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FROM YOUR CITY HALL
325 Wisconsin Street
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MAYOR

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E-mail: 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

Amy Blair [11/07/17] 289-4242 Ext. 1151

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John Smith [11/07/17] 289-4242 Ext. 1155

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COMMUNITY FOOD PANTRY

The "Community Food Pantry" is located at the Hope Church, 709 Wisconsin Street, in the basement of the church. Food Pantry serves all those in the LeClaire, Princeton, Panorama Park, Pleasant Valley, and the McCausland area. For more information please contact: Linda: (563) 289-3629, Lou (563) 225-2121; or Clarice at (563) 289-9028.

CITY BOARDS AND COMMISSIONS

The LeClaire Board of Adjustment, the LeClaire Tourism Board, LeClaire Planning & Zoning Commission, LeClaire Park & Rec Commission, I.T. Committee, and the LeClaire Library Board of Trustees are accepting applications. If you would like to be considered for volunteer service on any of these Committees/Boards, you must submit a completed

application form. The application form may be obtained from City Hall during regular business hours, or on the City's website.

CIVIC CLUB NEWS

The Civic Club will host the Annual Tug Fest Breakfast at the Civic Club on August 12th from 7-11AM. Adults are \$5 in advance, \$7 at the door. Children under five eat free. We will serve pancakes, egg casserole, sausage, fresh fruit, homemade cinnamon rolls, coffee and juice. Contact Ron at 563-289-5259 for tickets or any civic club member. Look for us during Tug Fest at the pavilion playing Bingo. Cash prizes. Hope to see you! Other Upcoming Events: August 5th, the Civic Club will sell donuts and breakfast burritos from 7:30 to 9:30 am. Sept. 9th the Civic Club will host a Rib-eye Steak Dinner. Rib-eye, baked potato, green beans and homemade dessert. Tickets will go on sale in August. October 14th the Civic Club will host a chili supper fund-raiser from 4:30 to 7pm. Bunco will start on Sept. 19 at 10AM at the Civic Center. \$2.00 to play. Bring a snack to share. It will be every 3rd Tuesday until May except December. Trivia will start September 23rd. It is normally the 3rd Saturday of the month. Due to scheduling conflicts we have moved September back one week. Trivia will benefit the LeClaire Library in September. Doors open at 6PM to serve food. Trivia starts at 7PM. \$10 per person. To reserve tables contact Debbie at 563-349-4403 or by email at smith5grand@gmail.com. Any non-profit organization that would like the Civic Club to host a trivia for them needs to contact the Civic Club each year to get on the list. The organization needs to try and book 5 to 6 tables on their own to reserve a date. Trivia runs from September to November and January to May. The Civic Club continues to serve breakfast every Wednesday morning from 8AM to 9:30AM. Stop by and make new friends and chat until 11AM. The monthly membership meeting will be held on Tuesday August 22nd at 7PM. We will have desserts at 6:30 instead of a potluck. Potluck will resume in September. Come join us! New members welcome!

SWIMMING POOL REQUIREMENTS

Swimming Pool "Enclosure" Requirements Changed - Before all of the neighborhood kids take that first "dip" in the old back yard pool this summer make sure that your pool is safe and that it meets the requirements for fencing and enclosures that are now in effect. The biggest change includes the need for Enclosures are needed for those very popular "temporary, inflatable" pools **THAT ARE NOT CONTINUOUSLY MONITORED BY AN ADULT AND THAT ARE NOT DRAINED AND STORED ON A DAILY BASIS AND UNCOVERED HOT TUBS AND SPAS**. Please call for a copy of the detailed ordinance if you have any questions at all. The

Police Department will be closely monitoring this matter as a significant public safety issue and will be stopping by and knocking on your door or calling you if they see any problems. Thanks for your help and cooperation in protecting all the neighborhood kids!!

GARBAGE & RECYCLING PICKUP SCHEDULE

August 2017

Recycling and Garbage days for August (**in yellow**) are August 2nd & 3rd, 16th & 17th, and 30th & 31st. Garbage only days in August (**in blue**) are August 9th & 10th, and 23rd & 24th.

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Please do not put Yard Waste in your Garbage or Recycling totes. Allied Waste/Republic Services offers a Yard Waste Program, from April 1st thru November 30th. The cost is \$130.00. To enroll in this program please call Republic Services at (563) 332-0050.

Please put your totes at least three feet apart to allow the Republic drivers to maneuver their truck's mechanical arm to raise and lower your garbage totes.

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

Library Closing Reminder: The Library will be closed Friday, August 11th and Saturday, August 12th for TugFest. Regular library hours will resume Monday, August 14th. **Dropbox full? Email us and we'll extend your checkout!:** Need to return a book or DVD after hours and the dropbox is too full? Don't try and jam it in, just send us an email at library@leclaireiowa.gov and we'll happily extend your checkout/waive late fees. **Adopt-A-Shelf:** Want to volunteer at the library, but never feel like you have the time? Try our Adopt-a-Shelf program! Participants can choose a section of the library they'd like to maintain and come in on their own time to make sure it looks neat and is shelved correctly! It's easy, fast, and it's a huge help to the library staff. Stop by the front desk or email afry@leclaireiowa.gov for more information. **Adult Services: Card-Making with Donna Banta**—Join us in making homemade greeting cards! Each participant will make 3 different cards. Class size limited to 15. Adults only. Come in Saturday, August 5th at 11:00am.

