

"BITS and PIECES"



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

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MAYOR

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CITY BOARDS AND COMMISSIONS

The LeClaire Board of Adjustment, the LeClaire Tourism Board, LeClaire Planning & Zoning Commission, Parks, Levee, and Rec Boards, 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.

2015 PET TAGS

Pet licenses for the year 2015 are on sale now. The cost is \$2. 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.

GARBAGE & RECYCLING PICKUP SCHEDULE FEBRUARY 2015

Recycling and Garbage days for February are February 4th & 5th and February 18th & 19th. Garbage only days in February are February 11th & 12th and February 25th & 26th.

FEBRUARY 2015						
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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.

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 289-5442. 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!!!!

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.

COMMUNITY FOOD PANTRY

The "Hope Church Community Food Pantry" is located at Hope Church, 709 Wisconsin Street, LeClaire, in the basement of the church. We serve the LeClaire, Princeton, Pleasant Valley, McCausland, Panorama Park and surrounding areas. Call Linda at 563-289-3629 or Clarice at 563-289-9028, or Lou at 563-225-2121 for more information.

LECLAIRE PARK BOARD

Unfortunately, the Park Board has cancelled the Dad/Daughter Dance for February 7th. We would like to remind everyone to participate in the Annual Easter Egg Hunt, Saturday, April 4th.

NEW CITY OF LECLAIRE E-MAIL MAILBOXES

The City of LeClaire has created three new mailboxes. They are Agendas@leclaireiowa.gov; Bits@leclaireiowa.gov; and Invoices@leclaireiowa.gov; If you need to e-mail a Bits n Pieces article use the Bits@leclaireiowa.gov e-mail address to send it directly to the Bits inbox. The same applies for Invoices to the Invoices@leclaireiowa.gov e-mail mailbox and Agendas for posting and distribution should be sent to the Agendas@leclaireiowa.gov e-mail mailbox. If you e-mail your items to those mailboxes we will greatly appreciate it. It will help streamline our process here at City Hall.

BUFFALO BILL MUSEUM

Do you have company that you need to entertain? Bring them to the Buffalo Bill Museum and, while there, you can do some Valentine's Day shopping in the great gift shop. A museum membership is another good gift idea; you can mark someone off your list and help a local non-profit all at the same time. The Museum will be celebrating Buffalo Bill's Birthday on February 22nd from noon to 4:00pm with free admission, treats, and other activities plus Buffalo Bill himself will be there. During the winter months the museum is always in need of new volunteers. Give Debbie (563-349-4403) a call when you are tired of being stuck in the house and are ready to spend a little time helping out. During the winter months the museum is open from 9:00 - 4:00 Monday through Saturday and from Noon - 4:00 on Sunday.

LECLAIRE OFFICE OF TOURISM

Feb. 6-12: Find Stretch the Giraffe (the LeClaire Community Library mascot) at LeClaire businesses, take a "selfie" with him, share your photo on Social Media with the hashtag #stretchinleclaire, and enter for a chance to win great prizes at the February 13th party at the Library.
Feb. 6: Enjoy First Friday, 5:30-8pm, downtown LeClaire!
Feb. 14: Celebrate Valentine's Day in LeClaire. Check our event page for details.
Feb. 21: Trivia at the LeClaire Civic Center. Call Debbie at 563-349-4403 or email Smith73075@aol.com to reserve a table.
Feb. 21: Chili cook-off at Riverview Roadhouse to benefit the Scott County Freedom Rock.
Feb. 22, noon-4pm: Celebrate Buffalo Bill's birthday at the Buffalo Bill Museum.
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. Find details on LeClaire events at: <http://www.visitleclaire.com/events.html>

LECLAIRE COMMUNITY LIBRARY

Library Closings: The Library will be closed on February 16th for President's Day. **Library Book BINGO!:** If you participated in Library Book BINGO, remember that completed BINGO cards are due back 2pm on Saturday, February 7th to be entered in the gift card drawing!

Stretch Phot Scavenger Hunt: Between February 6-12, find Stretch the Giraffe (the LeClaire Community Library mascot) at LeClaire businesses, take a "selfie" with him, share your photo on Social Media with the hashtag #stretchinleclaire, and enter to win great prizes at the February 13th party at the Library! More details to come soon. **Winter Weather Closings:** If the weather is questionable, it's best to keep an eye out on Facebook, Twitter, and media outlets for any delayed opening or emergency closing announcements before you head out the door. If you have items due back on a day we have an emergency closing—don't worry! Simply drop them off in our outdoor dropbox or return them by the end of our next business day and we'll make sure no late fees are accrued. **Adult Services: Book Club:** Join us the 4th Wednesday of each month in the fireplace room. Our next meeting is February 25th to discuss *Lost Lake* by Sarah Addison Allen. All are welcome! **Teen Services: TAG:** Teen Advisory Group (TAG) meets on the 3rd Thursday of each month from 4-5pm. All are welcome, and don't forget—your attendance earns you Service Learning Hours! **Children's Services: Crafternoon:** Get crafty at the library! Make a Valentine's Day-themed craft on **early-release Wednesday, February 4th**. Drop-by between **4-5pm**. All ages are welcome, but children under 7 may require a caregiver's assistance. **We Love Stretch Party!** Celebrate the library's mascot, Stretch, with a fun party filled with giraffe-inspired activities and crafts! Save the date for Feb. 13th, time and more details TBA. **Chinese New Year Party:** Join us for a little history and a lot of fun as we celebrate Chinese culture with games and crafts! **Thursday, February 19th from 6:30-7:30pm**. For children in grades 1st-6th. **Alienology-** This month's "Ology" program will feature out-of-this-world activities, challenges, and crafts with a space-alien theme. **Monday, February 23rd from 6:30-7:30pm**. For children in grades 1st-6th. **Preschool Explorers-** Roarrrr! Explore dinosaurs at this month's program. We'll start with a short story time, followed by several hands-on exploratory stations. **Thursday, February 26th at 10:30am or 6:30pm**. For children ages 3-6.

