



August 2024

# Monthly Report on Department Activity



# 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

### August Highlights

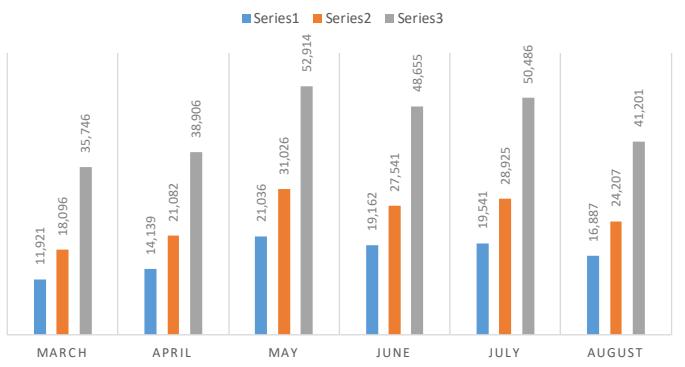
- Presented 44 agenda items for consideration by the Muscatine City Council during their regular meetings.
- Responded to numerous citizen and City Council requests and concerns.

## Human Resources Division

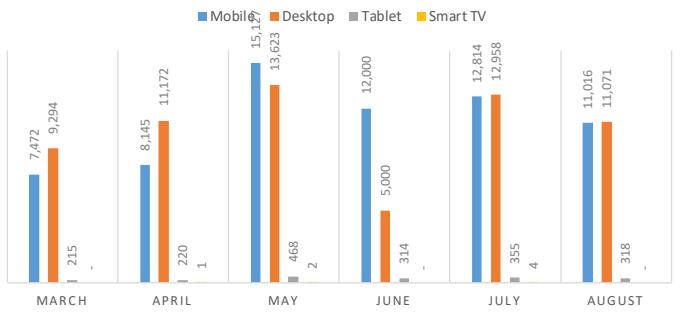
### August Highlights

- One hundred seventy five applications were received during July.
- Human Resources oversaw the Civil Service testing process for police officer.
- The HR Department continued work with City Council on the process for hiring a new City Administrator. The position has been advertised and applications are under review.
- 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.

### CITY OF MUSCATINE WEB SITE TRAFFIC



### ACCESSING THE MUSCATINE WEB SITE



## Communications Division

### August Highlights

- Produced and distributed 22 press releases to media and Notify Me subscribers.
- Created and published 154 posts across the City managed social media platforms (Facebook, Instagram, Twitter, YouTube, LinkedIn).
- Ended the month of July with 11,844 (+123 from end of July) followers on Facebook, 1,665 (+0) on Instagram, 1,555 (+6) on Twitter, 465 on LinkedIn (+13), and 658 (+9) on YouTube.
- Continued monitoring use of Civic Clerk, Muscatine Connect (powered by SeeClickFix), Municode, and PetData.
- Continued to review and update department web pages with help from individual department staff.

# 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	577											1,146
Payroll Checks and Direct Deposits	868	1271*											868
Accounts Receivable Invoices Sent	189	166											355
Finance Cash Register Transactions	477	400											877
Housing Receipt Transactions	123	132											255
Purchase Orders Processed	324	311											635

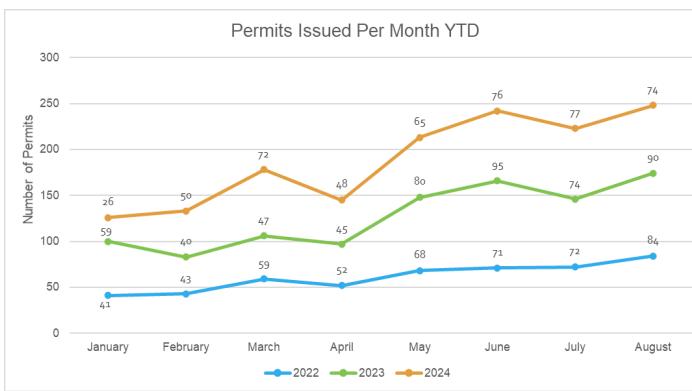
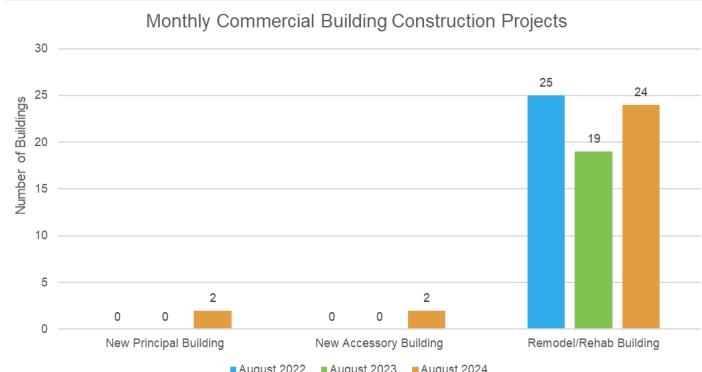
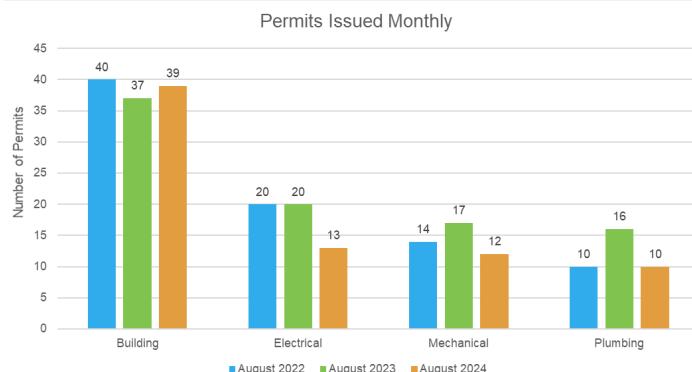
### August Highlights

- Continued preparing City audit working papers.
- Prepared and submitted workers comp audit documentation.
- Prepared and submitted the State Outstanding Obligation report.
- Pulled invoices and receipts for auditor sample selection; gathered payroll documentation for auditors sample selection; prepared or sent the auditors all requested documents for state compliance; and complied with all other auditor requests. Auditors on-site in September
- Continued the transition of the Hershey Manor management services to Seldin Property Management Company
- Prepared Hershey Manor audit working papers and financial report. Worked with auditors remotely for sample selections and submitted all documentation electronically for audit. Auditor on site for compliance review August 21.

