

"BITS and PIECES"



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

DECEMBER 2017

www.leclaireiowa.gov

MAYOR

Ray Allen [12/31/19] 289-4242 Ext. 1111

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 [12/31/21] 289-4242 Ext. 1151

E-mail: ablair@leclaireiowa.gov Duties: Park and Rec Commission Liaison (includes Levee), Library Board of Trustee Liaison.

Barry Long [12/31/21] 289-4242 Ext. 1152

E-mail: blong@leclaireiowa.gov Duties: Liaison to the Tourism Board & Civic Groups & Downtown Businesses.

Dennis Gerard [12/31/19] 289-4242 Ext. 1153

E-mail: dgerard@leclaireiowa.gov Duties: Finance and Economic Development, Strategic Plans, I.T., and Chamber.

Jason Wentland [12/31/19] 289-4242 Ext. 1154

E-mail: jwentland@leclaireiowa.gov Duties: MAYOR PRO-TEM, Public Safety Liaison, and Pleasant Valley School Liaison.

John Smith [12/31/21] 289-4242 Ext. 1155

E-mail: jsmith@leclaireiowa.gov Duties: Planning & Zoning & Board of Adjustment Liaison, Ordinances and Policies; Utilities (Sewer and Garbage), Streets, and Public Works Liaison.

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.

TOURISM INFORMATION

Sat., Nov. 25: Shop Small Saturday. Please support our local businesses by shopping, touring, and dining in LeClaire all year round. **Find details on all LeClaire events at:** www.visitleclaire.com/events.html

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.

LECLAIRE FIRE DEPARTMENT

The LeClaire Fire Department is accepting applications for new members. No experience is required, as training is provided. Some of the positions available are not physically taxing and could be accomplished by a healthy retired or similar person. This is a great opportunity to meet and help your neighbors one call at a time. We especially invite those to apply who could respond to calls for help during the day. For additional information stop by the station any Tuesday evening.

GARBAGE & RECYCLING PICKUP SCHEDULE

December 2017

Recycling and Garbage days for December (in yellow) are December 6th & 7th and December 20th & 21st. Garbage only days in December (in blue) are December 13th & 14th and December 28th & 29th.

DECEMBER						
S	M	T	W	T	F	S
					1	2
3	4	5	6	7	8	9
10	11	12	13	14	15	16
17	18	19	20	21	22	23
24	25	26	27	28	29	30
31						

Christmas tree disposal days in December 2017 are the 28th & 29th and in January 2018 are January 4th & 5th. 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.

2018 PET TAGS

Pet licenses for the year 2018 are on sale and the cost is \$1 if purchased before December 31, 2017, 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.

CIVIC CLUB NEWS

The Christmas Party for members is December 9th at Dynasty Buffet on Elmore in Davenport at 6pm. Please

contact Debbie by email at smith5grand@gmail.com or 563-349-4403 or Janet at janetshome52753@yahoo.com or 563-343-6221 if you plan to attend. Annual membership renewal is \$8. Please renew your membership for 2018 by sending payment to LeClaire Civic Club, PO Box 562, LeClaire, Iowa 52753. It is going to be a very exciting year. If you are interested in joining or learning more about the club, contact a member of the board or learn more at www.leclairecivicclub.org. Come to a meeting and try us out. The next Trivia will be January 20th. We will not serve free breakfast the Wednesday before Christmas.

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 Dates: The Library will be closed Monday, December 25th. We will also be closed Monday, January 1st for New Year's Day. **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: Crochet with Calla:** Class limited to SIX adults. Call (563) 289-4242 ext. 4 to reserve your spot. Must bring your own yarn and needles. December 2nd at 11am. **DIY Hot Wheels Mason Jar:** Jenn will teach us how to make Winter Mason Jars! Class size limited to 10. Adults and Teens. December 4th at 6:30pm. **Mostly True Tales with Spinsby &**

