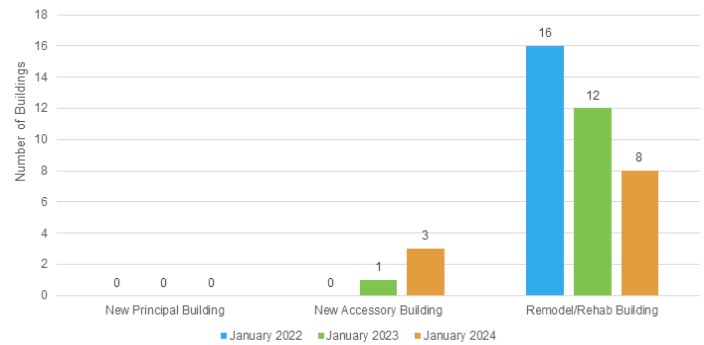


Department of Community Development

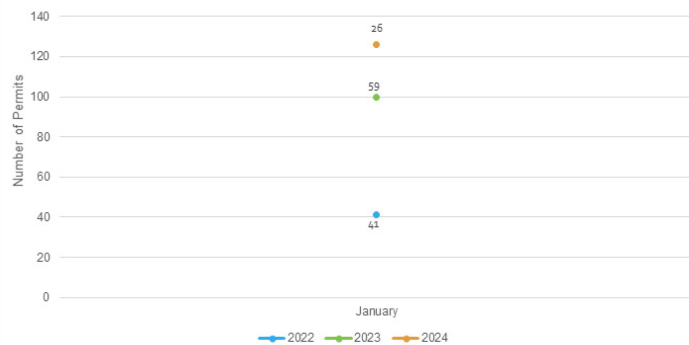
Permits Issued Monthly



Monthly Commercial Building Construction Projects

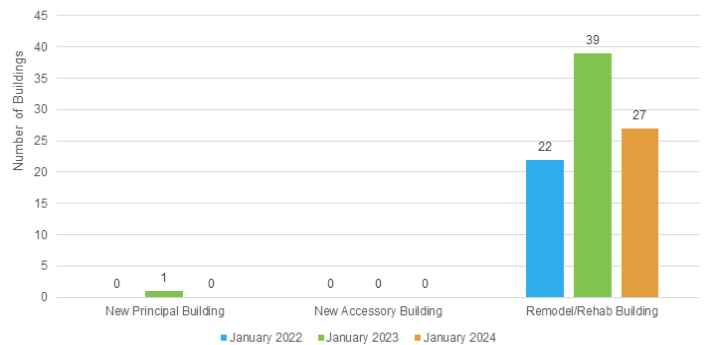


Permits Issued Per Month YTD

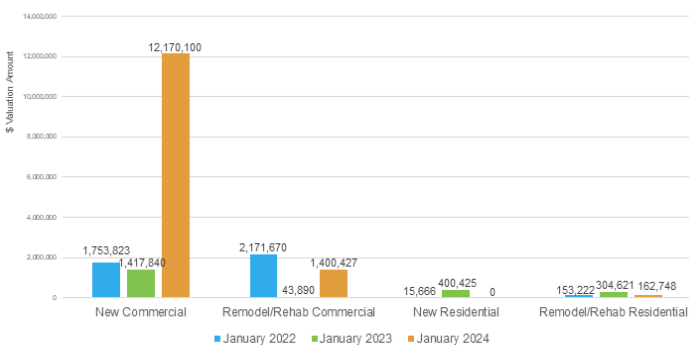


- Principal Building defined as the construction of new building on a previously vacant lot/parcel.
- Accessory Building defined as buildings constructed in addition to the principal building such as garages, storage buildings, shelters, etc.
- Remodel/Rehab defined as buildings undergoing any alterations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

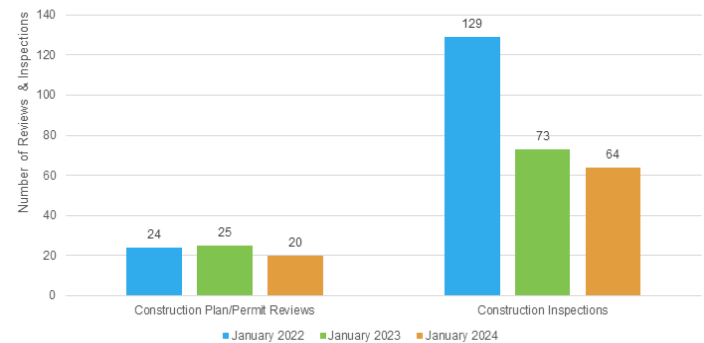
Monthly Residential Building Construction Projects



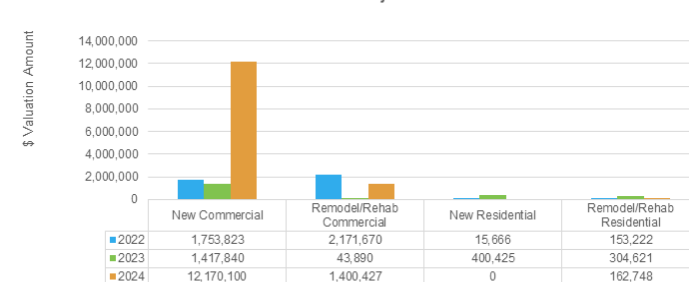
Monthly Construction Project Valuations



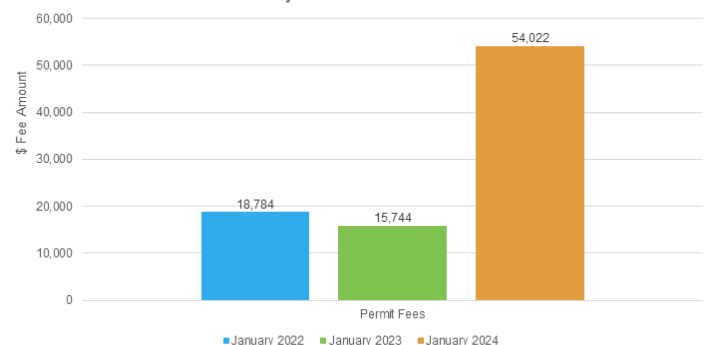
Monthly Construction Plan/Permit Reviews and Inspections