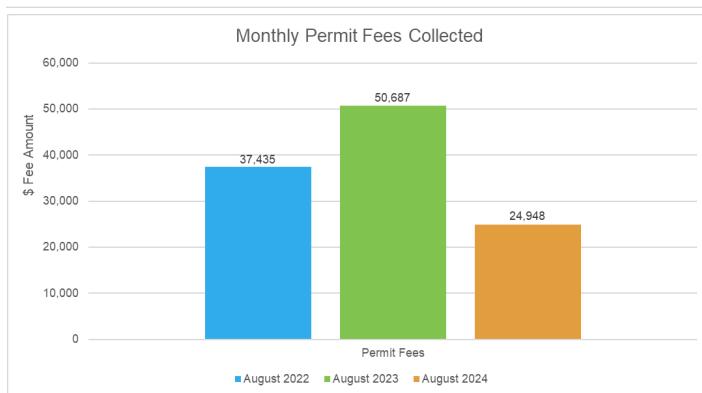
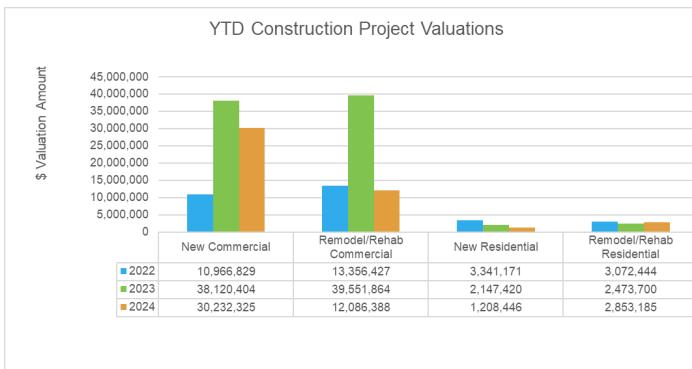
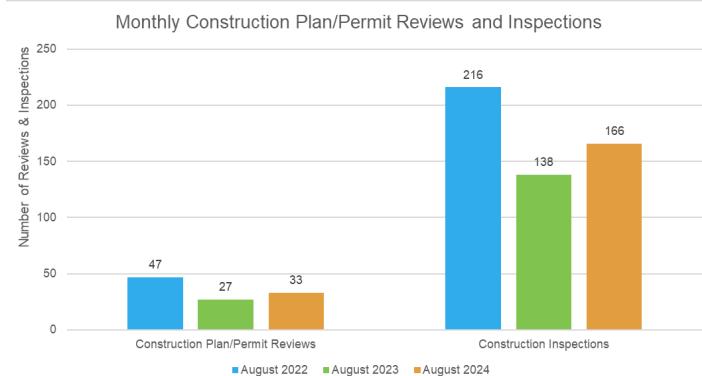
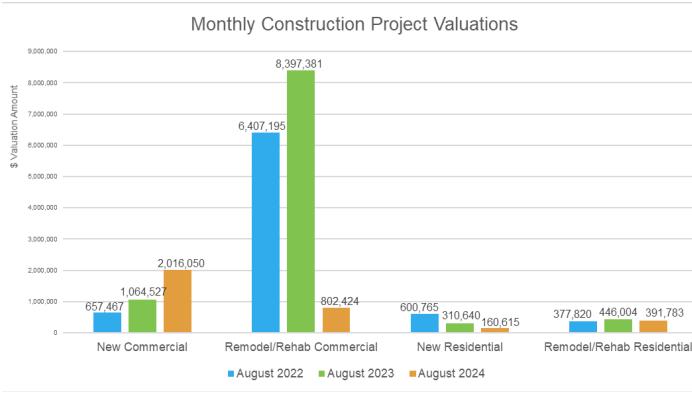
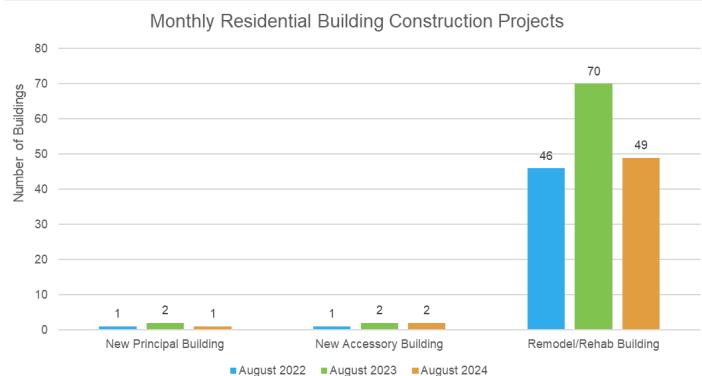


The City Administrator's Monthly Report is intended to provide a brief summary of City activities, with links to additional information where possible. Due to the variety and complexity of City functions, however, the report is not all-encompassing. Please always feel free to contact the City of Muscatine 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@muscataineiowa.gov](mailto:feedback@muscataineiowa.gov).

# Department of Community Development



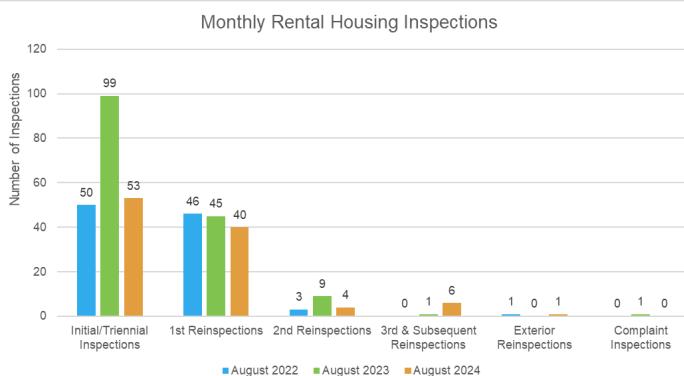
- Principal Building defined as the construction of new building on a previously vacant lot/parcel.
- Accessory Building defined as buildings constructed in addition to the principal building such as garages, storage buildings, shelters, etc.
- Remodel/Rehab defined as buildings undergoing any alterations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



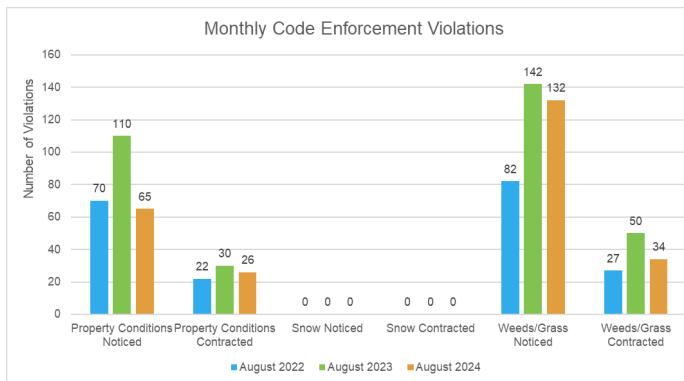
# Department of Community Development

## Community Development August 2024 Highlights

- The Department had a table at National Night out where children were able to build a house while adults were provided with information on housing programs, including rental assistance, lead paint mitigation and homebuyer assistance.
- Demolition of 417 Mulberry Avenue was halted when a shared wall with an adjacent property was identified. Work on the dangerous structure was able to resume by constructing a new wall at Flickinger Learning Center.
- The process of updating the Comprehensive Plan was started and will continue with focus group meetings in early September.
- Planning for the 2025 Preserve Iowa Summit to be held in Muscatine also kicked off in August!
- The first round of Paul Bruhn grant applications were submitted and are being evaluated by the review committee.
- Bolton & Menk was selected as the engineering firm for the sidewalk improvements as part of Ignite Vitality: Mulberry.
- IEDA announced BTS Development, LLC was awarded Workforce Housing Tax Credits to construct the 65-unit housing project at 910 E 2nd St, formerly the site of the Hawkeye Lumber Company. Staff was interviewed by WVIK and the Quad Cities Regional Business Journal about this project and the award.



