

# **July 2024 City Administrator's Report**





# Department of Administration

The City Administrator's office is responsible for the overall management and administrative coordination of the activities of the City of Muscatine. The Office focuses on providing transparent and efficient city services that meet or exceed community expectations.

## City Administrator

### July Highlights

- Presented 19 agenda items for consideration by the Muscatine City Council during their regular meetings.
- Assisted with City Council discussions on developing a parking task force, providing updates on Muscatine Connect and public improvement projects, and the use of orangeburg sanitary tile within the City of Muscatine.
- Responded to numerous citizen and City Council requests and concerns.

## Human Resources Division

### July Highlights

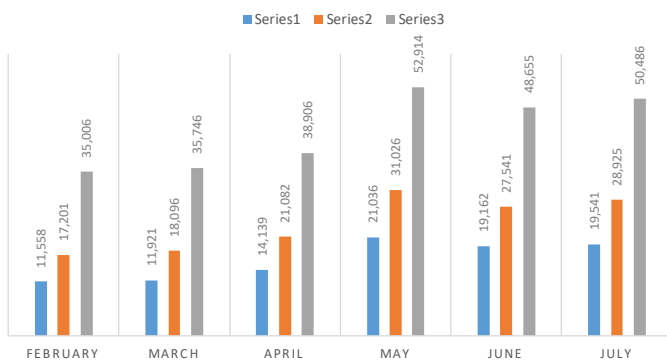
- One hundred seventy five applications were received during June. These included applications for several seasonal positions, equipment operator, police officer, and custodian.
- Human Resources participated in the interview process for firefighters. Once job offers were extended, the HR Department worked to schedule and complete all pre-employment requirements with the successful candidates.
- The HR Department worked with City Council on the process for hiring a new City Administrator and will be working to advertise this opening in the coming weeks.
- The HR Department has continued to work on a variety of wellness related activities including organizing a Healthiest State Walk to be held in October. HR staff is also working on other wellness initiatives in conjunction with the Parks and Recreation Department.

## Communications Division

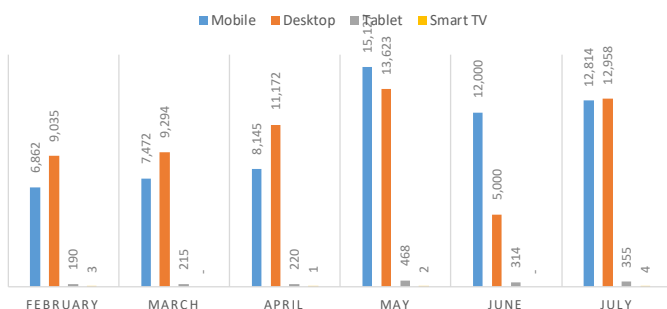
### July Highlights

- Produced and distributed 29 press releases to media and Notify Me subscribers.
- Created and published 144 posts across the City managed social media platforms (Facebook, Instagram, Twitter, YouTube, LinkedIn).
- Ended the month of July with 11,720 (+58 from end of June) followers on Facebook, 1,665 (+6) on Instagram, 1,549 (+4) on Twitter, 452 on LinkedIn (-1), and 649 (+2) on YouTube.
- Continued monitoring use of Civic Clerk, Muscatine Connect (powered by SeeClickFix), Municode, and PetData.
- Continued development of a Branding Guide for the City of Muscatine.
- Continued development of a tagline survey to be used for public input on top choices.

CITY OF MUSCATINE WEB SITE TRAFFIC



ACCESSING THE MUSCATINE WEB SITE



# Department of Administration

## Finance/Parking Division

Summary of Activities	July 2024	August 2024	Sept. 2024	Oct 2024	Nov. 2024	Dec. 2024	Jan. 2025	Feb. 2025	March 2025	April 2025	May 2025	June 2025	Fiscal Year
Accounts Payable Checks & ACH Payments	569												6,905
Payroll Checks and Direct Deposits	868												7,496
Accounts Receivable Invoices Sent	189												2,798
Finance Cash Register Transactions	477												5,516
Housing Receipt Transactions	123												2,207
Purchase Orders Processed	324												3,108

### July Highlights

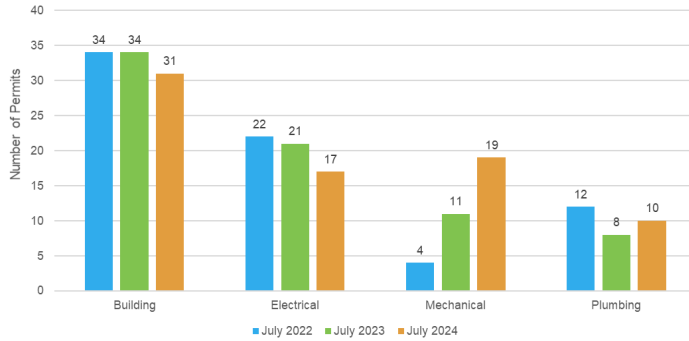
- Submitted all required reports, including monthly sales tax, quarterly payroll reports, and the annual PCORI fee and report
- Continued preparing for the FY2024 audit
- Started preparing for the Hershey Manor FY2024 Audit
- Started the transition of the Hershey Manor management services to Seldin Property Management Company

The City Administrator's Monthly Report is intended to provide a brief summary of City activities, with links to additional information where possible. Due to the variety and complexity of City functions, however, the report is not all-encompassing. Please always feel free to contact the City of Muscatine for more information or with questions or concerns. View past and upcoming events on the City's calendar. Any feedback can be provided to the City Administrator's office by sending an email to [feedback@muscatineiowa.gov](mailto:feedback@muscatineiowa.gov).

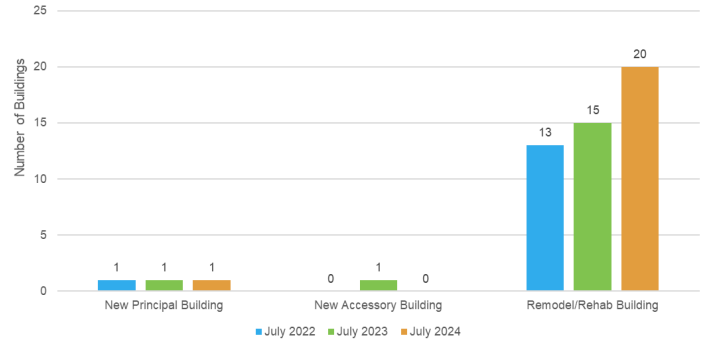


# Department of Community Development

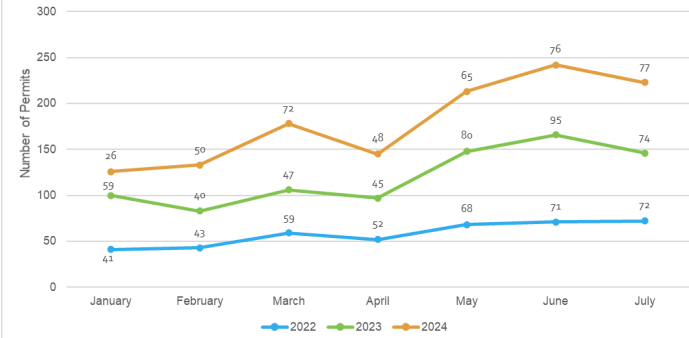
Permits Issued Monthly



Monthly Commercial Building Construction Projects

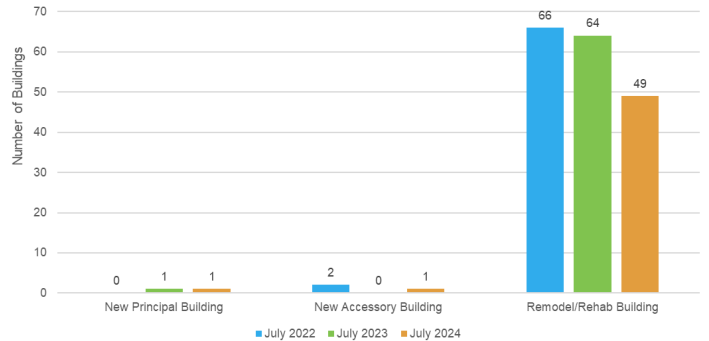


Permits Issued Per Month YTD

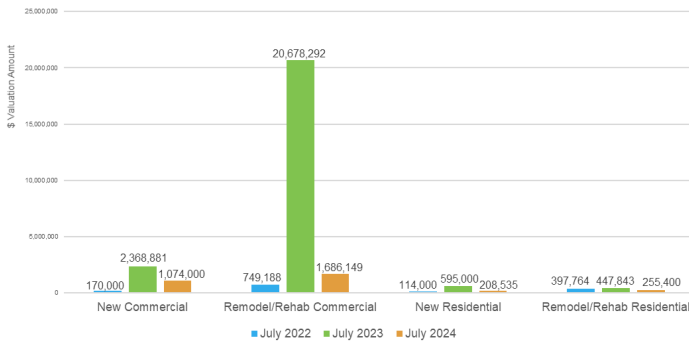


- Principal Building defined as the construction of new building on a previously vacant lot/parcel.
- Accessory Building defined as buildings constructed in addition to the principal building such as garages, storage buildings, shelters, etc.
- Remodel/Rehab defined as buildings undergoing any alterations whether it be for a remodel or repair.

