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FROM YOUR CITY HALL
325 Wisconsin Street
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JANUARY 2016

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COUNCIL MEMBERS

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CITY BOARDS AND COMMISSIONS

The LeClaire Board of Adjustment, the LeClaire Tourism Board, LeClaire Planning & Zoning Commission, LeClaire Park & Rec Commission, 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. **The Park & Recreation Commission is recruiting** to fill a vacancy on the Commission. Please complete an application, return it to City Hall, and plan to attend the next Park & Rec Commission meeting on January 7, 2016 at 7PM in the Conference Room at City Hall. Potential

Commission members will be interviewed at that time. Take an interest, volunteer, and get involved in your City's future.

GARBAGE & RECYCLING PICKUP SCHEDULE

JANUARY 2016

Recycling and Garbage days for January (in yellow) are January 6th & 7th and January 20th & 21st. Garbage only days in January (in red & blue) are January 13th & 14th and January 27th & 28th.

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One large item picked up curbside on your second pickup in January. Wednesday pickup, January 13th, Thursday pickup, January 14th. **Christmas tree pickup curbside** - Wednesday pickup curbside December 30th & January 6th, Thursday pickup curbside December 31st, and January 7th. 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.

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 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 2, 2016 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 NEWS

As you know there was a tornado in LeClaire. A lot of damage was done. The Civic Club is doing a Trivia Fundraiser for the Glendale Cemetery on January 16. Call today to book a table, contribute a door prize, or raffle item, or make a contribution. Call Debbie, 563-349-4403, or email smith5grand@gmail.com. We are currently seeking new members to the Civic Club. Membership fees are \$7.50 a person annually. Call Joyce, 563-289-4205 for more information.

BUFFALO BILL MUSEUM

Are you a museum member? Members get free admission all year. Come see our display on Iron Eyes Cody's Tepee that was donated by Mike Wolf and Frank Fritz of the American Pickers. You can crane your neck seeing all the way to the top!! It extends through the ceiling. We are open 7 days a week.

LECLAIRE COMMUNITY LIBRARY

Library Closing Dates: The Library will be closed January 1st for New Year's Day and January 18th for an all-day Staff In-Service day. **Winter Reading Program:** Melt away the winter blues with this year's STAR WARS themed BINGO Winter Reading Program! Complete a BINGO card to earn prizes. This program runs Dec. 15th through Jan. 30th and BINGO cards are available for kids, teens, and adults too! **Adult Services: Book Club:** Our first book club meeting of 2016 will take place on January 27th. We will discuss *A Spool of Blue Thread* by Anne Tyler. Books are available at the circulation counter for check-out. **Color Me Calm - Wednesday, January 6th 6-8pm:** Coloring is NOT just for kids anymore! Adult coloring has been shown to decrease stress, aid in relaxation, exercise fine motor skills, and train the brain to focus! We will provide adult coloring pages and coloring utensils. You may bring your own snacks/refreshments. **Lifelong Learning: Wellness**

Clinic - Wednesday, January 14th 10-11am: The LeClaire Community Library we will be partnering with Home Bound Healthcare starting in January. Programs will include activities, events, and educational presentations geared towards the older adult. Our first program will be a Wellness Clinic--The Wellness Clinic offers residents the opportunity to be proactive in their health. A HBH nurse will check blood pressure and listen to the heart and lungs of anyone that wishes to participate. The nurse will also be available to listen to health concerns and answer health related questions. Lifelong Learning Programs will be held on the second Thursday of each month at 10am. **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 January 21st from 6:30-7:30pm. Grades 7th-12th only. **Teen Book Club:** Read and discuss a book (TBD, copies available at the library on 1/4/16) on Monday, January 25th from 6:30-7:30pm. Light refreshments provided. For grades 7th-12th. **Children's Services: LEGO Club:** Robots? Towers? Aliens? See what building challenge is next on Friday, January 8th, 3:45-4:45pm. We provide the LEGOs, just bring yourself! For ages 7 & up. **Pajama Storytime:** Wear your PJs and bring your favorite stuffed pal to this extra special Family Storytime featuring bedtime stories. Tuesday, January 12th at 6:30pm. **Jedi Academy:** Celebrate the Star Wars Winter Reading program while perfecting and practicing your Jedi skills with themed activities and crafts. For grades K-5th on Thursday, January 14th, 6:30-7:30pm. **Kids Book Club:** Join us on Saturday, January 16th from 12-1pm for the 4th-6th grade book club! Pick up a copy of this month's book, *El Deafo* by Cece Bell, at the library. Bring a sack lunch or a snack to munch on while we chat about the book and participate in fun activities. No parents or younger siblings, please. **Toddler & PreK Dance Party:** Dance away those winter blues with old favorites and new tunes on Wednesday, January 27th at 10:30am. Play with shakers, scarves, and bubbles and wear a costume if you'd like. Please note, this event will take the place of the regularly scheduled Toddler Time. **Family BINGO Night:** Feeling lucky? Celebrate the end of the Winter Reading Program with traditional and Star Wars-themed BINGO—you just might win a prize! Thursday, January 28th, 6-7pm. For children and families of all ages.

LECLAIRE OFFICE OF TOURISM

Fri., January 8, 5:30-8pm: "First Friday" celebration is on the SECOND Friday of the New Year! Fri.-Mon., January 15-18: Be a Tourist in Your Own Backyard!

