



February 2024 Department Report City of Muscatine



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.



February Highlights

- Presented 30 agenda items for consideration by City Council during their regular meetings.
- Worked with Finance Director and staff to conducted several budget review sessions with City Council.
- Responded to numerous citizen and City Council requests and concerns.

Human Resources Division

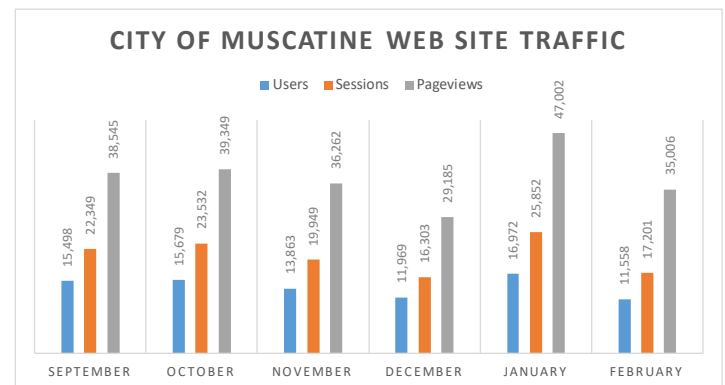
February Highlights

- The City has several seasonal positions posted and the Parks Department is in the process of hiring for these openings as the summer season moves closer. To view and apply for open positions visit <https://www.muscatineiowa.gov/1598/Career-Center>
- The city welcomed four employees in February.
- HR Department staff has completed the union negotiation process and successfully reached agreements with all three of the City's bargaining units.
- City employees attended a hour training session on anti-harassment and bullying. This training reviewed the legal definitions of bullying and harassment along with an overview of the City's policies and the expectations of the organization. Supervisors attended an additional session related to management responsibilities in regard to this. A total of four sessions were held and approximately 250 employees attended.

Communications Division

February Highlights

- Produced and distributed 26 press releases to media and Notify Me subscribers.
- Created and published 122 posts on social media (38 Facebook, 33 Instagram, 37 Twitter, 2 LinkedIn, and 2 YouTube).
- Ended the month of February with 11,498 (+41 from end of January) followers on Facebook, 1,631 (+2) on Instagram, 1,524 (-1) on Twitter, 416 on LinkedIn (+8), and 594 (+5) 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	519					4,662
Payroll Checks and Direct Deposits	863	835	1155*	728	710	688	656	655					5,135
Accounts Receivable Invoices Sent	155	262	292	197	233	196	153	285					1,773
Finance Cash Register Transactions	454	440	487	321	486	425	479	503					3,595
Housing Receipt Transactions	189	182	192	181	178	190	186	184					1,482
Purchase Orders Processed	286	322	267	306	239	208	246	196					2,070
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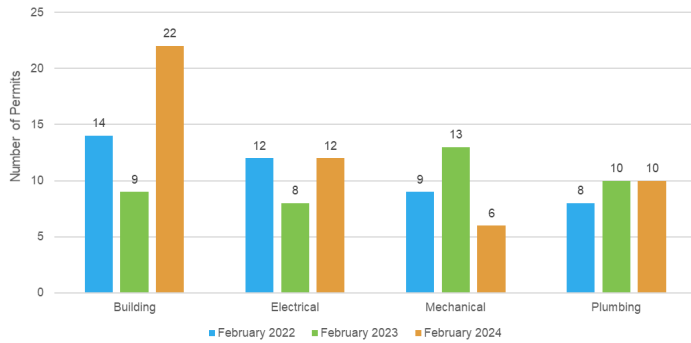
February Highlights

- Prepared materials for the rest of the department budget review sessions.
- Prepared the Debt Service Fund, Capital Projects Funds, and other fund budgets; reviewed these with City Council
- Submitted required documentation for the Hershey Manor HVAC project reimbursement requests from the re-financed loan proceeds held by Grandbridge Financial.
- Prepared the Proposed Property Tax Levy Notice for the FY 25 Budget (for Public Hearing #1)

