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FROM YOUR CITY HALL
325 Wisconsin Street
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COUNCIL MEMBERS

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

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

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

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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.

LECLAIRE OFFICE OF TOURISM

Fri., Feb. 2, 5-11pm: First Friday in downtown LeClaire. **Sat., Feb. 10, 2-5pm: "Cocoa Crawl"** - Receive FREE chocolate flavored samples including hot cocoa, chocolate tea, candy, and more from various shops, restaurants, and bars. **Sat., Feb. 17, 6:30pm: Trivia** at the Civic Center. Call 563-349-

4403 for reservation. 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.

GARBAGE & RECYCLING PICKUP SCHEDULE

February 2018

Recycling and Garbage days for February (in yellow) are February 1st and February 14th & 15th and February 28th. Garbage only days in February (in blue) are February 7th & 8th and February 21st & 22nd.

February						
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25	26	27	28			

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.

CIVIC CLUB NEWS

The Civic Club is hosting a Trivia Fundraiser for the QC Sierra Club on February 17th. Taking reservations now. Call Debbie, 563-349-4403, or email smith5grand@gmail.com to book a table. The Civic Club is hosting a Potato Bar and Salad Bar Dinner on March 3rd, public welcome. Cost is \$7 and serving from 4:30 to 6:30 pm. Tickets will go on sale February 1st. You can get your tickets by contacting Joyce Kuehl at

563-289-4205 or any member of the club. Save the date for our annual Swiss Steak Dinner on April 14th! Come visit the Civic Center for Wednesday Morning Breakfast. FREE. We serve from 8:00 am to 9:30 am. The Civic Club officers for 2018 are as follows; President – Connie Allen, Vice-President – Sandy Ainslie, Treasurer – Janet Willman, Secretary – Ellen Miller, Internal Membership – Ron Leiby, Community Affairs – Brian Blair, Building Management/Rentals – Debbie Smith, Kitchen Manager – Joyce Kuehl Chair, Deborah Lewis, and Building Maintenance – Tom Morrell Chair, Jeff Dugan, Bill Fullmer.

LECLAIRE COMMUNITY LIBRARY

Library Closing Reminder: The library will also be closed on February 19th in observance of President's Day. Regular library hours will resume Tuesday, February 20th. **Winter Reading BINGO**—There is still time to stop in and sign up for Winter Reading BINGO! Grand prizes will be awarded in every age group. The program runs from January 2nd – February 28th. **Adult Services: Mostly True Tales with Spinsby & Wales:** Come to the fourth in an ongoing series of LeClaire history talks hosted by local history keepers, Dick Wales and Marie Spinsby, and moderated by library director Ellen Miller. The series focuses on 20th century LeClaire, features special guests, and is treated as a community dialogue—so bring your memories, photographs, and any questions you might have about LeClaire's history! Join us for The Ever Evolving LeClaire Levee and History of Martin Tile on Thursday, February 8th at 6:30pm, in the library. **Crafting with Jenn: Purse Mini Scrapbooks**—Jenn Voss will teach us how to make mini scrapbooks! No registration necessary, but class size is limited to 16. Adults and teens only. Saturday, February 10th at 11:00am. **Charlotte Blake Alston: Storyteller**—Charlotte Blake Alston breathes life into traditional and contemporary stories from African and African American Traditions. Stories were the way the beliefs, mythology, cultural identity, history, and shared community values of a people were taught and preserved – and this tradition continued when Africans were brought to America. Stories and songs are best suited for intermediate, high school, and college/adult audiences. Event sponsored by Quad City Arts. Thursday, February 22nd at 4:30pm. **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. Friday, February 23rd at 2:00pm. **Adult Book Club**—This month we'll be reading *The Chilbury Ladies' Choir* by Jennifer Ryan. 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. Wednesday, February 28th at 6:30pm. **YA Services: Tinker Lab—Weaving & Crocheting**—Learn all about how to use a loom and crochet hooks! These materials will be available all

month long, but this is the best chance for newbies to get some hands-on instruction. Best for ages 10 and up. Join us February 8th 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 delicious snacks! This program is best for ages 12-18. Join us February 13th 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 February 15th at 4:30pm. **Children's Services: 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 February 1st at 10:30am. **Crafternoon**—Come get crafty at the library! This free, drop-in program is fun for all ages. Join us Wednesday, February 7th between 3:00-4:00pm. **Junior Explorers**—Explore a new science theme each month at the library—February's theme is Shadows! Come in for a fun storytime and hands-on exploratory stations. This program will take the place of Family Storytime and is best for children aged 3-7. Join us on Tuesday, February 20th at 6:30pm. **Escape Room: Stolen Goods**—Try your hand at cracking codes, solving mysteries, and claiming delicious prizes! The library's spin on the ever popular escape rooms will require teamwork, patience, and brain power—do you have what it takes? Ages 8-15 are encouraged to come in to show what they are made of! Join us Monday, February 26th at 4:30pm.

BUDGET PREPARATION SCHEDULE

FISCAL YEAR 2018-2019

JANUARY 22, 2018 – POTENTIAL Special Committee-of-the-Whole meeting to be used exclusively as a budget workshop session. (7:00 p.m.)