YTD Construction Project Valuations

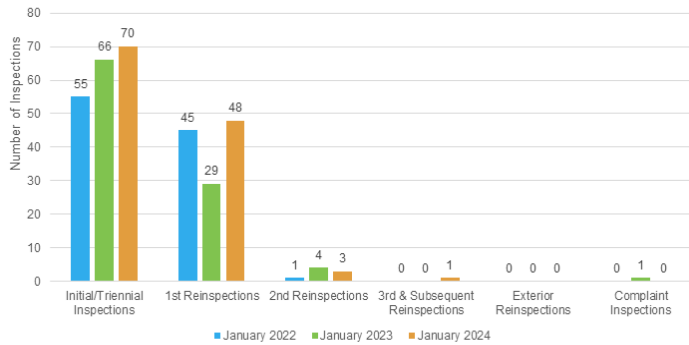


Monthly Permit Fees Collected



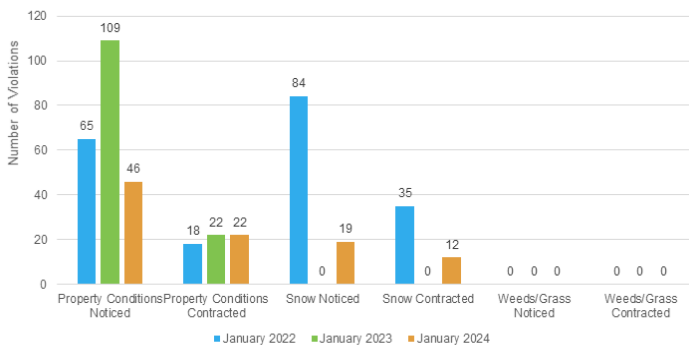
Department of Community Development

Monthly Rental Housing Inspections



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

Monthly Code Enforcement Violations



Department of Community Development

- January was largely a month of reevaluating the work completed in 2023 and establishing a course of action for 2024. However, steps were taken to dispose of surplus property and private property owners continue address identified property maintenance code violations.
- Released a request for bids on 10 surplus properties. Bids are due March 19.
- Of the 34 properties that have received a property maintenance notice, 11 are currently being renovated while the remainder were sold to a 3rd party and necessary improvements have been completed. One additional deteriorated property was sold to a 3rd party, without a notice, who will now demo the structure.

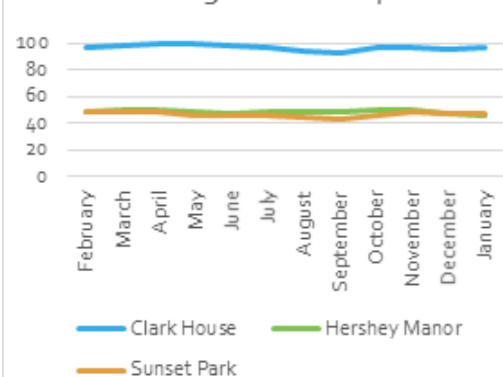
Muscatine Municipal Housing Agency

- Contract for the replacement of security and safety lighting at Sunset Park was approved by Council. The project will start this spring when it warms up enough to do concrete work.
- 1 family leased up in public housing
- 2 families began receiving tenant-based rental assistance while 2 families moved into units with project-based assistance

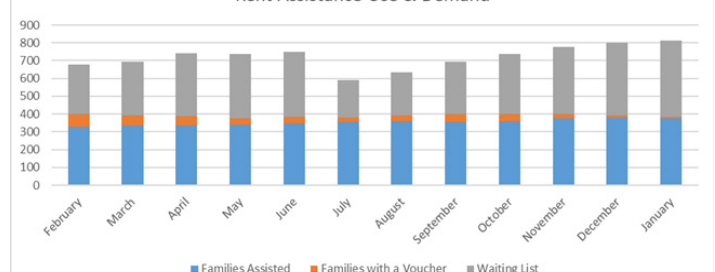
ect-based assistance

- 78 families were pulled from the Section 8 waiting list to start the process of receiving assistance
- 47 families attended a Section 8 Briefing
- Another 9 families were pulled from project-based wait lists
- 3 Stability voucher issues. MMHA was authorized 5 Stability Vouchers July. These are new vouchers targeting families experiencing or at imminent risk of homelessness who are referred by the continuum of care partner and provided on-going case management and support services
- Two Family Self-Sufficiency participants were referred and enrolled in the accredited Guest Service Professional certification program through the Goodwill of the Heartland - One of the two participants completed and earned her industry recognized Certified Guest Service Professional credential through the American Hotel and Lodging Education Institute
- 3 families completed the first-time homebuyer course
- Occupancy was steady at 94.5%
- Maintenance and operations staff were incredibly busy responding to issues from the snow events, extreme cold and ultimately had to provide 24-hour fire coverage at Clark House when the alarm board went out.
- Paid \$173,702 for housing and utility assistance on behalf of 376 families
- \$8,593 was deposited into escrow accounts for families working toward self-sufficiency
- Earned \$25,108 with an 89.5% proration of administrative fees

Housing Units Occupied



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 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	No Rentals December-February
Riverview Center	7 Reservations in January
Shelters	0 Reservation in January
Dog Park Passes	Available online via PetData

Park Maintenance Division

Staff has been busy with winter equipment maintenance, building maintenance, playground inspections and repairs, and presenting budgets in the month of January. Staff removed several large dead trees in the parks and completed stump grindings throughout the parks. Snow removal was completed on a timely basis throughout the Parks and Recreation snow removal responsibilities. Staff is actively recruiting seasonal staff for the upcoming season.

Subject	Result
Seasonal Employee Recruitment	15

Cemetery Division

Greenwood Cemetery remains open to the public for walkers, bicyclists and the community's cemetery needs. The Cemetery Steps were closed in January due to the winter weather, and will re-open for public use when weather permits.

Subject	Result
Cremains	1 burials in January
Full Casket	4 burials in January
County Assisted	0 burials in January
Grave Spaces	5 sold in January
Niche Spaces	0 sold in January

Boat Harbor/Marina Divisions

The Boat Harbor and Marina Operations had a successful year of operations in 2023 with the help of low river levels throughout the season. Staff is preparing the operations for the 2024 season.

Subject	Result
Long Dock Slips (48 Available)	
Houseboat Dock Slips (8 Available)	

Recreation Division

Youth and adult recreation programs and special events continue to be offered. Current programs taking place include Youth Gymnastics, Adult Co-ed Volleyball Leagues, and the Walking Club. Registration for Blastball concluded at the end of January and will be run on Saturday's in February with 27 three to six year old's signed up. The Spring/Summer brochure has been started with a tentative print release for March.

Department of Parks and Recreation

Aquatics Division

The Aquatic Center staff recruitment began in January with seasonal applications being sent to previous staff and 2023 new applicants. Pool Party reservations are available to be made by contacting the Parks and Recreation Department office at (563) 263-0241. The Program Supervisor is signed up for CPO CEU Training in March.

Subject	Result
Lifeguards	31 Lifeguards hired in 2023
Pool Party Reservations	4 Pool Parties Booked for 2024
Swim Lesson Enrollment	367 Swim Lesson Registrations in 2023

Wellness Division

The City employee wellness programs continue to be offered through the virtual Wellness Center. The Fitness Reimbursement program continues throughout the year. Quotes have been solicited for Biometric Screenings to take place in late February/early March. A new Wellness Program Flyer has been developed for the new employee onboarding process.