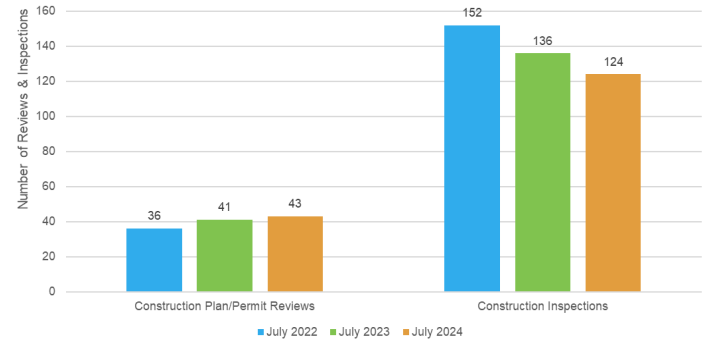
Monthly Residential Building Construction Projects



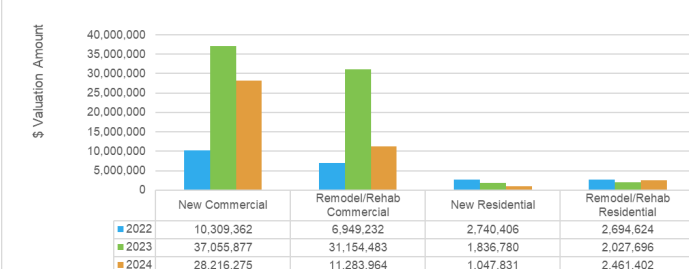
Monthly Construction Project Valuations



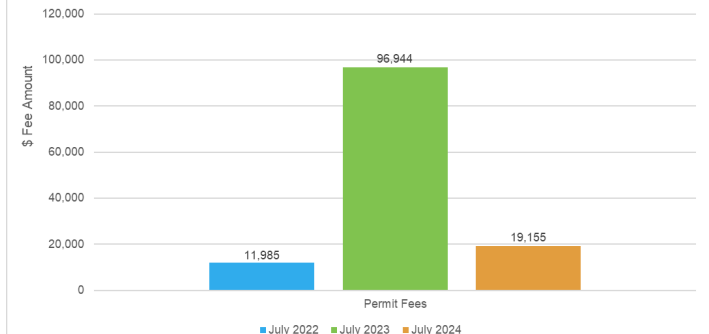
Monthly Construction Plan/Permit Reviews and Inspections



YTD Construction Project Valuations



Monthly Permit Fees Collected



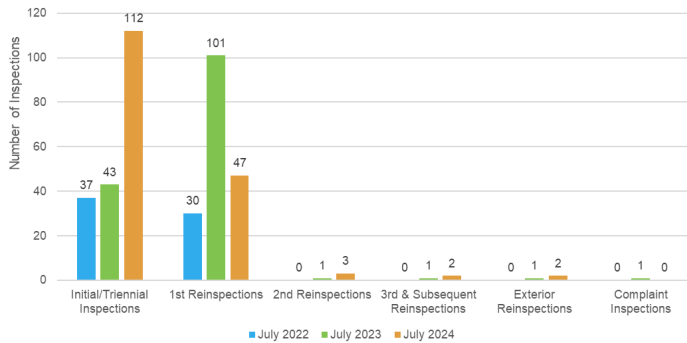


# Department of Community Development

## Community Development July 2024 Highlights

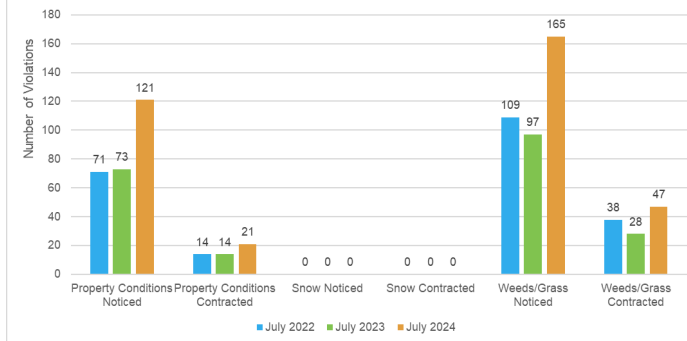
- Demolition of the dangerous structure at 417 Mulberry Avenue was initiated, but has been halted when a shared wall was identified
- A contract with Spark Consulting was executed to implement the Certified Local Government Grant for an intensive survey of the underground railroad in Muscatine County
- The application for Paul Bruhn grants was opened
- The last phase of the environmental review was entered before we will be able to proceed with the demolition of 5 properties in the Ignite Vitality: Mulberry Neighborhood
- The 90-day redemption notice period to redeem the tax certificates on 519 Orange was initiated in order for the site to be developed as a neighborhood pocket park and a solicitation for park designs was issued
- RFPs for engineering services for sidewalk improvements in the Mulberry Neighborhood was issued
- We were notified a Catalyst grant was awarded to the City for the restoration of 113 Iowa Avenue
- More substantial work began on 8 buildings in the 200 block of East 2nd Street began with window replacements and painting as part of the CDBG funded Downtown Revitalization Project
- Arthur Bell became a certified Lead Inspector/Risk Assessor

Monthly Rental Housing Inspections



Property Conditions defined as Nuisance Abateements and other Code Violations including but not limited to dangerous tree trimming/removal, zoning regulation violations, etc.

Monthly Code Enforcement Violations

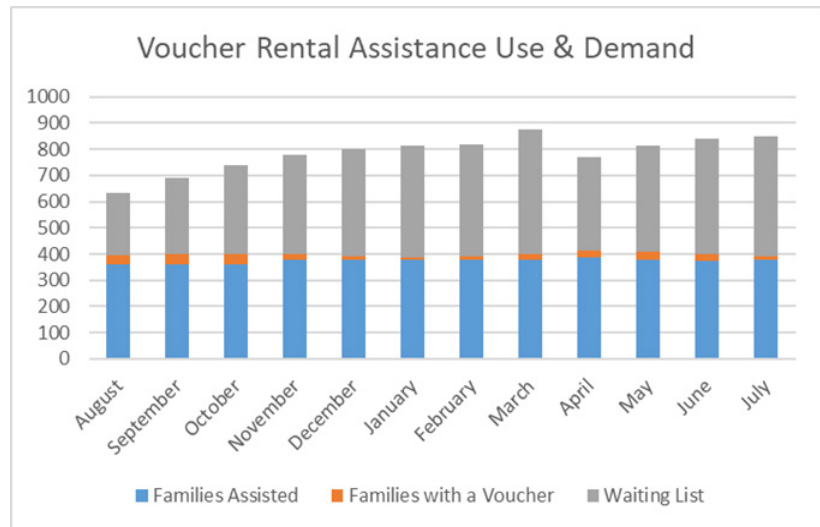
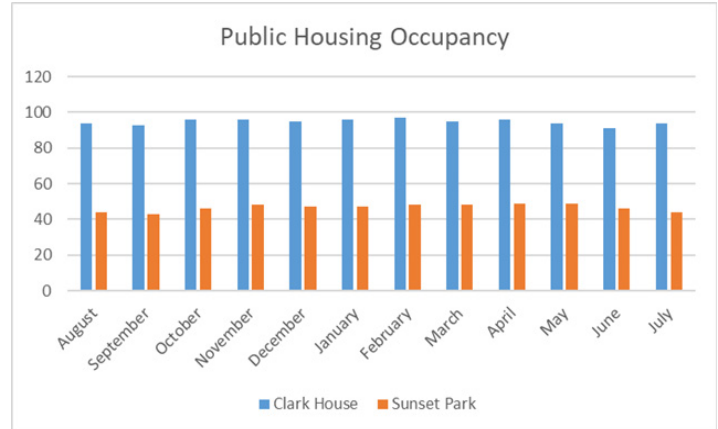




