

# "BITS and PIECES"



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

**FEBRUARY 2016**

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## MAYOR

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## COUNCIL MEMBERS

[11/07/17] 289-4242 Ext. 1155  
E-mail: [@leclaireiowa.gov](mailto:@leclaireiowa.gov) Duties:  
**Dennis Gerard** [12/31/19] 289-4242 Ext. 1153  
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**Ryan Salvador** [11/07/17] 289-4242 Ext. 1151  
E-mail: [rsalvador@leclaireiowa.gov](mailto:rsalvador@leclaireiowa.gov) Duties: Ordinances and Policies, Planning & Zoning Commission and Board of Adjustment Liaison and Streets.  
**Jason Wentland** [12/31/19] 289-4242 Ext. 1154  
E-mail: [jwentland@leclaireiowa.gov](mailto:jwentland@leclaireiowa.gov) Duties: MAYOR PRO-TEM, Parks & Recreation & Public Safety Liaison.  
**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.

## 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 these Committees and Boards, you must submit a completed application form. The application form may be obtained from City Hall during regular business hours, or can be obtained on the City's website. Take an interest, volunteer, and get involved in your City's future.

## LECLAIRE COMM. IMPROVEMENT CORP

The LeClaire Community Improvement Corp. will be holding their monthly can collection (5 cent deposit cans and bottles, aluminum pie plates, and aluminum pet food cans) fundraiser on Saturday, February 6, 2016 at 10:00 a.m. - Noon. **The cans will be collected on N. 3rd Street**

**across from the Veteran's Memorial Baseball Complex all year long.** If possible clean cans are greatly appreciated. For at-home pickups of cans/bottles at any time, call 289-5763, and leave your name and phone number so convenient times can be arranged.

## GARBAGE & RECYCLING PICKUP SCHEDULE

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Recycling and Garbage days for February (in yellow) are February 3<sup>rd</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup> and February 17<sup>th</sup> & 18<sup>th</sup>. Garbage only days in February (in blue) are February 10<sup>th</sup> & 11<sup>th</sup> and February 24<sup>th</sup> & 25<sup>th</sup>.

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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.

## 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.

## MILESTONES CAFE'

If you: a) desire a new social opportunity, b) want nutritious meals at an affordable price, c) are tired of cooking or just want to get out of the house.....join us at the Milestones Cafe', offered three days a week right here in town. It's informal, pleasant, and economical! Details: When: Mondays, Wednesdays, and Fridays at 11:45AM. Where: First Presbyterian Church, 200 South 12<sup>th</sup> Street. Cost: 60+ years of age suggested donation \$3.50. Under 60, \$8.50 charged. Try us out! To sign up, call Milestones Area Agency on Aging at 1-855-410-6222. In addition, we deliver meals to homebound seniors. Call the number listed above for information about that program and to register for services.

## LECLAIRE CIVIC CLUB NEWS

Happy Valentine's Day. Come visit the Civic Center for Wednesday Morning Breakfast. FREE. We serve from 8:00 am to 9:30 am and have a good time talking to friends for a while after breakfast. If you are a non-profit club or organization and would like an easy fund raiser, the LeClaire Civic Club is setting their schedule from Sep 2016 to May 2016 for Trivia. Give us a call to see if you can get on the schedule. Also taking reservations for Trivia on 9 Feb. Civic Club will be having a potato supper on Feb. 26 - more details to follow as the supper gets closer. Call Debbie, 563-349-4403, or email [smith5grand@gmail.com](mailto:smith5grand@gmail.com).

## BUFFALO BILL MUSEUM

You are invited to attend Buffalo Bill Cody's Birthday Party on February 21st at 2:00 pm. No better place to spend a winter day than at the museum. Come in a visit our children's room, view our 1900's woman's fashion room, view our 1939 Chris Craft Speed Boat, or our 1949 John Deere tractor on display. There is something for everyone! View our regional history! For more information call 563-289-5580.