Kent Stein Division

Kent Stein Park remains closed. Staff continues to make improvements to the park and the facilities for the upcoming season. Some of those tasks include working on gates to the fields and maintenance gates. Staff continues to trim trees and remove branches throughout the park. All equipment is being prepped for the upcoming season. We have started to receive our supplies from the 2024 recreational bids. We have approved our vendors for the Bi-state bids, and will start receiving orders in later February and March. We attended a Job Fair at Louisa-Muscatine High School. Hopefully we can get a few seasonal employees from the event. We continue to advertise and promote for seasonal staff.

Soccer Complex Division

Soccer & Soccer West remain closed. Staff continues to trim trees and remove branches throughout the park. All equipment is being prepped for the upcoming season. We have started to receive our supplies from the 2024 recreational bids. We have approved our vendors for the Bi-state bids, and will start receiving order in later February and March. We attended a Job Fair at Louisa-Muscatine High School. Hopefully we can get a few seasonal employees from the event. We continue to advertise and promote for seasonal staff.

Golf Divisions

Equipment repair is underway. This is the time of year we get a chance to really look the equipment over and make repairs that may have had to be put off during the season. Staff is painting all tee markers, cups, other golf accessories. Some signs are being brought in and touched up as well. Clubhouse maintenance work has begun. Staff will be cleaning the clubhouse and doing necessary repairs and painting.

The simulator is up and running. Saturday morning clinics started. Regular usage started to pick up towards the end of the month once weather turned decent and people weren't snowed in. Staff continues to fertilize tees, collars, fairways, and rough. Greens were verticut and sanded to smooth out the surface to maximize performance for golfers. Staff continued to take down dead trees with the goal of planting new ones in the fall and all sprinkler heads were cut around to make mowing easier for staff.

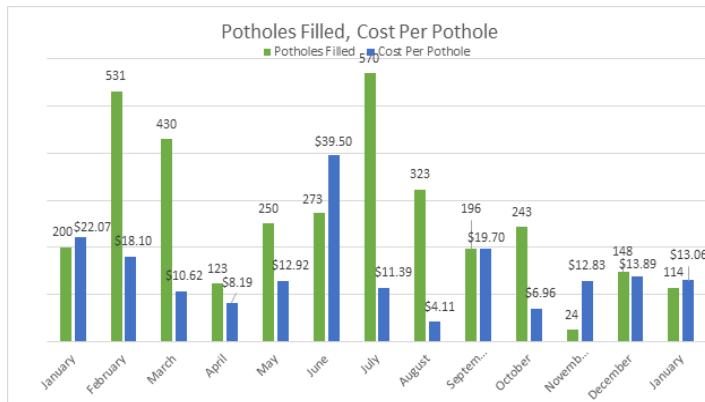
Subject	Result
Outings	10 Outings Scheduled for 2024
Leagues	6 Leagues Scheduled for 2024
Season Passes	0 Season Passes Sold for 20234
Rounds Played	0 rounds played in January

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 (Muscabuss), 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.

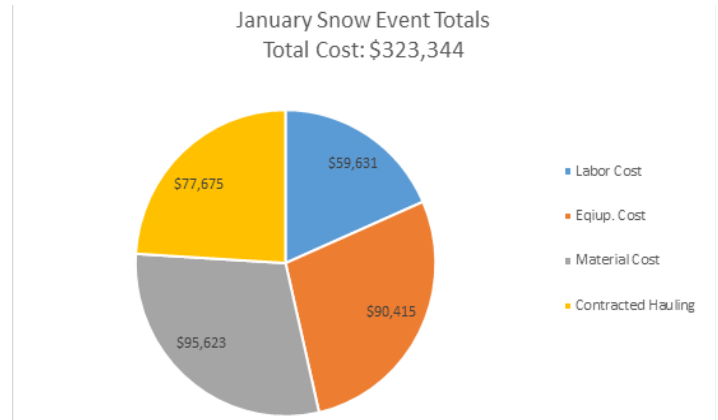
Roadway Maintenance Division January 2024:

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.



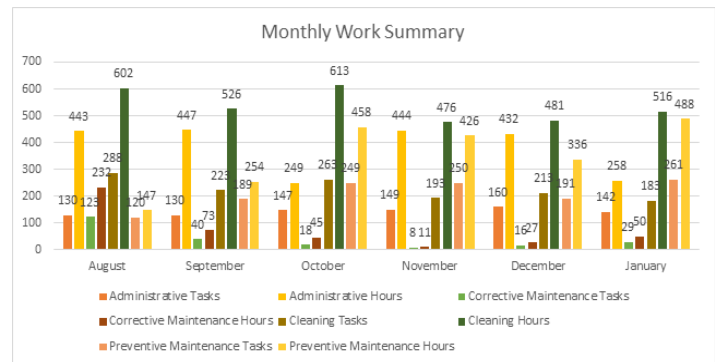
This measure indicates the number of potholes filled, and the approximate cost to fill each pothole. Beginning January 20, 2021, a "standard" pothole is defined as being the size of large pizza box. Potholes will be divided no smaller than one half of a pizza box. Beginning in April of 2022, we began tracking pavement repairs separately from potholes. This has lowered the pothole numbers as many of them were previously counted in larger pavement patches.

The chart below shows the amount of time, equipment and material used for snow and ice removal



Building and Grounds Activities January 2024:

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.

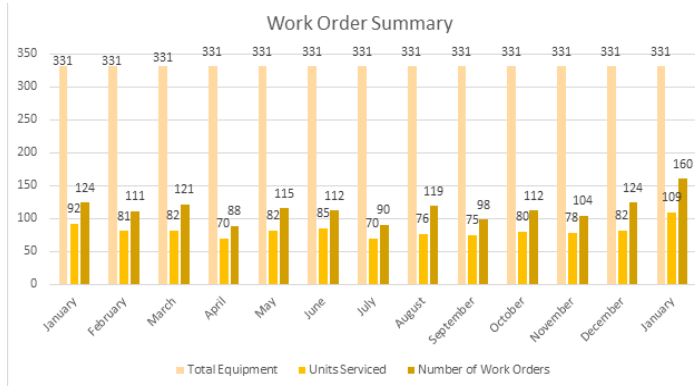


This chart indicates the number of work activities and the hours committed to them per month. Administrative tasks include ordering equipment and materials, requesting and receiving bids and quotes for work or supplies, project oversight, delivery of building supplies, training and paid time off. Corrective 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.