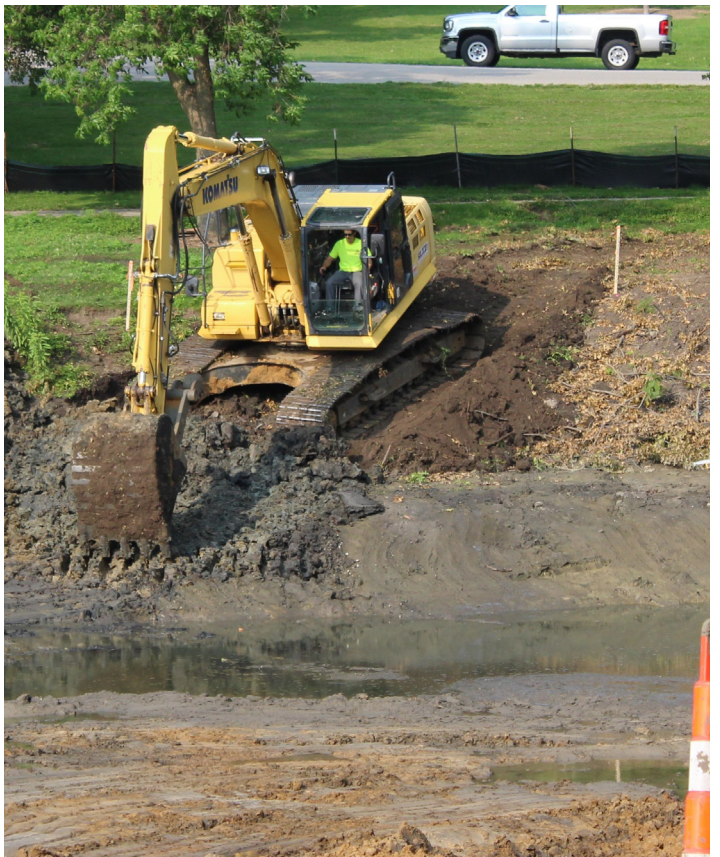
# Muscatine Municipal Housing Agency

## July 2024 Highlights

- MMHA continues to be in shortfall so that the agency is not be allowed to issue any additional vouchers except for project-based units.
- 1 FSS participant graduated, while 2 families enrolled for the first time!
- 5 families began receiving rental assistance for the first time
- 6 families completed the first-time homebuyer course
- One family received \$2,500 in down payment assistance to purchase their first home!
- Sunset lighting upgrades are substantially complete
- A request for bids to repair foundations in one of the Sunset Park buildings was re-released
- Jocee McFate received her Public Housing Manager certification
- Occupancy was 92%
- Turned 7 units for new occupants
- Completed 79 workers in an average of 1 day
- Paid \$177,650 for housing and utility assistance on behalf of 379 families
- \$7,850 was deposited into escrow accounts for families working toward self-sufficiency
- Earned \$26,828 in administrative fees (\$78.20 @ 91%)









# Department of Parks and Recreation

## Park Administration Division

The main office is open to the public with regular office hours Monday - Friday 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. There continues to be many requests to hold special events on public property. The complete special event listing can be found at our [website](#). If you wish to hold a special event within the parks system, please contact our office at 563-263-0241 or by email at [parksoffice@muscatineiowa.gov](mailto:parksoffice@muscatineiowa.gov). Please enjoy the many services provided through the Parks and Recreation Department and contact us to let us know about your experiences as we love to hear from you!

Subject	July Results
Pearl City Station	14 Reservations
Riverview Center	9 Reservations
Shelters	49 Reservations

## Park Maintenance Division

The Park Maintenance Division worked hard on preparing for the July flood. After the flood waters receded the staff continues to work through flood cleanup. Several special events took place in the month of July, including: Almost Fireworks Fest, Pickleball Tournament, Bridgestone Bandag Picnic and Great River Tennis Association Tournament. All were completed with great success! With the assistance of several departments within the City of Muscatine, and the help and support from GMCCI, the community helped welcome the American Cruise Line on the Muscatine Riverfront! It was a great turnout by the community to welcome the Melody boat. Much progress can be seen on the Weed Park Lagoon Project. Sulzco has started dredging the upper lagoon and community efforts are coming together for restoration work on the lagoon light house.

## Cemetery Division

Greenwood Cemetery remains open to the public for walkers, bicyclists and the community's cemetery needs. The Cemetery Steps are also open for public use. The second round of foundations for 2024 will be completed in August. Branch and tree cleanup took staff a few days to clean up after high winds. Staff has been hard at work resetting grave stones. Some restoration work has started on The Greenwood Cemetery Chapel with tuck pointing of the brick. A new monument company has taken residence in the sales area of the chapel. They have set up a great display of monument options.

Subject	June Results
Cremains	3 Cremains Burial
Full Casket	1 Full Casket Burials
County Assisted	0 County Assisted Burial
Grave Spaces	2 Grave Spaces Sold
Niche Spaces	0 Niche Space Sold

## Boat Harbor/Marina Divisions

Long Dock and Houseboat Dock boat slips are available for rent for the 2024 season. Please contact the Parks and Recreation Office for more information or to make arrangements. The harbor opened for the season in April. Flooding temporarily shut down the boat harbor/marina amenities. Hours for the Marina Operations are Friday from 5-7pm, Saturday and Sunday from 10am -2pm. Requests for fueling and pump out services outside of these hours may be made by contacting the Parks and Recreation Office at 563-263-0241.

The Marina Operations continues to provide fuel, oil and pump out services to boaters. Hours for the Marina Operations are Friday from 5-7pm and Saturday and Sunday's from 10:00am – 2:00pm. Request from fueling and pump out services outside of these hours may be made by contacting the Parks & Recreation Office at 563-263-0241.

Subject	Result
Long Dock Slips (48 Available)	23 Rented   25 Available
Houseboat Dock Slips (8 Available)	3 Rented   2 Available

# Department of Parks and Recreation

## Recreation Division

Youth and adult recreation programs and special events continue to be offered. Youth programming during July included Tee-Ball, Blastball, Youth Gymnastics, Youth Tennis Lessons, Youth Pickleball lessons and the Sport Shorts program. Adult programs included Pickleball lessons, Doubles Pickleball League, Sand Volleyball League and the Walking Club. Seasonal Recreational staff continue to be hired and are to be trained for recreation programming. Registration for Fall Recreation programs continues for Flag Football, Youth Gymnastics, Sports Starters and Adult Coed Volleyball.

## Aquatics Division

The Aquatic Center opened for the season on May 30th and will run through Labor Day. Pool Party reservations are available to be made by contacting the Parks & Recreation Department office at (563) 263-0241. Swim Lesson programming began on May 31st with 362 individual enrollments and continues through early August. Aquatic Center seasonal staff training continues to take place monthly to ensure skills are ready and up to date.

Subject	Result
Aquatic Center Rentals	78 Rentals as of 07/31/24
Aquatic Center Seasonal Staff Hired	50 Staff Members

## Wellness Division

The Wellness Committee is scheduled for monthly meetings on the 3rd Tuesday of each month. The City Employee Wellness programs continue to be offered through the virtual Wellness Center. The Fitness Reimbursement program continues throughout the year.

## Kent Stein Division

Kent Stein Park hosted one tournament, the DeKeyrel tournament. This tournament had 26 teams from 5 different states, 68 games played on 8 different diamonds. During the regular week Kent Stein Park hosted local organizations. As most seasons come to an end in the month of July, tryouts for the 2025 season took place this month. Staff continues to make improvements to the facilities as issues arise. Some of these were leveling fields, ensuring mound heights are proper height, and sod cutting home plate radius. Adding Ag Lime in wear areas, washing lips on all the diamonds as they came available. We are seeing drop in usage towards the end of July. We are looking for seasonal help as students will be going back to school.

## Soccer Complex Division

We hosted Walnut Baptist Church free soccer camp. They had around 150 preregistered participants, ages were from 5 -16 years old. We continue to have some local groups playing games. We have been continuing to make improvements to the park, deep tine all soccer fields, edging sidewalks, and maintaining field quality. Doing regular field maintenance practices. We are looking for some more help in the fall as students will be returning to school.

## Golf Divisions

The July Session of junior golf took place. There were 9 kids from the ages of 5-17 that participated. The City Tournament was played July 13 & 14. We had 127 players for it and we had great weather for the event except for 30 minutes of rain Sunday morning. Matt Randleman won the event for the 1st time. We hired one new employee who will be able to work in the fall but we continue to search for Clubhouse Supervisors that will be able to work in the fall as well. Staff continues to fertilize tees, collars, fairways and rough. Greens were verticut and sanded to smooth out the surface to maximize performance for golfers.

Subject	Result
Outings	26 Outings Scheduled for 2024
Leagues	6 Leagues Scheduled for 2024
Season Passes	242 Season Passes Sold in 2024
Rounds Played	4,780 rounds played in July



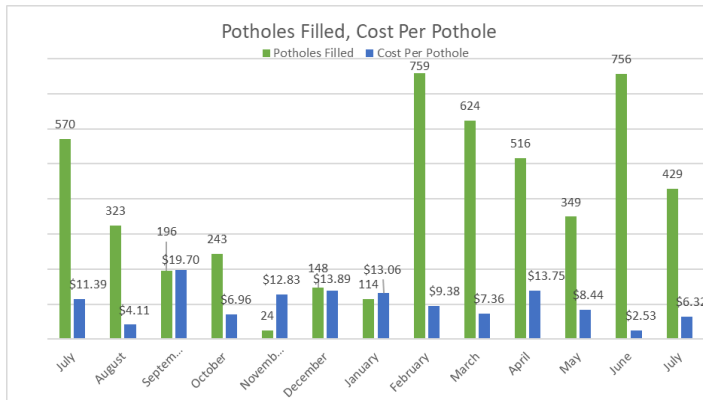
# Department of Public Works

## July 2024 Highlights

The Public Works Department is composed of eight divisions which include: Administration, Building & Grounds Maintenance, Collection & Drainage, Engineering, Roadway Maintenance, Solid Waste, Transit (Muscabuss), and Vehicle Maintenance. For budgeting purposes several of these divisions are broken down into subdivisions. For the purpose of the monthly report there will be several divisions that will be reporting consistently, while others may only be reporting on special events or accomplishments.

