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MAYOR:

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COUNCIL MEMBERS:

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District #42

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LECLAIRE CIVIC CLUB

The Civic center located in downtown LeClaire, Iowa is owned and operated by the LeClaire Civic Club, a non-profit organization. It is one of the lowest cost rental halls in the area. The facility has enough room with tables and padded chairs, to seat up to about 100 people. A wooden floor and a realistic looking old stone fireplace give the facility a unique country flavor. The kitchen includes cooking utensils, plates, coffee mugs, glassware, silverware, pots, pans, and broilers. There is also a commercial stove, a refrigerator, and serving counter. The hall and kitchen are air-conditioned in the summer and heated in the winter. Plenty of conveniently spaced electrical outlets are located in the main hall. A handi-capped restroom with baby changing station is on site. Ample parking, close to the building is also available. The hall is great for a family event, such as a birthday party, a baby shower, graduation party, retirement party, family reunion, or business meeting. Please give us a call at 563-579-4126, and ask for Vicky, or if no answer, call Tom at 563-289-4814, or Wes at 563-289-4205 and we will gladly arrange a tour of the facility and/or reserve the hall for you. As a service to the community because of the non-profit status of our organization, we keep our rental cost very low. We do require a deposit to reserve the hall. **RENTAL PRICES ARE ½ DAY FOR \$75.00 OR A FULL DAY FOR \$125.00.**



HOUSE NEEDED FOR LECLAIRE FIRE DEPARTMENT TRAINING

The LeClaire Fire Department needs your help. Your Fire Department is attempting to locate any houses that could be utilized for training purposes (practice burns). These house(s) would provide the volunteers with the most important training possible, that of firefighting experience. If you have a house or know someone who has, please call the LeClaire Fire Chief at (563) 289-4242 Ext. 1411.



BOARD OF ADJUSTMENT UPDATES

The Board of Adjustment has recently changed the dates and times of their meetings to the first and third Thursdays of each month at 7PM, (when the Board has business before it and needs to hold a hearing). Anyone wishing to seek a remedy before the Board of Adjustment **is STRONGLY ADVISED TO NOT** contact or speak to any of the Board of Adjustment members in any way regarding their particular

matter other than during the regularly scheduled meeting(s) held to review and consider their matter. Any questions from those seeking remedy prior to a hearing should contact City Hall.

2010 PET TAGS

Pet licenses for the year 2010 went on sale October 1, 2009. The cost is \$1 if purchased before December 31, 2009, and \$2 if purchased after. Please bring in the rabies vaccination certificate for your pet to City Hall and we will issue you a numbered tag for your pet to wear.

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 the City's main phone # **289-4242 and pressing 3&6**. 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.



BOY SCOUT TROOP #46 SENIOR LUNCHEON

LeClaire Boy Scout Troup 46 will be holding its annual Senior luncheon on December 12th from 12 noon to 3:00 at the LeClaire Civic Center. This luncheon is provided free of charge to all LeClaire and Princeton seniors. Please mark this

date on your calendar and plan to attend. Meal will include Turkey, Ham, mashed potatoes, vegetables, and dessert. We provide everything, just show up. No reservations are required. For more information contact - David Engle 563-343-0600.



TOURISM NEWS

www.visitleclaire.com

The LeClaire Office of Tourism would like to thank all the volunteers who helped make our first "Ghost Stories/Ghost Walk" a success on Oct. 24. We especially thank First Central State Bank for its generous contribution to this event and to Medic EMS for being so kind to allow the use of its building as a gathering place. The event was a resounding success and we could not have done it without the help of the wonderful volunteers.

Light Up LeClaire - Nov. 19 & 20. Please join Santa and Mrs. Claus as they "flip the switch" to "Light Up LeClaire" on Thursday, Nov. 19, at 6 p.m.! The ceremony will take place at the LeClaire Christmas Tree, located on the corner of Wisconsin and Cody Road. Come hear carolers sing your favorite Christmas songs and ride the trolley to our wonderful shops and restaurants. Enjoy extended hours for evening shopping in many stores to kick off your holiday shopping in a relaxed atmosphere. Be sure to enter the available drawings and take advantage of shopping specials!