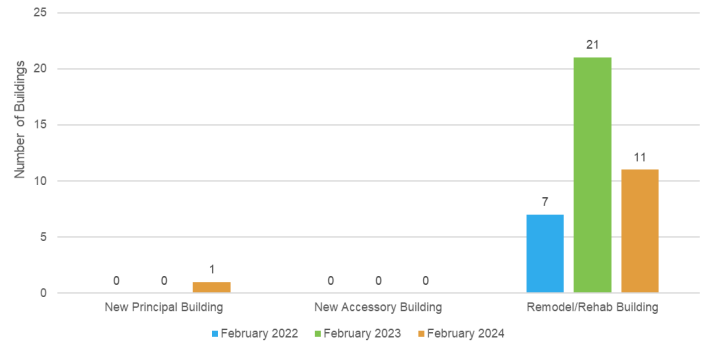


Department of Community Development

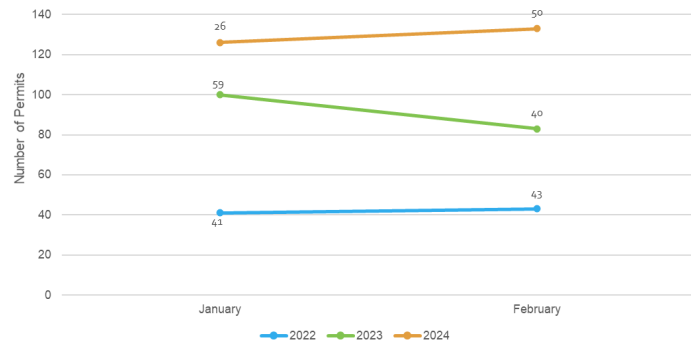
Permits Issued Monthly



Monthly Commercial Building Construction Projects

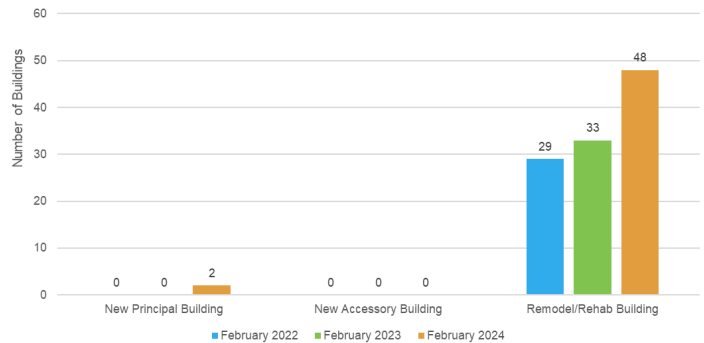


Permits Issued Per Month YTD

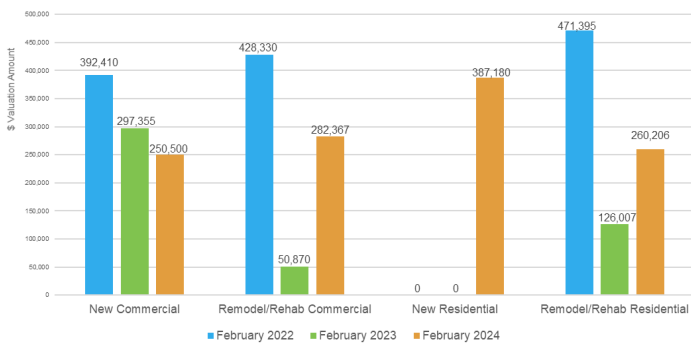


- Principal Building defined as the construction of new building on a previously vacant lot/parcel.
- Accessory Building defined as buildings constructed in addition to the principal building such as garages, storage buildings, shelters, etc.
- Remodel/Rehab defined as buildings undergoing any alterations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

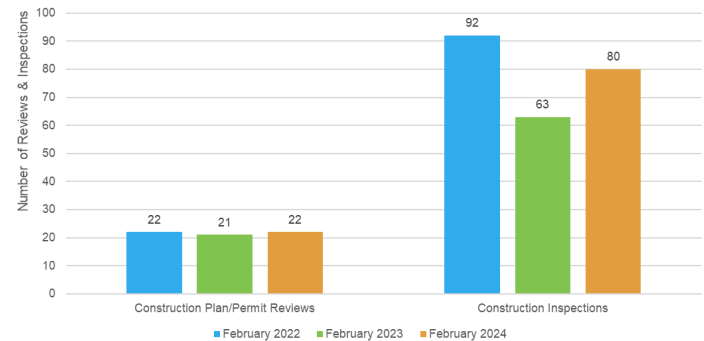
Monthly Residential Building Construction Projects



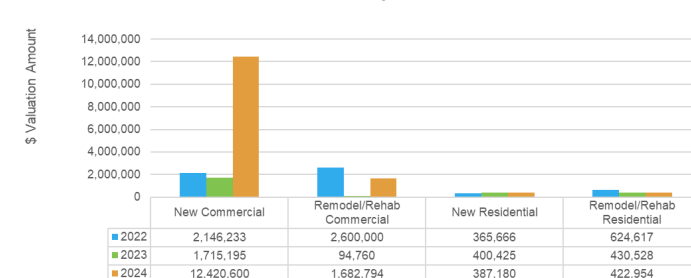
Monthly Construction Project Valuations



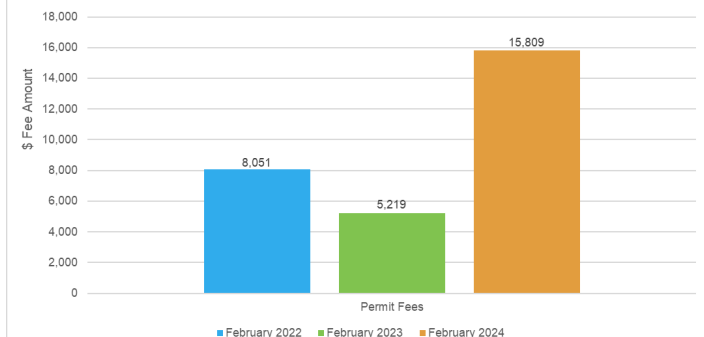
Monthly Construction Plan/Permit Reviews and Inspections



YTD Construction Project Valuations

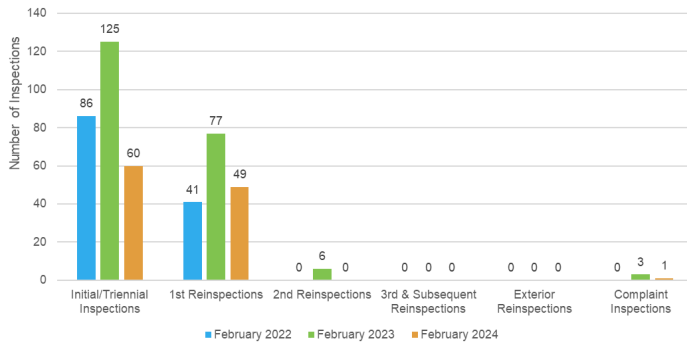


Monthly Permit Fees Collected



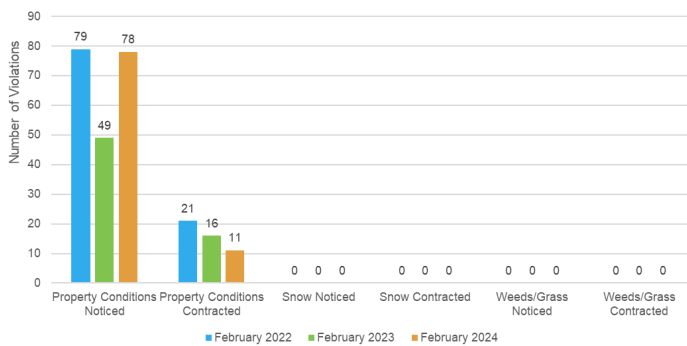
Department of Community Development

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

- Due to the unseasonably nice weather in February, construction on the Downtown Revitalization Project started.
- Released 5 requests for proposals, including technical services related to nuisance services, initiation of the consolidated plan renewal, and the implementation of various grants.
- Collected updates on projects in the current CIP to develop an annual status report.
- Conducted a walk-through of 705 Juniper, which is currently available for purchase to an entity that would move the structure to a new site. This is 1 of the 10 properties currently open for bids that will be open in March.
- The City demolished one more property, 1522 Grand, while 1315 Smalley was sold and subsequently demolished by the new owners as a result of the enforcement of the property maintenance code. Repairs are being made on 11 other properties through this program and 3 more are being sold.
- The annual Certified Local Government Report was submitted to allow City departments to continue to pursue funds to support projects that preserve history

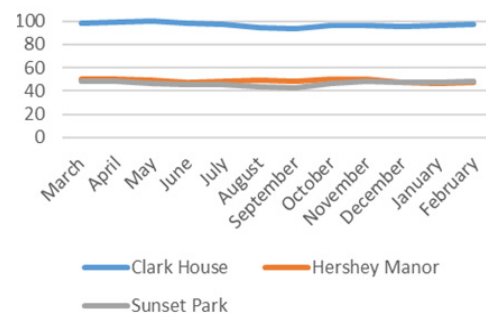
Muscatine Municipal Housing Agency

- A new Housing Specialist was hired, Keeyana Lanz,

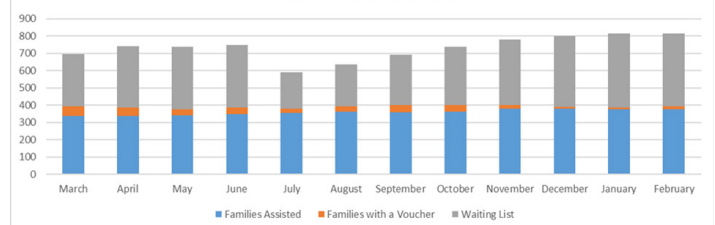
will take over property management for Sunset Park Apartments and a caseload of Housing Choice Voucher families. Thanks to Joce McFate for stepping in and keep Sunset Park on track through this process!