## LECLAIRE COMMUNITY LIBRARY

**Library Closing Dates:** The Library will be closed Monday, February 15<sup>th</sup> for President's Day. **Staffing Changes:** We have two new Circulation Clerks joining the LeClaire Library Staff! Please welcome Nadine Roth and Ellen Miller to the library during your next visit. **Adult Services: Book Club**—Our next book club meeting will take place on February 24<sup>th</sup> at 6:30pm in the Fireplace Room. We will discuss the 2016 All Iowa Reads Selection *Lila* by Marilynne Robinson. Books are available at the circulation counter for check-out. **Lifelong Learning:** Thursday, February 18<sup>th</sup> at 10am.

The LeClaire Community Library we will be partnering with Home Bound Healthcare starting in January. Programs will include activities, events, and educational presentations geared towards the older adult. This month we will be focused on Home Health 101, which will include a Q&A session about Medicare. **Cooking with Catalina:** Join us as we learn how to make enchiladas (and sample them too!) on Saturday, February 27<sup>th</sup> at 11am. No reservations required, but the class will be limited to 18 attendees—adults only, please! **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 February 18<sup>th</sup> at 6:30pm. Grades 7<sup>th</sup>-12<sup>th</sup> only. **Children's Services: Good-Bye, Miss Emily!** Our wonderful Youth Services Coordinator, Emily Arnold, has accepted a position at another local library. We'll miss her, but wish her all the best in her new position! Thanks for all you've done for LeClaire, Emily, and visit soon! ☺ We hope to have her position filled by the end of the month. **Write a Valentine to Stretch!** Write a valentine to Stretch the Giraffe and post it to our bulletin board. During your next visit, see if he's responded! Stretch is a big fan of Valentine's Day and has decided to celebrate it all month long. **Early Release Crafternoon:** Join us for an all-ages craft from 3:30-4:30pm on Wednesday, February 3<sup>rd</sup> on Early Release day! This month we'll make Valentine's Day magnets. **LEGO Club:** Robots? Towers? Aliens? See what building challenge is next on Friday, February 19<sup>th</sup> from 3:45-4:45pm. We provide the LEGOs, just bring yourself! For ages 7 & up. **Family Movie Night:** Join us for a viewing of Hotel Transylvania 2! Drac is worried that is adorable half-human, half-vampire godson, Dennis, isn't showing signs of being a vampire. Rated PG, 89 minutes. Watch the movie on Thursday, February 25<sup>th</sup> while enjoying treats provided by the library. Doors open at 5:45pm and movie begins at 6:00pm. Feel free to bring a blanket/pillow for extra comfy viewing. Families and children of all ages welcome. **Kids Book Club:** We'll be taking a break from Kids Book Club for the months of February and March, but the February Book Club selection is still available for those who are interested in reading on their own. **Toddle Time:** Due to staffing shortage, we'll be taking a small break from Wednesday morning Storytime during the month of February. Tuesday night Family Storytime and Friday morning Toddle Time will continue as scheduled.

### LECLAIRE OFFICE OF TOURISM

**Fri., February 5, 5:30-8pm:** First Friday in Downtown LeClaire. **Sun., February 14:** Celebrate Valentine's Day in LeClaire. Check our event page for details. **Sat., February 27, 7pm: LeClaire Youth Baseball & Softball Trivia Night.** Doors open at 6:30pm; Trivia starts at 7pm at the LeClaire Fire Station, 201 N. 15th Street. 8 Person Teams, \$15 per person. To reserve a table or donate a door prize or silent auction basket, contact Chris at [chris@ccx.net](mailto:chris@ccx.net) or 563-505-6703. **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>

### 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 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!!!!

### 2016-2017 BUDGET PREPARATION SCHEDULE

**FEBRUARY 2, 2016** - Regularly scheduled Council meeting. (7:00 p.m.)  
**FEBRUARY 2, 2016** - Committee-of-the-Whole meeting (Immediately following Regular Meeting) used exclusively as a budget workshop session.  
**FEBRUARY 6, 2016** - **POTENTIAL** Special Committee-of-the-Whole meeting to be used exclusively as a budget workshop session. (8:00 a.m. to noon - **SATURDAY**)