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

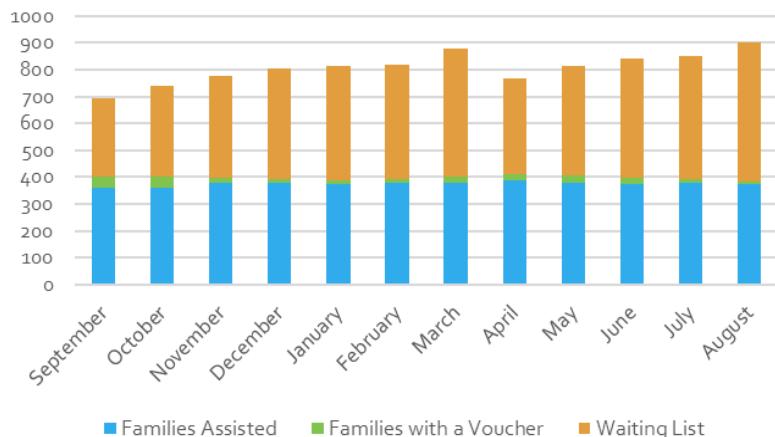


# Muscatine Municipal Housing Agency

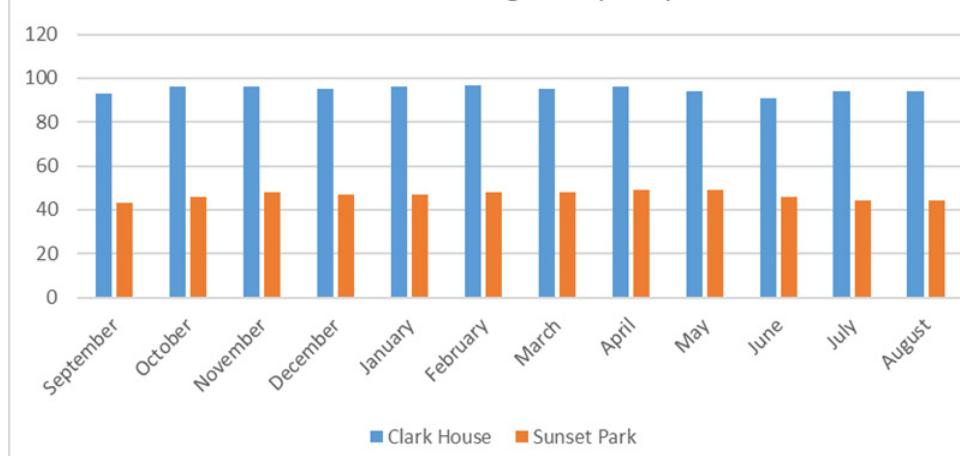
## August 2024 Highlights

- 3 families began receiving rental assistance for the first time
- 6 families completed the first-time home-buyer course
- 3 families received \$2,500 in down payment assistance to purchase their first home!
- The Housing Counselor presented at the West Liberty Chamber of Commerce's Annual Luncheon
- The RFP for a Physical Needs Assessment was released to initiate the 5-year planning process.
- Voucher staff met the new property manager for Harrison Lofts to work through getting clients housed quickly.
- Occupancy was 92%
- Turned 4 units for new occupants
- Completed 65 workers in an average of 1.1 days
- Paid \$177,880 for housing and utility assistance on behalf of 379 families
- \$10,192 was deposited into escrow accounts for families working toward improved self-sufficiency
- Earned \$26,614 in administrative fees

Voucher Rental Assistance Use &amp; Demand



Public Housing Occupancy



## August 2024 REPORT OF DEPARTMENT ACTIVITY



# 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@muscataineiowa.gov](mailto:parksoffice@muscataineiowa.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	August Results
Pearl City Station	13 Reservations
Riverview Center	13 Reservations
Shelters	49 Reservations

## Park Maintenance Division

The Park Maintenance Division would like to thank all of the volunteers that turned out for the River-front clean up day. With your help we were able to get the park looking amazing! Several special events took place in the month of August including: National Night Out, Twisted Cat Catfish Tournament, Farmers Market Customer Appreciation Day, Proof Social Block Party, Calvary Church Event, Almost Friday Fest, Disc Golf Tournament and all were completed with great success! With the great weather in August, shelter and building rentals were well utilized! The Rose Garden hosted several weddings, and several businesses utilized the parks to host employee appreciation picnics. Staff continued to provide support to both the Muscatine Aquatic Center and the Taylor Park project. The hanging baskets in the downtown area continue to thrive and help bring wonderful colors to our downtown. The American Cruise Line was able to dock successfully three times in August.

Subject	August Results
Special Events	21

## 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 are in progress. Staff has been working hard on keeping up with lawn maintenance.

Subject	August Results
Cremains	5 Cremains Burial
Full Casket	3 Full Casket Burials
County Assisted	0 County Assisted Burial
Grave Spaces	3 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. Even with a mild flood, operations have been successful. The Marina Operations continue to provide fuel, oil and pump out services to boaters. House for the Marina Operations are Friday from 5-7pm and Saturday and Sunday's from 10:00am – 2:00pm. 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.

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

## Recreation Division

Youth and adult recreation programs and special events continue to be offered. Recreational programming including the Youth Sport Shorts program and the Walking Club continued during August. Seasonal Recreation staff continue to be hired and are to be trained for recreation programming. The Fall/Winter Activity Brochure was revealed in late August and registration for Fall Recreation programs including Flag Football, Youth Gymnastics, Sports Starters, Youth sport clinics, Basketball, Adult Coed Volleyball and more began on August 27, 2024.

# Department of Parks and Recreation

## Aquatics Division

The Aquatic Center opened for the year 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 finished for the year on August 2. Aquatic Center Staff continues to be trained according to state and local regulations. The Aquatic Center is set to close on Labor Day (Sept 2nd).

## Wellness Division

The Wellness Committee is scheduled for monthly meetings on the 3rd Tuesday of each month. The City Employee Wellness Center program relaunch is set for early September to expand the offerings to the employees. 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 golf course hosted five outings in August. All the employees that are college aged kids went back to school so we continue to look for employees for the fall. We saw all kinds of weather in August, record lows, record highs, heavy downpours, stretches of dry conditions. We held two demo days on the range with Callaway & Cleveland/Srixon. Muscatine High School JV Team practices started in August and will go through September. Staff continues to fertilize tees, collars, fairways and rough. Greens were verticut and sanded to smooth out the surface to maximize performance for golfers. Staff continued to take down dead trees with the goal of planting new ones in the fall and all sprinkler heads were cut around to make mowing easier for staff.

