

"BITS and PIECES"



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

JANUARY 2018

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MAYOR

Ray Allen [12/31/19] 289-4242 Ext. 1111

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COUNCIL MEMBERS

Amy Blair [12/31/21] 289-4242 Ext. 1151

E-mail: ablair@leclaireiowa.gov Duties: Park and Rec Commission Liaison (includes Levee), Library Board of Trustee Liaison.

Barry Long [12/31/21] 289-4242 Ext. 1152

E-mail: blong@leclaireiowa.gov Duties: Liaison to the Tourism Board & Civic Groups & Downtown Businesses.

Dennis Gerard [12/31/19] 289-4242 Ext. 1153

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Jason Wentland [12/31/19] 289-4242 Ext. 1154

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John Smith [12/31/21] 289-4242 Ext. 1155

E-mail: jsmith@leclaireiowa.gov Duties: Planning & Zoning & Board of Adjustment Liaison, Ordinances and Policies; Utilities (Sewer and Garbage), Streets, and Public Works Liaison.

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 any of these Committees/Boards, you must submit a completed application form. The application form may be obtained from City Hall during regular business hours, or on the City's website.

LECLAIRE FIRE DEPARTMENT

The LeClaire Fire Department is accepting applications for new members. No experience is required, as training is provided. Some of the positions available are not physically taxing and could be accomplished by a healthy retired or similar person. This is a great opportunity to meet and help

your neighbors one call at a time. We especially invite those to apply who could respond to calls for help during the day. For additional information stop by the station any Tuesday evening.

GARBAGE & RECYCLING PICKUP SCHEDULE

January 2018

Recycling and Garbage days for January (in yellow) are January 4th & 5th and January 17th & 18th. Garbage only days in January (in blue) are January 10th and 11th and January 24th and 25th.

JANUARY						
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Christmas tree disposal days in December 2017 are the 28th & 29th and in January 2018 are January 4th & 5th. Also there is one large item pickup curbside on January 10th if your normal garbage day is Wednesday, and January 11th if your normal garbage day is Thursday.

Please put your totes at least three feet apart to allow the Republic drivers to maneuver their truck's mechanical arm to raise and lower your garbage totes.

COMMUNITY FOOD PANTRY

The "Community Food Pantry" is located at the Hope Church, 709 Wisconsin Street, in the basement of the church. Food Pantry serves all those in the LeClaire, Princeton, Panorama Park, Pleasant Valley, and the McCausland area. For more information please contact: Linda: (563) 289-3629, Lou (563) 225-2121; or Clarice at (563) 289-9028.

2018 PET TAGS

Pet licenses for the year 2018 are on sale and 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.

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 6, 2018 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.

CIVIC CLUB NEWS

The Civic Club is hosting a Trivia Fundraiser for the Glendale Cemetery on January 20th. Call Debbie, 563-349-4403, or email smith5grand@gmail.com to book a table. Annual membership renewal is \$8. Please renew your membership for 2018 by sending payment to LeClaire Civic Club, PO Box 562, LeClaire, Iowa 52753. If you are interested in joining or learning more about the club, contact a member of the board or learn more at www.leclairecivicclub.org. Reserve the civic center for events. Rental cost is \$75 for 6 hours and \$125 for whole day. Call or email Debbie to reserve the center.

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 Closing Reminder: The library will also be closed December 31st-January 1st in observance of New Year's. Regular library hours will resume Tuesday, January 2nd.

Dropbox full? Email us and we'll extend your checkout! Need to return a book or DVD after hours and the dropbox is too full? Don't try and jam it in, just send us an email at library@leclaireiowa.gov and we'll happily extend your checkout/waive late fees. **Winter Reading BINGO**—Stop in and sign up for Winter Reading BINGO! Each BINGO square contains a reading/library activity. Every BINGO will earn you an entry into a grand prize drawing! Cover the entire card for a Blackout BINGO to earn a special prize! Grand prizes will be awarded in every age group. The program runs from January 2nd - February 28th. **Adult Services: Card Making with Donna Banta**—Join us in making homemade greeting cards!