- Chelsea Geldenhuys, Stephanie Dietrich, and Eli Cruz stepped up to train Keeyana on the Voucher regulatory requirements allowing Melissa Rinnert to continue managing Hershey Manor as we approach the end of the management contract.
- The RFP for modernization of the Clark House elevators was released.
- 1 family leased up in public housing
- 1 new family began receiving tenant-based rental assistance and another while 2 moved into a unit with project-based assistance
- 10 families were issued vouchers to begin looking for eligible rental units
- 6 families attended a Section 8 Briefing
- 3 families have been rehoused from homelessness with the use of stability vouchers
- Two Families graduated from the Self-Sufficiency Program. Together they received more than \$15,000 in earned escrow
- 3 families completed the first-time homebuyer course
- 1 family received downpayment assistance to purchase their first home
- Occupancy rose to 96%
- Completed 62 workers in an average of 1.1 days
- Maintenance completed turnover of 4 units
- Paid \$173,247 for housing and utility assistance on behalf of 377 families
- \$7,145 was deposited into escrow accounts for families working toward self-sufficiency
- Earned \$24,676 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 continues 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	9 Reservations in February
Shelters	0 Reservation in February
Dog Park Passes	Available online via PetData

Park Maintenance Division

Staff has been busy with winter equipment maintenance, building maintenance, aquatic center maintenance and playground inspections and repairs. Staff attended continuing education courses and multiple trainings. Staff also attended job fairs, and is actively recruiting seasonal staff for upcoming season. Multiple dead trees were removed throughout our park sites. Work also began on landscape bed prep and spring park clean up. Staff removed the downtown winter season banners and put up the Spring season banners.

Subject	Result
Seasonal Employee Recruitment	21 Seasonal Staff Hired

Cemetery Division

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

Subject	Result
Cremains	3 burials in February
Full Casket	3 burials in February
County Assisted	0 burials in February
Grave Spaces	4 sold in February
Niche Spaces	2 sold in February

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, and is adjusting the boat ramps and docks daily with the rising river levels.

Subject	Result
Long Dock Slips (48 Available)	2 Rented 46 Available
Houseboat Dock Slips (8 Available)	0 Rented 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. BlastBall ended in February with success. Registration for Tee-Ball will be opening in early March. The Spring/Summer brochure has been started with a tentative print release for late March/early April. All summer programs go live for Registration on May 1, 2024.

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	14 Pool Parties Booked for 2024
Swim Lesson Enrollment	2024 Swim Lesson Registrations go live on May 1, 2024

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 2024 Biometric Screenings will take place in Late April with more details and sign up coming out in Mid-March.

Kent Stein Division

Kent Stein Park remains closed. Staff continues to make improvements to the park and the facilities for the upcoming season. We continue to work up all the infields in preparation for the upcoming season. Staff continues to trim trees and remove benches in the park. We have started to receive our supplies from the 2024 recreational bids. We started receiving orders for the Bi-Statebid process. We have been working through large and small equipment to get it ready for the upcoming season. Full time staff attended the annual turf conference in Des Moines, Iowa. At the conference staff worked on continuing education credits for our pesticide certification. Contractors worked on switching the power to the old shop to underground and retiring the old power pole behind diamond #1. Kent Stein park is scheduled to open April 1, 2024.

Soccer Complex Division

Soccer & Soccer West remain closed. Staff continues to trim trees and remove branches throughout the park. We have been working through all equipment to get it ready for the upcoming season. We have started to receive our supplies from the 2024 recreational bids. We started receiving orders for the Bi-State bid process. Full time staff attended the annual turf conference in Des Moines, Iowa. At the conference staff worked on continuing education credits for our pesticide certification. Muscatine Soccer Complex and Soccer West facilities are scheduled to open April 1, 2024.

Golf Divisions

The Golf Course opened on February 26, 2024. We remained walking only while we waited for our carts to get delivered from Harris. Season passes went on sale in February and we sold 89 season passes in February. Four teams competed in the Simulator Scramble Challenge. The simulator remains up but will be going back into storage in early March.

Staff has been working on winter equipment repair and prepping for the season. Staff has been working on clubhouse updates such as painting, cleaning and maintenance. Ensured all debris cleaned up around the course to assist in the early start to the season. Staff attended continuing education courses in Des Moines,

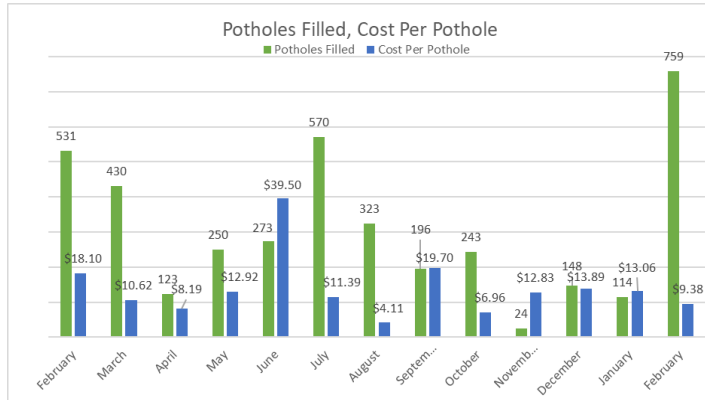
Subject	Result
Outings	16 Outings Scheduled for 2024
Leagues	6 Leagues Scheduled for 2024
Season Passes	89 Season Passes Sold in 2024
Rounds Played	134 rounds played in February

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.

