

# "BITS and PIECES"



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325 Wisconsin Street  
LeClaire, Iowa 52753-9525

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## MAYOR

**Ray Allen** [12/31/17] 289-4242 Ext. 1111  
E-mail: [rallen@leclaireiowa.gov](mailto:rallen@leclaireiowa.gov) Please feel free to call City Hall and leave a message for either myself or the particular council member that you wish to speak to. Your call will be returned as soon as possible.

## COUNCIL MEMBERS

**Ryan Salvador** [11/07/17] 289-4242 Ext. 1151  
E-mail: [rsalvador@leclaireiowa.gov](mailto:rsalvador@leclaireiowa.gov). Duties: Park and Rec Commission Liaison (includes Levee), Streets: (maintenance, repair, construction, etc.) Alternate for Public Works other than Streets.

**Barry Long** [12/31/17] 289-4242 Ext. 1152  
E-mail: [blong@leclaireiowa.gov](mailto:blong@leclaireiowa.gov). Duties: Utilities [Sewer, Garbage, Hydroelectric, I.T.T.] and Liaison to the Tourism Board & Civic Groups.

**Dennis Gerard** [12/31/19] 289-4242 Ext. 1153  
E-mail: [dgerard@leclaireiowa.gov](mailto:dgerard@leclaireiowa.gov) Duties: Finance and Economic Development.

**Jason Wentland** [12/31/19] 289-4242 Ext. 1154  
E-mail: [jwentland@leclaireiowa.gov](mailto:jwentland@leclaireiowa.gov). Duties: MAYOR PRO-TEM, Public Safety Liaison, and Pleasant Valley School Liaison..

**John Smith** [11/07/17] 289-4242 Ext. 1155  
E-mail: [jsmith@leclaireiowa.gov](mailto:jsmith@leclaireiowa.gov) Duties: Library Board of Trustee Liaison, Planning & Zoning & Board of Adjustment Liaison, Ordinances and Policies; Public Works Liaison (Other than Streets, (Includes Snow Removal), and Alternate for Streets.

## BUFFALO BILL MUSEUM

Surprise another **FREE ADMISSION** day at the museum. We are having a Grand Opening to let everyone see all of our new displays on Sunday, April 3, Noon to 4:00 pm. We have 15 new displays that have been built since we opened our new entry way March 2014. Hope you will join us and see all the new displays. For more information contact Bob Schifke at the museum.

## GARBAGE & RECYCLING PICKUP SCHEDULE

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Recycling and Garbage days for April (in yellow) are April 13<sup>th</sup> & 14<sup>th</sup> and April 27<sup>th</sup> & 28<sup>th</sup>. Garbage only days in April (in blue) are April 6<sup>th</sup> & 7<sup>th</sup> and April 20<sup>th</sup> & 21<sup>st</sup>. April 9<sup>th</sup> (in red) City-wide Curb-side Cleanup Day.

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Please leave at least three (3) feet between your garbage and recycling totes when you put them out on the curb so the automated arms have room to maneuver.

## CITY-WIDE CURB-SIDE CLEAN UP DAY - FREE DISPOSAL!! - SATURDAY, APRIL 09, 2016

On Saturday, April 09, 2016, beginning at 7:00 AM, the City will be sponsoring its annual city-wide, curbside, total clean-up. Any resident\*\* may put large, bulky waste items at the curb (**no appliances, tires, batteries, regular household garbage, hazardous materials, construction debris, commercial business items, "e-waste" or yard wastes will be accepted**). All items must be out at the curb by 7:00 A.M. The garbage contractor **will not** return for any items placed curbside **after 7:00 A.M.** Future disposal Dates are: in the **FALL** on the 2<sup>nd</sup> Saturday of October [October 08, 2016] and in **SPRING** on the 2<sup>nd</sup> Saturday in April [April 08, 2017]. For more information or if you have any questions or special needs, please feel free to call City Hall at 289-4242.

\*\* Only LeClaire residents (no commercial businesses) whose City garbage accounts are paid in full may participate. "E-waste" is defined as devices that contain a circuit board or a cathode ray tube such as, computer monitors, televisions, VCRs, stereos, computers, radios, and video game systems. **E-waste contains environmental hazards such as lead, mercury, cadmium, nickel, chromium, lithium, and PCBs.** "Hazardous Materials" are defined as Fluorescent Light Bulbs, household cleaners and disinfectants, vehicle fluids, Weed Killer, Bug Sprays Pesticides, fertilizers, paint, stains, varnishes, glue, solvents, etc.

