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FEBRUARY 2010

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POLICE DEPARTMENT INFORMATION

Recently we have experienced snowy and icy road conditions several times. Please practice safe winter driving skills during these conditions. Also adjust your speed and allow yourself plenty of stopping distance at intersections especially around schools. If it is beginning to snow and you must travel, leave early and give yourself plenty of time. Conditions can change rapidly. We increase patrols with the assistance of funding from the State of Iowa Governor's Traffic Safety Bureau to make the roads safer for everyone. We want everyone to arrive at their destination safe.

Chief Jim Pfeiffer & Staff of the LeClaire Police Department



LECLAIRE CIVIC CLUB NEWS

"VALENTINE'S BINGO"

The Civic Club will be offering the opportunity for all citizens to play Bingo at the Civic Center on February 13th, between 5 PM and 8 PM. Each Bingo game will cost \$1.00 for 3 Bingo cards. Three chances to win, for only \$1.00! The winning Bingo player will receive 1/2 of the total amount collected from all players each game. There may be door prizes that you could win for your Valentine's Day Sweetheart, or someone special in your life. There will be special games and fun for all. Don't miss this event. All proceeds will be used for the day to day upkeep of the Civic Center Building. Any questions??? Call Wes Kuehl at 289-4205 **HOPE YOU HAVE A HAPPY VALENTINE'S DAY!**

Civic Club to Hold Their Annual Corporation Meeting

The LeClaire Civic Club, a 501-C4 Non-Profit Organization, per the laws of the State of Iowa, will hold their Annual Corporation Meeting on February 23 this year. The Outgoing President and Treasurer will present their 2009 Year End Reports to all members present. The 2010 Board of Directors will be introduced. The Pre-Meeting Pot Luck Dinner will begin at 6:30 PM with the Regular Business Meeting starting at about 7 PM. All members are encouraged to attend. (If you will be attending the Pot Luck Dinner... Please bring a covered dish of some kind to share.)



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.



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.



LIBRARY NEWS

Congratulations to the families who entered the Library's gingerbread decorating contest. Winners of \$25 gift cards to "Dried and True" included: the Bogner, Klingaman and Wright families; and \$20 gift cards to the Davis and Leiby families.

Thank you to the library users who filled out our end-of-year survey. Your ideas are helpful and are always welcome, and your comments and praise make our job—serving you—more enjoyable! We keep a suggestion box on the front desk, so feel free to offer tips throughout the year. A special thanks to our library volunteers who work behind the scenes to make the library run smoothly. This month we're recognizing Chris Cournoyer. Chris designed the library website, updates it monthly, and assists with fundraising and trivia night. The library is looking for volunteers to instruct novices in the use of computers and basic software programs. If you have knowledge, patience and time to spare, there are community members who could use your help. Please call the library 289-4242, extension 4, to let us know of your availability. Story Time for ages 2-5 meets Tuesday and Friday mornings at 10:30. Join us for stories, songs and snacks. This is a great opportunity to meet other parents and caregivers while you share a growth activity.



TOURISM NEWS

LECLAIRE APPRECIATION MONTH!

The LeClaire Marketing Alliance, a group of LeClaire shopkeepers, is declaring February 2010 as "LeClaire Appreciation Month." If you are a resident of LeClaire, you can receive a 10 percent discount off your purchases at participating LeClaire Marketing Alliance Member businesses. Just show your driver's license with a LeClaire address and receive the discount! It's that easy. This does not include consignment items in stores and each business will have its own terms. Thank you, LeClaire residents! The Marketing Alliance appreciates your continued support.

LECLAIRE ON NATIONAL TV: LeClaire's own Mike Wolfe of Antique Archeology is now hosting his own national TV show called "American Pickers" on The History Channel. New episodes premiere on Mondays at 8 p.m. Tune in and follow the amazing stories of the "American Pickers" as they scour the country and meet quirky characters while looking for hidden antique treasures in basements, garages and barns.

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED FOR MAY MARKET DAYS: We need you! Are you organized? Can you sing, play guitar, do magic, juggle, create balloon animals or face paint? Do you want to get involved with helping your city? Then volunteer to help with LeClaire's events, including May Market Days and more. If interested, please e-mail Donna Walley, Tourism Manager, at walleyworld1@gmail.com.

2010 GARAGE SALE DAYS ON JUNE 4-5: The City-wide LeClaire Garage Sale Days are scheduled for Friday and Saturday, June 4-5, 2010. If you'd like to be a part of this year's Garage Sale Days, please e-mail Donna Walley at walleyworld@gmail.com with your name, address, e-mail and phone number.

