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FEBRUARY 2012

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MAYOR:

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E-mail: bscannell@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:

Terri Applegate [12/31/15] 289-4242 Ext. 1154

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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 4, 2012 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.

BUFFALO BILL MUSEUM

Come help the museum celebrate Buffalo Bill's birthday on Sunday, February 26th. Children Ages 2-12 come dressed as Buffalo Bill or Annie Oakley for a look a like contest. Judging will be at 2:00 p.m. Admission will be free all day and refreshments will be served. The museum's winter hours are from 9:00-4:00 Monday through Saturday and from 12:00-4:00 on Sunday.

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!!!!

CHAMBER OF COMMERCE ANNUAL DINNER

The annual LeClaire Chamber of Commerce dinner will be held on January 28, 2012. Please join us as we celebrate the successes of 2011, and look forward to 2012! This evening event includes dinner, music, auctions, and recognition of individuals and businesses that contribute so much to making LeClaire a great town in which to live, work and play! \$25 per person; paid in advance. Info. available at www.LeClaireChamber.com or through Debbie Mulvania, First Central State Bank 563-289-2265.

LECLAIRE OFFICE OF TOURISM

Public Notice: There is an opening on the LeClaire Tourism Board. The position is categorized as a "Not for Profit". Any member of a "Not for Profit" organization may submit a completed application form that may be obtained from City Hall during regular business hours, or can be obtained on the

City's website. After filling out the form, please return the application to LeClaire City Hall at 325 Wisconsin Street, LeClaire. Applications will be accepted until January 27, 2012. **BEACH PARTY!** First Fridays in LeClaire, Iowa: February 3, 2012, from 5:30PM to 8:00PM, Come to the Mississippi River Distilling Company and escape your cabin fever, at the Windmill Rye **BEACH PARTY!** Oceans Escapes will be offering Valentine packages and there will be entertainment as well as vodka, gin & bourbon tastings. Wide River Winery will also be providing wine tastings at 102 N. Cody Road and some of the unique shops in the downtown will be open for business. So, get rid of the winter blues, come to downtown LeClaire and experience the FUN!

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 & 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

Adult Book Discussion- February 22, 2012

February's book group selection is Nothing Daunted: The Unexpected Education of Two Society Girls in the West by Dorothy Wickenden. The group will meet at 6:30 pm at the library. Books will be available for pick-up at the library in the last weeks of January and after. Stop in to pick up a bookmark listing the discussion books for the coming year, or check-out the list on the library's website at www.leclairelibrary.org. The group is open to the public, free of charge.

LECLAIRE REC BOARD NEWS

A lot of things are happening: **TINY TOTS:** Mondays & Fridays 9:30am-10:30am **YOUTH INDOOR SOCCER LEAGUE:** Next Session starts Feb.12th. **ADULT DROP-IN POWER VOLLEYBALL:** Fridays 7pm-10pm **ADULT DROP-IN BASKETBALL:** Mondays & Thursdays 7pm-9pm. **ZUMBA DROP-IN:** Wednesdays 5:30pm-6:30pm **FAMILY NIGHT – February 8th from 5PM-8PM.** Cost: \$10 per family which includes 2 pieces of pizza and a beverage. There will be bouncy houses and other activities. For information on any above activities contact: leclairerecboard@yahoo.com. The LeClaire Rec Board is looking for adult volunteers to form sub-committees that will help organize and run current and new LeClaire Rec Board programs. If interested speak with a current Rec Board member or send an e-mail to leclairerecboard@yahoo.com

BUDGET PREPARATION SCHEDULE

JANUARY 23, 2012 - Committee-of-the-Whole meeting. (Begin discussions on available preliminary budget information, figures, policies, etc., and other items). (7:00 p.m.)

JANUARY 30, 2012 - Committee-of-the-Whole meeting. (Begin discussions on available preliminary budget information, figures, policies, etc., and other items). (7:00 p.m.)

