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City Administrator Report to Mayor & City Council

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REPORT:

1. Chamber: Please see the attached letter from GMCCI regarding the upcoming Annual Dinner.
2. CIP: The CIP will be distributed at the January 9th In-Depth Session. On a related note, I was asked to pass on objections from a former Cemetery Commission member regarding the cemetery Steps and his preference that the steps not be replaced due to the high incidence of vandalism that occurred within the cemetery when the steps were open to the public.
3. Police Department: "Shop with a Cop" We ended up taking 102 children shopping with our Shop with a Cop program. We spent nearly \$10,000 from donated funds through the Muscatine Police Association. The association receives donations from many businesses and private donations throughout the year. With these donations numerous children have had the opportunity to experience a Merry Christmas. Without this program many of these children would not have a Christmas.
4. ATE: (REMINDER) Per GATSO - "Just so we are all on the same page, the next step will be for "final notice" to be put forward to the Governor's office for approval and will then be eligible for review by the Administrative Rules Review Committee (ARRC). I have provided a link to the members of this committee for your information below. We have provided some contact information of these members to some of our client cities. This allowed each city to voice individual thoughts and concerns. The more these committee members hear from the communities that take part in these programs the better. They need to understand exactly what is at stake and how communities will be affected. Please feel free to reach out and share your thoughts. Although the next meeting for the ARRC is in January, we've communicated with the Chair of this committee and learned this item will be on the agenda for the February meeting. This will buy us some additional needed time to pursue some legislative options. The actual date in February is not known yet and will be announced the end of January. This link provides a list of members that are on the ARRC. <https://www.legis.iowa.gov/Schedules/committee.aspx?GA=85&CID=53>
5. Recycling: The single-sort recycling program is in its third year and has continued to have a success rate of 95% of our residents participating in the program. The single-sort program has allowed for recycling at the most convenient way possible, in one container, and at the curb. Muscatine residents in the past fiscal year recycled 1,330 tons of recycling. The contract with Allied Waste for the first five years expires in April 2016. There are five, one-year renewal clauses in the contract.
6. Compost Site: The Compost Site is another program that has a high usage rate from our residents. Over the past two years, the City of Muscatine has had a contract with Country Stone to grind wood debris and screen compost. The excess amount that is not needed on our site is removed and taken to Country Stone's plant in Moline, IL to be mixed and sold in landscaping products. The contract has no monetary exchange between the organizations, but it does save the City \$20,000.00-\$30,000.00 a year in grinding cost.

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



December 5, 2013

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Dear Gregg,

Congratulations! **City of Muscatine** has reached **45 years** of continuous membership of the Greater Muscatine Chamber of Commerce & Industry!

To honor your outstanding support and dedication over the years, the Greater Muscatine Chamber of Commerce & Industry will be presenting your company with an anniversary award during the Annual Meeting & Recognition Night held at The Rendezvous on Tuesday, March 25, 2014.

This year GMCCI has partnered with the students at East Campus in Muscatine. These dedicated and talented individuals will be producing a short highlight reel of all of our award recipients. Please note they will be visiting your place of business in the coming months to take photos or tape a short video segment. We hope, in the end, that this video will showcase our proud members and give you the chance to view all award members the night of the Annual Meeting & Recognition Night.

The evening's events will begin at 5:15 p.m. with a pre-dinner cocktail reception. The dinner, awards presentation and keynote presentation will follow from 6:30 p.m. to 9:00 p.m.

As an award recipient, we hope you join us for this fun-filled evening. Individual tickets for the event can be purchased for \$50. Sponsorship packages are also available; with a formal invite to be sent after the first of the year.

Should you have any questions, or require additional information, please let us know. We're looking forward to seeing you at this year's Annual Meeting & Recognition Night.

Sincerely,

Greg Jenkins
President & CEO
Greater Muscatine Chamber of Commerce & Industry

