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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, January 7, 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.

2012 PET TAGS

Pet licenses for the year 2012 are available. The cost will be \$1 if purchased before December 31, 2011, and \$2 if purchased after. 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.

BUFFALO BILL MUSEUM

The museum's annual planning meeting will be held at the museum Monday, January 16th at 9:00 a.m. All members are invited to attend and be involved in planning museum events and projects for 2012. (Not a member yet? Come anyway - you can join that day) Sunday, February 5 2012, the museum will host a bracelet and earring making class. The class will be taught by local jewelry maker Janet Daugherty. It will cost \$10 to make a beaded bracelet and \$5 to make beaded earring to match. The class size is limited so RSVP quickly to join the fun. Call the museum at 563-289-5580 to make a reservation.

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 a 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

The Mississippi River Distilling Company and the shopkeeper's of LeClaire invite you to First Friday's in LeClaire, Iowa. Every First Friday from 5:30pm to 8:00pm of each month, come downtown LeClaire to Taste Wine, shop, eat in our wonderful restaurants and taste test at the award winning Mississippi River Distilling Company. For LeClaire, Iowa event information; sign up at www.visitleclaire.com. LeClaire Tourism has a face book page, if you would like to be a facebook friend: Go to LeClaire, Iowa on Facebook.

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- Beginning in January, 25th 2012. January's book group selection is *The Tiger's Wife* by Tea Obreht. The group will meet on January 25th @ 6:30 pm at the library. Books are now available for pick-up at the library. 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 @ www.leclairelibrary.org. The group is open to the public, free of charge. **Winter Reading Challenge- Chill-out and Read** in January!! LeClaire Community Library's Winter

Reading Program is scheduled for January 8th – 28th. **Children aged 6th Grade & Under** will track the number of books/pages they read to be eligible for prizes. **Pre-readers and Beginners:** Children who are just starting to “Read” and those who have stories read to them= 20 picture/ER books. **Older readers:** Children capable of reading independently should read a minimum of 200 pages to be eligible for a prize. There will a drawing for a “special” prize at the end of the program. Please register and pick-up reading log at the library's Circulation Desk. Questions? Contact Ms. Angie @ the library 289-4242, option 4. **Jr. High/High School- Beast Your Brain!** Join Carina at the LeClaire Community Library for the QC regional Teen Winter Reading Program. Final party is scheduled for Friday, February 3rd at the Moline Public Library. Questions? Contact Carina @ the library 289-4242, option 4.

LECLAIRE FIRE DEPARTMENT NEWS

A Season for Sharing in Fire Safety

Each year fires occurring during the holiday season claim the lives of over 400 people, injure 1,650 more, and cause over \$990 million in damage. By following some of the outlined precautionary tips, individuals can greatly reduce their chances of becoming a holiday fire casualty. Preventing Christmas tree Fires: [Christmas Tree Fire Hazards](#) -Special fire safety precautions need to be taken when keeping a live tree in the house. **Selecting a Tree for the Holiday:** Needles on fresh trees should be green and hard to pull back from the branches, and the needle should not break if the tree has been freshly cut. The trunk should be sticky to the touch. Do not place your tree close to a heat source, including a fireplace or heat vent. Do not put your live tree up too early or leave it up for longer than two weeks. Keep the tree stand filled with water at all times. **Disposing of Your Tree:** Never put tree branches or needles in a fireplace or wood burning stove. When the tree becomes dry, discard it promptly. The best way to dispose of your tree is by taking it to a recycling center or having it hauled away by a community pick-up service. **Maintain Your Holiday Lights:** Inspect holiday lights each year for frayed wires, bare spots, gaps in the insulation, broken or cracked sockets, and excessive kinking or wear before putting them up. Do Not Overload Electrical Outlets. Do not link more than three light strands, unless the directions indicate it is safe. Make sure to periodically check the wires - they should not be warm to the touch. Do Not Leave Holiday Lights on Unattended. **Holiday Decorations:** Use Only Nonflammable Decorations. All decorations should be nonflammable or flame-retardant and placed away from heat vents. Never Put Wrapping Paper in a Fireplace. It can result in a very large fire, throwing off dangerous sparks and embers and may result in a chimney fire. **Artificial Christmas Trees:** If you are using a metallic or artificial tree, make sure it is flame retardant.

Finally, as in every season, **HAVE WORKING SMOKE ALARMS INSTALLED ON EVERY LEVEL OF YOUR HOME and AT LEAST ONE CARBON MONOXIDE DETECTOR**, test them monthly and keep them clean and equipped with fresh batteries at all times. Know when and how to call for help. And remember to practice your home escape plan. **Merry Christmas and Happy New Year from the members of the LeClaire Fire Department!** Fire Chief Mark Slagle mslugle@leclaireiowa.gov 563-289-6044 www.leclairefire.com.

NEW GARBAGE & RECYCLING INFO

When and how will the new Automated program start? (START DATE: week of January 23, 2012) The new trash cart and recycling cart will be delivered to the curb-side by your home sometime during the weeks of January 9th or the 16th. 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. What size are the new automated carts?** A: The new middle-sized recycling cart has 65 gallons of capacity. It stands 39" tall, is 25" wide, and is 27" deep. (The floor space "footprint" of this cart is similar to your current recycling bin, so it should fit in the same area that you are currently using.) The new large size trash cart has 95 gallons of capacity. It stands 39" tall, is 29" wide, and is 33" deep. **To see actual samples of these carts and their sizes, please feel free to stop in at City Hall or Slagle's Grocery during regular business hours.** 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 RECYCABLE 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. You will be getting a recycling information (item listing) sheet when the new carts are delivered. **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** (This event replaces the existing "Spring", bi-annual, City-wide clean-up where you had to haul everything to the City's wastewater treatment plant for disposal. 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. **THANK YOU FOR TAKING THE TIME AND EFFORT TO READ THROUGH THESE MATERIALS. THIS WILL BE A SIGNIFICANT CHANGE (AND MAJOR IMPROVEMENT!!) TO THE CITY'S GARBAGE COLLECTION SERVICE. IF YOU HAVE ANY QUESTIONS WHATSOEVER NOW OR WHEN THE PROGRAM STARTS, PLEASE FEEL FREE TO CONTACT US AT ANY TIME!! THANKS AGAIN FOR YOUR PATIENCE AND PARTICIPTION IN THIS PROGRAM!!!**

CITY HALL INFORMATION

City Hall will be closed Monday, December 26, 2011 and Monday, January 2, 2012 in observance of the Christmas and New Year's holidays. The next Bits & Pieces articles are due by Wednesday, January 11, 2012. These can be sent electronically to wbloomingle@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.

HOLIDAY GARBAGE COLLECTION

The garbage collection will be running one day later due to the Christmas & New Year Holidays. The pickup scheduled for 12/28 & 12/29 will be delayed one day to 12/29 & 12/30. The pickup scheduled for 1/4 & 1/5 will also be delayed to 1/5 & 1/6. We apologize for any inconvenience this causes.

Christmas tree pickup for the Wednesday residents will be 12/29 & 1/5 and for the Thursday residents tree pickup will be 12/30 & 1/6. Trees must be free of Christmas decorations and not in any type of bag.



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POLICE 911
FIRE 911
AMBULANCE 911
POLICE NON-EMERGENCY REQUEST FOR SERVICE 388-3904
POLICE NON-EMERGENCY ADMINISTRATIVE 289-4242