### Roadway Maintenance Division

Roadway Maintenance includes activities related to street repairs, snow removal, traffic control, and street cleaning. They are responsible for over 254 lane miles of streets within the city limits.

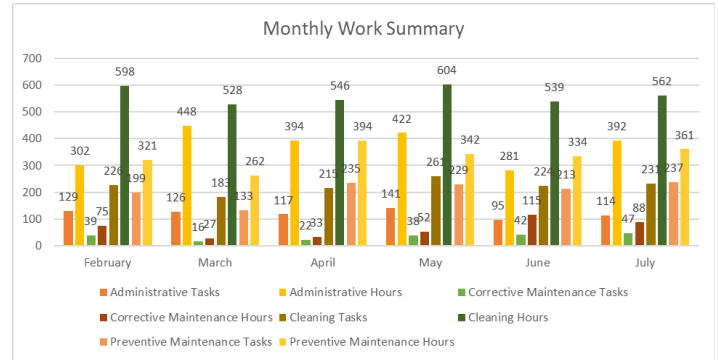


This measure indicates the number of potholes filled, and the approximate cost to fill each pothole. Beginning January 20, 2021, a "standard" pothole is defined as being the size of large pizza box. Potholes will be divided no smaller than one half of a pizza box. Beginning in April of 2022, we began tracking pavement repairs separately from potholes. This has lowered the pothole numbers as many of them were previously counted in larger pavement patches.

In addition to their normal duties, the Roadway Maintenance and Collection & Drainage Divisions of Public Works began flood fighting operations at the end of June. They closed flood gates 1 and 2 in according to our flood plan and set up multiple detours for road closures and July 4th events that were relocated from the riverfront onto Mississippi Drive.

### Building and Grounds Activities:

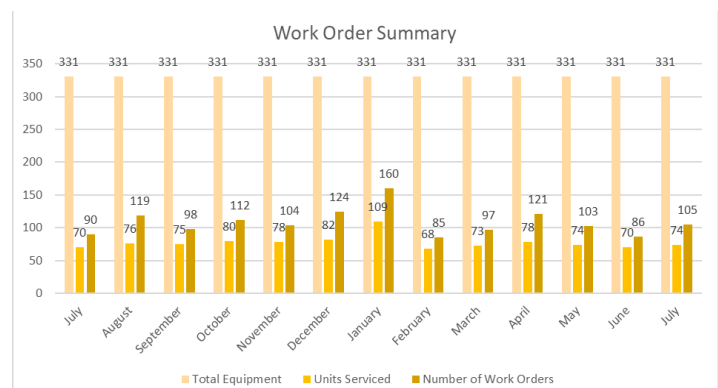
The Buildings and Grounds Division of the Public Works Department is responsible for the upkeep and repair of city facilities, grounds, and equipment. The division is responsible for maintaining the following facilities and grounds: Art Center, City Hall, Library, Public Safety Building, Public Works, South Fire Station, and certain maintenance functions at the Airport.



This chart indicates the number of work activities and the hours committed to them per month. Administrative tasks include ordering equipment and materials, requesting and receiving bids and quotes for work or supplies, project oversight, delivery of building supplies, training and paid time off. Corrective maintenance tasks are unscheduled repairs or work done on as-needed or emergency basis. Preventive maintenance tasks include routine, scheduled maintenance items. Cleaning includes building cleaning and janitorial services. This chart is being capped at six month intervals so that the numbers are legible.

### Vehicle Maintenance Division:

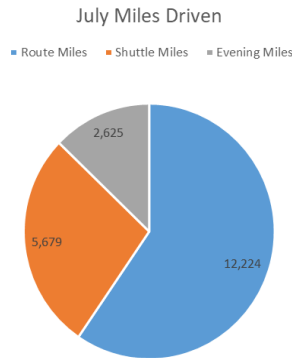
The Vehicle Maintenance Division services and repairs approximately 331 pieces of equipment and vehicles from all city departments with the exception of the fire trucks and ambulances.



# Department of Public Works

## Transit Summary of Operations:

MuscaBus is the city's transit service. It operates four fixed routes, shuttle service, and evening service.

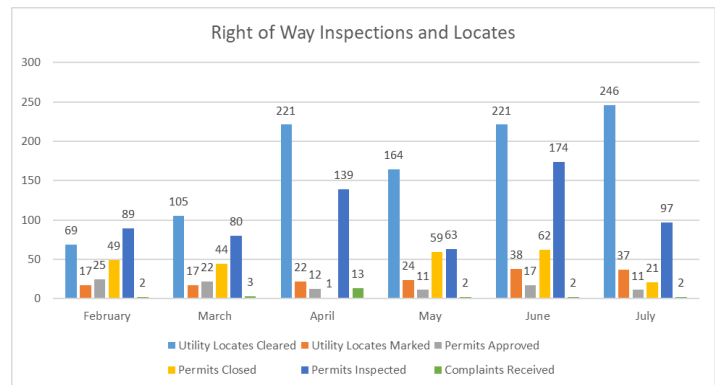
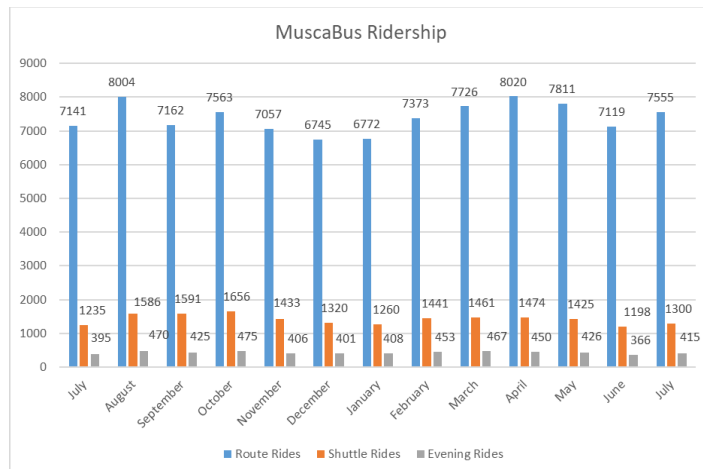


## Engineering Division:

The following table describes current and proposed construction projects and their status:

Project Name	Project Start	Percent Complete	Project Notes
West Hill Sewer Separation Phase 6 A&B	July 2023	55%	Sanitary Sewer and water line Installation on Sycamore & Cedar
West Hill Sewer Separation Phase 6 C	May 2024	19%	Sanitary Sewer installation on 10th and 11th Street
Fulliam Ave Phase 2	June 2024	52%	Pavement Removal, sewer improvements, paving

The following chart describes the monthly activities of the Right of Way Inspector:



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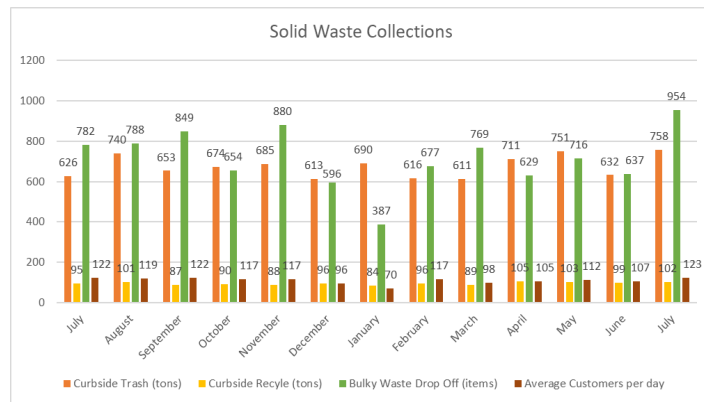
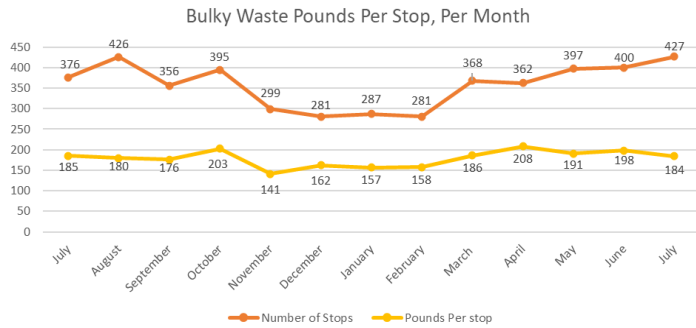
- "Utility Locates Cleared" indicates the areas that have no utilities to be marked
- "Utility Locates Marked" are instances where the inspector marked utilities in the field
- "Permits Approved" are Right of Way Permits that were reviewed, approved, and issued
- "Permits Closed" are Right of Way Permits where the work has been completed
- "Permits Inspected" are Right of Way Permits where inspections have been made and recorded
- "Complaints Received" are complaints from residents or businesses that have been inspected