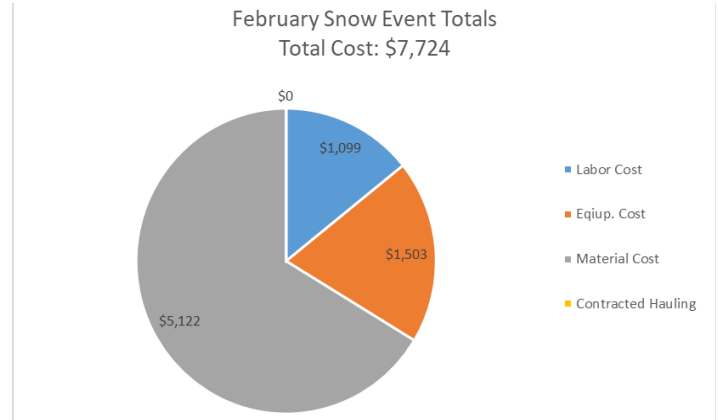
Roadway Maintenance Division February 2024:

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.



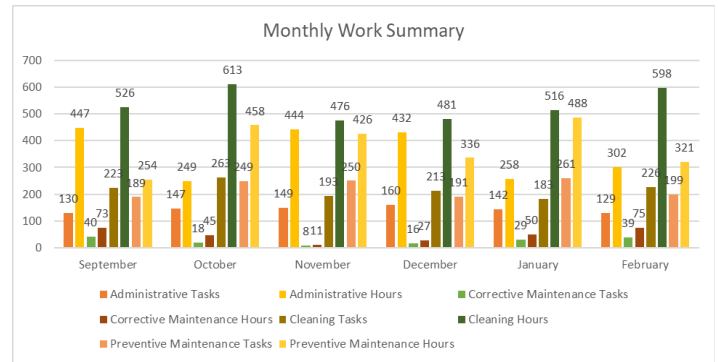
This measure indicates the number of potholes filled, and the approximate cost to fill each pothole. Beginning January 20, 2021, a "standard" pothole is defined as being the size of large pizza box. Potholes will be divided no smaller than one half of a pizza box. Beginning in April of 2022, we began 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 February 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.

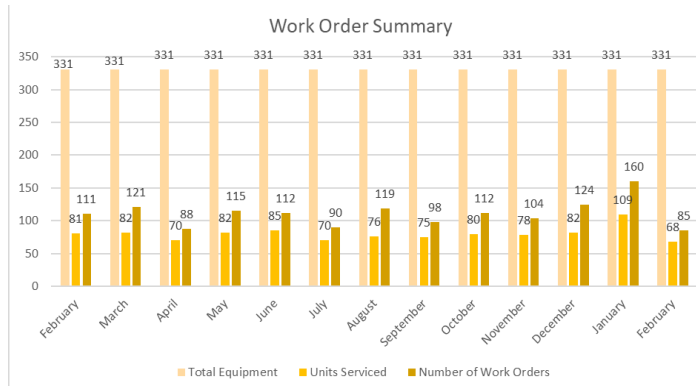


This chart indicates the number of work activities and the hours committed to them per month. Administrative tasks include ordering equipment and materials, requesting and receiving bids and quotes for work or supplies, project oversight, delivery of building supplies, training and paid time off. Corrective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

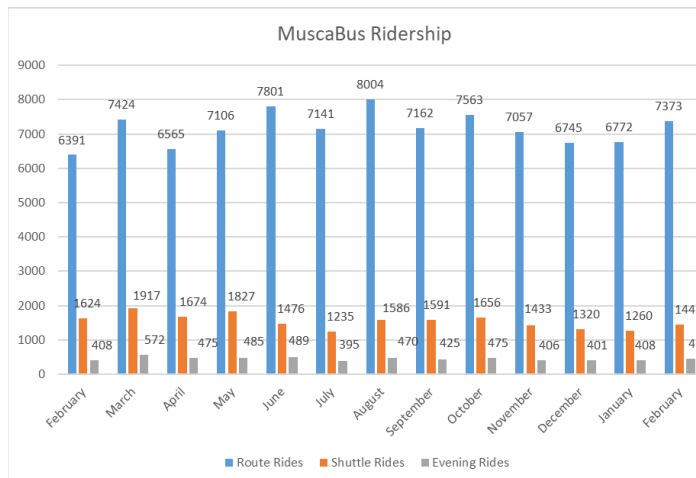
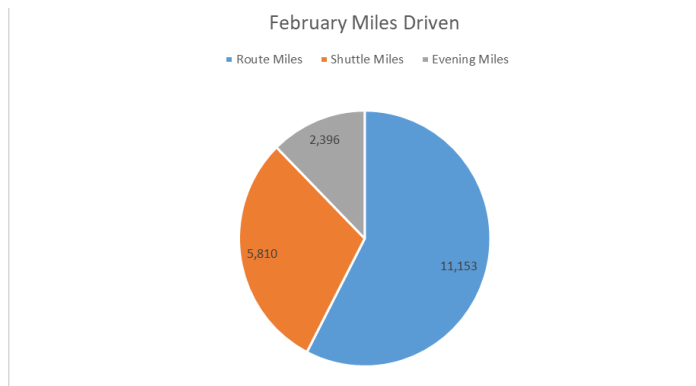
Vehicle Maintenance Division February 2024:

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 February 2024:

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

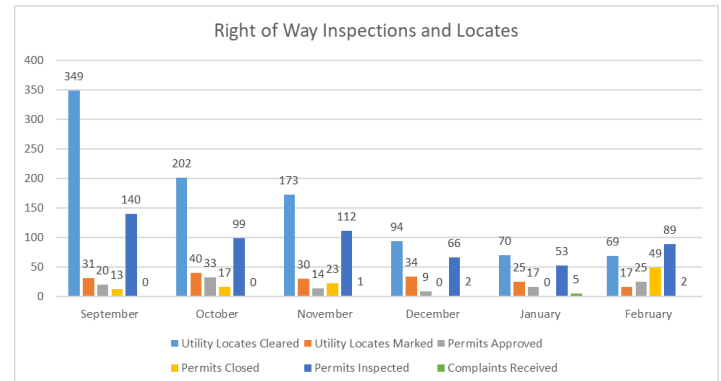


Engineering Division February 2024:

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	40%	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:



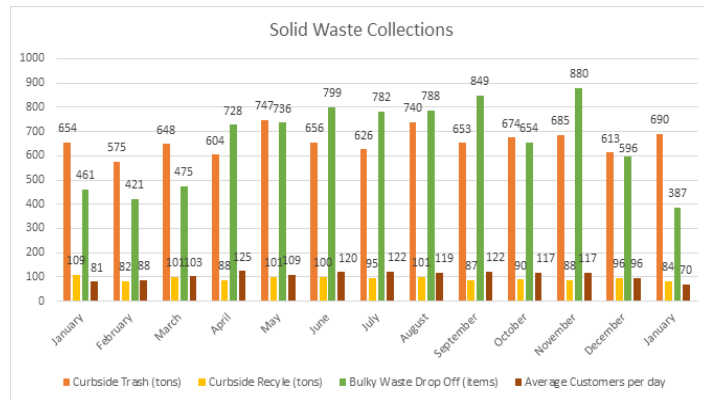
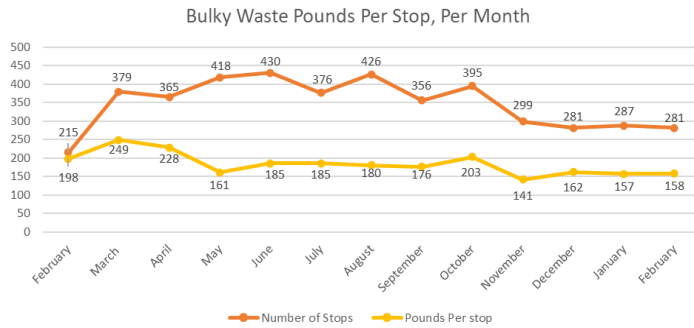
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- "Utility Locates Cleared" indicates the areas that have no utilities to be marked
- "Utility Locates Marked" are instances where the inspector marked utilities in the field
- "Permits Approved" are Right of Way Permits that were reviewed, approved, 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 February 2024:

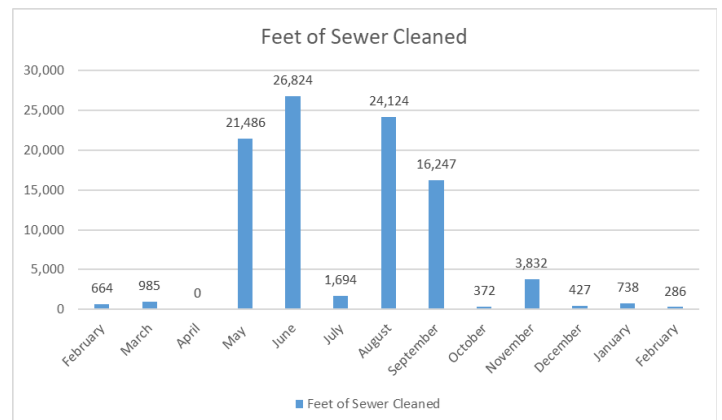
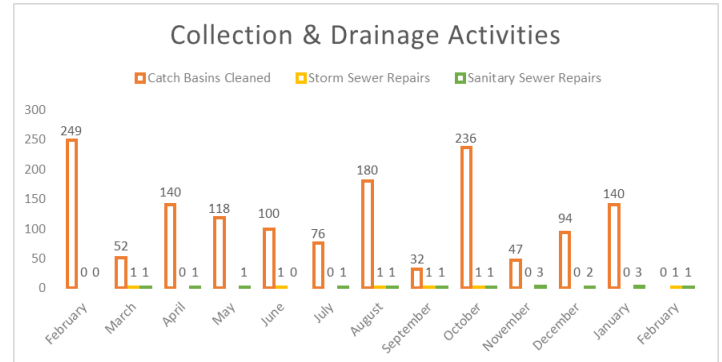
The Solid Waste Division consists of activities related to refuse collection, transfer station, compost site, and landfill, as well as overseeing the contracted recycling collection.



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.

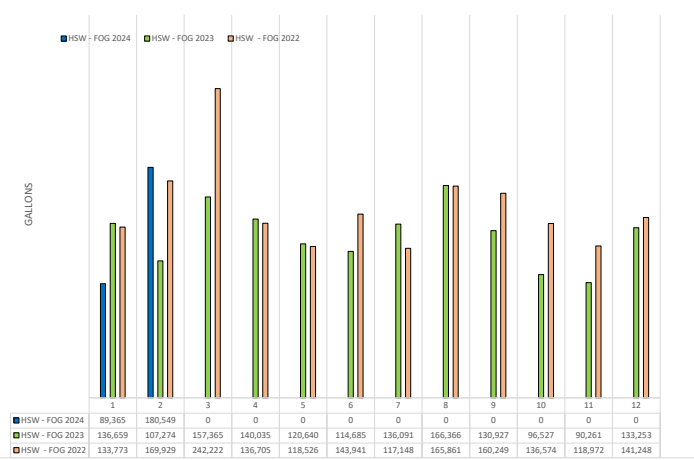
Collection & Drainage Division February 2024:

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.

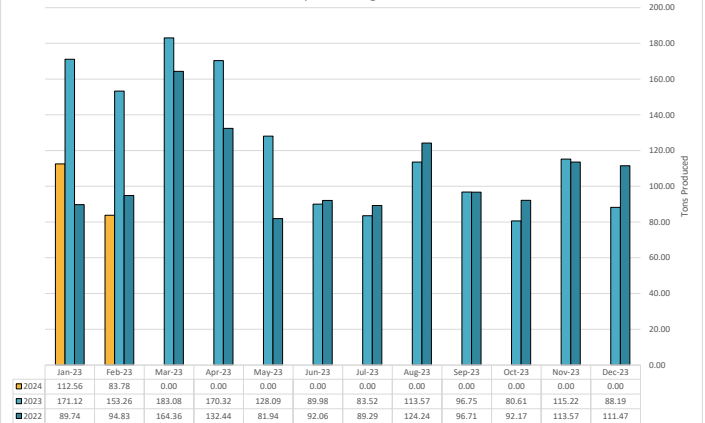


Water Pollution Control Plant

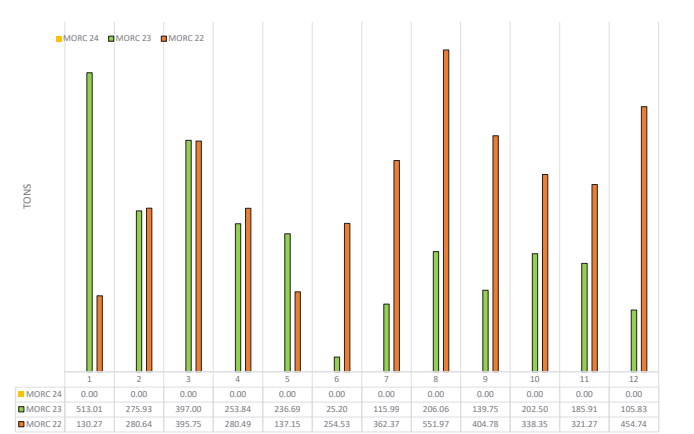
MUSCATINE WRRF HAULED FOG - HIGH STRENGTH WASTE 2024



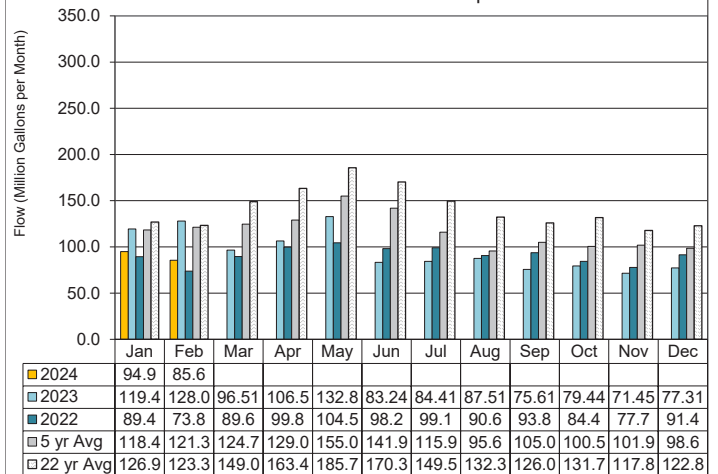
Muscatine WRRF Monthly Total Sludge Production