Subject	Result
Outings	26 Outings Scheduled for 2024
Leagues	6 Leagues Scheduled for 2024
Season Passes	242 Season Passes Sold in 2024
Rounds Played	4,556 rounds played in August

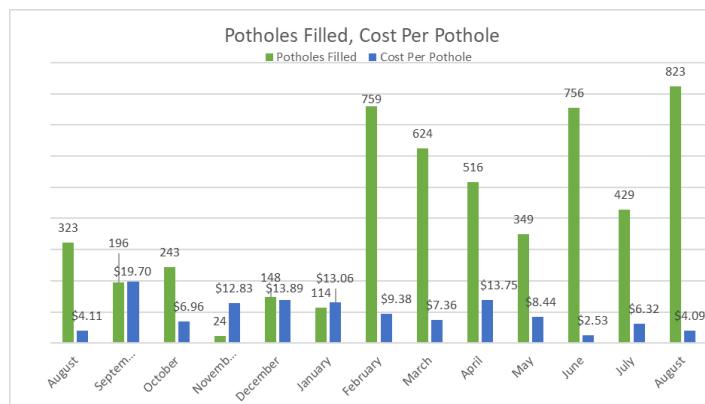
# Department of Public Works

## August 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 (Muscabus), 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.

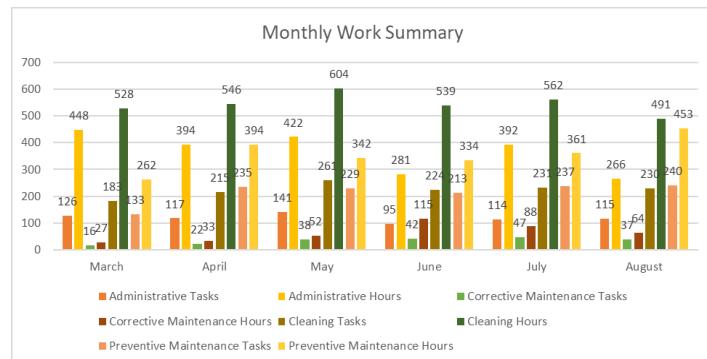


This measure indicates the number of potholes filled, and the approximate cost to fill each pothole. Beginning January 20, 2021, a "standard" pothole is defined as being the size of large pizza box. Potholes will be divided no smaller than one half of a pizza box. Beginning in April of 2022, we began 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:

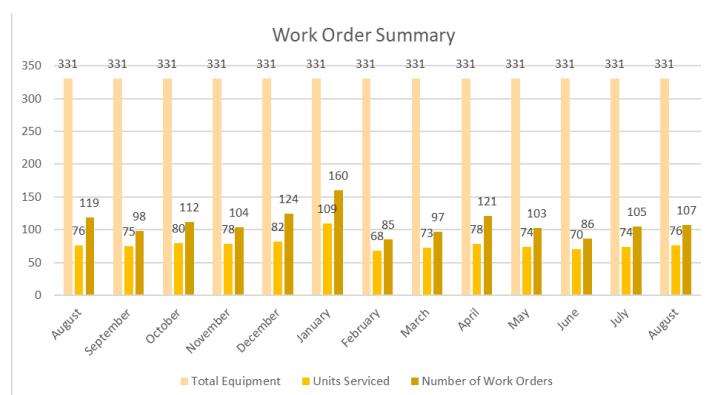
The Buildings and Grounds Division of the Public Works Department is responsible for the upkeep and repair of city facilities, grounds, and equipment. The division is responsible for maintaining the following facilities and grounds: Art Center, City Hall, Library, Public Safety Building, Public Works,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



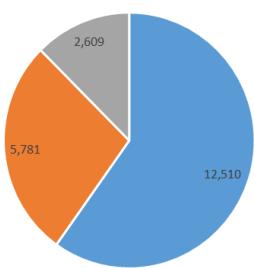
# Department of Public Works

## Transit Summary of Operations:

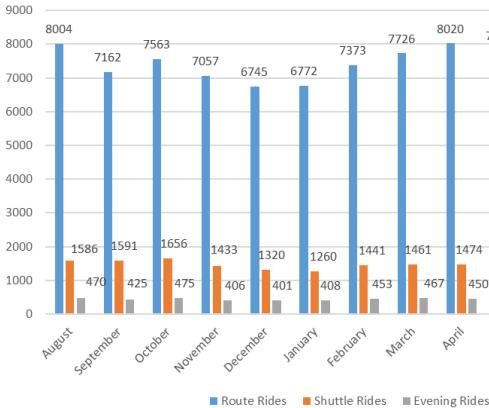
MuscaBus is the city's transit service. It operates four fixed routes, shuttle service, and evening service.

August Miles Driven

■ Route Miles ■ Shuttle Miles ■ Evening Miles



MuscaBus Ridership



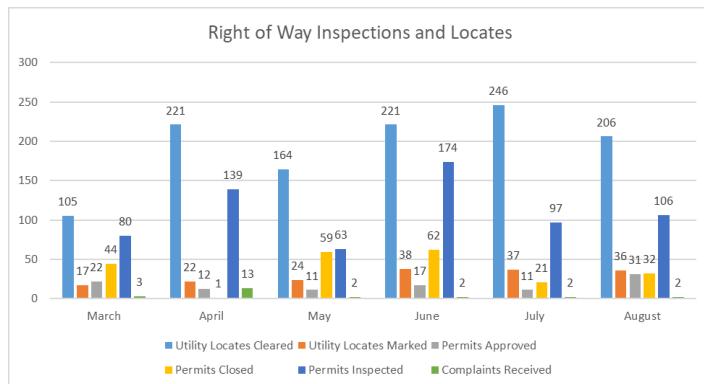
■ Route Rides ■ Shuttle Rides ■ Evening Rides

## 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	63%	Sanitary Sewer and water line Installation on Sycamore & Cedar
West Hill Sewer Separation Phase 6 C	May 2024	27%	Sanitary Sewer installation on 10th and 11th Street
Fulliam Ave Phase 2	June 2024	89%	Pavement complete, seeding left

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



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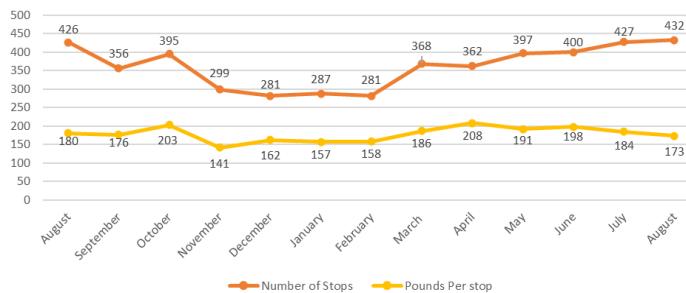
- “Utility Locates Cleared” indicates the areas that have no utilities to be marked
- “Utility Locates Marked” are instances where the inspector marked utilities in the field
- “Permits Approved” are Right of Way Permits that were reviewed, approved, and issued
- “Permits Closed” are Right of Way Permits 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.