# Department of Public Works

## Solid Waste Division Report:

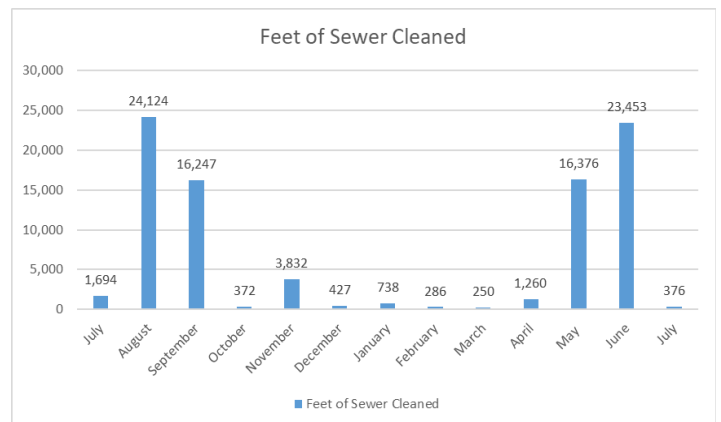
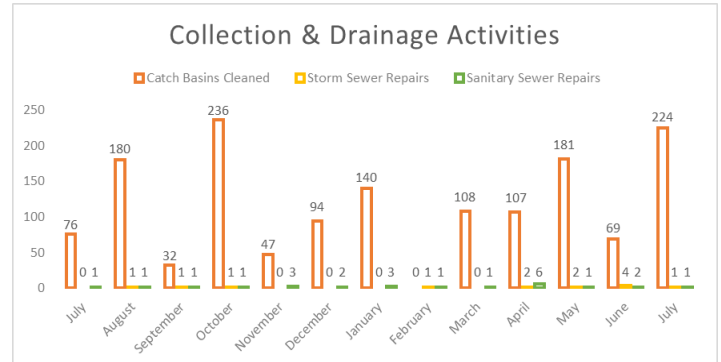
The Solid Waste Division consists of activities related to refuse collection, transfer station, compost site, and landfill, as well as overseeing the contracted recycling collection.



This chart shows the amount of solid waste collected curbside (in tons) as well as the amount of material dropped off at the Transfer Station (per item). Dropped off items include: electronics, appliances, tires, household hazardous waste and recyclables. Also included is the average number of customers per day at the Transfer Station.

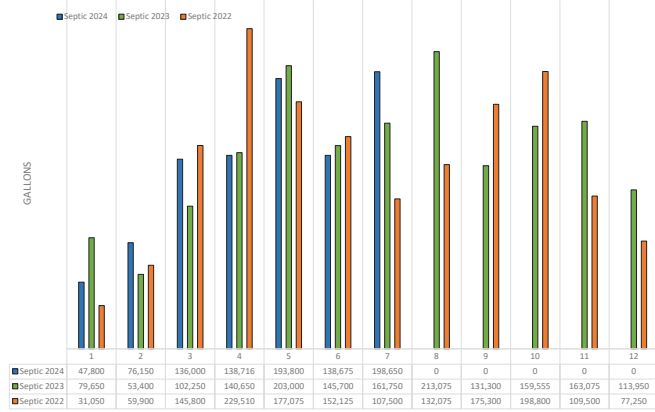
## Collection & Drainage Division:

The Collection & Drainage Division is responsible for inspecting and maintaining the city's sanitary, storm, and combined sewer systems. This includes 993 storm water manholes, 2,407 sanitary sewer manholes, 151 combined sewer manholes, 2,840 stormwater catch basins, 112 miles of sanitary sewer and 68 miles of storm sewer pipe.