**FEBRUARY 13, 2016** - **POTENTIAL** Special Committee-of-the-Whole meeting to be used exclusively as a budget workshop session. (8:00 a.m. to noon - **SATURDAY**)  
**FEBRUARY 15, 2016** - Regularly scheduled City Council meeting. (7:00 p.m.)  
**FEBRUARY 15, 2016** - Committee-of-the-Whole meeting (Immediately following Regular Meeting) used exclusively as a budget workshop session.  
**FEBRUARY 18, 2016** - City Administrator submits F.Y. '15-'16 Budget Amendment (re-estimation) public hearing notice to Q.C. Times for publication on February 25, 2016 and for hearing/adoption on March 7, 2016.  
**FEBRUARY 25, 2016** - City Administrator submits budget adoption public hearing notice to Q.C. Times for publication on March 3, 2016.  
**FEBRUARY 20, 2016** - **POTENTIAL** Special Committee-of-the-Whole meeting to be used exclusively as a budget workshop session. (8:00 a.m. to noon - **SATURDAY**)  
**MARCH 7, 2016** - F.Y. '15-'16 Budget Amendment (Re-estimation) P.H. & Regularly scheduled Council meeting. (7:00 p.m.)  
**MARCH 7, 2016** - Committee-of-the-Whole meeting (Immediately following Regular Meeting) used exclusively as a budget workshop session.  
**MARCH 12, 2016** - **POTENTIAL** Special Committee-of-the-Whole meeting to be used exclusively as a budget workshop session. (8:00 a.m. to noon - **SATURDAY**)  
**MARCH 14, 2016** - City Council conducts official public hearing on finalized budget and considers adoption of formal budget resolution for certification. Committee-of-the-Whole meeting to follow. (7:00 p.m.)  
**MARCH 15, 2016** - City Administrator certifies formal budget to County Auditor by 5:00 p.m. on this date.  
**MARCH 17, 2016 TO JULY 1, 2016** - City Administrator collects and organizes all budget preparation information to be processed and bound into official copies of the F.Y. '16 - '17 City Budget Packet.



### CITY OF LECLAIRE VISIONING MEETING

The City of LeClaire will be holding a town visioning meeting, on January 28, 2016, at Cody Elementary School, 2100 Territorial Road, from 6:30PM-8:30PM. The purpose of the meeting is to receive comments and suggestions on future growth and development for LeClaire. Comments will provide a basis for a community vision, refining goals, and shaping decisions on future land use within and surrounding LeClaire. For more information please contact City Hall at (563) 289-4242.



### CITY COUNCIL VACANCY

Due to the redeployment and resignation of Council Member Justin Graff, a vacancy exists on the City Council effective as of January 19, 2016. At this time the LeClaire City Council intends to fill this vacancy by appointment.

All persons interested in being appointed to this vacancy and to be considered for such must submit a standard City committee membership application form (available at City Hall or on the City' website, "**Board & Committee Membership Application**"), along with a general letter of interest (resume) to the City Clerk at 325 Wisconsin Street, LeClaire, Iowa 52753 by the close of business (5:00 p.m. local time) on Friday, January 29, 2016. (Applicants who recently filed their interest in the vacancy left by the recent election results need not file again if still interested in applying for this new vacancy.) Notice is further given that this appointment shall be for the period until the next pending City election (November 7, 2017). Prospective candidate/applicants review and interviews have been tentatively set by the City Council for their meeting to be held on Tuesday, February 2, 2016 at 7:00 p.m. This appointment is expected to be formally considered at that same Council meeting. The electors of the City of LeClaire have the right to file a petition requiring that the vacancy be filled by a special election. A valid petition requesting a special election to fill the vacancy must be filed with the LeClaire City Clerk within fourteen days after the publication of the official "Notice of Vacancy" or within fourteen days after the appointment is made, whichever is later. If you have any questions, please contact the LeClaire City Clerk's office at 563-289-4242.

### CITY HALL INFORMATION

City Hall will be closed on Monday, February 15, 2016 in observance of President's Day - February 15, 2016. The next Bits & Pieces articles are due by Wednesday, February 10, 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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POLICE 911  
FIRE 911  
AMBULANCE 911  
POLICE NON-EMERGENCY REQUEST FOR SERVICE 388-3904  
POLICE NON-EMERGENCY ADMINISTRATIVE 289-4242