Bulky Waste Pounds Per Stop, Per Month



Solid Waste Collections



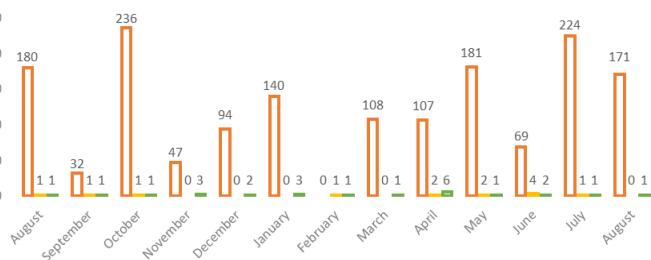
This chart shows the amount of solid waste collected curbside (in tons) as well as the amount of material dropped off at the Transfer Station (per item). Dropped off items include: electronics, appliances, tires, household hazardous waste and recyclables. Also included is the average number of customers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

## Collection & Drainage Division:

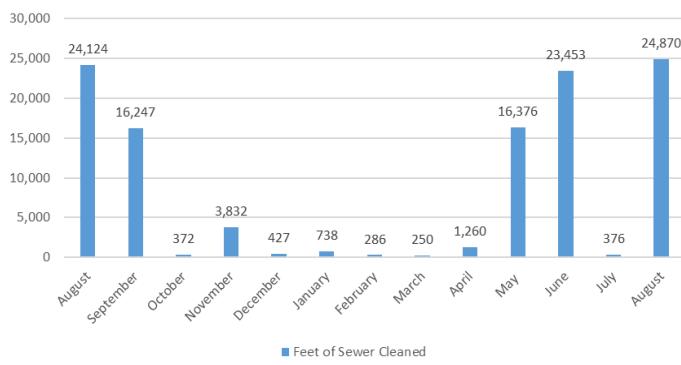
The Collection & Drainage Division is responsible for inspecting and maintaining the city's sanitary, storm, and combined sewer systems. This includes 993 storm water manholes, 2,407 sanitary sewer manholes, 151 combined sewer manholes, 2,840 stormwater catch basins, 112 miles of sanitary sewer and 68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