Each participant will make 3 different cards. Class size limited to 12. Adults only. Saturday, January 6th at 11:00am. **Mostly True Tales with Spinsby & Wales**—Join us in an ongoing series of LeClaire history talks hosted by local history keepers, Dick Wales and Marie Spinsby. These will be treated as a community dialogue—so bring your memories, photographs, and any questions you might have about LeClaire's history! This session will focus on Marie Spinsby's "Construction of I-80 Bridge." Thursday, January 11th at 6:30pm. **Adult Book Club**—This month we'll be reading *Beartown* by Fredrik Backman. Books are available at the library's circulation counter free of cost AND are now available as an eBook through our RiverShare Digital Library Catalog. January 24th at 6:30pm. **Drop-In Tech Help**—Bring in any device and we will give it a shot! Please arrive with passwords needed to access your device or accounts. 2:00pm - 3:30pm. Friday, January 26th at 2:00pm. **YA Services: Teen Advisory Group (TAG)**—Help plan cool events, request new library materials, eat snacks, and get the inside scoop on what's happening at the library! This meeting will be self-guided. Don't forget—your attendance earns you service learning hours and looks great on college/job applications! For 7th grade & up. Thursday, January 18th at 4:30pm. **Children's Services: Winter Evening Playgroup**—Beat the winter blues with a fun, self-guided evening of free play at the library! In addition to our fun play area and early literacy stations, we will also have special storytime toys set out to enjoy. This group is best for ages 3-6, though all are welcome. Stop in and socialize with other families, browse through our picture books, and maintain your storytime routine every Tuesday in January at 6:30pm. **Toddle Time Playgroup**—Beat the winter blues with a fun, self-guided morning of free play at the library! In addition to our fun play area and early literacy stations, we will also have special storytime toys set out to enjoy. This group is best for ages 0-3, though all are welcome. Stop in and socialize with other families, browse through our picture books, and maintain your storytime routine every Wednesday and Thursday in January at 10:30am.

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 owners 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!!!!



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.

WHAT NOT FLUSH

- 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

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.

BUDGET PREPARATION SCHEDULE **FISCAL YEAR 2018-2019**

DECEMBER 2017

Department Heads/Supervisors to meet with Council Liaisons & Finance Committee as needed to determine, review, discuss, fine-tune, and **FINALIZE** current & proposed budgets **PRIOR** to presentation, review, and discussion by entire Council.

JANUARY 2, 2018 - Regularly scheduled Council meeting. (7:00 p.m.)

JANUARY 2, 2018 - Committee-of-the-Whole meeting. (Immediately following Regular Meeting) (Council begins review and discussion of budget narratives, concepts, and priority items).

JANUARY 15, 2018 - Regularly scheduled Council meeting. (7:00 p.m.)

JANUARY 15, 2018 - 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).

JANUARY 22, 2018 – **POTENTIAL** Special Committee-of-the-Whole meeting to be used exclusively as a budget workshop session. (7:00 p.m.)

JANUARY 29, 2018 – **POTENTIAL** Special Committee-of-the-Whole meeting to be used exclusively as a budget workshop session. (7:00 p.m.)

FEBRUARY 5, 2018 - Regularly scheduled Council meeting. (7:00 p.m.)

FEBRUARY 5, 2018 – Committee-of-the-Whole meeting (Immediately following Regular Meeting) used exclusively as a budget workshop session.

FEBRUARY 10, 2018 – **POTENTIAL** Special Committee-of-the-Whole meeting to be used exclusively as a budget workshop session. (8:00 a.m. to noon - **SATURDAY**)

FEBRUARY 12, 2018 – **POTENTIAL** Special Committee-of-the-Whole meeting to be used exclusively as a budget workshop session. (7:00 p.m.)

FEBRUARY 15, 2018 – City Administrator submits F.Y. '17-'18 Budget Amendment (re-estimation) public hearing notice to Q.C. Times for publication on February 22, 2018 for hearing/adoption on March 5, 2018.

FEBRUARY 17, 2018 – **POTENTIAL** Special Committee-of-the-Whole meeting to be used exclusively as a budget workshop session. (8:00 a.m. to noon - **SATURDAY**)

FEBRUARY 19, 2018 - Regularly scheduled City Council meeting. (7:00 p.m.)

FEBRUARY 19, 2018 – Committee-of-the-Whole meeting (Immediately following Regular Meeting) used exclusively as a budget workshop session.

FEBRUARY 22, 2018 – City Administrator submits F.Y. '18-'19 budget adoption public hearing notice to Q.C. Times for publication on March 1, 2018 for hearing/adoption on March 12, 2018.

FEBRUARY 24, 2018 – **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, 2018 – F.Y. '17-'18 Budget Amendment (Re-estimation) P.H. & Regularly scheduled Council meeting. (7:00 p.m.)

MARCH 5, 2018 – Committee-of-the-Whole meeting (Immediately following Regular Meeting) used exclusively as a budget workshop session.

MARCH 10, 2018 – **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, 2018 - City Council conducts official public hearing on finalized budget and considers adoption of formal budget resolution for certification. Committee-of-the-Whole meeting (if needed) to follow. (7:00 p.m.)

MARCH 15, 2018 - City Administrator certifies formal budget to County Auditor by 5:00 p.m. on this date.

MARCH 16, 2018 TO JULY 1, 2018 - City Administrator collects and organizes all budget preparation information to be processed and bound into official copies of the F.Y. '18 - '19 City Budget Packet.

CITY HALL INFORMATION

City Hall will be closed on Monday, December 25th, 2017 and Monday, January 1, 2018. The next Bits & Pieces articles are due by Wednesday, January 10, 2018. 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