Department of Public Works

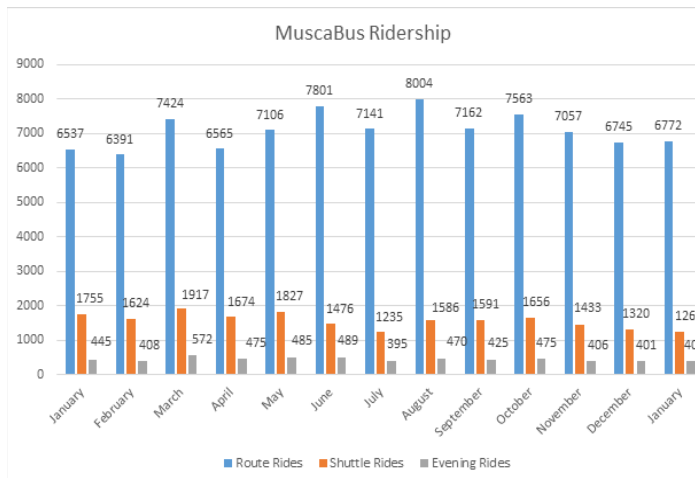
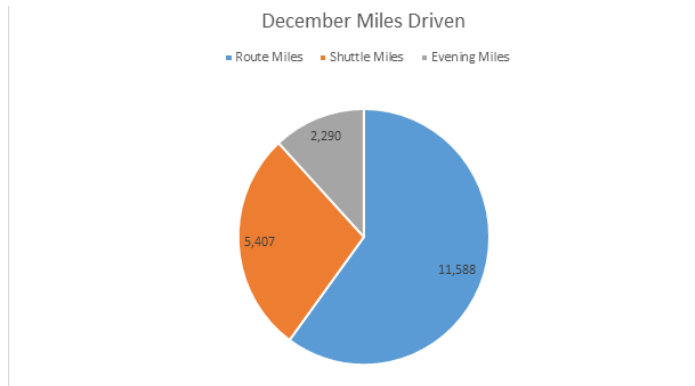
Vehicle Maintenance Division January 2024:

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 January 2024:

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

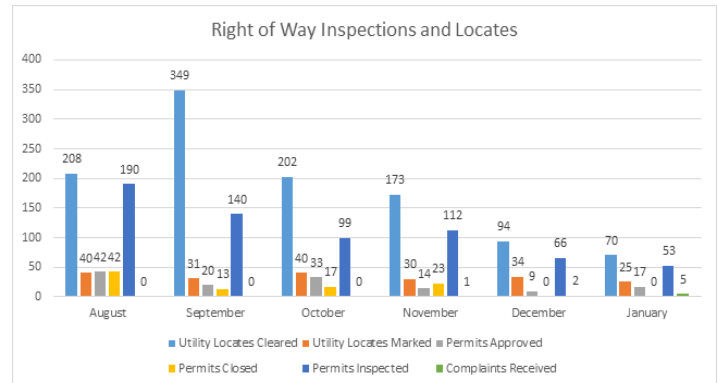


Engineering Division January 2024:

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

Project Name	Project Start	Percent Complete	Project Notes
West Hill Sewer Separation Phase 6	July 2023	38%	Sanitary Sewer and Water Line installation on Sycamore
Devitt Sidewalk	TBD	0%	In Design
Carver Corner Roundabout	TBD	0%	In Design
Isett Avenue Reconstruction	TBD	0%	In Design
Phase 2 Fulliam Ave. Reconstruction	TBD	0%	In Design

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



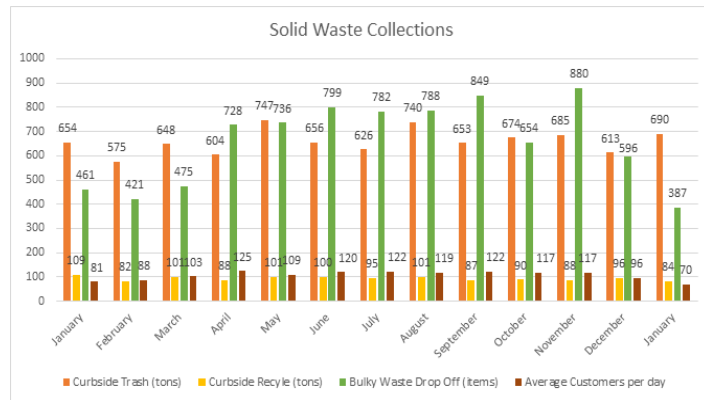
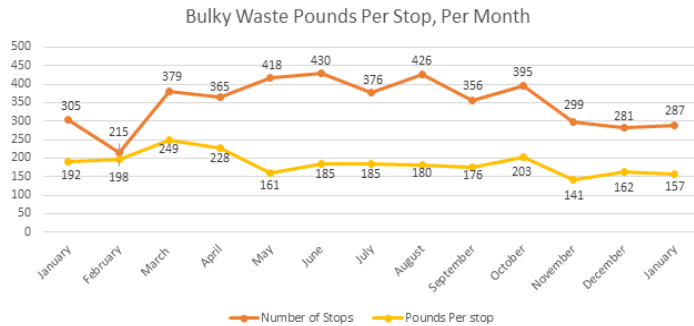
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- "Utility Locates Cleared" indicates the areas that have no utilities to be marked
- "Utility Locates Marked" are instances where the inspector marked utilities in the field
- "Permits Approved" are Right of Way Permits that were reviewed, approved, and issued
- "Permits Closed" are Right of Way Permits where the work has been completed
- "Permits Inspected" are Right of Way Permits where inspections have been made and recorded
- "Complaints Received" are complaints from residents or businesses that have been inspected

Department of Public Works

Solid Waste Division Report January 2024:

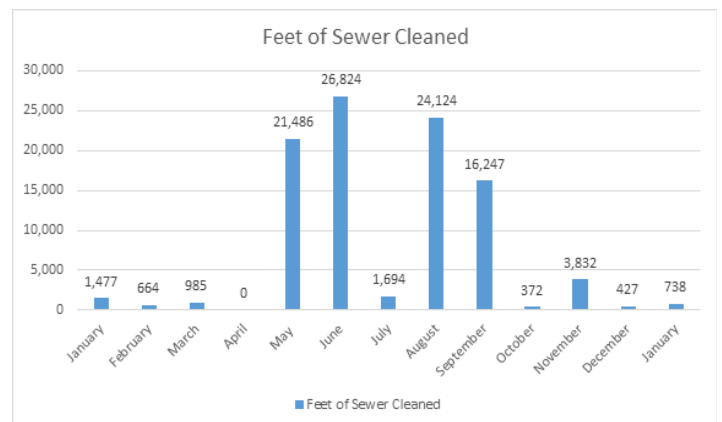
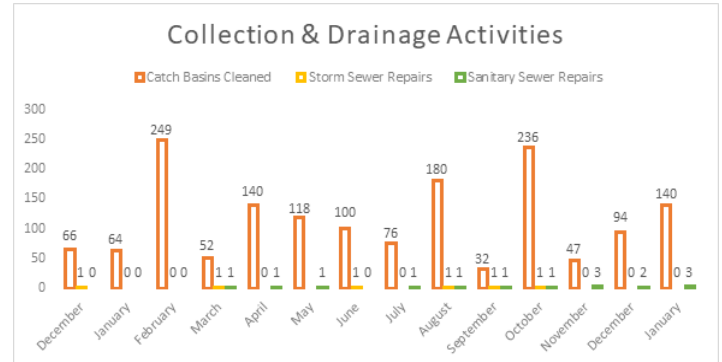
The Solid Waste Division consists of activities related to refuse collection, transfer station, compost site, and landfill, as well as overseeing the contracted recycling collection.