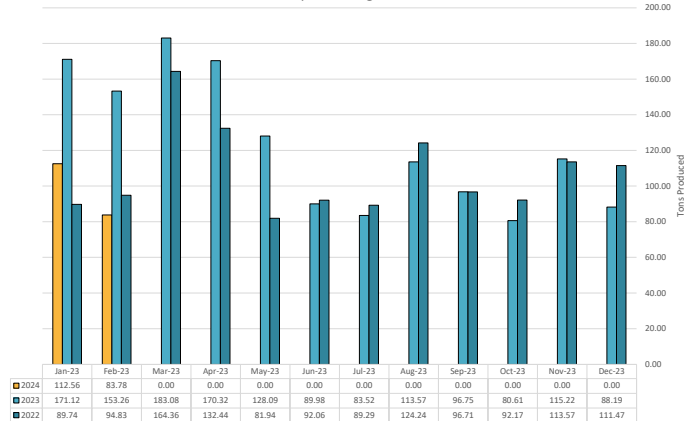
MUSCATINE WRRF HAULED MORC 2024



Muscatine WRRF Total Flow per Month



Muscatine WRRF Monthly Total Sludge Production



Public Safety / Muscatine Fire Department

February 2024

Highlights



- We offered a stop the bleed and hands only CPR training at Station 2 on February 24th. Councilmember Jindrich was a participant in the training. (photo below)



- We are offering stop the bleed and hands only CPR training at Station 2 again on May 4th, August 31st, and November 9th from 8 am to noon. We would encourage all of you to attend.

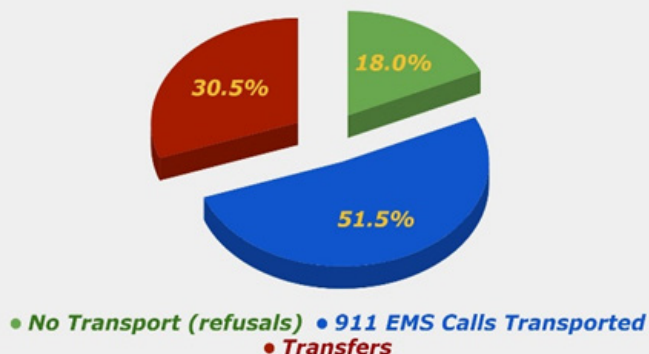
- Joint haz mat training occurred at Station #2 with our MFD regional Iowa Haz Mat Team and 71st CST, Iowa National Guard Civil Support Team. (photo below)



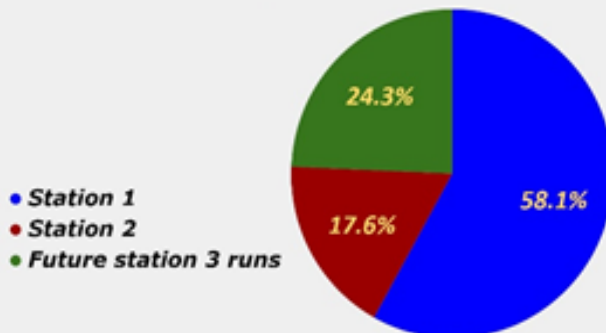
Staff Updates & Kudos

- Firefighter Ben Krieger and Jameson Lammer was hired on February 26th and both are currently in our 6 week recruit academy.
- We will have a swearing in ceremony on March 21st at the city council meeting for Firefighters Griffin Wilder, Dustin Bartels, and Samuel Martin.

EMS Call Types - February 2024



Calls per Coverage Area - January 2024



Public Safety / Muscatine Fire Department

Demand for Services / Response Activity

	February 2024	Avg. Per Day	Year To Date
Fire Responses	51	1.76	113
911 EMS Responses	276	9.52	592
Out of Town Transfers	98	3.38	191
Local Transfers	14	0.48	29
Total Responses	439	15.14	925
	February 2024		Year To Date
Urban Response Time - Goal - 90% within 9 min or less	92.6%		90.4%
Rural Response Time - Goal - 90% within 15 min or less	100%		95.5%

Staff Training

Type	February 2024	Year To Date
Recruit /Probationary	31.15	67.15
Fire Suppression	214.15	528.55
EMS / Medical Related	249.25	432.3
Technical/Rescue	20	34.5
Driver/Operator	30.3	41.3
Professional Development/Leadership	173.45	189.45
Paramedic Program	288	462
Totals	1,006.3	1,755.25

Vehicle & Equipment Maintenance

	February 2024	Year To Date
Fire Vehicle Miles Driven	2,135	5,360
Ambulance Miles Driven	9,968	19,945
Total Miles Driven	12,103	25,305
Gallons of Diesel Fuel Dispensed	363	819
Gallons of Gasoline Dispensed	1,348	2,846
Total Gallons of Fuel Dispensed	1,711	3,665
Work Orders Completed (PPE, Vehicles, Equip.)	42	82

Prevention, Education and Outreach

	JAN 2024	YTD		JAN 2024	YTD
Fire Inspections	9	24	Plan Reviews/Site Visits	17	42
Fire Reinspections	1	34	Fire Investigations	5	9
Educational Events	3	4	Permits Issued	190	255