## STORM WATER MANAGEMENT INFORMATION & CONTACT HELP LINE!!

(563)-289-4242 (Ext. 1502)

"BE A PART OF THE SOLUTION ...  
BY PREVENTING WATER POLLUTION!"



## PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT "EMERGENCY CONTACT"

We want to remind everyone that the city's PWD can be reached 24/7/365 by dialing 289-4242 and pressing 3 & 1500. This will put you directly into the PWD emergency contact voice mail box where you can leave a message which will be automatically relayed to City personnel.

## LECLAIRE COMMUNITY LIBRARY

**Save Our Materials!** We've recently had a number of book donations dropped in our outdoor dropbox overnight or over weekends, which causes the dropbox bins to overflow and damage library materials. Please bring donations into the library during normal operating hours. Thanks in advance for your help! **Friends of the Library Annual Spelling Bee:** The Friends of the Library all-ages Spelling Bee will take place on Wednesday, April 13<sup>th</sup> at 6pm at City Hall. Registration will be available online through the library's website only, and will be made available the last week of March. **Adult Services:** **Mark Hirsch: That Tree—An Unintended Adventure:** Photographer Mark Hirsch will discuss his work on Thursday, March 31<sup>st</sup> at 6pm. While recovering from a near fatal car accident in January of 2013, Mark was encouraged by a friend to use his iPhone like a camera. The resulting images have been published in a highly regarded coffee table book called *That Tree*. Mark's time in the valley with *That Tree* provided him with a transformative adventure of self-discovery, inspiration and enlightenment. This event is sponsored by Quad City Arts. **TRACES BUS-eum:** The Mason City-based TRACES Center for the History and Culture will bring "At Home in the Heartland: Forgotten Stories of How Iowans got to be 'Us'" on their mobile exhibit on Thursday, April 7<sup>th</sup>. Enjoy the presentation from TRACES Director Michael Luick-Thrams at 5:30pm inside the library, and tour the bus-eum any time between 5-8pm. **Lifelong Learning:**

**Predatory Practices That Effect Seniors:** A social worker from Home Bound Healthcare will discuss the most common types of senior scams and how to avoid them. Join us on Thursday, April 14<sup>th</sup>, 10-11am. **Author Visit with Gary Moore:** Author Gary Moore will visit the library on Thursday, April 14<sup>th</sup> at 6:30pm to discuss his award-winning book, *Playing with the Enemy*, a true story based on his father, Gene Moore, a small-town baseball star on the brink of stardom in the major leagues before WWII intervened. This event is part of the Scott County Reads Together, and was made possible through a grant from Humanities Iowa. *A free copy of this book will be made available to the first 10 people who register for the event!* **Book Club:** Our next book club meeting will take place on April 27<sup>th</sup> at 6:30pm in the Fireplace Room. We will discuss the *Boston Girl* by Anita Diamant. Books are available at the circulation counter for check-out. **Teen Services: TAG:** Need services hours for school? Want to give your input on all things teen at the library? Love talking books, movies, music, & more, all while munching on tasty snacks? Come to TAG on the third Thursday of each month! This month's TAG meeting is March 17<sup>th</sup> at 6:30pm. Grades 7<sup>th</sup>-12<sup>th</sup> only. **Scissors, Paper, Poem:** Art and writing mix in this fun collage-based DIY! Explore poetry in a fun new way by taking random words and phrases found in magazines and putting them together in your own unique piece of writing. Bring your old magazines, pamphlets, or damaged books—anything with words that you're willing to slice to pieces! This event is for teens in 7<sup>th</sup> - 12<sup>th</sup> grade. *Thursday April 28th, 6:30-7:30pm.* **Book Spine Poetry:** Celebrate National Poetry Month by participating in a month-long contest making totally new poetry out of book, CD, DVD, or audiobook spines. Just stack several items on top of one another until you have a sentence or a poem. These don't have to rhyme, and they can be serious, silly, weird, or funny! Take a picture of your poems (limit 3 per person) and submit them through email, Instagram, or our Facebook page with your **name and grade.** *Hint: If you create your poem at the library, we can post it for you!* We will choose one winner in 3<sup>rd</sup>-6<sup>th</sup> grade and one from 7<sup>th</sup>-12<sup>th</sup> at the end of the month! Winner gets a free book of their choosing. This contest is for 3<sup>rd</sup>-12<sup>th</sup> graders. **Children's Services: Early Release Crafternoon:** looking for something to do with your early release from PV schools? Stop by the library for this month's Crafternoon! This month, we will be making an upcycling-themed craft in honor of Earth Day. This drop-in program is fun for all ages! *Wednesday April 6th, 3-4pm.* **Poets-in-Training:** Whether you love poetry or (think) you hate it, this activity will inspire your inner poet! Learn about fun new forms of poetry, write and