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.

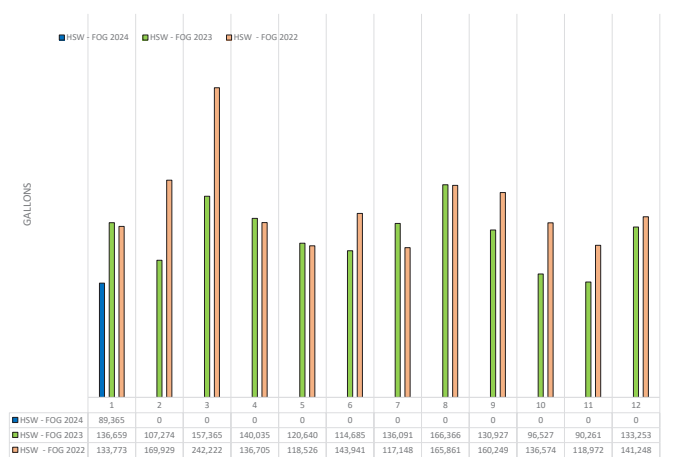
Collection & Drainage Division January 2024:

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.

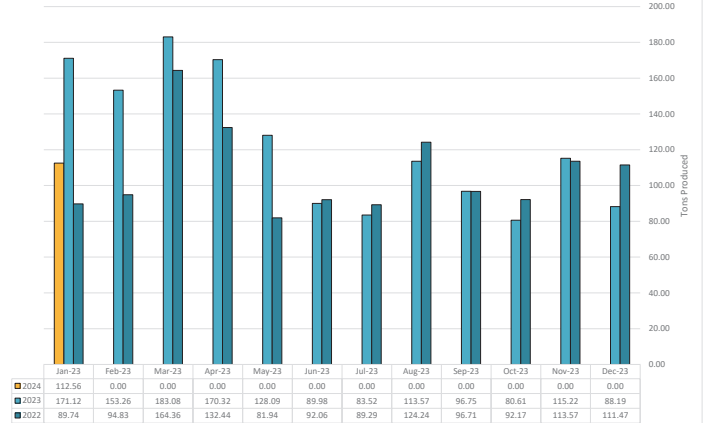


Water Pollution Control Plant

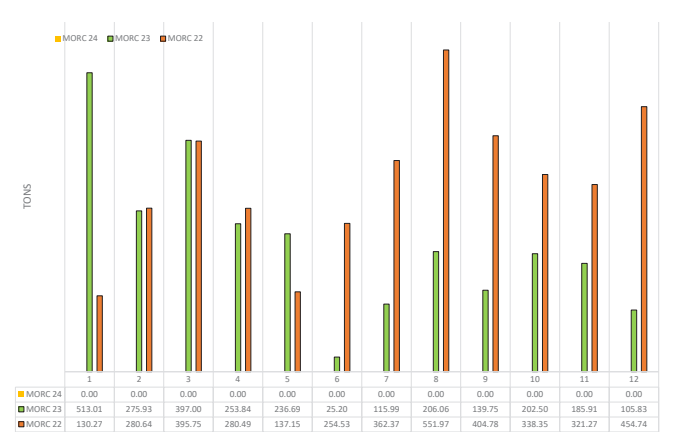
MUSCATINE WRRF HAULED FOG - HIGH STRENGTH WASTE 2024



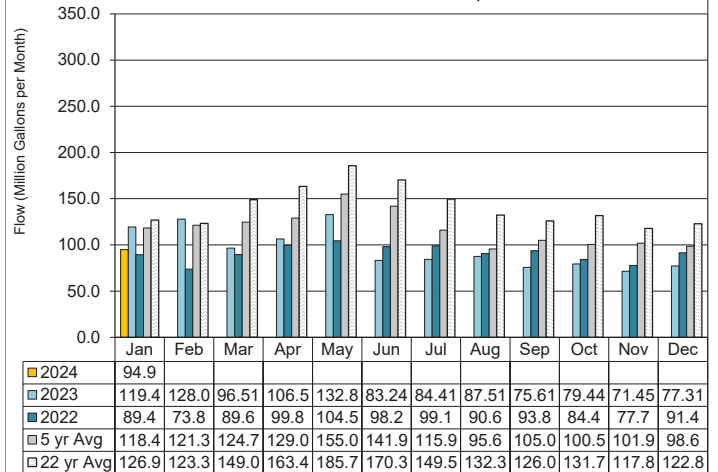
Muscatine WRRF Monthly Total Sludge Production



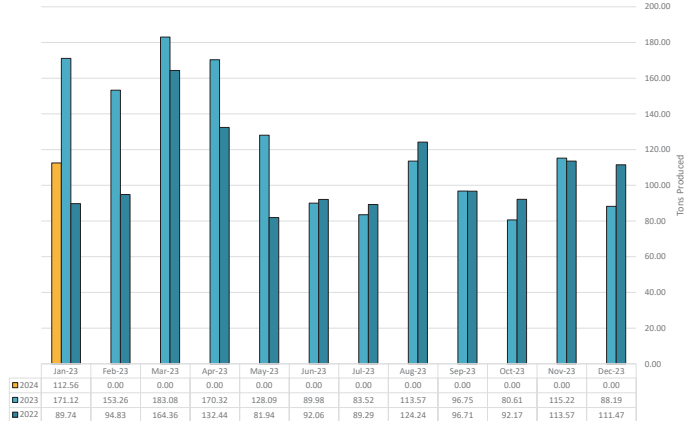
MUSCATINE WRRF HAULED MORC 2024



Muscatine WRRF Total Flow per Month



Muscatine WRRF Monthly Total Sludge Production



Public Safety / Muscatine Fire Department

January 2024

Highlights



- The 2023 Fire Department annual report was distributed and is available on the website at [2023 MFD Annual Report](#).
- Water and ice rescue training was conducted on the riverfront and boat harbor area.

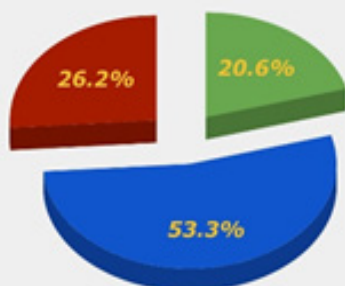


Staff Updates & Kudos

- Compliments to Firefighter Craig Chelf for his work on the annual report.
- Kudos to Firefighter Mike Fleming for building an explosion simulator.