Collection & Drainage Activities

Catch Basins Cleaned      Storm Sewer Repairs      Sanitary Sewer Repairs

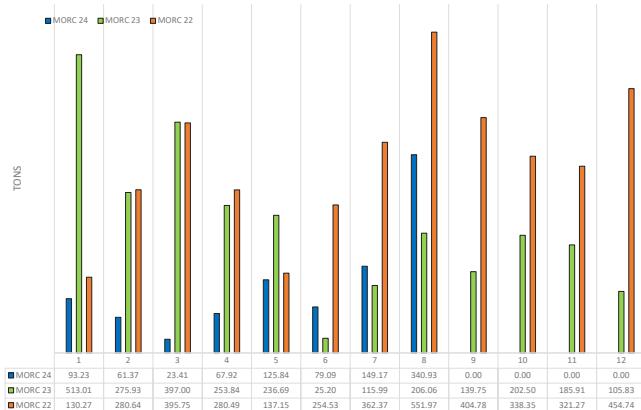


Feet of Sewer Cleaned

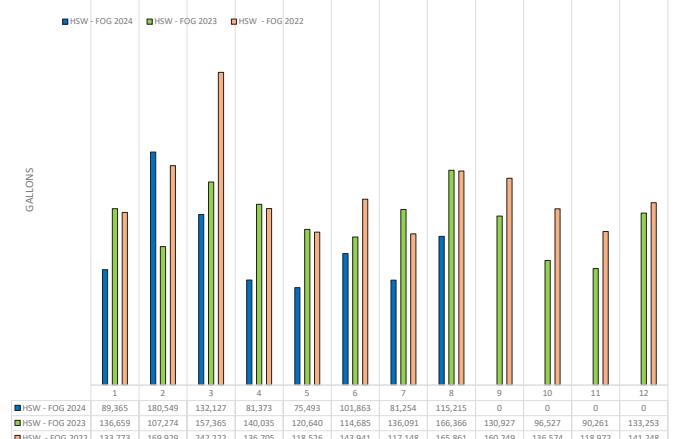


# Water Pollution Control Plant

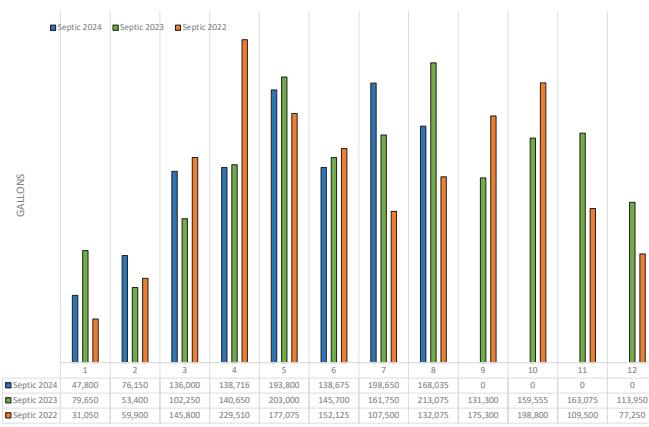
MUSCATINE WRRF HAULED MORC 2024



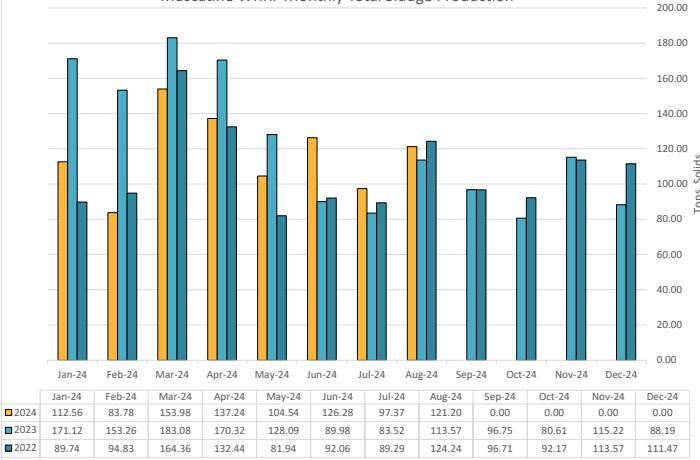
MUSCATINE WRRF HAULED FOG - HIGH STRENGTH WASTE 2024



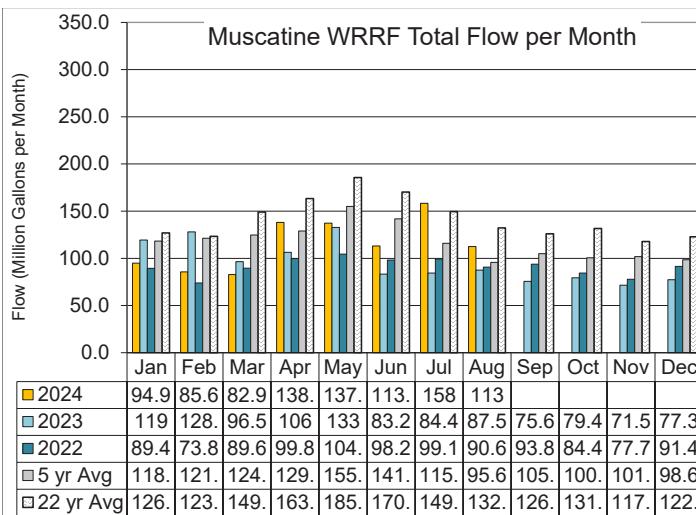
MUSCATINE WRRF HAULED SEPTAGE WASTE 2024



Muscatine WRRF Monthly Total Sludge Production



Muscatine WRRF Total Flow per Month



# Public Safety / Muscatine Fire Department

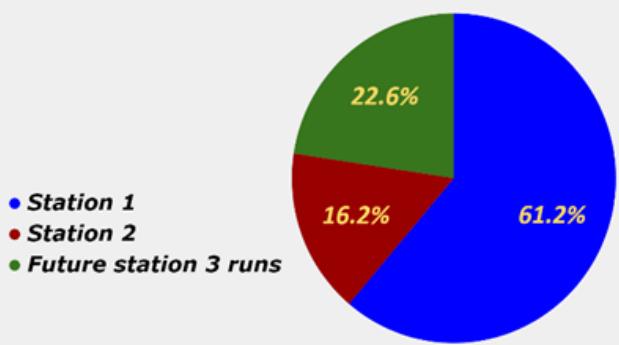
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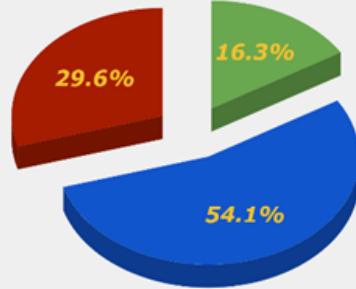
- A new hire academy started, with 5 recruits
- A local non-for-profit is gathering donations to provide our Explorers with new gear and advanced training; they are on target to reach their goal
- New power cots were obtained and placed in service in front line ambulances
- A new breathing air compressor was purchased and installed at PSB
- Carter Hendrix and Connor Christiansen completed probation and were sworn at a city council meeting



**Calls per Coverage Area - August 2024**



**EMS Call Types - August 2024**



• No Transport (refusals) • 911 EMS Calls Transported  
• Transfers

# Public Safety / Muscatine Fire Department

## Demand for Services / Response Activity

	Avg. Per Day	August 2024	Year To Date
<b>Fire Responses</b>	<b>2.00</b>	<b>62</b>	<b>504</b>
<b>911 EMS Responses</b>	<b>8.87</b>	<b>275</b>	<b>2,307</b>
<b>Out of Town Transfers</b>	<b>3.16</b>	<b>98</b>	<b>776</b>
<b>Local Transfers</b>	<b>0.29</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>116</b>
<b>Total Responses</b>	<b>14.32</b>	<b>444</b>	<b>3,703</b>
		<b>August 2024</b>	<b>Year To Date</b>
Urban Response Time - Goal - 90% within 9 min or less		91.0%	91.5%
Rural Response Time - Goal - 90% within 15 min or less		92.3%	96.4%

## Staff Training

Type	August 2024	Year To Date
Facilities Training/use (ISO T-1)	14	494
Company Training (ISO T-2)	26	1,277
Officer Training (ISO T-3)	5	482
New Driving Training (T-4)	1	486
Existing Driver Op (T-5)	1	123
HazMat Training (ISO T-6)	35	393
Recruit /Probationary	17	1,144
Building Tours (ISO T-8)	48	230
EMS / Medical Related	218	1,343
Paramedic Program	96	1,390
Investigator Training	14	150
<b>Totals</b>	<b>475</b>	<b>7,112</b>

## Vehicle & Equipment Maintenance

	August 2024	Year To Date
Fire Vehicle Miles Driven	3,258	21,726
Ambulance Miles Driven	10,255	82,998
<b>Total Miles Driven</b>	<b>13,513</b>	<b>104,724</b>
Gallons of Diesel	490	3,565
Gallons of Gasoline	1,472	11,484
<b>Total Gallons of Fuel</b>	<b>1,962</b>	<b>15,049</b>
Work Orders Completed	50	349

## Prevention, Education and Outreach

	August 2024	YTD		August 2024	YTD
<b>Fire Inspections</b>	37	165	<b>Plan Reviews/Site Visits</b>	11	182
<b>Fire Reinspections</b>	29	90	<b>Fire Investigations</b>	2	30
<b>Educational Events</b>	6	38	<b>Permits Issued</b>	34	834

# Public Safety / Muscatine Police Department

## August 2024 Updates

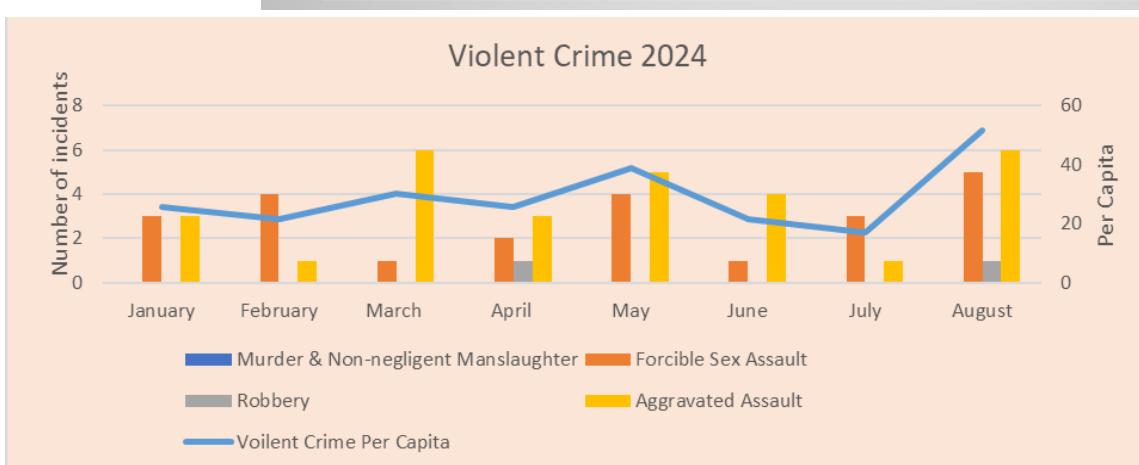
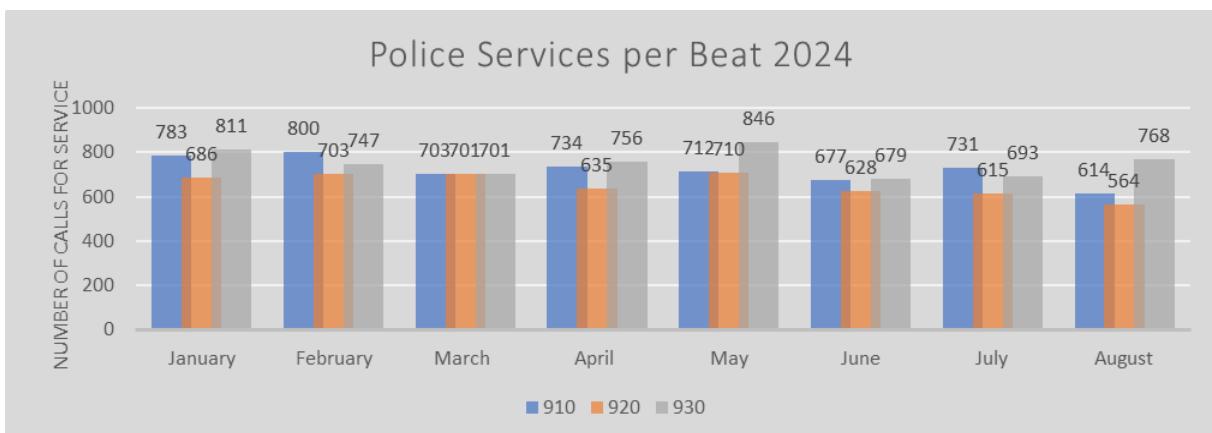
- The Department enjoyed hosting the community for the 2nd annual National Night Out. Fun was had by all who attended! Special thanks to Lt. Buss for his continued efforts planning this event.
- The new Automated Traffic Enforcement car was rolled out in August. This replaces the old black Chevy Sonic that had engine issues.
- MPD held multiple "Popsicles with Police" events at various apartment complexes throughout the city with the last one taking place August 23rd. We have enjoyed the fun in the fire hydrants all summer long!
- SRO Pena is once again stationed at Susan Clark Junior High now that school is back in session. Various officers are filling in at Muscatine High School while SRO Shoultz is out of office.
- The department held applicant testing in August to compile a Civil Service List of qualified persons. There are currently two police officer vacancies.