Public Safety / Muscatine Police Department

February 2024 Updates

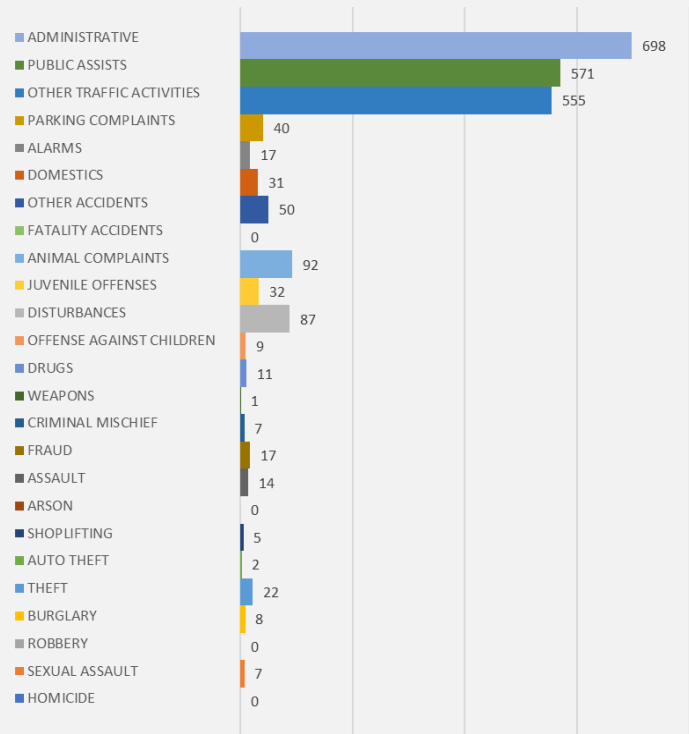
- The Department completed the 2023 Year End Report and made it available to the public.
- Chief Kies and SRO Pena participated in the School Board Community Conversations. This was an open discussion and question answer session about how the district and the PD work together.
- Officers D. Mullen, D. Wheeler, Dabit and Sgt. Bryant received some appreciation on Facebook from a citizen for helping push her out of the median during the early February bad weather. Great job!!
- Captain Jirak gave a guided tour of the Police Department and its multiple vehicle types to the Leadership Muscatine group.
- Lt. Buss paid for a citizen's items at Kum & Go after realizing she didn't have enough money to cover her things. Thanks for helping someone in need!
- Sgt. Hazlett visited Franklin Elementary and Sgt. Patel visited McKinley Elementary.
- Officer Orbaker completed the FTO program and began solo patrol.
- K9 Dexter was laid to rest February 8th due to major medical problems. His handler Officer Wilkinson and wife Nicole were by his side to the end.



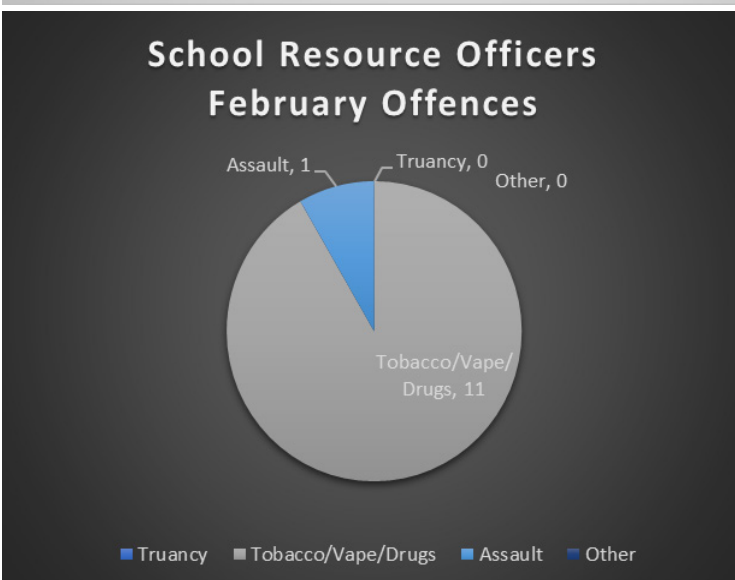
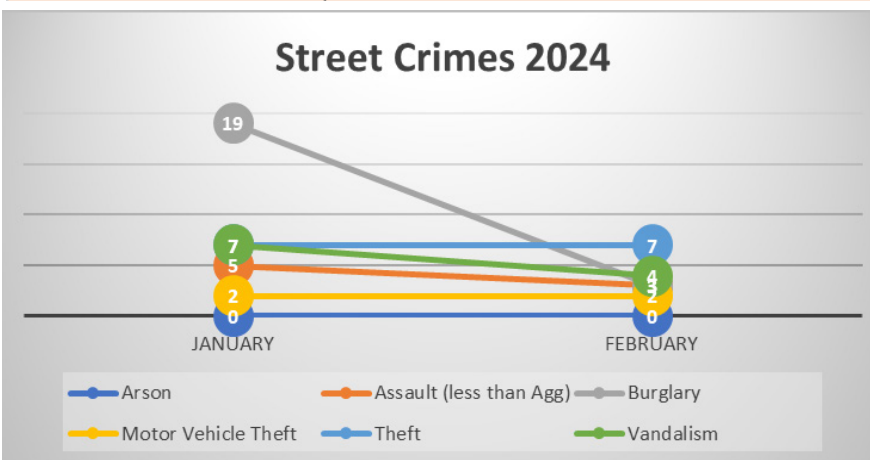
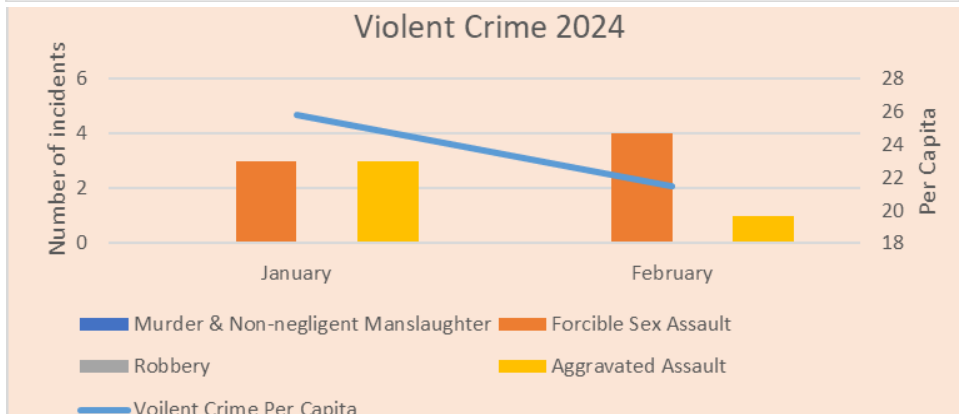
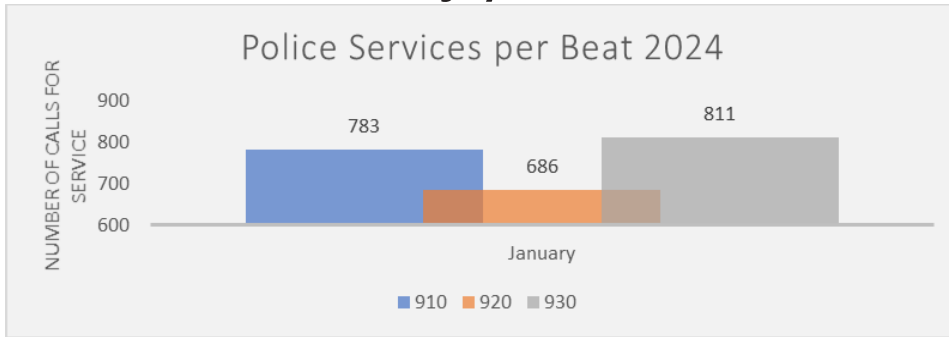
Huge shout out to our officers & first responders! There was black ice on the bypass this morning & I unfortunately hit a patch & spun out. No one was hurt thankfully & the officers were already on scene of another accident but quickly got to me & made sure I was okay & helped me get my car back onto the road! Things could have ended much worse but I'm grateful for their help!