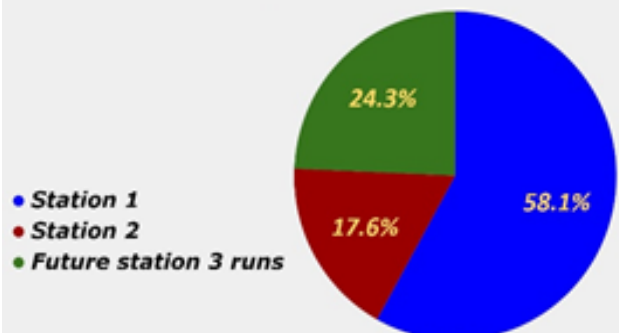


EMS Call Types - January 2024



• No Transport (refusals) • 911 EMS Calls Transported
• Transfers

Calls per Coverage Area - January 2024



• Station 1
• Station 2
• Future station 3 runs

Public Safety / Muscatine Fire Department

Demand for Services / Response Activity

	January 2024	Avg. Per Day	January 2023	Avg. Per Day
Fire Responses	62	2.00	60	1.94
911 EMS Responses	316	10.19	276	8.90
Out of Town Transfers	93	3.00	121	3.90
Local Transfers	15	0.48	25	0.81
Total Responses	486	15.68	482	15.55
	January 2024		January 2023	
Urban Response Time - Goal - 90% within 9 min or less	88.4%		92.5%	
Rural Response Time - Goal - 90% within 15 min or less	97.8%		95.5%	

Staff Training

Type	January 2024	January 2023
Recruit /Probationary	36.00	49.55
Fire Suppression	314.40	419.35
EMS / Medical Related	183.05	97.15
Technical/Rescue	14.50	58.30
Driver/Operator	11.00	6.40
Professional Development/Leadership	16.00	264.30
Paramedic Program	174.00	200.00
Totals	748.95	1,095.05

Vehicle & Equipment Maintenance

	January 2024	January 2023
Fire Vehicle Miles Driven	3,225	2,510
Ambulance Miles Driven	9,977	13,551
Total Miles Driven	13,202	16,061
Gallons of Diesel Fuel Dispensed	455.50	423.30
Gallons of Gasoline Dispensed	1,498.30	1,581
Total Gallons of Fuel Dispensed	1,954	2,004.30
Work Orders Completed (PPE, Vehicles, Equip.)	40	45

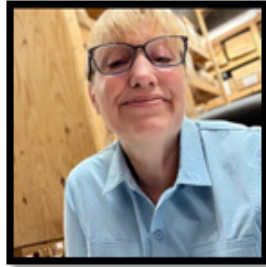
Prevention, Education and Outreach

	JAN 2024	JAN 2023		JAN 2024	JAN 2023
Fire Inspections	15	20	Plan Reviews/Site Visits	25	6
Fire Reinspections	33	10	Fire Investigations	4	10
Educational Events	1	4	Permits Issued	65	108

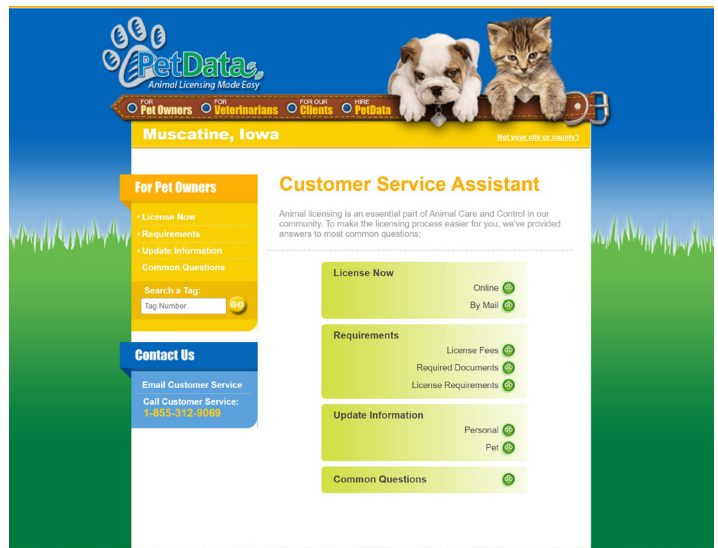
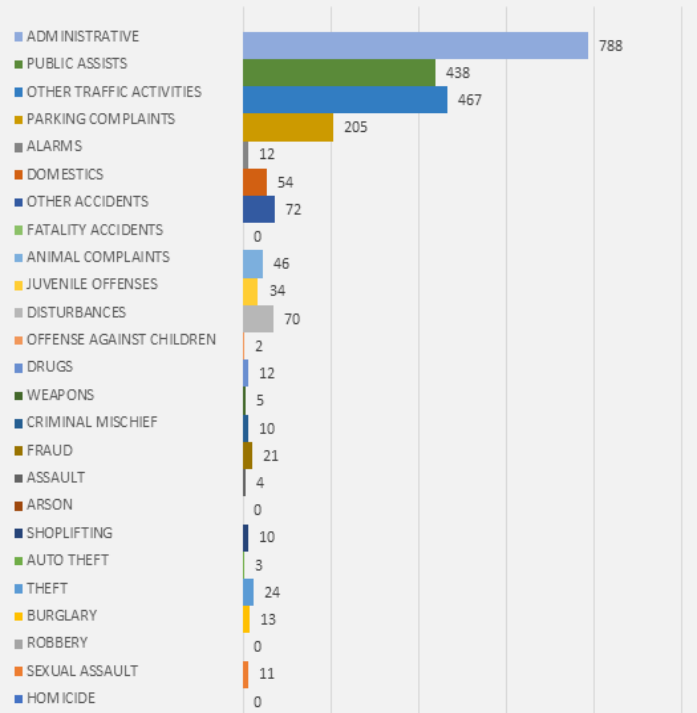
Public Safety / Muscatine Police Department