- SRO Pena attended the International Association of Women Police Conference. This event was held in Chicago and was attended by over 1000 female police officers from around the world. Muscatine Police Department was well represented!

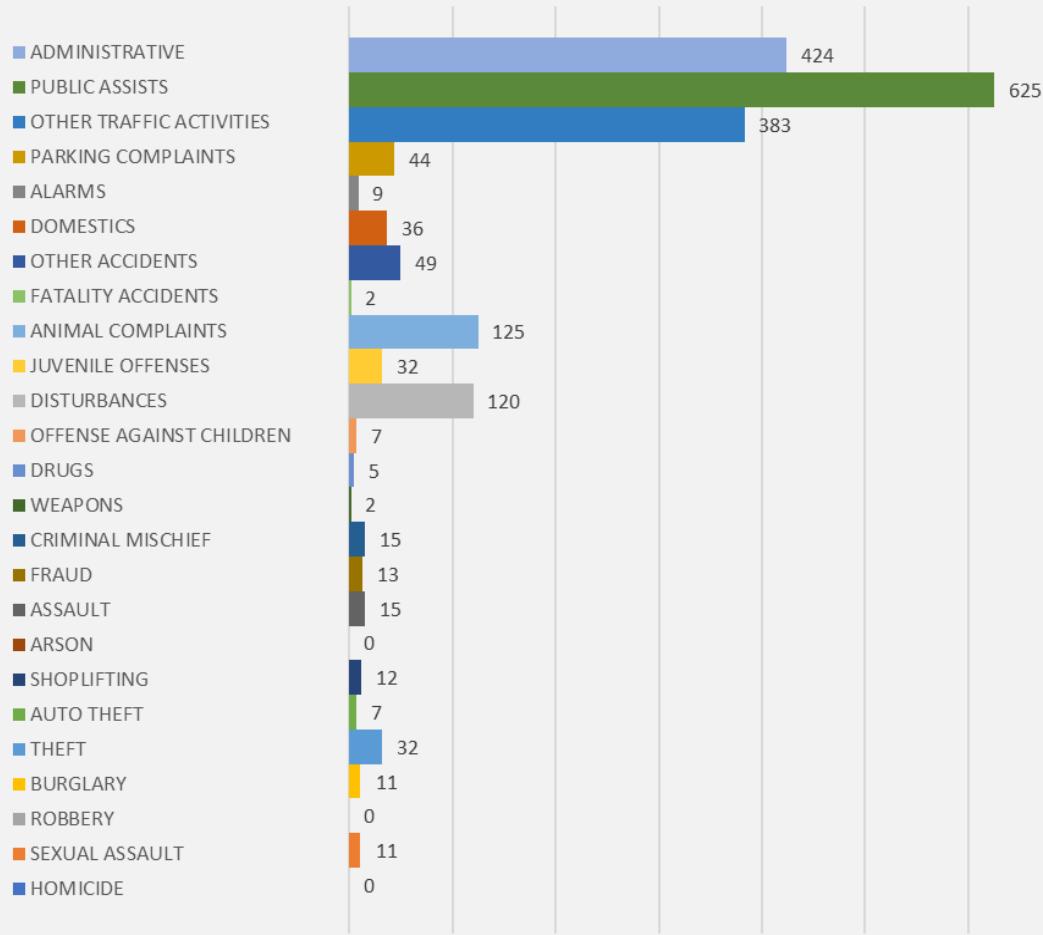


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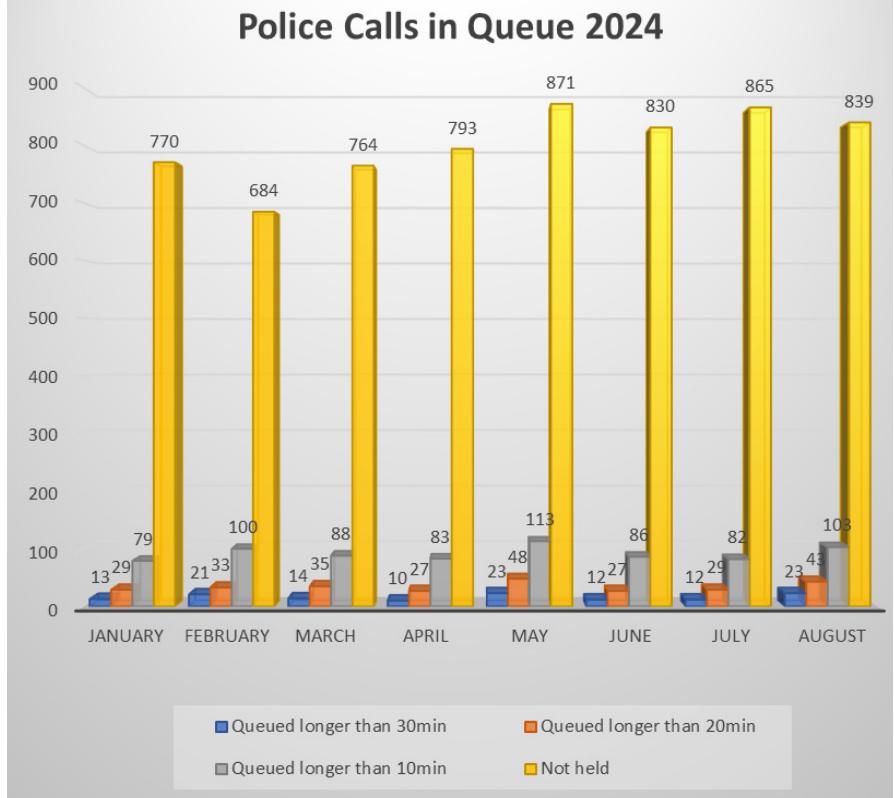


## August 2024 REPORT OF DEPARTMENT ACTIVITY

### Muscatine PD Calls for Service-August 2024



### Police Calls in Queue 2024





# Musser Public Library

## THE STORY OF AUGUST 2024

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

We would like to say thank you to our community for all the love and support they give us throughout the year, but especially during summer reading. It is amazing to see so many people brought together for learning and fun.

