



THESE DOCKS WERE replaced as part of the Long Dock Replacement project earlier this year and are among 300+ items that will be available during the City of Muscatine on-line surplus auction that begins on Tuesday, Sept. 26. (City of Muscatine photo)

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OVER 300 SURPLUS ITEMS ON THE AUCTION BLOCK

Annual Online Surplus Auction for City of Muscatine starts on Tuesday, Sept. 26

MUSCATINE, Iowa – Every wanted to own your own ice rink forming panels? Or how about a fish tank and table that was used in the Musser Public Library? Want your own pair of fire boots?

These are just a few of the over 300 items that will be up for bid as the City of Muscatine conducts their annual online surplus auction starting Tuesday, Sept. 26.

Randy Moeller, Vehicle and Equipment Maintenance Supervisor in the Public Works Department, has coordinated the gathering of surplus City material and worked with Purple Wave Auction to prepare for this once-a-year event.

The online auction will be hosted on a new site this year as Purple Wave Auction (www.purplewave.com) will be the host for the auction that will continue to mid-October.

“Purple Wave came in and said that they could take the pictures, set the prices, and market the auction to a wide audience,” Moeller said. “In year’s past I was the one taking the pictures, setting the prices, and marketing so this is rather unique for me.”

Purple Wave has a very broad base with over 600,000 subscribers from across the country.

The surplus material may not be brand new but most are still in useable condition for a prospective buyer.

“The main purpose of this surplus auction is to find a new purpose for these materials,” Moeller said. “If we don’t surplus it, if it doesn’t sell, then it usually ends up in the landfill. It is better to repurpose than to just dispose of this material.”

A listing of the items for the surplus auction was approved by the Muscatine City Council at its Thursday, Sept. 21, meeting. The list is available for viewing by looking up the City Council agenda at www.muscatineiowa.gov. Some items may not be among the listed items on the auction site, however, as they may have found a repurpose by the City of Muscatine.

The list will also be featured on the www.purplewave.com web site starting Tuesday, Sept. 26.