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

Do you have cabin fever yet? The Buffalo Bill Museum and River Pilots' Pier has books, puzzles and games for sale to help you pass the time. Now would be a great time to spend an afternoon visiting the museum and the Lone Star. Buffalo Bill Cody was born February 26, 1846. Watch for news on how the museum will be celebrating his birthday. 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.



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, February 6th 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.



LECLAIRE LIONS BLOOD DRIVE

The LeClaire Lions Blood Drive will be held on Saturday, January 23rd from 7AM – 11AM at Bridgeview Elementary School Cafeteria, 316 South 12th Street, LeClaire. To donate contact Dan Reid at 563-289-5292.



CITY HALL INFORMATION

City Hall will be closed Monday, February 15th in observance of President's Day. Next Bits & Pieces articles are due by Wednesday, February 10, 2010. 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.



BUDGET PREPARATION SCHEDULE FISCAL YEAR 2010-2011

JANUARY 25, 2010 - Committee-of-the-Whole meeting. (Begin discussions on available preliminary budget information, figures, policies, etc., and other items). (7:00 p.m.)

FEBRUARY 1, 2010 - Regularly scheduled Council meeting. (7:00 p.m.)

FEBRUARY 8, 2010 – Committee-of-the-Whole meeting used exclusively as a budget workshop session. (7:00 p.m.)

FEBRUARY 13, 2010 – **POTENTIAL** Special Committee-of-the-Whole meeting to be used exclusively as a budget workshop session. (8:00 a.m. to noon)

FEBRUARY 15, 2010 - Regularly scheduled Council meeting. (7:00 p.m.)

FEBRUARY 18, 2010 – City Administrator submits public hearing notice to Q.C. Times for publication.

FEBRUARY 20, 2010 – **POTENTIAL** Special Committee-of-the-Whole meeting to be used exclusively as a budget workshop session. (8:00 a.m. to noon)

FEBRUARY 22, 2010 - Committee-of-the-Whole meeting to be used exclusively as a budget workshop session. (7:00 p.m.)

FEBRUARY 27, 2010 – **POTENTIAL** Special Committee-of-the-Whole meeting to be used exclusively as a budget workshop session. (8:00 a.m. to noon)

MARCH 1, 2010 - Regularly scheduled Council meeting. (7:00 p.m.)

MARCH 8, 2010 - 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, 2010 - City Administrator certifies formal budget to County Auditor by 5:00 p.m. on this date.

MARCH 16, 2010 TO JULY 1, 2010 - City Administrator collects and organizes all budget preparation information to be processed and bound into official copies of the F.Y. '10 - '11 City Budget Packet.



LECLAIRE PARK BOARD SURVEY

The Le Claire Park Board needs your input in the development of Huckleberry Park. Please complete this survey and submit to Le Claire City Hall, Huckleberry Park Survey, 325 Wisconsin Street – P.O. BOX 605 – LE CLAIRE, IA 52753-0605 or email your preferences to wbloomingdale@leclaireiowa.gov or complete this survey online at www.leclaireiowa.gov. Huckleberry Park is located at 15th Street and Iowa Drive (by the Water Tower). Please rank the types of amenities you would like developed at this park and please list any development that you would like to have considered that is not listed.

Ranking	Amenity
_____	Playground Equipment
_____	Basketball Court
_____	Tennis Court
_____	Soccer Field
_____	Soccer/Baseball Field (Multi-Use)
_____	2 Adult Softball Fields
_____	Adult Softball Field
_____	Volleyball Court
_____	Flowers and shrubs
_____	Community Vegetable/Flower Garden
_____	Walking Trails
_____	Health Trail
_____	Bike Path
_____	Outdoor Amphitheatre
_____	Picnic Shelter
_____	Picnic Tables
_____	Park Benches
_____	Water Fountain
_____	Restroom
_____	Skate Park
_____	Playground Equipment for toddlers
_____	Frisbee Golf
_____	Dog Park
_____	_____
_____	_____

Optional Contact Name _____
 Address _____
 Phone# _____ E-mail _____

Please return this survey by February 26, 2010 Thank you!



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 POLICE 911
 FIRE 911
 AMBULANCE 911
 POLICE NON-EMERGENCY REQUEST FOR SERVICE 326-8628
 POLICE NON-EMERGENCY ADMINISTRATIVE 289-4242