Adult Book Club—This month we will be reading *My Brilliant Friend* by Elena Ferrante Wroblewski. Books are available at the library's circulation counter free of cost AND are now available as an eBook through our RiverShare Digital Library Catalog. Join us Wednesday, August 23rd at 6:30pm. **Drop-In Tech Help**—Bring in any device and we will give it a shot! Please arrive with passwords needed to access your device or accounts. Drop in Friday, August 25th at 2:00pm. **Senior Outreach: Off-site Checkout**—The LeClaire Library will be partnering with the Milestones Senior Meal Center to provide off-site item checkout! Checkout will be available the last Wednesday of each month at the First Presbyterian Church. See you August 30th at 11:45am. **YA Services: Teen Advisory Group (TAG)**—Help plan cool events, request new library materials, eat snacks, and get the inside scoop on what's happening at the library! Don't forget—your attendance earns you service learning hours and looks great on college applications! For 7th grade & up. Join us on Thursday, August 17th from 4:30-5:30pm. **Children's Services: Library Scavenger Hunt**—August is National Picnic Month! Come to the library and track down as many picnic items as you can! If you can find 10 or more, you might win a small prize! Drop in during operating hours starting Tuesday, August 1st. **Do-It-Yourself Storytime**—Miss Bailey is taking a storytime break to plan more exciting programs, but your library routine does not have to suffer! Drop in Tuesday evenings at 6:30pm or Wednesday and Fridays morning at 10:30am for a self-guided storytime. Choose from a selection of books to read, play with storytime toys, and have fun at the library starting Tuesday, August 1st.

Storytime in the Park—Get ready to sing, dance, and play and join us for this special outdoor storytime at Hollyhock Park! Raining? Come to the library instead. Join us Saturday, August 19th at 10:30am.

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.

AVOID THE DRAIN PAIN



Just because the package says flushable doesn't mean it's true. **Many items marketed as disposable and/or flushable do not degrade like toilet paper and they wind up clogging pipes, tangling pumps** and causing messy sewer backups into streets, homes and businesses. Our sewers are designed to dispose of very specific things. Using your toilet for disposal of many modern products can result in blockages. The drains that connect your home to the main sewer are only big enough to carry water, toilet paper and human waste. Private sewer lines are often no wider than 4 inches. Other than creating clogs in sewer pipes and pumps, trash must be removed from the waste water as part of the reclamation treatment process. This is an expensive operation. Excessive debris in waste water sewers has become epidemic globally.

WHAT NOT FLUSH

- Baby and adult wipes, moist wipes, disinfectant wipes, all of those labeled as "flushable"
- Facial tissues, cotton balls, cotton swabs, Band-Aids
- Any cloth items
- Diapers (cloth, disposable, and those labeled flushable)
- Toilet bowl scrub pads, Swiffer's, dryer sheets
- Egg shells, coffee grounds, food, chewing gum
- Hair
- Vitamins, medicines, and other pharmaceuticals, cosmetics
- Napkins, Paper towels
- Dental Floss
- Cat Litter
- Fats, Oil, and grease

- Sanitary napkins, tampons, condoms
- Fish, hamsters, gerbils

- Cigarette butts
- Plastic of any kind
- Any non-organic materials

THE "FLUSHABILITY" TEST:

Take two bowls of water. Place toilet paper in one and place the item in question in the other. Swish both items in the water. Wait about an hour, and then swish again. The toilet paper should have significantly disintegrated by then while the other item (for example, wipes, napkins, dental floss) will likely remain intact. Unless the item disintegrates at the rate of toilet paper, it should be placed in the garbage and not down the toilet. You otherwise risk blockage in your home as well as clogging a main sewer line or pump station causing a sewage backup for other homes and businesses. If it can't be reused, recycled or composted, please place it in the garbage. If you have questions about what is OK to flush, please call 563 289 4242. Select #3 for the Public Works Department then select #2 for the Waste Water Treatment Plant.

VOLUNTEER DRIVER NEEDED

The "Milestones" senior meal program is in need of a driver once each month to deliver lunch to homebound elderly residents. At most, the time required would be 11:00AM to 12:30PM. Our drivers find that helping less mobile citizens count on nutritious meals brings great personal satisfaction. If interested or have any questions, please call Heide at (562) 289-3646. (Leave a return phone number if I'm not able to answer. I'll return your call soon.) Thank you. Heide Larson, Program Mgr.

LECLAIRE OFFICE OF TOURISM

The LeClaire Information Center is open at its new location – 117 South Cody Road. **Fri., Aug. 4, 5:30-11:30pm:** First Friday in downtown LeClaire. **Sat., Aug. 5, 9am-3pm: Quad City British Auto Club Heartland British Auto Fest on the Levee.** More can be found at www.qcbac.com. **Thurs.-Sat., Aug. 10-12: Tug Fest.** Details can be found at www.tugfest.com **Sat., Aug. 19:** Twilight Riverboat Sightseeing Cruises, 11am 1pm 3pm, www.riverboattwilight.com for advance tickets. **Aug. 26: Vettes on the River.** This is an all-Corvette car show. Proceeds are donated to local Quad Cities' Veterans' organizations. For more information: www.vettesontheriver.com **Find details on LeClaire events at: www.visitleclaire.com/events.html**

CITY HALL INFORMATION

The next Bits & Pieces articles are due by Wednesday, August 16, 2017. They can be sent via email to Bits@leclaireiowa.gov, or by fax to (563) 289-6010, by U.S. mail, or hand delivered.



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POLICE NON-EMERGENCY REQUEST FOR SERVICE 388-3904
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