FEBRUARY 6, 2012 - Regularly scheduled Council meeting. (7:00 p.m.)

FEBRUARY 13, 2012 – Committee-of-the-Whole meeting used exclusively as a budget workshop session. (7:00 p.m.)

FEBRUARY 18, 2012 – **POTENTIAL** Special Committee-of-the-Whole meeting to be used exclusively as a budget workshop session. (8:00 a.m. to noon - SATURDAY)

FEBRUARY 20, 2012 - Regularly scheduled Council meeting. (7:00 p.m.)

FEBRUARY 23, 2012 – City Administrator submits public hearing notice to Q.C. Times for publication.

FEBRUARY 25, 2012 – **POTENTIAL** Special Committee-of-the-Whole meeting to be used exclusively as a budget workshop session. (8:00 a.m. to noon - SATURDAY)

FEBRUARY 27, 2012 - Committee-of-the-Whole meeting to be used exclusively as a budget workshop session. (7:00 p.m.)

MARCH 3, 2012 – **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, 2012 - Regularly scheduled Council meeting. (7:00 p.m.)

MARCH 10, 2012 – **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, 2012 - 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, 2012 - City Administrator certifies formal budget to County Auditor by 5:00 p.m. on this date.

MARCH 16, 2012 TO JULY 1, 2012 - City Administrator collects and organizes all budget preparation information to be processed and bound into official copies of the F.Y. '12 - '13 City Budget Packet.

NEW GARBAGE & RECYCLING INFO

When and how will the new Automated program start? (START DATE: week of January 23, 2012) If you have not received your carts by Monday, January 23rd, please contact City Hall. **We will empty your new trash cart every week (just as we do now) and the new recycling cart EVERY OTHER WEEK starting the week of January 23rd (either on the 25th or the 26th depending upon your regular collection day).** (When we deliver the new carts, we'll provide you with a magnetic calendar to place on your refrigerator which shows collection dates along with other important collection information). Please have your trash and recycling cart to the curb (or roads' edge) by 7:00 am on your service day as always. **PLEASE MAKE SURE THAT THERE IS AT LEAST THREE FEET (3') OF "CLEAR SPACE" AROUND EACH CART SO THAT THE MECHANICAL ARMS CAN PROPERLY REACH AND GRASP THE CARTS. THIS INCLUDES CLEARANCE BETWEEN THE CARTS THEMSELVES, MAIL BOXES, AND ANY OTHER SUCH OBJECTS.** These carts are the property of Allied Waste and are to remain with the property and are not to be removed when the property changes hands. **Do I have a choice as to the size and numbers of carts that I can use?** A: During the initial delivery period of January 9th through January 23rd, each resident will receive one (1) 95 gallon trash cart and one (1) 65 gallon recycling cart (NO EXCEPTIONS). We ask that everyone go through a thirty (30) day "trial" period with these carts. If at that end of that "trial" period (ends on Friday, February 24, 2012) you find that you can get by with a smaller trash cart we will change out your 95 gallon model for a smaller 65 gallon model trash cart. **THERE WILL BE NO CHANGE-OUTS ALLOWED ON THE 65 GALLON**

RECYCLABLE CARTS. THE CITY WILL CHANGE OUT YOUR TRASH CART TO THE SMALLER 65 GALLON SIZE, FREE OF CHARGE, DURING AN "OPEN ENROLLMENT" PERIOD, (UNTIL MARCH 23, 2012). AFTER THAT TIME (MARCH 23, 2012) IF YOU DECIDE TO CHANGE OUT THE SIZE OF YOUR TRASH CART THERE WILL BE A \$10 PROCESSING FEE FOR THIS CHANGE OUT. Are their any other changes to the recycling program? A: Yes. The recycling collection program will be expanded to include the collection of ALL plastics (#1 - #7). (Currently only #1 - #2 plastics are collected.) This expansion of recyclable items should make it easier for you to recycle more items and thus decrease your

