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## City Administrator Report to Mayor & City Council

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### REPORT:

1. Bi-State: Attached please find a copy of the Commission in Review for April 2013. Please forward this report to each of the elected Board or Council members in your jurisdiction as applicable. 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 call us at (309) 793-6300.
2. Alliant: We are working with Alliant to conduct energy audits of our four largest consumers (gas) - WPCP (\$22,000 annually), Clark House (\$17,000 annually), Transfer Station (\$15,000 annually), and Library (\$10,000 annually).
3. Iowa League Property Tax Update: Please see the following link for an update on current property tax legislation coming from the Conference Committee:  
<http://us5.campaign-archive2.com/?u=853dd3284f66cd2ddf7879ddb&id=318e735ba0&e=f73042d165>
4. Vacation: Reminder - my family and I will be on vacation June 1-8 and then attending ISU orientation 6/10-11.
5. Blue Zones: Per BZ Staff - We wanted to send you an update on some upcoming events related to Blue Zones Project Muscatine and wider community interaction. As more details about these events become available, we will be sure to share this with you.
  - Volunteer Orientation - Thursday, May 23, 5:30-6:30 at Muscatine History & Industry Center. This volunteer orientation is a general training for preparing community volunteers on Blue Zones Project Muscatine. We will be inviting community members who have shown interest or have had someone suggest them as a key person to involve. We will be holding these trainings on a monthly basis as we get rolling. If you know of someone who is interested in being a volunteer for the project please have them contact us for upcoming training dates or email us their contact information and we will contact them directly. This notice to you as leadership is just an FYI, you are more than welcome to attend this training if you are interested.
  - Community Input/Open House - Tuesday, June 4th, 4-6 PM at Administration Building of MCSD. We will be asking for participation from both P9 members and Co-Chairs for this community input session on our blueprint. Staff will be reaching out to you soon to communicate roles for this event.
  - Community Kickoff - Tuesday, September 10th, 5-7 PM, location TBD. The Community Kickoff is the celebration and launching of activity for our Blue Zones Project Muscatine. This kickoff marks the start of the "fun"! More details will be forthcoming. Please mark your calendars for this event.
  - If you have any questions please let us know. Thank you for all of your support. Sara Fitzer-Huston, Organization Lead, Blue Zones Project Muscatine, Mobile: 563.484.9491, [Sara.Fitzer-Huston@healthways.com](mailto:Sara.Fitzer-Huston@healthways.com)

*"I remember Muscatine for its sunsets. I have never seen any on either side of the ocean that equaled them" — Mark Twain*