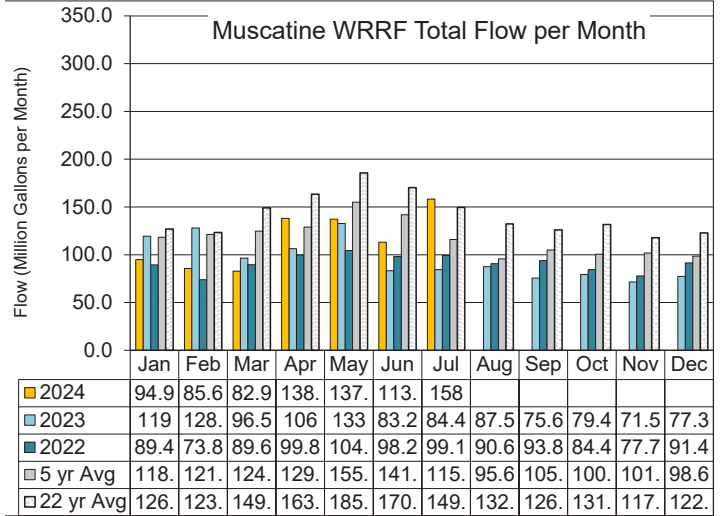


# Water Pollution Control Plant

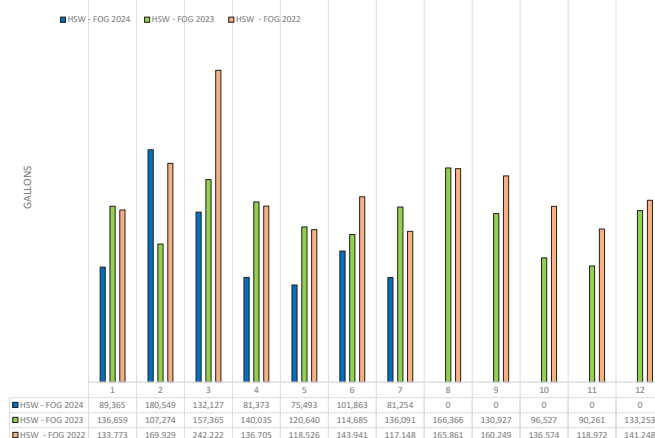
MUSCATINE WRRF HAULED SEPTAGE WASTE 2024



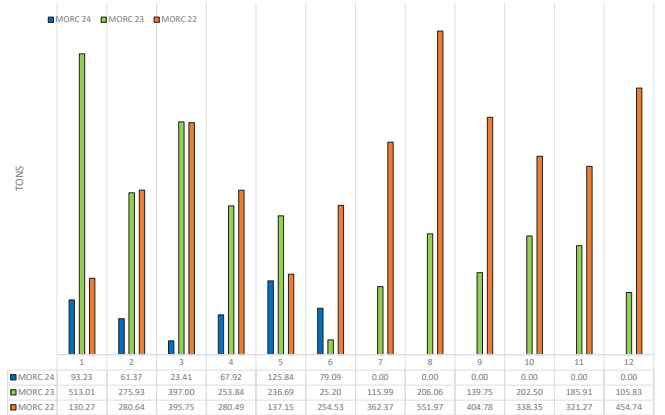
Muscatine WRRF Total Flow per Month



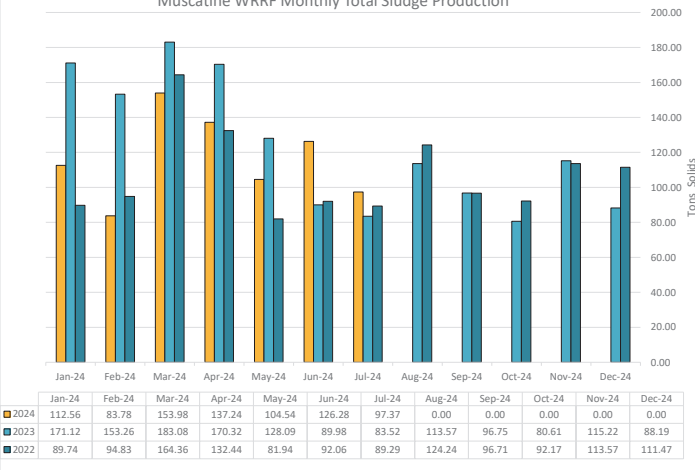
MUSCATINE WRRF HAULED FOG - HIGH STRENGTH WASTE 2024



MUSCATINE WRRF HAULED MORC 2024



Muscatine WRRF Monthly Total Sludge Production





# Public Safety / Muscatine Fire Department

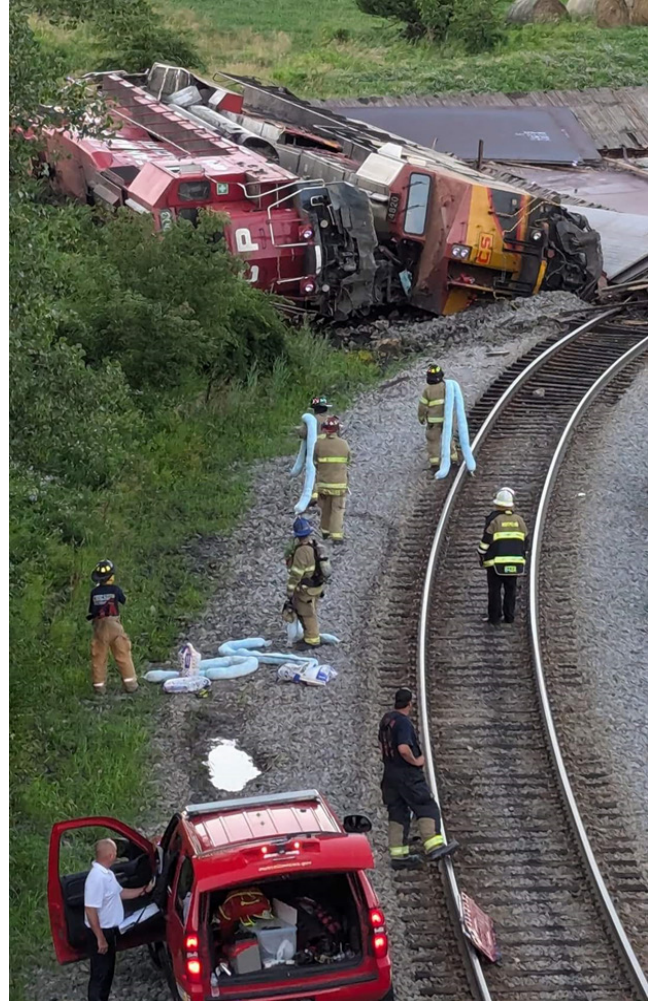
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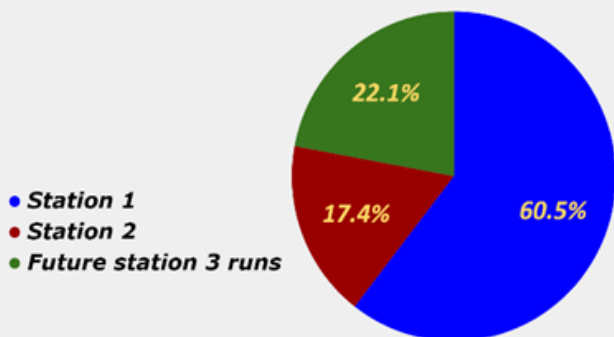
- Fire department staff helped the Parks Department and Public Works Department on cleaning up the riverfront after the flooding.
- Staff participated in the Active Shooter and Rescue Task Force training held at the Muscatine Community College.

- Staff received training on the Grain Processing Corporation foam trailer for fighting alcohol fires.

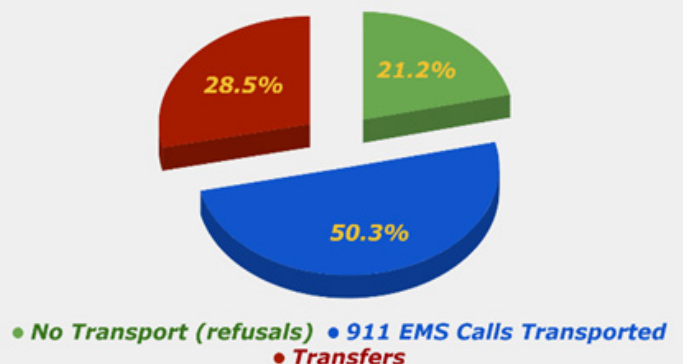
- Our Haz Mat team responded to a train derailment in the county for a large diesel spill containment.



**Calls per Coverage Area - July 2024**



**EMS Call Types - July 2024**



# Public Safety / Muscatine Fire Department

## Demand for Services / Response Activity

	Avg. Per Day	July 2024	Year To Date
<b>Fire Responses</b>	<b>2.45</b>	<b>76</b>	<b>442</b>
<b>911 EMS Responses</b>	<b>8.84</b>	<b>274</b>	<b>2,032</b>
<b>Out of Town Transfers</b>	<b>3.10</b>	<b>96</b>	<b>678</b>
<b>Local Transfers</b>	<b>0.32</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>107</b>
<b>Total Responses</b>	<b>14.71</b>	<b>456</b>	<b>3,259</b>
		July 2024	Year To Date
Urban Response Time - Goal - 90% within 9 min or less		<b>92.7%</b>	<b>91.6%</b>
Rural Response Time - Goal - 90% within 15 min or less		<b>97.8%</b>	<b>96.7%</b>

## Staff Training

Type	July 2024	Year To Date
Facilities Training/use (ISO T-1)	155	480
Company Training (ISO T-2)	246	1,252
Officer Training (ISO T-3)	33	482
New Driving Training (T-4)	13	358
Existing Driver Op (T-5)	37	122
HazMat Training (ISO T-6)	80	80
Recruit /Probationary	18	1,127
Building Tours (ISO T-8)	40	181
EMS / Medical Related	161	1,126
Paramedic Program	0	1,294
Investigator Training	0	136
<b>Totals</b>	<b>783</b>	<b>6,638</b>

## Vehicle & Equipment Maintenance

	July 2024	Year To Date
Fire Vehicle Miles Driven	2,492	18,468
Ambulance Miles Driven	10,125	72,743
<b>Total Miles Driven</b>	<b>12,617</b>	<b>91,211</b>
Gallons of Diesel	514	3,075
Gallons of Gasoline	1,504	10,012
<b>Total Gallons of Fuel</b>	<b>2,017</b>	<b>13,087</b>
Work Orders Completed	46	299

## Prevention, Education and Outreach

	July 2024	YTD		July 2024	YTD
<b>Fire Inspections</b>	0	128	<b>Plan Reviews/Site Visits</b>	18	171
<b>Fire Reinspections</b>	6	61	<b>Fire Investigations</b>	7	28
<b>Educational Events</b>	4	32	<b>Permits Issued</b>	50	800



# Public Safety / Muscatine Police Department

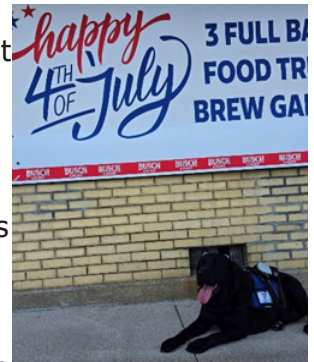
## July 2024 Updates

- The Department enjoyed a relatively quiet Independence Day and adapted to the parade and fireworks viewing challenges due to flooding and road construction. K9 Fergus enjoyed all the festivities.
- Coffee with a Cop was held July 17th at All American Dinner. Good conversations were had with those who dropped by and enjoyed a cup of coffee.
- The Department assisted with hosting an ERC lunch with Cpl. Horton exercising his grilling expertise.
- SRO Pena and Sgt. Bryant represented MPD at GMCCI's Muscatine Career & Job Fair held at the Muscatine Community Y.
- Fun loving members of the MPD attended multiple Popsicles with Police events throughout the month of July. With help from our friends at Muscatine



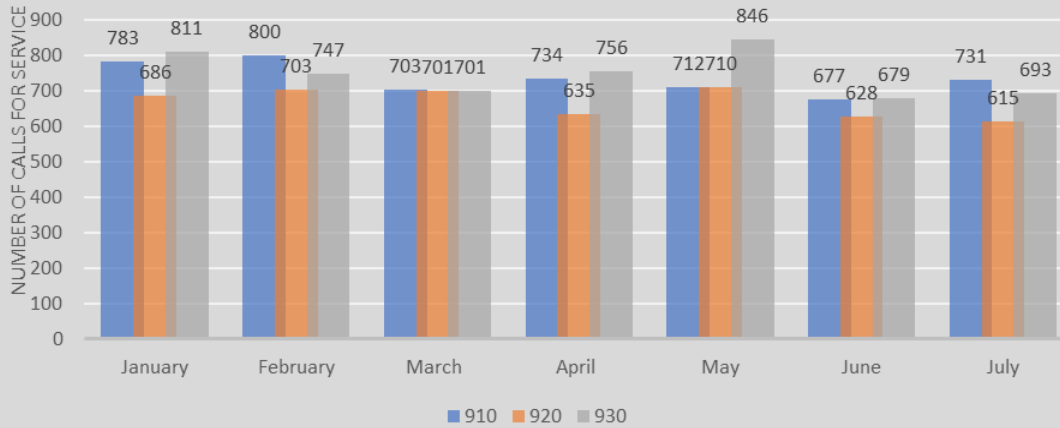
Power & Water, fire hydrants were opened to beat the summer heat while everyone enjoyed a popsicle (or 2).

- Day shift officers enjoyed lemonade and baked goods during a fundraiser for the MCSA Domestic Abuse Shelter.
- Officer Middagh cheered on our local MHS Cheerleaders while they made her MPD squad shine at their annual carwash fundraiser.
- Officer assisted many elderly tenants at the Grandview Senior Lofts while MFD handle a fire in the building. Residents and their pets were able to sit in squads to keep cool while awaiting additional assistance. MPD officers helped tenants get back to their homes once it was safe to do so.
- The Department hosted a multi-agency Rescue Task Force training event at Muscatine Community College.