garbage amount. It is said that 75% of all of your household garbage is recyclable. Please keep this in mind when throwing out your garbage using this new system. **What happens if I can't fit everything into my cart?** A: In the very unlikely event that this may happen any garbage or recyclable materials **NOT** placed in the carts **WILL NOT BE PICKED UP.** **Are their any other changes to the garbage collection program?** A: **Yes!!** The monthly and bi-annual large-item pick-ups and City-wide clean-up programs will be changing as well. Here's the schedule for 2012: *(Also please note these dates are on the magnetic refrigerator schedule provided with your carts!!)* January 25th OR 26th (depending upon your pick-up day. The 2nd week of January each year) – One (1) Large item placed at curb-side. **NEW!!! - April 14th (The 2nd Saturday in April every year) – City-wide, Curbside total clean-up** Now place any and all (No Limit) of your large, bulky waste items **ONLY** (no regular garbage, appliances, tires, hazardous materials, construction debris, commercial business items, "e-waste" or yard wastes will be accepted), directly at the curb by 7:00 a.m. on this Saturday in April each year. July 11th OR 12th (depending upon your pick-up day. The 2nd week of July each year) – One (1) Large item placed at curb-side. October 13th (The 2nd Saturday in October every year) – City-wide total clean-up event **HELD AT THE CITY'S WASTEWATER TREATMENT PLANT. APPLIANCES AND TIRES ACCEPTED AT THIS EVENT.** On Saturday, October 13, 2012 between the hours of **8:00 a.m. and 4:00 p.m.**, the City will be sponsoring its regular City-wide cleanup day with **free disposal** for all residents. Any resident** may bring large, bulky waste items, appliances, and tires, (no regular garbage, hazardous materials, construction debris, commercial business items, "e-waste" or yard wastes will be accepted) to the city's Waste Water Treatment Plant at 1800 Iowa Drive [located behind (*North*) of the Welcome Center on Iowa Drive] during the hours mentioned above. City public works employees will be present to verify residency and to assist with your disposal efforts. Please bring proof of residency, such as a driver's license, city utility bill, etc. **** Only LeClaire residents with proof of residency (no commercial businesses) whose City garbage accounts are paid in full may participate.** November 7th OR 8th (depending upon your pick-up day. The 2nd week of November each year) – One (1) Large item placed at curb-side. **Anything else that I should know?** A: New magnetic, refrigerator calendars, with collection and other special dates noted on them will be provided each year by Allied Waste to help remind you of these various disposal and recycling schedules. A: If you should find your carts missing someday, one of two things may have happened: 1) Your carts may have been stolen. Call City Hall immediately and let us know. **OR:** 2) You may not have paid your bill, in which case the carts were picked up by the City. Your garbage will not be picked up in this case until your bill is paid up in full. Contact City Hall with any questions.

LECLAIRE POLICE DEPARMENT

The City of LeClaire, IA (population 3,765) seeks Police Chief. Applicants should possess a current, minimum rank of Sergeant with a minimum of 3 years of relevant supervisory and administrative experience. Annual starting salary is \$56,561. Additional information and application materials are available at www.leclaireiowa.gov. Applications will be accepted until 2/27/12. EOE.

VOLUNTEER SERVICE FOR BOARDS

The LeClaire Board of Adjustment, the LeClaire Tourism Board, LeClaire Planning & Zoning Commission, Parks, Levee, and Rec Boards, and the LeClaire Library Board of Trustees are accepting applications. Anyone wishing to be considered for volunteer service on any of these Committees must submit a completed application form that 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.

CITY HALL INFORMATION

CITY HALL CLOSURES

City Hall will be closed Monday, February 20th in observance of President's Day. The next Bits & Pieces articles are due by Wednesday, February 15, 2012. These can be sent electronically to wbloomingle@leclaireiowa.gov, by fax to (563) 289-6010, by mail or hand deliver 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 388-3904
POLICE NON-EMERGENCY ADMINISTRATIVE 289-4242