illustrate your own poems, and share your work.  
**WARNING: The poems created during this**

*program will be extremely awesome, funny, and weird.* This event is best for 3rd-6th graders. *Friday April 15th, 3:30-4:30pm.* **Poetry Dance-a-Thon:** Calling all kids who love to listen to fun music and to bust a move! Spend a Saturday afternoon listening to some silly songs, getting all your wiggles out, and engaging in some fun free play. As an added bonus, research shows that exposure to music and poetry allows children to develop important literacy and social skills. This event is best for children in preschool through kindergarten (older children welcome!). *Saturday April 16th, 10:30-11:30am.* **Kids Book Club:** Kids Book Club is back! Join us for the 4th-6th grade book club reboot! Pick up a copy of this month's book (TBD) at the library. Bring a sack lunch or a snack to munch on while we chat about the book and participate in fun activities. No parents or younger siblings, please. *Saturday April 16th, 12-1pm.*

**LECLAIRE OFFICE OF TOURISM**

**Friday, April 1, 5:30-8pm:** First Friday in Downtown LeClaire. **Saturday, April 16, 4-6pm:** Wine Hop. See Facebook page "LeClaire Wine Hop" for more information. **Saturday, June 18, 7pm:** Please save the date for Trivia in June to raise money for LeClaire Christmas decorations. Email smith5grand@gmail.com to reserve a table. Also, please drop off donations of door prizes or raffle items at Artswork. **Opening for Retail Representative on the LeClaire Tourism Board.** If you are a full-time manager or owner of a LeClaire retail business and are interested in representing all LeClaire retail businesses on the Tourism Board, please contact City Hall or [info@visitleclaire.com](mailto:info@visitleclaire.com) for an application and return it by 8:30am on June 3, 2016. **Opening for Event Representative on the LeClaire Tourism Board.** If you are in charge of an event that takes place in LeClaire and are interested in representing all LeClaire events on the Tourism Board, please contact City Hall or [info@visitleclaire.com](mailto:info@visitleclaire.com) for an application and return it by 8:30am on June 3, 2016. For both positions, you must be able to attend monthly meetings that are held at City Hall on the first Monday of the month at 8:30am and understand Tourism's mission. **LeClaire's Tourism Mission Statement:** "The purpose of the LeClaire Office of Tourism is to bring visitors and tourism dollars into historic LeClaire while working cooperatively with our businesses, events, and attractions." **LECLAIRE INFORMATION CENTER VOLUNTEERS NEEDED:** Please share your knowledge and love of LeClaire with our visitors! Contact Cindy Bruhn at [info@visitleclaire.com](mailto:info@visitleclaire.com) or

563-650-7963 to volunteer. **Find details on LeClaire events at:** <http://www.visitleclaire.com/events.html>

**SENIOR UTILITY NOTICE**

All seniors who are eligible for the senior discount need to submit proof of income for the year 2015 by May 15, 2016 to stay on the senior rate. This proof can be in the form of a SSA-1099 or an income tax form. The income level requirements for 2015 are \$17,820 for a single resident or \$24,030 for a married resident. Please remember if you have anyone living with you that is under 65 you will not be eligible for this discount. Thank you.

**LECLAIRE PARK & REC COMMISSION NEWS**

Join us for fun and fellowship as we celebrate Spring! This is a FREE event, and will take place Saturday, March 26th from 11:00-1:00 at Hollyhock Park (located on Jones Street). Hunt for 5,000 Easter Eggs, visit with the Easter Bunny, enjoy live music, a bounce house, and free food! This event is sponsored by the Le Claire Park and Recreation Commission. Please contact Barb at 563-340-1553 with any questions, or if you would like to donate to the event. See you there!