Christmas In LeClaire - Dec. 4, 5 & 6. Come to LeClaire and take ride on our horse drawn carriage, meet Santa at Santa's playhouse, shop at our unique stores and see what you can find at our annual Craft Fair and Silent Auction at the Civic Club. Events are scheduled for 10 a.m. to 8 p.m. on Friday and Saturday, Dec. 4 and 5, and 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. on Sunday, Dec. 6. Breakfast with Santa at Happy Joe's one Saturday morning from 8AM to 10AM. See Living Nativity Scene and stock up at the Cookie Tin Sale and crafts at the Masonic temple. Buffalo Museum tours will be available all weekend and you can take advantage of the extended hours at LeClaire's wonderful shops offering many unique gifts for everyone on your shopping list. For More information: www.visitleclaire.com

LeClaire Civic Club “Holiday Bingo” – December 12th Please join your friends and neighbors and celebrate the “Holidays” at the LeClaire Civic Club sponsored “Holiday Bingo” from 5PM to 8PM at the LeClaire Civic Center. Please contact Wes Kuehl for further details and questions at (563) 289-4205.

Join the 3/50 Project! What three independently owned businesses in LeClaire would you miss if they disappeared? You can help those companies as well as your community by supporting The 3/50 Project, a grassroots stimulus plan that

has become a nationwide campaign to bring small businesses and consumers together to save their local economy. The 3/50 Project encourages supporters to set aside \$50 each month and then spend that money at independently owned businesses in the community. Stop in your favorite local businesses, say hello and pick up something that makes you smile or enjoy a friendly meal. Your purchases are what help keep these businesses a vibrant part of our city.

Several LeClaire businesses also support The 3/50 Project as a way to encourage and thank customers for the positive impact they have on LeClaire. "I am a member of The 3/50 Project and love participating in it as well," says Kelly Kruck, owner of River Pup, a specialty pet boutique in downtown LeClaire. "The project gives me a great excuse to eat at my favorite restaurant in town as well as buy gifts for others - and myself - at my favorite specialty shops each month. It's also so cool to see my customers who support this plan. It is greatly appreciated." Lane Bleeker, president of the LeClaire Chamber of Commerce and a member of the City Council, also supports The 3/50 Project. "This continues to help educate residents and businesses about the 'domino effect' this can have in a positive way for all of our businesses and our community," he says. Successful local businesses generate revenue for the City of LeClaire and add to the image and prestige of the community. Businesses pay property taxes that help fund the Police Department and Fire Department. LeClaire's unique shops, businesses and restaurants draw visitors from nearby communities as well as tourists from around the world who come to spend a relaxing day trip or weekend. Those who stay in the hotels and motels pay a "pillow" tax that also generates revenue for LeClaire. It all starts with you making the decision to support the community you live in and shop local.



LIBRARY NEWS

Ted Souhrada was our latest display---models of WWII airplanes---that he assembled and painted as a boy in 1979 and 1980. This display has ended and will be followed by another silent auction starting November 12th and running through December 12th. So if any of you are cleaning closets and have art, antiques, collectibles or interesting objects, please bring them in to the library for inclusion in the bidding. We count on your donations of all kinds to help the Library thrive rather than just survive!



CHRISTMAS IN LECLAIRE

Before you know it, it will be time for **CHRISTMAS IN LECLAIRE**. We hope you'll join us December 4 & 5 from

10:00 to 8:00 and December 6 from 10:00 to 4:00 to celebrate the Christmas Season in LeClaire. We'll have free carriage rides Fri. from 1:30 to 4:30, Sat. from 11 to 4 and Sun. from 12 to 4. There will also be a wagon that will take you from stop to stop on Sat. Also on Sat. kids can have breakfast with Santa at Happy Joe's from 8 to 10 and visit Santa's Playhouse above the Police Station from noon to 3. There will be a Craft Show and Silent Auction at the Civic Center all three days, Cookie Tin Sales, Lunch Counter and crafters at the Masonic Lodge, a Bazaar at the Calvary 4-Square Church and Museum Tours. Visit our local shops for those great Christmas gifts and holiday decorations. There's so much going on here in LeClaire this time of year. Come see what LeClaire has to offer. For more information: Joyce at 289-4205, Diane at 370-3509, or Vicki at 289-3882.



