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

JUNE 2016

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MAYOR

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COUNCIL MEMBERS

Ryan Salvador [11/07/17] 289-4242 Ext. 1151
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BUFFALO BILL MUSEUM

QUAD CITIES MUSEUM WEEK Discover the Mysteries June 18-26, 2016 Over 20 museums from across the Quad Cities region will come together for the second annual Quad Cities Museum Week. New this year, each museum will feature a little known mystery about something at their museum. It could be part of their collection or even something about their building. Museum Week is the perfect opportunity for families and friends to get out and explore. Each museum features its own, unique theme, history, galleries, and exhibits. Come and discover these wonderful gems that add to the quality of life in our region. We encourage you to tweet and post

on your Facebook page about your Museum Week experiences using QCMUSEUMS. To find out more about Museum Week, please visit www.qcmuseumweek.com

LECLAIRE CIVIC CLUB

Join the Civic Club today! Drive by and check out our exterior updates and stop by and see the updates inside. Rent the Civic Center for your next event. Handicap accessible. Our last Wednesday's Breakfast ended the end of May. We will start this again the first Wednesday in September. Our last Trivia was in May for the LeClaire Lions' Club. If you know of a non-profit group or club in the surrounding LeClaire Area and they would like us to sponsor a Trivia for them, please let us know. We are in the process of scheduling for our 2016/2017 season starting in September. Visit our general meeting on June 28, starting with a pot luck at 6:15 pm and the meeting at 7:00 pm. We have a new face book page. The LeClaire Civic Club. Visit our web site for more information www.leclairecivicclub.org

GARBAGE & RECYCLING PICKUP SCHEDULE

June 2016

Recycling and Garbage days for June (in yellow) are June 8th & 9th and June 22nd & 23rd. Garbage only days in June (in blue) are June 2nd & 3rd, & June 15th & 16th, & June 29th & 30th.

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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.

SWIMMING POOL REQUIREMENTS

Swimming Pool "Enclosure" Requirements Changed - Before all of the neighborhood kids take that first "dip" in the old back yard pool this summer make sure that your pool is safe and that it meets the requirements for fencing and enclosures that are now in effect. The biggest change includes the need for Enclosures are needed for those very popular "temporary, inflatable" pools **THAT ARE NOT CONTINUOUSLY MONITORED BY AN ADULT AND THAT ARE NOT DRAINED AND STORED ON A DAILY BASIS AND UNCOVERED HOT TUBS AND SPAS.** Please

call for a copy of the detailed ordinance if you have any questions at all. The Police Department will be closely monitoring this matter as a significant public safety issue and will be stopping by and knocking on your door or calling you if they see any problems. Thanks for your help and cooperation in protecting all the neighborhood kids!!

**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.

LECLAIRE COMMUNITY LIBRARY

Library News: Summer Reading Program: On Your Mark, Get Set, READ! The first day of our sports-themed Summer Reading Program will begin on June 6th. This program is for all ages (yes, adults too!) and in addition to the reading challenge, join us for a number of fun activities and programs throughout the summer. **Adult Services: Lifelong Learning-- Sponsored by Home Bound Healthcare:** Join us the second Thursday of each month for our Lifelong Learning series, a program featuring activities, events, and educational presentations geared towards the older adult. Our next event will take place Thursday, June 9th. **Mississippi Valley Blood Center Blood Drive:** Save the date for June 13th from 2:30-6pm. More details about how to donate will be available through the library's website at the end of May. **Nutrition 101 with Hy-Vee Dietitian Kimberly Denman:** Kim has a passion for incorporating healthy eating into everyday life and is dedicated to making your life easier, healthier, and happier! Join us on June 15th, 6pm. **Adult Book Club:** Join us on the Wednesday, June 22nd at 6:30pm to discuss *H is for Hawk* by Helen Macdonald. Books are available free of charge at the circulation desk. **Life Hacks with Amy Fry:** Test out a few

hand hacks to help make your day-to-day life a little easier. June 25th at 11am. **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 June 16th at 6:30pm. Grades 7th-12th only. **Live Action Pac-Man:** Play with well-known arcade game like never before on June 17th at 2pm! See if you can beat the ghosts and win the maze! Prizes and light refreshments available, best for 4th grade and up. **Hunger Games Color Fight:** Volunteer as tribute and bring the infamous Hunger Games Cornucopia scene alive in a more colorful (and less deadly) way! Be sure to wear sunglasses and comfortable clothing you won't mind getting dirty. There will be prizes and refreshments available. Best for 7th grade & up. **Children's Services: Stretchy Storytime:** During the Summer Reading Program, join us every Wednesday at 10:30am for stories, stretches, and games! **LEGO Club:** We what challenge awaits you on Tuesdays June 7th and 21st at 4:30pm. **Crafternoon:** Get crafty at the library on Wednesdays June 8th, 15th, 22nd, & 29th at 3pm. **Family Fort Night:** Bring your family, your smiles, and some blankets for this fun all-ages, after hours program on Friday, June 10th from 4:45-6pm. **Grout Museum Presents: Bubbles!:** Why are bubbles always round? What is needed to create a giant bubble? Discover the answer to these questions and more as we experiment with bubbles on Tuesday, June 14th at 2pm **LEGO Relay:** Engineering and exercise combine in this active building challenge! See if you and your friends have what it takes to be Master Builders on Thursday, June 16th at 3pm. Best of grades 3rd-6th. **Battle of the Robots:** Exercise your creativity and help save the planet in this fun 'bot battling program on Monday, June 20th at 11am. Ages 7 & up. **Storytime in the Park:** Join us for storytime at Hollyhock Park on June 18th at 10:30am! **ThrowbackThursday:** Ever wonder what kids liked to play years ago? Now's your chance to find out! Explore fun (and just plain weird) games from the past on Thursday, June 23rd at 3:30pm. **Hanson Family Jugglers:** World Records? Storytelling? Unicycling? Magic?! All this and more awaits this all ages program on Friday, June 24th at 2pm. **Children's Musician Laura Doherty:** Get your heart pumping as you sing, dance, and enjoy fun for the whole family with this popular children's musician on Thursday, June 30th at 6:30pm. Sponsored by LeClaire Family Dentistry.