**LECLAIRE CIVIC CLUB**

Come to our Annual Swiss Steak Dinner April 9<sup>th</sup> 4:30 pm to 7:00 pm. Tickets can be purchased from any Civic Club Member. Join us every Wednesday for Breakfast, 8:00 am, to learn about the club. Join us for Trivia the 3<sup>rd</sup> Saturday of every month until June. Yes, we are having a special Trivia in June for the LeClaire Tourism Committee to contribute to new Christmas decorations in LeClaire, join us. Call Debbie, 563-349-4403, or email [smith5grand@gmail.com](mailto:smith5grand@gmail.com) to reserve a table.

**NOTICE: WEED ABATEMENT LAW**

As of April 1st the City begins to implement the weed abatement process. Notices are being published in this publication and in the Quad City Times advising the property owners of their duty and responsibility to keep their property, (and that area between the street driving surface and the property line) free of weeds and other plant growth. **THERE WILL BE NO OTHER NOTICES!!** If a weed problem is found to exist the City will abate the problem and assess the costs accordingly to the property. The charges for abating weed nuisances will be **First Violation**-First Worker \$100.00/Hr.; Each Additional Worker \$50.00/Hr. **Second Violation**-First Worker \$200.00/Hr., Each Additional Worker \$100.00/Hr. **Third & Subsequent Violations**-First Worker \$400.00/Hr., Each Additional Worker \$200.00/Hr., or if a contractor is used, the charge will be the contracted amount plus 25%. What constitutes a "weed nuisance"? Following is the definition established

by law:

In all areas of the City, any noxious weeds or vegetation, as defined by the Code of Iowa, are deemed to be nuisances, as well as any dense growth of weeds, vines, brush, or other similar vegetation which are reasonably believed to be constituting a public safety, health, or fire hazard. In any developed area within the City or within one hundred feet (100') of any developed area within the City, any weeds, vegetation, vines, brush, or other growth which exceeds ten inches (10") in height shall be deemed a nuisance. In all other areas of the City, any weeds, vegetation, vines, brush, or other growth which exceeds two feet (2') in height shall be deemed a nuisance. Natural areas, including but not limited to waterways, or farmland may exceed these established height limitations. Please review this material again and if you have any questions, call City Hall at any time.

**UTILITY CHARGES**

Metered Minimum (incl. first 500 gal.)(67 c/f)

	<u>Sewer</u>	<u>Garbage</u>
-Regular	\$16.80	\$15.00
-Elderly*	\$14.50	\$14.00
Usage Rate (per 500 gal.)(67 c/f)		
-All users	\$1.80	

Non-Metered, Flat (Sewer Only)

	<u>Sewer</u>	<u>Garbage</u>
-Regular	\$60.00	\$15.00
-Elderly*	\$50.00	\$14.00

<u>DEPOSITS - RESIDENTIAL</u>	<u>AMOUNT</u>
Sewer (meter)	\$ 88.00
Sewer (meter)/Garbage	\$118.00
Sewer (flat)	\$120.00
Sewer (flat)/Garbage	\$150.00
Garbage	\$ 30.00

<u>DEPOSITS-COMMERCIAL</u>	
Sewer Only (meter)	\$88.00

<u>MISCELLANEOUS FEES</u>	
NSF Check	\$30.00
Lateral Locate	\$21.40

<u>SEWER HOOK-UPS</u>	
Residential - New	\$428.00
- Re-Hook	\$214.00
Commercial/Industrial	
- New \$.03/ft. not less than	\$428.00
- Re-Hook	\$214.00

\*Age and income requirements.

**CITY HALL INFORMATION**

The next Bits & Pieces articles are due by Wednesday, April 13, 2016. They can be sent via email

to [Bits@leclaireiowa.gov](mailto:Bits@leclaireiowa.gov), or by fax to (563) 289-6010, by U.S. mail, or hand delivered.



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**FIRE 911**  
**AMBULANCE 911**  
**POLICE NON-EMERGENCY REQUEST FOR SERVICE 388-3904**  
**POLICE NON-EMERGENCY ADMINISTRATIVE 289-4242**