WINTER-TIME WEATHER REMINDERS & ORDINANCE/PROCEDURES IN EFFECT -

As the winter months are approaching, everyone is reminded of the several ordinances that will become effective on November 1. These ordinances deal with such things as snowmobile use and routes, snow emergencies and snow-route parking restrictions, snow removal from sidewalks, etc. Some of the more important, notable ones are: shoveling of sidewalks is required; dumping snow from private property, driveways, and sidewalks onto the traveled public right-of-way is unlawful; snow route and alternative parking on city streets; and Cody Road snow clean-up procedures, etc. Also, don't forget that, if necessary, a winter emergency can be declared by the Mayor in the case of unusually bad conditions. If anyone has any questions about these ordinances or regulations, please feel free to call the Police Department at any time at 289-4242. We also urge everyone to be extra careful driving during this time of year. Don't forget that it is the property owner's responsibility to keep the sidewalks cleared of any snow and ice and to keep the snow shoveled out from in front of the mail boxes on the street. In order to give the City crews a fair chance to "clean-up" the streets after a snowfall or ice storm, please do not call in complaints to City Hall until at least 24 hours after the storm has ended. If we missed an area or have failed to do the job within this time period then we would like to hear from you. Thank you for your patience and cooperation in these times!!!!



BUFFALO BILL MUSEUM

The first LeClaire Ghost Walk was a great success. Thanks to everyone who helped organize and work the event. Membership letters have been sent out - don't forget to renew. The museum board appreciates your support. The museum always needs people willing to volunteer; especially in the winter. If you have a few hours you could help out, please

call Debbie at 289-4458. The museum is open from 9:00-5:00 Monday through Saturday and from 12:00-5:00 on Sunday. Hope to see you there soon.



LECLAIRE PARK BOARD/LCIC

The Park Committee and the LeClaire Community Improvement Corp., will be holding their monthly can collection (5 cent deposit cans) fundraiser on Saturday, December 5th from 10:00 a.m. - Noon. The cans are collected on N. 3rd Street across from the Veteran's Memorial Baseball Complex from November through March. If possible clean cans are greatly appreciated. For at-home pickup of cans/bottles at any time, call 563-289-5763, and leave your name and phone number so convenient times can be arranged. The Park Board's portion of the proceeds from this fundraiser will be used for current and future park improvements. The LeClaire Community Improvement portion of the fundraiser proceeds will be utilized for maintenance of the building.



HOLIDAY GARBAGE COLLECTION

The garbage pickup schedule will not be delayed due to the holidays. The pickup for those residents North of Wisconsin scheduled for Wednesday, 12/23 will be the same. The pickup for those South of Wisconsin on Thursday, 12/24 will also be the same. The same will apply for the first pickup in January. Residents North of Wisconsin Street will be on 12/30 and those South of Wisconsin Street will be 12/31. Thank you for your cooperation in managing the garbage and recycling pickup! Christmas tree pickup will be January 6th and 7th and again on January 13th and 14th. Trees must be free of all decorations and cannot be in a bag of any type.



CITY HALL INFORMATION

City Hall will be closed Friday, December 25th in observance of Christmas Day, and Friday, January 1st in observance of New Years Day. Next Bits & Pieces articles are due by Wednesday, December 16, 2009. These can be sent electronically to wbloomingdale@leclaireiowa.gov, by fax to (563) 289-6010, by mail or hand delivery to 325 Wisconsin Street, from 8:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m., Monday thru Friday.

LECLAIRE EMERGENCY
POLICE 911
FIRE 911
AMBULANCE 911
POLICE NON-EMERGENCY REQUEST FOR SERVICE 326-8628
POLICE NON-EMERGENCY ADMIN. 289-4242 Ext. 1300

