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## City Administrator Report to Mayor & City Council

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### Weekly Update:

1. Winter Weather: As of this morning, we are expecting icing conditions later today with up to an inch of snow overnight. Crews will be out later in the afternoon to apply salt and be on call for the snow event tonight.
2. Transfer Stations: Staff received a confirmation that the new crane will be installed January 17, 18, and 19. Laura will be letting the public and our customers know we will be closed at the Transfer Station. We will be collecting the City's garbage as normal on the 17th.
3. Trivia Night: Please see the attached flier and join City Staff at the 2014 City Trivia night on January 24th.
4. Recycle the Dress Event: Please see the attached flier on the 2014 Recycle the Dress event.
5. Legislative Day: This year's Legislative Day will be February 4, and the League is making some changes to help our members better access the Capitol during their trip to Des Moines. The major change to the schedule will be the starting the day at the Capitol where members will meet with their legislators. We will reconvene as a group in the afternoon at the Embassy Suites, and the format will be similar to recent years. Stay tuned for more details, and make plans to join the League in Des Moines in February. Information about this event is available at the League's website ([iowaleague.org](http://iowaleague.org)) or in CityScape Magazine.
6. Blue Zones: FYI from the Gallup-Healthways survey results. These are good "well-being" measurement tools. JONI Thought you may find this worth reading.....i.e. #3 and #8. Gallup's Top 10 U.S. Well-Being Discoveries in 2013 December 29, 2013. Highlights from the top 10 most important health and well-being findings from the Gallup-Healthways Well-Being Index in 2013. To view the entire story, visit [http://www.gallup.com/poll/166640/gallup-top-discoveries-2013.aspx?utm\\_source=email-a-friend&utm\\_medium=email&utm\\_campaign=sharing&utm\\_content=morelink](http://www.gallup.com/poll/166640/gallup-top-discoveries-2013.aspx?utm_source=email-a-friend&utm_medium=email&utm_campaign=sharing&utm_content=morelink)
7. Park & Recreation: Join the Muscatine Parks and Recreation Department and many other not-for-profit recreation providers at the Muscatine Mall from 10:00 A.M. - 1:00 P.M. on Saturday, January 11th and experience what recreation activities are available to you and your family in the Muscatine area. This will be a one stop shopping event for all of the activities in the community. Also, join the Muscatine Walking Club on our quest to walk one million minutes! We will host a walk around the Muscatine Mall starting at 11:00 A.M. For more information about the Muscatine Walking Club and what it can do for your overall wellness please visit the following links: <http://muscatineiowa.gov/index.aspx?nid=509> or <https://www.facebook.com/events/360633837406699/>. We will also be giving away many great prizes including 5 activity monitors to those who register at the event. This event is FREE and open to the entire

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

community so bring your family and friends!

8. City Hall: You are invited to compete in the 1st Annual City Staff Chili Cook-off, January 29th. Anyone who is an employee of the city can enter and compete for prizes and the title of Chili Cook-off Champion. Attached is a flyer with some information. Please sign up with Adam (Community Development) by Jan 24th if you would like to compete. Adam will have more detailed information for those competing. Contact Adam with any questions - Adam J Thompson, Planning & Community Development Coordinator, City of Muscatine, [athompson@muscataineiowa.gov](mailto:athompson@muscataineiowa.gov), or 563.262.4141. Hope you can participate or join in the competition! Mark your calendars!



# Recycle The Dress Event 2014

Over the past two years, over 200 Muscatine County and surrounding area high school girls have participated in Recycle the Dress! It is back for the third year!

**Clean Out Your Closet Day:** Get that dress out that has not been on a date in a long time and donate it!

***Saturday, January 18, 2014 - 9:00 am– Noon***

## **Recycle The Dress Event 2014!**

Bring your friends and try on as many dresses as you like! First come, first serve! We have dresses, shoes, jewelry, and handbags.

***Saturday, February 1, 2014***

***9:00 am - 2:00 pm.***

All events are held at the Muscatine Recycling Center and Transfer Station  
1000 S. Houser St. Muscatine, Iowa

For more information, please contact  
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# First Annual Chili Cook-off

Bring your best chili and a competitive spirit  
and see if you were destined to be a world  
famous chili cook, rather than a City Employee.

When/Where: January 29th, 2014

11:00AM-2:00PM

City Hall Break Room & Conference Room

## Prizes

Best of Chilies (Traveling Trophy): Voted by Judges

Hot and flavorful: Voted by Judges

Most Creative: Voted by Judges

People's Choice: Voted by all attending

All city staff is encouraged to come and enjoy the wonderful chili and vote for your favorite chili, even if you are not competing. For more information and to enter a chili please email Adam Thompson at [athompson@muscataineiowa.gov](mailto:athompson@muscataineiowa.gov)