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 7, 2015 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.

LECLAIRE CIVIC CLUB TRIVIA

Civic Club Calendar for February 2015: **4 Feb** – Join us for a free breakfast every Wednesday. Menu varies from week to week. Serving 8 am to 10:30 pm. Everyone is welcome. **11 Feb** - Breakfast 8 am to 10:30 pm
18 Feb - Breakfast 8 am to 10:30 pm
21 Feb – Trivia, book your table early. Starts at 7 pm. Dinner served at 6:00 pm. Carryouts available. Benefits go to the QC Cruisers for Pleasant Valley High School Shop
24 Feb - General Membership Meeting. Pot luck at 6:15 pm, meeting at 7 pm Special Program – Mark Smith, Hand in Hand.
25 Feb - Breakfast 8 am to 10:30 pm
26 Feb – Bunco 10:30 am to 12:30 pm \$2.00 to play
Check out our website at www.leclairerivicclub.org and Look at our newsletter to see what activities the club does. Now is the time to renew your membership or become a new member. \$7.50 per person for a year. Join Today!
For more information contact: smith73075@aol.com

BUDGET PREPARATION SCHEDULE **FISCAL YEAR 2015-2016**

JANUARY 26, 2015 - Committee-of-the-Whole meeting. (Begin discussions on available preliminary budget information, figures, policies, etc., and other items). (7:00 p.m.)
FEBRUARY 2, 2015 - Regularly scheduled Council meeting. (7:00 p.m.)
FEBRUARY 9, 2015 – Committee-of-the-Whole meeting used exclusively as a budget workshop session. (7:00 p.m.)
FEBRUARY 12, 2015 – City Administrator submits F.Y. '14-'15 Budget Amendment (re-estimation) public hearing notice to Q.C. Times for publication on February 19, 2015 and for hearing/adoption on March 2, 2015.
FEBRUARY 14, 2015 – **POTENTIAL** Special Committee-of-the-Whole meeting to be used exclusively as a budget workshop session. (8:00 a.m. to noon - **SATURDAY**)
FEBRUARY 16, 2015 - Regularly scheduled Council meeting. (7:00 p.m.)
FEBRUARY 19, 2015 – City Administrator submits budget adoption public hearing notice to Q.C. Times for publication on February 26, 2015.

FEBRUARY 21, 2015 – **POTENTIAL** Special Committee-of-the-Whole meeting to be used exclusively as a budget workshop session. (8:00 a.m. to noon - **SATURDAY**)

FEBRUARY 23, 2015 - Committee-of-the-Whole meeting to be used exclusively as a budget workshop session. (7:00 p.m.)

MARCH 2, 2015 – F.Y. '14-'15 Budget Amendment (Re-estimation) P.H. & Regularly scheduled Council meeting. (7:00 p.m.)

MARCH 7, 2015 – **POTENTIAL** Special Committee-of-the-Whole meeting to be used exclusively as a budget workshop session. (8:00 a.m. to noon - **SATURDAY**)

MARCH 9, 2015 - 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 13, 2015 - City Administrator certifies formal budget to County Auditor by 5:00 p.m. on this date.

MARCH 16, 2015 TO JULY 1, 2015 - City Administrator collects and organizes all budget preparation information to be processed and bound into official copies of the F.Y. '15 - '16 City Budget Packet.

I.T. COMMITTEE MEMBERS NEEDED!

If anyone is interested in or if anyone knows anyone who has some information (computer) technology (I.T.) experience, background, or just likes to "hack" and is good at it, please contact the City. We are looking for some additional members to sit on the City's I.T. Committee. This Committee reviews, discusses, and recommends for Council action I.T. - related purchases, products, and projects throughout the year. Please contact City Hall, Mayor Scannell or one of the Council members and let them know of your interest in serving on this Committee. For more information, please feel free to contact City Hall at any time!

Thank you for your interest and willingness to serve and assist your community!!

CITY HALL INFORMATION

City Hall will be closed Monday, February 16th in observance of President's Day. The next Bits & Pieces articles are due by Wednesday, February 11, 2015. 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