

"BITS and PIECES"



FROM YOUR CITY HALL
325 Wisconsin Street
LeClaire, Iowa 52753-9525

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COUNCIL MEMBERS

Ryan Salvador [11/07/17] 289-4242 Ext. 1151
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BUFFALO BILL MUSEUM

The Buffalo Bill Museum is always changing. If you haven't visited the museum in a while please make a trip to see us. The museum's director Bob Schifke is always changing things up. New to the exhibits this month is a dress that belonged to Bessie Brewer, at the age of 16 or 17 she was a ticket taker for The Buffalo Bill Wild West Show. Her husband Harry took care of the animals. Bessie and Harry were also Debbie Smith's (member of the Buffalo Bill Museum Board of Directors) grandparents. Drop down to see Bessie's dress along with a few other items new to the museum exhibit floor. The Buffalo Bill Museum is open 9-5 Monday - Saturday and 12-5

Sunday. Admission is \$5.00 for adults, \$4.00 seniors, \$1.00 youth ages 6-16 and under 6 years old Free. Located at 199 North Front Street, Le Claire.

GARBAGE & RECYCLING PICKUP SCHEDULE

August 2016

Recycling and Garbage days for August (in yellow) are August 3rd & 4th and August 17th & 18th and August 31 and September 1st. Garbage only days in August (in blue) are August 10th & 11th and August 24th & 25th.

AUGUST						
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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.

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!!

LECLAIRE OFFICE OF TOURISM

Friday-August 5, 5:30-8pm: First Friday in downtown LeClaire including live music outside at the winery. **Saturday, August 6:** Heartland British Auto Fest. **August 11-13:** Tugfest. **Saturday, August 27:** Vettes on the River. **Saturday, September 10:** 1-1/2 hour sightseeing cruises aboard the Twilight. Book online at www.riverboattwilight.com **LECLAIRE INFORMATION CENTER VOLUNTEERS NEEDED:**

Please share your knowledge and love of LeClaire with our visitors! Contact Cindy Bruhn at info@visitleclaire.com or 563-650-7963 to volunteer. **Find details on LeClaire events at:** <http://www.visitleclaire.com/events.html>

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 12th and Saturday, August 13th for Tug Fest weekend. **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. **Summer Reading Program:** Thanks to all those who participated in the Summer Reading Program! We have had over 300 kids and teens register for the program this year! **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: Lifelong Learning--Sponsored by Home Bound Healthcare:** Join us the second Thursday of each month for our Lifelong Learning series, a program featuring activities, events, and educational presentations geared towards the older adult. Our next event will take place Thursday, August 11th at 10am. **Color Me Calm -** Coloring is NOT just for kids anymore! Adult coloring has been shown to decrease

stress, aid in relaxation, exercise fine motor skills, and train the brain to focus! We will provide adult coloring pages and coloring utensils. You may bring your own snacks/refreshments. Program will be held on Wednesday, August 17th at 6pm. **Adult Book Club:** Join us on Wednesday, August 24th at 6:30pm to discuss New York Times best seller, *Kitchens of the Great Midwest*, by J. Ryan Stradal. Books are available free of charge at the circulation desk. **Teen Services: TAG:** Teen Advisory Group (TAG) meets on the 3rd Thursday of each month from 6:30-7:30pm. All are welcome, and don't forget—your attendance earns you Service Learning Hours! **Children's Services: No Regular Storytime Hours During August:** Miss Bailey will be taking a break from Storytime in August, but she will have take-home storytime kits available in the library for pick-up. Toddler Time and Family Storytime will resume in September. **Storytime Playgroup:** Listen to some music, read books together, and play with fun storytime props and toys during this drop-in, self-directed playgroup on Wednesday mornings between 10:30-11:30am. Best for 0-5 years of age. **LEGO Club:** Robots? Towers? Aliens? See what building challenge is next on Tuesday, August 16th from 3-4pm. We provide the LEGOs, just bring yourself! For ages 7 & up. **Library Dance Party:** Get ready to boogie to new songs and old favorites, while having fun with scarves, shakers, and more! Best for 0-5 years of age, though all are welcome. Friday, August 26th 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.



ONE-WAY STREETS @ BRIDGEVIEW SCHOOL !!!

In an effort to resolve a long-standing and ever-increasing pedestrian safety, parking, and traffic flow problem at Bridgeview Elementary School (located at the intersection of South 12th Street and Davenport Street) the City and the School District have jointly devised a plan that is hoped to alleviate much of the congestion in this area that routinely occurs at this intersection every school day. In addition to the School district increasing its parking lot area size (as a part of its 2015 school expansion project) to accommodate more “off-street parking”, the plan is to prohibit on-street parking along Davenport and 12th Streets and to incorporate a system of one-way traffic flow from West to East on Davenport Street between Stagecoach Trail and 11th Streets and from South to North on 12th Street from Davenport to Dodge Streets. It is hoped that these combined measures (while not decreasing the traffic volume) will help to speed the flow of traffic in and out to the school through this intersection and the adjacent areas. These new regulations, street pavement markings, signage, and enforcement will begin in early August before the new school year starts. **PLEASE WATCH FOR THE NEW SIGNAGE AND TRAFFIC PATTERNS IN THIS AREA!!**

UTILITY E-BILLS

You can have your utility bill delivered via email. This will save the City money on postage, paper, ink, wear and tear on our printers, etc., thereby keeping sewer and garbage charges down. If you are interested in receiving your bill via-email, please send an email to jphares@leclaireiowa.gov giving her your billing address and the email address you want your utility bill to be sent and she will update your account. If you have any questions please call Jo at 289-4242 Ext. 1101.

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.

- 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.

CITY BOARDS AND COMMISSIONS

The LeClaire Board of Adjustment, the LeClaire Tourism Board, LeClaire Planning & Zoning Commission, I.T. Committee, and the LeClaire Library Board of Trustees are accepting applications. The LeClaire Park & Rec Commission is currently accepting applications for three open positions. If you would like to be considered for volunteer service on this Commission, please submit a completed application form to City Hall by close of business on August 4th and plan to attend the Park & Rec Commission meeting also on August 4th or forward a letter outlining your interest in serving on the Commission. **The City is also seeking volunteers to assist with the design and development of the City's new website. Anyone interested in participating in this effort please contact City Hall.** The application form may be obtained from City Hall during regular business hours, or can be obtained on the City's website.

CITY HALL INFORMATION

The next Bits & Pieces articles are due by Wednesday, August 10, 2016. 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 911
 FIRE 911
 AMBULANCE 911
 POLICE NON-EMERGENCY REQUEST FOR SERVICE 388-3904
 POLICE NON-EMERGENCY ADMINISTRATIVE 289-4242