Look for the LeClaire specials here: <http://www.qcbeatourist.com/#city-LeClaire/alpha> **Sun., January 17, 2pm:** Bald eagle photo presentation by Burt Gearhart at the LeClaire Civic Center, 127 S. Cody Road. An all-ages slide presentation that will reveal many interesting discoveries about Bald Eagles and their everyday lives in Iowa. Free and open to the public. **Sat., January 23: Trivia, prizes, and fun with the River Valley Optimist Club** at the LeClaire Civic Center, 127 S. Cody Road. Doors open at 6:30pm, Trivia at 7pm. 8-person teams; \$10 per person. Proceeds go towards the River Valley Optimist Club's programs for children in our community. To reserve a table, contact josselyn.e.smith@gmail.com or 563-723-1877.

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 289-4242. 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!!!!

2016-2017 BUDGET PREPARATION SCHEDULE

JANUARY 4, 2016 - Regularly scheduled Council meeting. (7:00 p.m.)
JANUARY 4, 2016 - Committee-of-the-Whole meeting. (Immediately following Regular Meeting) (Council begins review and discussion of budget narratives, concepts, and priority items).

JANUARY 18, 2016 - Regularly scheduled Council meeting. (7:00 p.m.)

JANUARY 18, 2016 - Committee-of-the-Whole meeting. (Immediately following Regular Meeting) (Council continues to review and discuss budget narratives, concepts, and priority items along with available preliminary budget information, figures, policies, etc., and other items).

FEBRUARY 1, 2016 - Regularly scheduled Council meeting. (7:00 p.m.)

FEBRUARY 1, 2016 - Committee-of-the-Whole meeting (Immediately following Regular Meeting) used exclusively as a budget workshop session.

FEBRUARY 6, 2016 - **POTENTIAL** Special Committee-of-the-Whole meeting to be used exclusively as a budget workshop session. (8:00 a.m. to noon - **SATURDAY**)

FEBRUARY 13, 2016 - **POTENTIAL** Special Committee-of-the-Whole meeting to be used exclusively as a budget workshop session. (8:00 a.m. to noon - **SATURDAY**)

FEBRUARY 15, 2016 - Regularly scheduled City Council meeting. (7:00 p.m.)

FEBRUARY 15, 2016 - Committee-of-the-Whole meeting (Immediately following Regular Meeting) used exclusively as a budget workshop session.

FEBRUARY 18, 2016 - City Administrator submits F.Y. '15-'16 Budget Amendment (re-estimation) public hearing notice to Q.C. Times for publication on February 25, 2016 and for hearing/adoption on March 7, 2016.

FEBRUARY 25, 2016 - City Administrator submits budget adoption public hearing notice to Q.C. Times for publication on March 3, 2016.

FEBRUARY 20, 2016 - **POTENTIAL** Special Committee-of-the-Whole meeting to be used exclusively as a budget workshop session. (8:00 a.m. to noon - **SATURDAY**)

MARCH 7, 2016 - F.Y. '15-'16 Budget Amendment (Re-estimation) P.H. & Regularly scheduled Council meeting. (7:00 p.m.)

MARCH 7, 2016 - Committee-of-the-Whole meeting (Immediately following Regular Meeting) used exclusively as a budget workshop session.

MARCH 12, 2016 - **POTENTIAL** Special Committee-of-the-Whole meeting to be used exclusively as a budget workshop session. (8:00 a.m. to noon - **SATURDAY**)

MARCH 14, 2016 - 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, 2016 - City Administrator certifies formal budget to County Auditor by 5:00 p.m. on this date.

MARCH 17, 2016 TO JULY 1, 2016 - City Administrator collects and organizes all budget preparation information to be processed and bound into official copies of the F.Y. '16 - '17 City Budget Packet.

CITY OF LECLAIRE VISIONING MEETING

The City of LeClaire will be holding a town visioning meeting, on January 28, 2016, at Cody Elementary School, 2100 Territorial Road, from 6:30PM-8:30PM. The purpose of the meeting is to receive comments and suggestions on future growth and development for LeClaire. Comments will provide a basis for a community vision, refining goals, and shaping decisions on future land use within and surrounding LeClaire. For more information please contact City Hall at (563) 289-4242.

CITY HALL INFORMATION

City Hall will be closing at Noon on Thursday, December 24th (Christmas Eve day) and Thursday, December 31st (New Year's Eve day). And will be closed on Friday, December 25th (Christmas Day) and Friday, January 1st (New Year's Day). The next Bits & Pieces articles are due by Wednesday, January 13, 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.

CITY COUNCIL VACANCY

Due to the results of the recent City elections a vacancy will occur on the City Council effective as of January 1, 2016. At this time the LeClaire City Council intends to fill this vacancy by appointment. All persons interested in being appointed to this vacancy and to be considered for such must submit a standard City committee membership application form (available at City Hall or on the City' website, "**Board & Committee Membership Application**", along with a general letter of interest (resume) to the City Clerk at 325 Wisconsin Street, LeClaire, Iowa 52753 by the close of business (5:00 p.m. local time) on Thursday, December 31, 2015. Notice is further given that this appointment shall be for the period until the next pending election (November 8, 2016). Prospective candidate/applicants review and interviews have been tentatively set by the City Council for their Committee-of-the-Whole meeting to be held on Monday, January 4, 2016 at 7:00 p.m. This appointment is expected to be formally considered at the Council meeting to be held at 7:00 p.m. on Monday, January 18, 2016. The electors of the City of LeClaire have the right to file a petition requiring that the vacancy be filled by a special election. A valid petition requesting a special election to fill the vacancy must be filed with the LeClaire City Clerk within fourteen days after the publication of the official "Notice of Vacancy" or within fourteen days after the appointment is made,

whichever is later. If you have any questions, please contact the LeClaire City Clerk's office at 563-289-4242.



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