We truly couldn't do what we do without you. We enjoy every minute of our day, helping people and inspiring readers.

THANK YOU!

- Musser Public Library Staff

WE GREETED 11,283 PEOPLE THIS MONTH.

766 OF THEM USED OUR MEETING ROOMS AS GATHERING SPACES.

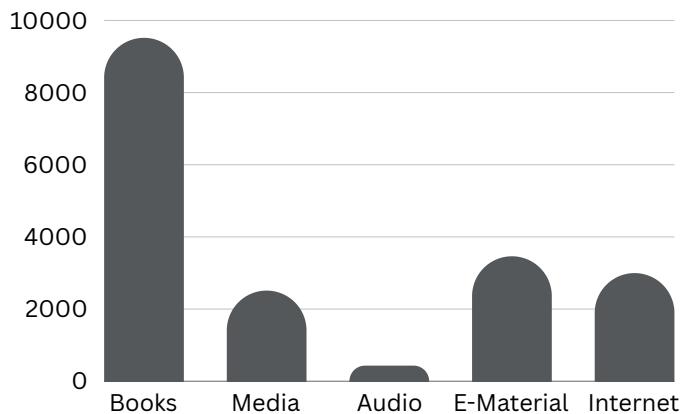


PEOPLE CAME TO OUR PROGRAMS FOR ALL AGES. WE HAD 1 PROGRAM THIS MONTH!

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[WWW.MUSSERPUBLICLIBRARY.ORG](http://WWW.MUSSERPUBLICLIBRARY.ORG)

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 395 QUESTIONS THIS MONTH.

WE HAVE A TOTAL OF 19,269 PATRONS THAT WE SERVE IN OUR COMMUNITY.

AND WATCHED US ON TV.

54 new shows debuted  
432 different shows aired  
671 total programs  
467 hours of programming  
average program length:  
41 minutes



Look for new programs this fall!

There is a little something for everyone. New book clubs, crafts, and story times!

Check out our website for all the dates and times. Watch for your favorite librarians out and about too!

PEOPLE VISITED US ONLINE, TOO.

OUR DATABASES WERE USED 5,481 TIMES.

WE HAD 9,997 VISITS TO OUR WEBSITE.

## 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@muscataineiowa.gov](mailto:art@muscataineiowa.gov).

### EXHIBITION

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

**MUSCATINE  
ART  
CENTER**

Admission is by Donation

[muscataineartcenter.org](http://muscataineartcenter.org) | 563-263-8282  
1314 Mulberry Avenue, Muscatine, IA 52761

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



## AFRICAN AMERICAN MUSEUM OF IOWA'S TRAVELING EXHIBIT TO OPEN IN MUSCATINE

***Suspended: Systemic Oppression in Our Schools*** is an original exhibition developed by the African American Museum of Iowa in Cedar Rapids, Iowa, that examines the concept of the school-to-prison pipeline. The website states, "Elements of the criminal justice system have entered public schools around the country, resulting in zero tolerance policies and student policing that disproportionately effect children of color."

**Muscatine Community College Library - Loper Hall**  
**September 3rd through September 24th**

**Muscatine Art Center**  
**September 26th through October 13th**

Free and open to the public.



**AFRICAN AMERICAN  
MUSEUM OF IOWA**



## Ida Block's Fashion Paintings & Drawings and the Block Sister's Fashion Accessories

Muscatine artist Ida Block created many images of women in the style of the 'Gibson Girl' - a look inspired by the illustrations of Charles Dana Gibson.

through October 27, 2024

# Faith, FLORA & Flair

exploring a painter's sojourn

**Paintings  
by Jim Elias**

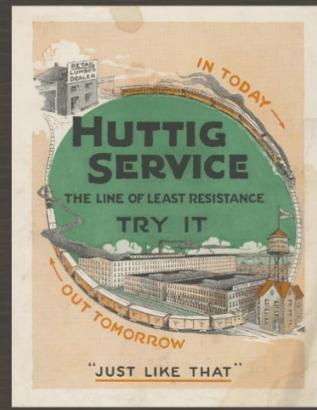
Sept 19 – Dec 29, 2024  
Muscatine Art Center



**ARTIST'S RECEPTION**  
SUNDAY, SEPT 22  
1:30-3PM



## Jim Burr Muscatine History Collection



**on view 2nd floor historic house**

**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 September is "Mythical Creatures", and the theme for October is "Fall Into Autumn".

# **LIVE REPTILES WITH MUSCATINE COUNTY CONSERVATION**

## **SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 21 10:30 AM - 12:00 PM FREE ADMISSION**

In partnership with Muscatine County Conservation, join us in the Muscatine Art Center studio to learn about reptiles with naturalist Michelle Berns. Kids will get to see and learn about snakes and more.

At 11:30 we will make a snake-inspired craft to take home.  
No registration required.

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# ARTIST WORKSHOP FOR KIDS

with Miss Julie



## LEO SEWELL

Saturday, September 21  
1:30 - 2:30 p.m.

Ages 7-14 - Free admission  
Register by September 20

Leo Sewell is an American “found” object artist that creates assemblages out of recycled materials or “junk”, and whose pieces are in over 40 museums and private collections worldwide. Build your own assemblage using “found” objects.

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### Beaded Animal Keychains (Ages 9+)

Saturday, October 5, 1:30 – 2:45 p.m. – RSVP by October 4<sup>th</sup>. Free admission.

Join Miss Katy in the studio to create keychains from plastic pony beads. They can be straight up and down or in a design like a lizard or snake! Put them on your keys, backpacks and bags, or make one for someone else. No experience necessary.

## For Adults

# MUSCATINE ART CENTER LORD CULTURAL RESOURCES INFORMATION SESSIONS



Thursday, September 12, Noon  
Thursday, September 26, 5:30 pm

*Muscatine Art Center Music Room  
Free Admission*

In 2023, the Muscatine Art Center hired Lord Cultural Resources, the global leader in cultural sector planning, to develop a Business and Facility Planning Study. The study, completed in May 2024, outlines many recommendations for the proposed functions of a building addition, adjustments to operations, rebranding, and programming enhancements. Muscatine Art Center Director, Melanie Alexander, will discuss the process, the recommendations, and next steps.

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# Design Your Own Jewelry at Creations by Oz

**\$45**

Class Fee

**Thursday, September 19  
5:00 - 8:00 p.m.**

Join us in downtown Muscatine for a jewelry-making workshop that includes unique wines, beers, and hors d'oeuvres.

Melissa and her staff will lend their jewelry-designing expertise, helping participants create original necklaces, bracelets, or earrings for \$45 a person. Additional wine and beer offered for sale. No experience necessary.

Contact Melissa at 319-930-9189 or stop in to Creations by Oz, 110 E. 2nd Street, Muscatine, to sign up by September 18.



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# RED BARN STUDIO

## Raven



Artist Vada Baker leads this class where participants will use rich watercolors to paint a friendly raven against a bright burst background. All supplies included. No experience necessary.

**Sunday, September 22**

1:30 – 3:00 p.m.

\$15/\$13.50 for

Friends members

Register by September 20

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