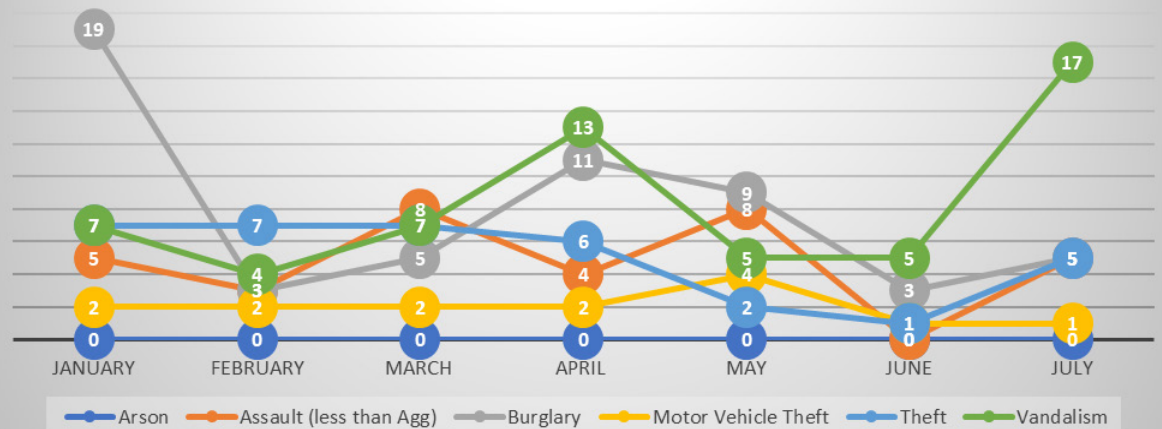


# Public Safety / Muscatine Police Department

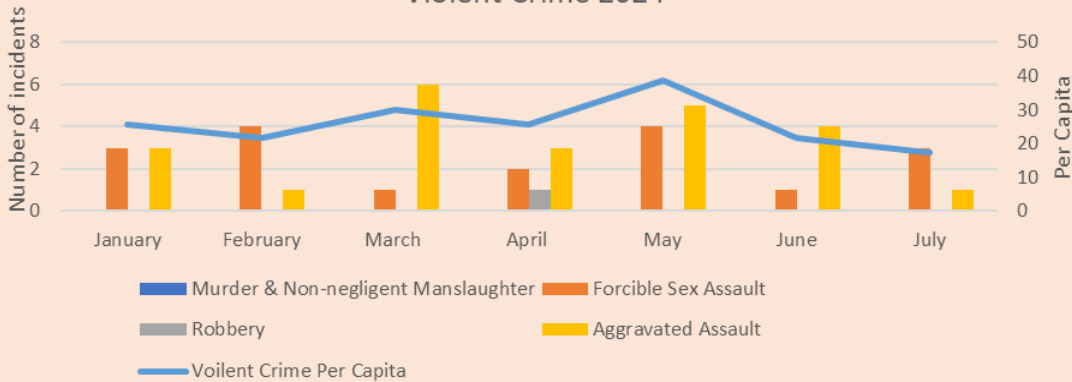
Police Services per Beat 2024



Street Crimes 2024



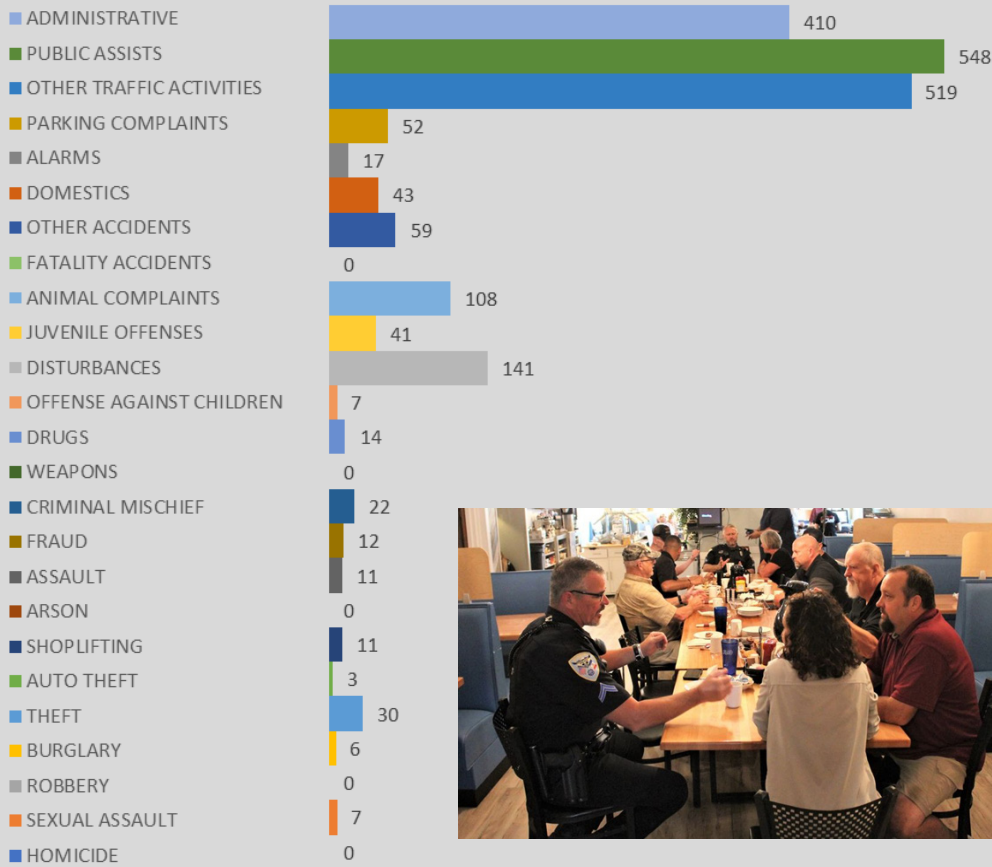
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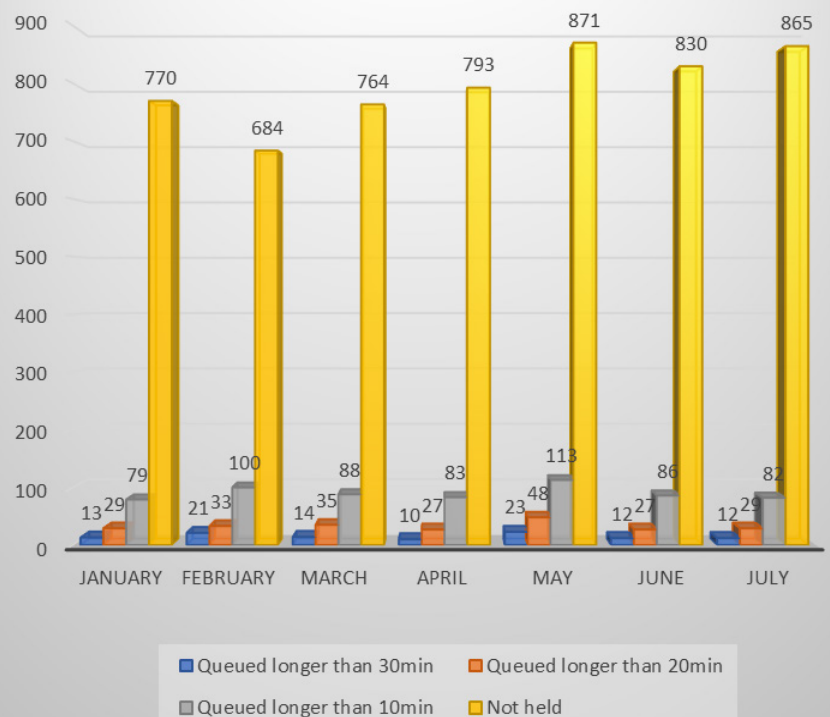


## July 2024 REPORT OF DEPARTMENT ACTIVITY

### Muscatine PD Calls for Service-July 2024



### Police Calls in Queue 2024





# Musser Public Library

## THE STORY OF JULY 2024

PEOPLE LOVE WHAT WE DO AND WE LOVE SHARING THAT WITH YOU!

### Summer Reading Challenge Totals

744 readers  
215,763 minutes read

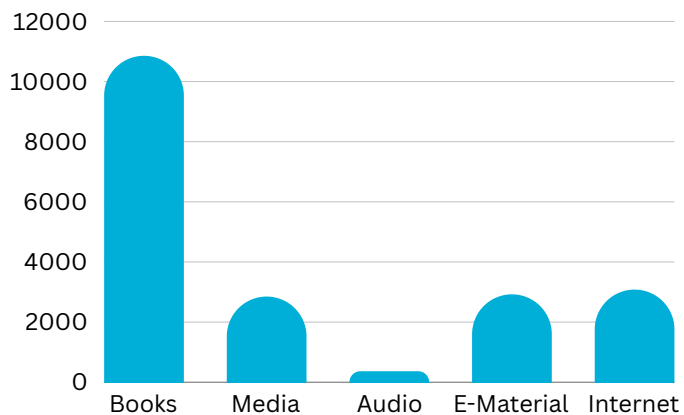
### Adult Summer Reading Challenge

125 Reader  
229 books read

I could go on and on about all of the wonderful things that have happened this summer that brought families together and enriched our community. The most important thing is that there was a little something for everyone. All are welcome at Musser and you belong here.