Wales: Join us in an ongoing series of LeClaire history talks hosted by local history keepers, Dick Wales and Marie Spinsby. These will be treated as a community dialogue—so bring your memories, photographs, and any questions you might have about LeClaire's history! This session will focus on Cody Road and the Business District—Part 2 on Wednesday, December 6th at 6:30pm. **Cooking with Chef Sheena:** Learn how to make homemade Broccoli and Parmesan Cheese Soup! Recipe sheets will be given out along with tasty samples. Class size limited to 18. Adults only. December 9th at 11am. **Adult Book Club:** This month we'll be reading *I've Got Your Number* by Sophie Kinsella. 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. December 27th 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. December 29th at 2pm. **YA Services: Tinker Lab—Sugar Scrubs & Bath Bombs:** Learn all about how to make your own unique sugar scrubs and bath bombs in this free, hands-on workshop. Exercise your chemistry and creativity skills and leave with two amazing products! Best for ages 10 and up. Join us Thursday, December 7th at 4:30pm. **Biblioteens:** Come to the library on the second Tuesday of every month to share what you've been reading (whether you loved it or hated it), learn about new books, hang out, and have some free pizza! This program is best for ages 12-18. Join us Tuesday, December 12th at 4:30pm. **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/job applications! For 7th grade & up. Join us Thursday, December 21st at 4:30pm. **Children's Services: LEGO Club:** Robots? Aliens? Flying cars? Find out what building challenge is waiting for you at LEGO Club! This program is best for children ages 7 and up. Join us Wednesday, December 6th at 3:00pm. **Mini Makers:** Sensory play encourages toddlers to explore and get to know the world around them. Come to the library to make a mess, have fun, and experience new things on the first Thursday of every month. This program is best for ages 10 months to 3 years. Join us Thursday, December 7th at 10:30am. **Elf Training Academy:** It's time for the third annual Elf Training Academy! This free, all-ages event will have crafts, activities, treats, and more to help certify you as one of Santa's elves. We might even have a surprise visitor at the end of the night! All are welcome to come get your jingle on at the library on Tuesday, December 19th at 6:30pm.

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.

WINTER-TIME WEATHER REMINDERS & ORDINANCE/PROCEDURES IN EFFECT

As the winter months are on us, everyone is reminded of the several ordinances that became 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 owners 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!!!!

CHRISTMAS IN LECLAIRE

Experience the excitement of Christmas! Come to the 34th Annual Christmas in LeClaire December 1st, 2nd, and 3rd. Enjoy three days of shopping, dining, and fun activities for the kids. Stop at the Civic Center from crafts and baked goods and bid on our great silent auction packages. Visit with authors Blake Ross and Tim Aylers who will be signing their books. Watch Luke & Dev Travers create their one-of-a-kind personalized wooden shoes. The Masonic Lodge will hold their Cookie Sale, serve lunch, and will have vendors and crafters selling their wares. On Saturday, PPALS Ministry will present "A Christmas Fun Festival" for the kids from 10 to 2 (@2nd floor of the Masonic Lodge). Riverside Foursquare Church will have a bazaar Fri. & Sat. Kids can decorate their own cookies! Enjoy First Friday & First Saturday events, ukulele music and carolers (5:30 to 8PM). See Santas &

Christmas characters from all over the world. And you can have breakfast with Santa at Happy Joe's on Sat. from *AM to 10AM. Catch a ride on the trolley (Sat. & Sun.) Bring the kids to Santa's Gift Shop (now at the south end of the Civic Center) from 11AM to 5PM all three days. They can buy gifts for family and friends using: Christmas in LeClaire Dollars. WQAD's Selfie Set will be back on the Mississippi River Distilling patio on Sat. from Noon to 3PM. There's fun for everyone! (For more information call: Joyce-(563) 289-4205 or Diane-(563) 370-3509. **Christmas in LeClaire's Ugly Sweater 5K Run will be held Dec. 2, 2017 at 10AM.** The runners begin at Blackhawk Bank on South 2nd Street going across 2nd Street to Jones Street, up Jones Street to the LeClaire Fire Station on 15th Street and return. We urge all residents along this route to cheer the runners on. Invite your friends to join you! The runners love encouragement. After the run, come downtown and join the other festivities that make up Christmas in LeClaire. It is still not too late to sign up and participate in the run. Run, Walk, push a stroller, whatever you would like – Register@getmerged.com/uglychristmansweater5K or cornbelt.org.



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

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 HALL INFORMATION

The next Bits & Pieces articles are due by Wednesday, December 13, 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.



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