Muscatine PD Calls for Service-February 2024



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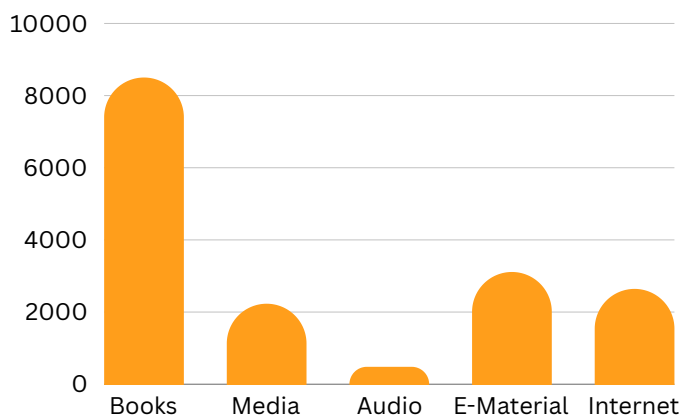
THE STORY OF FEBRUARY 2024

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

I get a good feeling of reward from helping people who come to the library that are not that familiar with it and are unsure about what to do but have been told they could get a quick print job done here. Lots of times they are in a bit of a hurry and the sense of relief and gratitude they have when the job is easily taken care of is really rewarding.

Circulation Staff Member

This month, people checked out almost 17,000 items in the library and online.



PEOPLE ASKED US A LOT OF QUESTIONS.



WE ANSWERED 487 QUESTIONS THIS MONTH.

WE SENT AND RECEIVED 3,146 MATERIALS FROM OTHER LIBRARIES TO HELP OUR PATRONS.

WE GREETED 10,513 PEOPLE THIS MONTH.

560 OF THEM USED OUR MEETING ROOMS AS GATHERING SPACES.



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PEOPLE CAME TO OUR PROGRAMS FOR ALL AGES. WE HAD 51 PROGRAMS THIS MONTH!

AND WATCHED US ON TV.

50 new shows debuted
258 different shows aired
862 total programs
550 hours of programming
average program length:
38 minutes



PEOPLE VISITED US ONLINE, TOO.

OUR DATABASES WERE USED 8,265 TIMES.

WE HAD 8,235 VISITS TO OUR WEBSITE.

We have tax forms and booklets available for free here at the Library.

Can't find the form you need? Our librarians will help you out.

Printing only costs 10 cents a page for black and white copies!

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From the Muscatine Art Center

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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



Art Array 2024

in view at the Muscatine Art Center

March 21 - June 2

Artists



Carol Anthony
Yvonne Breiner
Kent Broadbent
Cory Christiansen
Jim Elias
Kay Flanders
Zarina Guner
Jame Hayes
Chris Hoffman
Jim Houseman

Donna Lapsey
Rick Lodmell
Annette Matjucha Hovland
Janet McElroy
Melissa Morse
Denise Murphy
Rip Russell
Connie Sherman
Rick Steffens

Reception: April 4, 5:30 - 6:30 p.m.

View this year's entries, meet the artists and judges, and find out who will win 1st, 2nd, and 3rd place awards. Free Admission!

Judges

Peter Xiao

Kristin Quinn

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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 March is "Funny Animals", and the theme for April is "Yummy Food".

Free Drawing Dragons Workshop with Miss Heather

Saturday, March 23, 1:30 – 3:00 p.m. (AGES 7+)

Explore the world of dragons! Use your imagination or find inspiration in model dragons. Draw and paint your own special type of dragon. What can your dragon do? Where does it live? Is it friend or foe? The possibilities are endless!

Register by March 22.

Free Artist Workshops for Kids with Miss Julie

Vincent van Gogh – Saturday, March 30, 1:30 – 2:30 p.m. (AGES 7-14)

Born in 1853, Vincent van Gogh was a Dutch Post-Impressionist painter whose paintings are made up of dramatic brushwork and bold colors. At the time of his death in 1890, he had created over 2,100 works of art, but sadly only one had sold during his lifetime. After his death, his popularity grew, and he became one of the most famous and influential artists in the world. Immerse yourself in van Gogh's world by creating a 3-D pop-up. **Register by March 29.**

For Adults

Victorian Easter Card Workshop

Thursday, March 21, 5:15 – 6:45 p.m. – Fee: \$15/\$13.50 Friends members

The introduction of the halfpenny stamp in the 1870s made it more affordable to send greeting cards, creating a card-sending craze. Christmas was the main holiday for mailing cards but soon Easter became a popular time to send unique cards. Registrar Virginia Cooper leads this workshop where participants can view Easter cards from the permanent collection and create their own versions. All supplies included. No experience necessary. **Register by March 20.**

Daniel Adam Maltz: Fortepianist - Sunday, March 24, 2:00 p.m.

Daniel Adam Maltz is a fortepianist based in Vienna, Austria. He specializes in Wiener Klassik — Viennese Classicism — especially the works of Haydn, Mozart, and Beethoven performed on the Viennese fortepianos of their time. Daniel debuted at Carnegie Hall (Weill) at age 22 and is a sought-after soloist. He uses the vast range of tones and colors of the fortepiano that were familiar to the composers. For one afternoon only, Daniel will perform on his fortepiano in the Muscatine Art Center's Music Room. The concert is presented in partnership with the Muscatine County Arts Council. Seating is available on a first-come, first-served basis. Doors open at 1:15 p.m. The recommended donation is \$15 per person.

Red Barn Studio with Vada Baker – Glorious Poppy

Sunday, April 7, 1:30 – 2:45 p.m. – Fee: \$15/\$13.50 Friends members

Artist Vada Baker is back with fresh new projects to get you excited for spring. In this class we will use watercolor and acrylic metallic paint to paint a poppy with an Art Deco flair. All supplies included. No experience necessary. **Register by April 5.**

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