LECLAIRE OFFICE OF TOURISM

Thursday, June 2: The Bandit Run ends in LeClaire. For more information go to www.thebanditrun.com **Friday, June 3, 5:30-8pm:** First Friday in Downtown LeClaire

including live music at the winery. **Friday-Saturday, June 3-4:** City-wide garage sales. **Saturday, June 11, 11am & 1pm:** 1-1/2 hour sightseeing cruises aboard the Twilight. Book online at www.riverboattwilight.com

Openings for Retail & Event Representatives on the LeClaire Tourism Board. If you are a full-time manager or owner of a LeClaire retail business and are interested in representing all LeClaire retail businesses or are in charge of an event that takes place in LeClaire and are interested in representing all LeClaire events, please contact City Hall or info@visitleclaire.com for an application and return it by **8:30am on June 3, 2016**. You must be able to attend monthly meetings that are held at City Hall on the first Monday of the month at 8:30am and understand LeClaire Tourism's mission statement: "The purpose of the LeClaire Office of Tourism is to bring visitors and tourism dollars into historic LeClaire while working cooperatively with our businesses, events, and attractions." **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>

SENIOR UTILITY NOTICE

All seniors who are eligible for the senior discount need to submit proof of income for the year 2015 by May 15, 2016 to stay on the senior rate. This proof can be in the form of a SSA-1099 or an income tax form. The income level requirements for 2015 are \$17,820 for a single resident or \$24,030 for a married resident. Please remember if you have anyone living with you that is under 65 you will not be eligible for this discount. Thank you.

NOTICE: WEED ABATEMENT LAW

As of April 1st the City begins to implement the weed abatement process. Notices are being published in this publication and in the Quad City Times advising the property owners of their duty and responsibility to keep their property, (and that area between the street driving surface and the property line) free of weeds and other plant growth. **THERE WILL BE NO OTHER NOTICES!!** If a weed problem is found to exist the City will abate the problem and assess the costs accordingly to the property. The charges for abating weed nuisances will be **First Violation**-First Worker \$100.00/Hr.; Each Additional Worker \$50.00/Hr. **Second Violation**-First Worker \$200.00/Hr., Each Additional Worker \$100.00/Hr. **Third & Subsequent Violations**-First Worker \$400.00/Hr., Each Additional Worker \$200.00/Hr., or if a contractor is used, the charge will be the contracted amount plus 25%. What constitutes a "weed nuisance"? Following is the definition established

by law: In all areas of the City, any noxious weeds or vegetation, as defined by the Code of Iowa, are deemed to be nuisances, as well as any dense growth of weeds, vines, brush, or other similar vegetation which are reasonably believed to be constituting a public safety, health, or fire hazard. In any developed area within the City or within one hundred feet (100') of any developed area within the City, any weeds, vegetation, vines, brush, or other growth which exceeds ten inches (10") in height shall be deemed a nuisance. In all other areas of the City, any weeds, vegetation, vines, brush, or other growth which exceeds two feet (2') in height shall be deemed a nuisance. Natural areas, including but not limited to waterways, or farmland may exceed these established height limitations. Please review this material again and if you have any questions, call City Hall at any time.

AMERICAN LEGION MEMORIAL DAY SERVICES

The American Legion Buffalo Bill Post #347, with the American Legion Buffalo Bill Post #347 Auxiliary, and the Pleasant Valley Community School District would like to invite all in the community to attend the Memorial Day Services. Events commence at LeClaire's Glendale Cemetery on Monday, May 30th from 10:15 to 10:30AM. The placing of a wreath at the Glendale Cemetery's Flag Memorial will be followed by services conducted at Bridgeview Elementary School gymnasium, commencing at 11:00 AM. Speakers include William Albracht, decorated Army Captain (Vietnam) recipient of 3 Silver Stars and 5 Bronze Stars; and Pastor Ralph Otteson. Music provided by P.V.'s award winning band. Come join us as we honor those who have served.

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.

- 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

THE "FLUSHABILITY" TEST:

Take two bowls of water. Place toilet paper in one and place the item in question in the other. Swish both items in the water. Wait about an hour, and then swish again. The toilet paper should have significantly disintegrated by then while the other item (for example, wipes, napkins, dental floss) will likely remain intact. Unless the item disintegrates at the rate of toilet paper, it should be placed in the garbage and not down the toilet. You otherwise risk blockage in your home as well as clogging a main sewer line or pump station causing a sewage backup for other homes and businesses. If it can't be reused, recycled or composted, please place it in the garbage. 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.

CITY HALL INFORMATION

City Hall will be closed on Monday, May 30, 2016 in observance of Memorial Day. The next Bits & Pieces articles are due by Wednesday, June 15, 2016. 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