January 2024 Updates

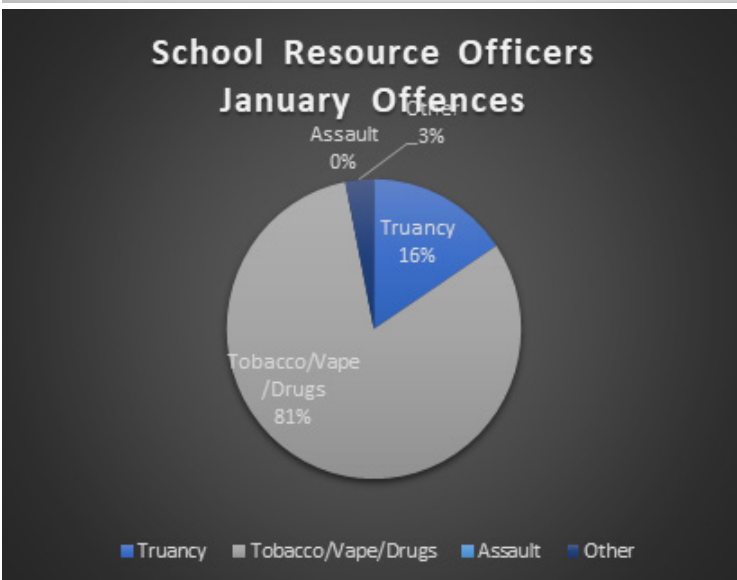
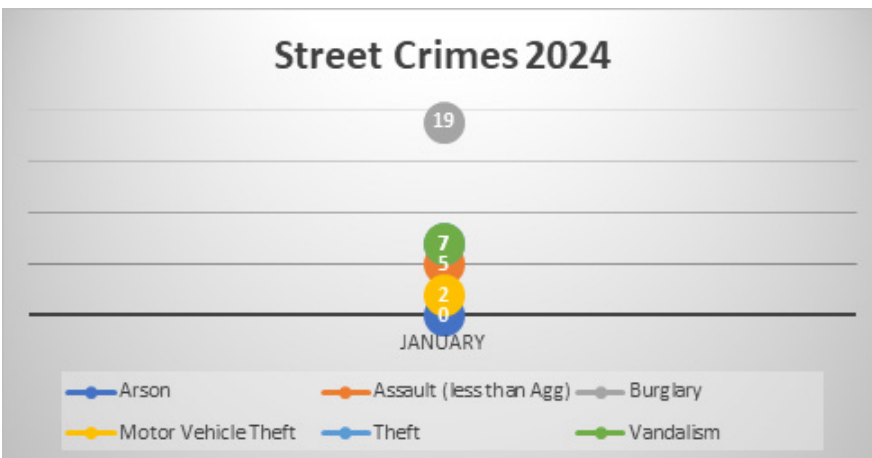
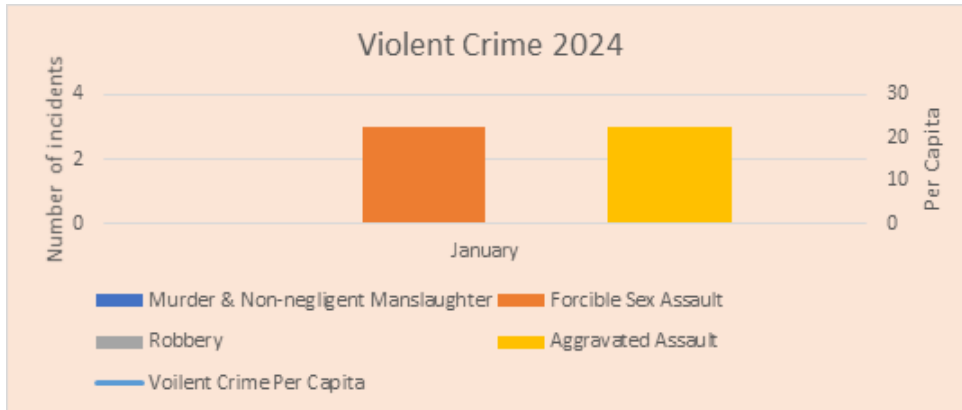
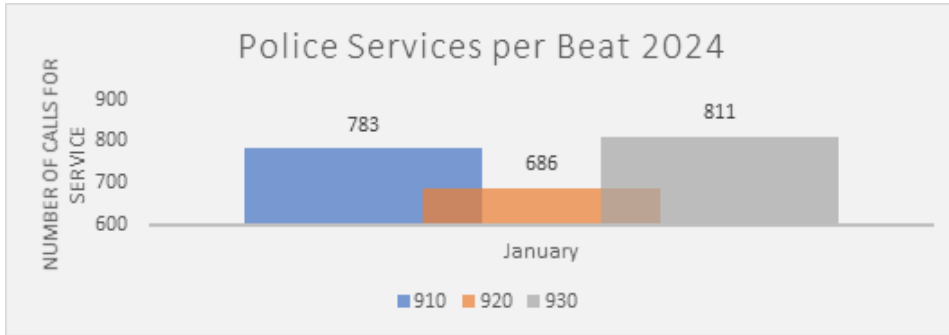
- MPD members attended an Open House event at Muscatine's Child Protection Center.
- Officer Fry went out of his way to assist an elderly woman home during the snow emergency. He even cleared off her car and drove it to a secure place near her home. Great job!!
- During the recent snow emergencies, Sgt. Hazelett found a small dog that was in distress, wandering during below freezing temperatures. Sgt. Hazelett located the dog's home and returned it to owners that were unaware it had escaped home. Job well done!
- Evidence Custodian Julia Hilbert, who is also a certified Medical Examiner, received the following awesome news from the Iowa Donor Network. "I want to thank you and your staff for helping Iowa Donor Network carry out our mission of working together to transform lives through organ and tissue donation. On 1/11/2024, an 82-year-old man under your jurisdiction became a tissue donor. He gave the gifts of musculoskeletal tissues for transplantation and skin for burn treatment and reconstructive surgery. The donation would not have been possible without the help and support of your staff. The donation process started when Julia Hilbert, MEI contacted us. Julia was instrumental in assisting us with information that we needed to order to proceed with donation." Awesome job Julia!!! What an impact on other's lives!!
- Coffee With a Cop was held at All American Diner.
- Officer Nardini completed the FTO program and began solo patrol.
- ACO Patel worked hard to see the PetData online pet licensing portal go live this month.



Muscatine PD Calls for Service-January 2024



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Musser Public Library

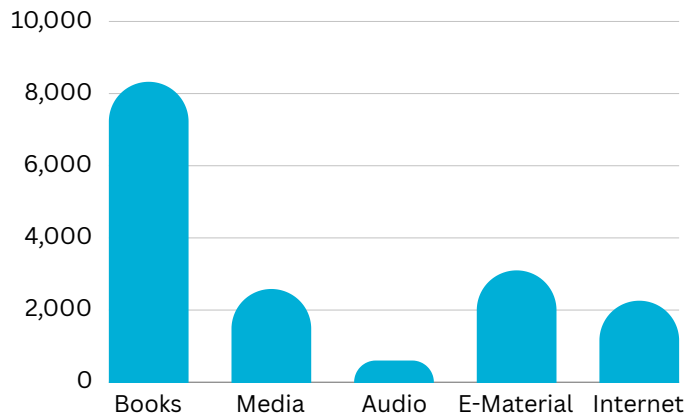
THE STORY OF JANUARY 2024

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

Recently, we had city wide training. There are not a lot of places that can accommodate that many people at once. The library happens to be one of them. Even fewer places have the ability to professionally film and edit that training for people who couldn't be there. We are so fortunate to have Channel 5 and provide this wonderful service to not only our patrons, but our fellow city employees.

Library Staff Member

This month, people checked out over 16,000 items in the library and online.



PEOPLE ASKED US A LOT OF QUESTIONS.



WE ANSWERED 433 QUESTIONS THIS MONTH.

WE SENT AND RECEIVED 3,134 MATERIALS FROM OTHER LIBRARIES TO HELP OUR PATRONS.