Youth Services Staff Member

We had so many items checked out this month.  
What's your favorite thing at the Library?



PEOPLE ASKED US A LOT OF QUESTIONS.



WE ANSWERED  
349 QUESTIONS  
THIS MONTH.

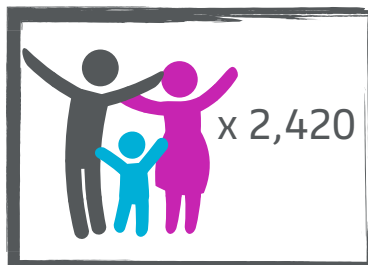
WE SENT AND RECEIVED  
3,024 MATERIALS FROM  
OTHER LIBRARIES TO HELP  
OUR PATRONS.

WE GREETED 13,688  
PEOPLE THIS MONTH.

668 OF THEM USED OUR  
MEETING ROOMS AS  
GATHERING SPACES.

AND WATCHED US ON TV.

30 new shows debuted  
369 different shows aired  
722 total programs  
491 hours of programming  
average program length:  
40 minutes



PEOPLE CAME TO OUR PROGRAMS  
FOR ALL AGES. WE HAD 59  
PROGRAMS THIS MONTH!

PEOPLE VISITED US ONLINE, TOO.

OUR DATABASES WERE  
USED 7,298 TIMES.

WE HAD 9,175 VISITS TO  
OUR WEBSITE.

The Bubble Cannons will  
kick off our new season  
of programming  
"You Belong Here".

Join us on Thursday,  
September 5 in the  
library parking lot for all  
the bubbly fun.

6-6:30 pm  
Babies/Toddlers  
6:30-8 pm  
All Ages

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## **From the Muscatine Art Center**

For a complete list of exhibitions, classes, programs, and projects at the Muscatine Art Center, request a copy of the quarterly newsletter or subscribe to the monthly e-newsletter by contacting [art@muscatineiowa.gov](mailto:art@muscatineiowa.gov).

### **EXHIBITION**



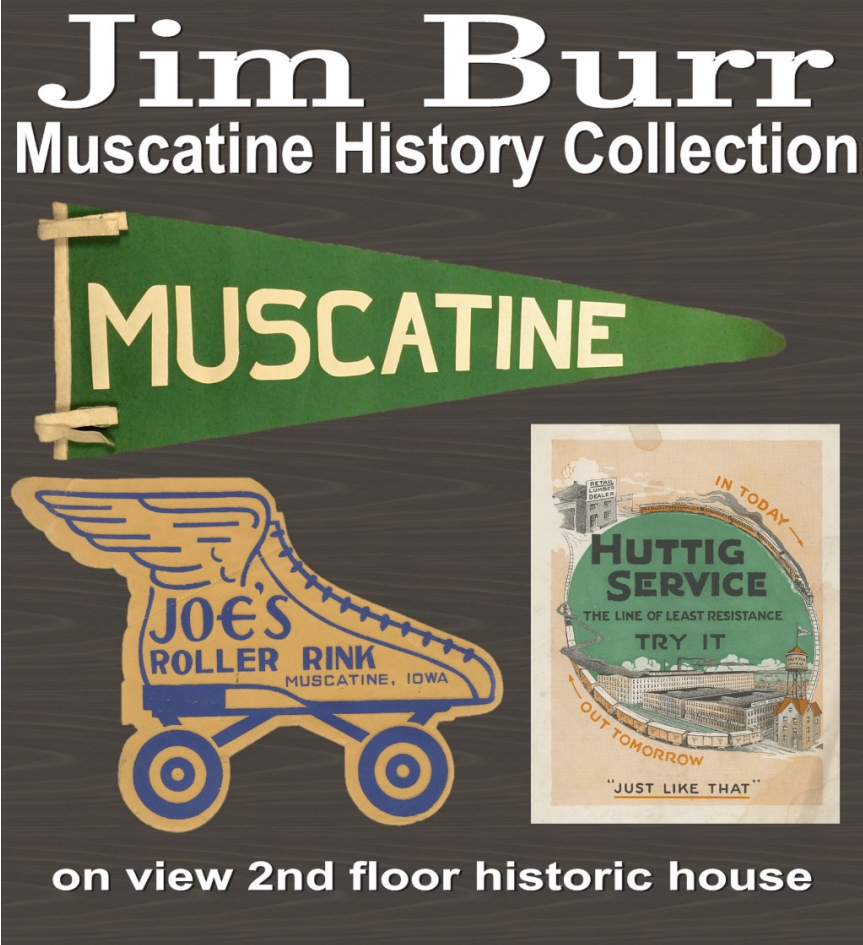
**Fashionably Dressed:**  
Fine Art & Costumes from the Permanent Collection  
June 29 - September 22, 2024

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**Admission is by Donation**

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**Artwork (clockwise):**  
Vincent van Gogh  
Henri de Toulouse-Lautrec  
Sam Barber  
Edgar Degas





## UPCOMING CLASSES and ACTIVITIES

### *Free For Kids*

**mini**  **masters** Introduce your children (ages 2 to 7) to the world of art with free art classes. Each class consists of a story and two art projects! Classes meet most **Wednesdays from 9:30 - 10:15 a.m. and Thursdays from 3:30 - 4:15 p.m.** Classes are **FREE!** Call 563-263-8282 to register. The theme for August is “In the Woods”, and the theme for September is “Mythical Creatures”.



# LIVE CHICKENS

WITH MUSCATINE COUNTY  
CONSERVATION

**Saturday, August 24**  
**10:30 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.**  
Free admission

In partnership with Muscatine County Conservation, join us in the Muscatine Art Center studio to learn about chickens with Naturalist Michelle Berns! Kids will get to see LIVE chickens from 10:30 – 11:30 a.m. and learn all about them!

Then, stick around to make a chicken craft.  
No registration required.

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# ARTIST WORKSHOP FOR KIDS

with Miss Julie

## Emil NOLDE

Saturday, August 24  
1:30 - 2:30 p.m.

Ages 7-14 - Free admission  
Register by August 23

Emil Nolde was a German-Danish painter and printmaker and one of the first artists to explore Expressionism, the use of dramatic and expressive colors in painting. Use vivid colors to create an "unpainted painting" in his style.



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# CLAY FOOD

with Miss Heather

Saturday, September 7 & 14\*  
1:30 - 3:00 p.m.\*

Ages 9+ Free Admission  
Register by September 6



\*This is a two part class, one to create (September 7), and one to paint (September 14, 1:30-2:30 p.m.)

Learn to use a variety of clay methods to create cool, realistic clay food! We will work with pinch pots, slabs, and coils to make a plate of your favorite foods.

No experience necessary.

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## RED BARN STUDIO

### *Sly Fox*

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Artist Vada Baker leads this class where participants will use watercolors in vibrant earth tones to paint a beautiful and cunning fox against a grassy background.

All supplies included.  
No experience necessary.

**Sunday, August 25**

1:30 – 3:00 p.m.

\$15/\$13.50 for

Friends members

Register by August 23

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## LIVE RECORDINGS FROM PEARL CITY PLAYERS

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# Clay Bell Workshop

Adult Workshop With Heather Seibel



Thursday, August 29  
& September 12\*  
5:15 - 6:45 p.m.

\$15/\$13.50 Friends Members  
Register by August 28

As a participant in this class, you will have the opportunity to create your own one-of-a-kind clay bell. This process involves using methods such as pinch pots, carving, stamping, coil work, and sculpting. No experience necessary. \*This is a two-part class, one to create (August 29), and one to paint (September 12).

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## Japanese Garden

Free Admission

## Lunch & Learn at Noon

Thursday, July 11 & Wednesday, September 4

Join Director Melanie Alexander for a look back at the multi-year project of rehabilitating the historic Japanese Garden. In June 2024, Preservation Iowa recognized the project with a "Preservation at Its Best Award." Learn about the garden's history, the team behind its rehabilitation, the work of the Friends of the Japanese Garden, and the many big and small decisions made along the way. No registration required. The program will be held in the Muscatine Art Center's Music Room. Bring your lunch!



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## Cookie Decorating with West Hill Cakery

Thursday, August 15

5:15 - 6:45 p.m.

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\$35 per kit  
Register by  
August 13



Join us for an evening of “sweet” creations! Kira Reed, owner and baker at West Hill Cakery, will guide participants in the art of icing cookies. Registrants get a box of 10 sugar cookies and different bags of icing to pipe onto the cookies. Bring a container to take home your finished cookies. No experience necessary.

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