JANUARY 29, 2018 – POTENTIAL Special Committee-of-the-Whole meeting to be used exclusively as a budget workshop session. (7:00 p.m.)

FEBRUARY 5, 2018 - Regularly scheduled Council meeting. (7:00 p.m.)

FEBRUARY 5, 2018 – Committee-of-the-Whole meeting (Immediately following Regular Meeting) used exclusively as a budget workshop session.

FEBRUARY 10, 2018 – POTENTIAL Special Committee-of-the-Whole meeting to be used exclusively as a budget workshop session. (8:00 a.m. to noon - SATURDAY)

FEBRUARY 12, 2018 – POTENTIAL Special Committee-of-the-Whole meeting to be used exclusively as a budget workshop session. (7:00 p.m.)

FEBRUARY 15, 2018 – City Administrator submits F.Y. '17-'18 Budget Amendment (re-estimation) public hearing notice to Q.C. Times for publication on February 22, 2018 for hearing/adoption on March 5, 2018.

FEBRUARY 17, 2018 – **POTENTIAL** Special Committee-of-the-Whole meeting to be used exclusively as a budget workshop session. (8:00 a.m. to noon - **SATURDAY**)

FEBRUARY 19, 2018 - Regularly scheduled City Council meeting. (7:00 p.m.)

FEBRUARY 19, 2018 – Committee-of-the-Whole meeting (Immediately following Regular Meeting) used exclusively as a budget workshop session.

FEBRUARY 22, 2018 – City Administrator submits F.Y. '18-'19 budget adoption public hearing notice to Q.C. Times for publication on March 1, 2018 for hearing/adoption on March 12, 2018.

FEBRUARY 24, 2018 – **POTENTIAL** Special Committee-of-the-Whole meeting to be used exclusively as a budget workshop session. (8:00 a.m. to noon - **SATURDAY**)

MARCH 5, 2018 – F.Y. '17-'18 Budget Amendment (Re-estimation) P.H. & Regularly scheduled Council meeting. (7:00 p.m.)

MARCH 5, 2018 – Committee-of-the-Whole meeting (Immediately following Regular Meeting) used exclusively as a budget workshop session.

MARCH 10, 2018 – **POTENTIAL** Special Committee-of-the-Whole meeting to be used exclusively as a budget workshop session. (8:00 a.m. to noon - **SATURDAY**)

MARCH 12, 2018 - City Council conducts official public hearing on finalized budget and considers adoption of formal budget resolution for certification. Committee-of-the-Whole meeting (if needed) to follow. (7:00 p.m.)

MARCH 15, 2018 - City Administrator certifies formal budget to County Auditor by 5:00 p.m. on this date.

MARCH 16, 2018 TO JULY 1, 2018 - City Administrator collects and organizes all budget preparation information to be processed and bound into official copies of the F.Y. '18 - '19 City Budget Packet.

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!!!!

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

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.

BUFFALO BILL MUSEUM

Celebrate Buffalo Bill's Birthday! Sunday, February 25, 2018. Noon - 4pm. Free admission for this event. Join the Buffalo Bill Museum in LeClaire Iowa to celebrate the birthday of their native son Buffalo Bill Cody. Buffalo Bill Cody was born February 26th 1846 in Scott County, Iowa. Buffalo Bill was a Pony Express Rider and a civil war hero before starting in own Wild West Show! Also visit the other great exhibits at the museum such as: the Lone Star, a wooden hull steam powered paddle wheel, Native American artifacts, and exhibits featuring 1900's ladies fashion, life on Mississippi, riverboat pilots, a 1939 Chris Craft speed boat and many more fascinating displays.

UTILITY BILL DELAY

You usually receive your utility bill around the 20th of each month but because of scheduling issues your February utility bill will not be sent out until February 27th or 28th. Due dates will still remain the same as usual (15th of the month). If you have any questions please contact Jo at (563) 289-4242 Ext. 1101.

LECLAIRE PARK & REC COMMISSION OPEN HOUSE

The P&R Commission will be hosting an open house on February 24th from 4-6 at the Recreation Center on the corner of 3rd Street and Ferry. The intent is to share with residents the recently developed 5 year comprehensive plan for P&R and outline for each of the parks, the levee, and our youth recreational programs the future vision. This will also be an opportunity for residents to learn more about what the Recreation Center has to offer for rentals, memberships and to tour the newly added kitchen area. Feedback from our residents is critical and there will be multiple opportunities throughout the open house. To encourage participation for those that attend and provide feedback they will be entered into a drawing for a soft-sided YETI cooler [retail value of \$249.99]. Following the open house there will be a trivia fundraising event at the Rec. Center. It is \$10 per person or \$80 for a table. All proceeds will go towards future park development and youth recreational programs. Email info@leclaireparkandrec.com or message us on Facebook to reserve your table now!

CITY HALL INFORMATION

City Hall will be closed on Monday, February 19, 2018 in observance of President's Day. The next Bits & Pieces articles are due by Wednesday, February 14, 2018. 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