WE GREETED 9,193 PEOPLE THIS MONTH.

528 OF THEM USED OUR MEETING ROOMS AS GATHERING SPACES.



x 800

PEOPLE CAME TO OUR PROGRAMS FOR ALL AGES. WE HAD 31 PROGRAMS THIS MONTH!

AND WATCHED US ON TV.

16 new shows debuted
275 different shows aired
747 total programs
495 hours of programming
average program length: 37 minutes



PEOPLE VISITED US ONLINE, TOO.

OUR DATABASES WERE USED 7,102 TIMES.

WE HAD 8,010 VISITS TO OUR WEBSITE.

Did you know that you can access tons of newspapers and magazines digitally with your library card?

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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



February 24 - June 16, 2024

**ANIMALS
IN ART**

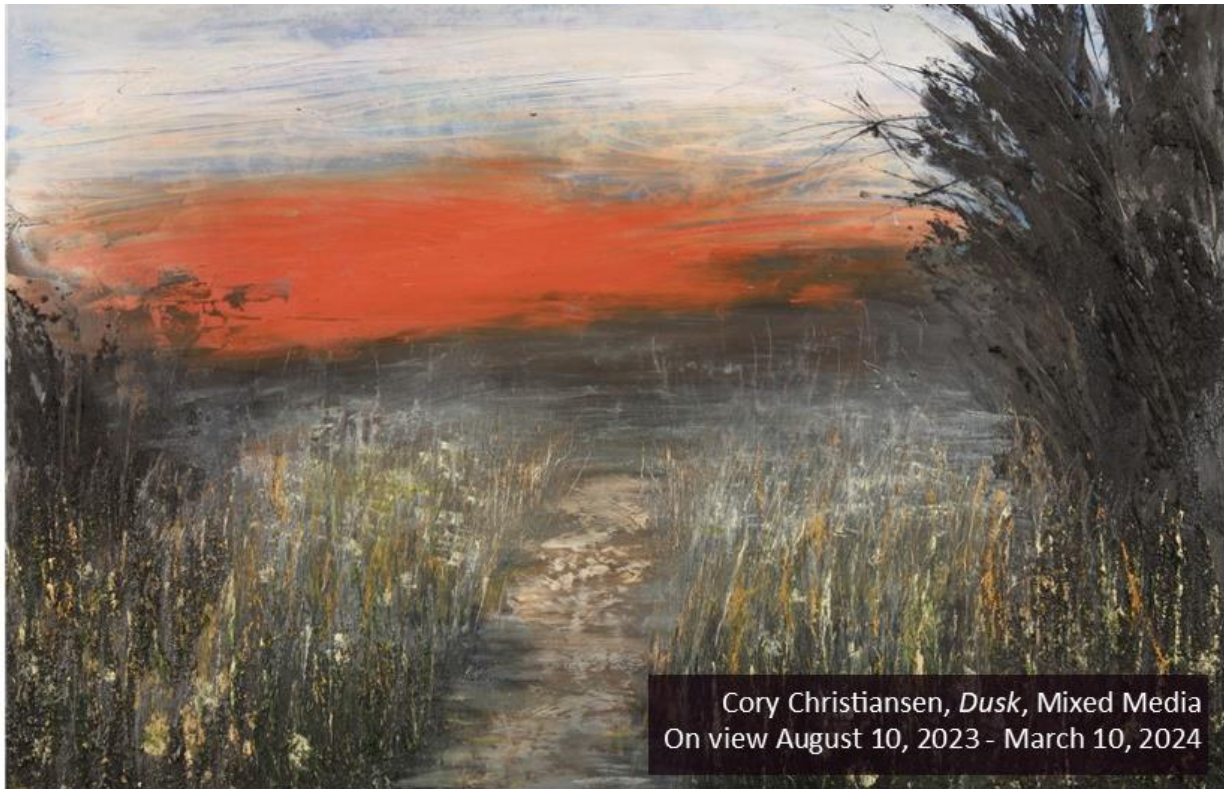


Fine Art from the Permanent Collection of the
Muscatine Art Center



American Art Pottery
from the Collection of
Mark & Marie Latta





New Additions to the Permanent Collection



On view through February 2024 – Historic House 2nd Floor Galleries

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 February is "Classic Children's Books", and the theme for March is "Funny Animals".

Free Artist Workshops for Kids with Miss Julie

Tom Wesselmann – Saturday, February 17, 1:30 – 2:30 p.m. (AGES 7-14)

American artist Tom Wesselmann was born in 1931 in Ohio and was mostly associated with the Pop Art movement of the 1950s and 1960s. He worked in painting, sculpture, collage, and printmaking. Channel your inner artist and create a Pop Art still life in his style. **Register by February 16.**

Free Weaving Workshop with Miss Heather

Saturday, February 24, 1:30 – 3:00 p.m. (AGES 8+)

Create a colorful weaving using yarn and other materials! Learn how to weave a tapestry or creature using various weaving techniques. No previous weaving experience necessary. **Register by February 23.**

Free Spring Take & Makes

Bags available March 9 – 15

Visit the Muscatine Art Center during open hours to get a Take & Make bag. These bags are free to pick up while supplies last.

Free Family Events

Mardi Gras at West Hill Cakery – Tuesday, February 13, 10:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.

Mardi Gras, or "Fat Tuesday" in French, is celebrated worldwide annually in February or March. Every city and country celebrates differently, and although not observed nationally in the United States, a number of historically ethnically French cities and regions in the country have notable celebrations. The very first Mardi Gras celebration in Louisiana was March 3, 1699, just downriver from what is now New Orleans. Mardi Gras originated in Europe as a Christian celebration, but today is a largely secular festival. **Join Program Coordinator Katy at West Hill Cakery for some Mardi Gras-inspired crafts and activities and some fresh-baked goodies. No registration required. West Hill Cakery is located at 810 Park Avenue, Suite 13.**

CATurday – Saturday, March 2, 1:30 – 3:30 p.m.

For all the fans of our feline friends, come celebrate all things cats! International Cat Day is August 8th, but we just can't wait! Miss Katy has prepared the purrrfect Saturday - stories about cats, make your own cat toys, cat-inspired crafts, face painted cat whiskers, and more. Enter a drawing to win a basket full of fun stuff for your cat! Musser Public Library's Mr. Taylor will even be here to share stories and songs about cats starting at 2:30 p.m. No cat at home? No problem! You don't need to be a cat owner (or a servant to a cat) to be crazy about cats! CATurday is a drop-in event for families. **No registration required.**

For Adults

Animals in Art: Guided Tour of Art Pottery from the Latta Collection

Thursday, February 29, 5:30 – 6:45 p.m. (AGES 7-14)

Born in 1887, Clementine Hunter was a self-taught Black folk artist from Louisiana who produced an estimated 5,000-10,000 paintings in her lifetime before passing away at the age of 101. Celebrate her life and works by creating a memory painting in her style. **Register by January 26.**

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