

City Administrator Report to Mayor & City Council

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WEEKLY UPDATE:

1. Budget: Reminder - our first budget meeting will be Thursday, January 29th at 5:30PM in the Council Chambers followed by our kickoff of department reviews on Saturday, January 31, 8am in the Lower Level Conference Room.
2. Bi-State: Attached please find a copy of the Commission in Review for December 2014. The Commission in Review is intended to assist the over 400 elected officials from our member governments in being better informed of their Commission's activities. If you have any questions or suggestions regarding the content or format of this report, please do not hesitate to contact me - Sarah Grabowski @ 309-793-6305
3. Website: Here is the link to the draft website as we prepare to go live on January 20th: <http://ia-muscatine2.civicplus.com>
4. ATE: The ATE report with the most recent GATSO and MCOA receipts is attached.
5. Fire: The December 2014 NFPA Fire Experience Survey is attached for your review.
6. Forgivable Loan: Our first award was made to Jeff Kokemuller and Home Run Hitters. Congratulations to Jeff and we wish them much success with their business expansion!
7. Housing: The Section 8 Waiting List will open on February 2. Applications will be made available at that time, but not before, in accordance with the Administrative Plan. More information is included in the attached press release.
8. Parks & Recreation: We have reached our millionth minute (walking club) and we have our Million Minute Winner! We will be announcing the winner and prize at our 2015 Winter Festival on January 31st at the Muscatine Municipal Golf Course. We will also be announcing the next big Walking Club program! These announcements will take place during the announcement of the Snow Sculpture Contest winners (approximately 3:30 pm). Bring the whole family and take part in this FREE event! Activities at the Winter Festival include: Snowpile Treasure Hunt 1:00 pm, Snow Sculpture Contest 2:00 pm, Progressive Firepit Dinner (FREE FOOD) 3:00-5:00 pm. A poster is also attached with more information. Keep on walking and recording your minutes! Weekly incentive prizes are still being given and all minutes recorded from now on will go towards our soon to be announced new goal!
9. IMMI: I will be attending the 2015 Iowa Municipal Managers Meeting March 18-20th and speaking as part of a practitioners panel on the 19th.
10. MFPRSI: MFPRSI's Winter 2015 newsletter is attached for your review. The newsletter highlights various topics, including: Changes to the Board of Trustees membership; City contribution rate for FY 2016; Investment performance as of September 30, 2014; and DROP. Schedules for 2015 events, such as Board of Trustee meeting dates and Outreach, are also included in this edition of MFPRSI Update.