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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.

SENIOR UTILITY NOTICE

All seniors who are eligible for the senior discount need to submit proof of income for the year 2014 by May 15, 2015 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 2014 are \$17,655 for a single resident or \$23,895 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.

LECLAIRE OFFICE OF TOURISM

June 5, 5:30-8pm: Enjoy First Friday in downtown LeClaire! **June 5-6:** City-wide Garage Sales. Garage Sale Guides will be available online at <http://www.visitleclaire.com/index2.html>, at the LeClaire Information Center (122 N. Cody Road), LeClaire Community Library, and LeClaire City Hall starting May 31st. **June 13, 10am-4pm:** Kid Picker's Flea Market on the Levee. Rain Date is June 14. **June 13-21:** Buffalo Bill Museum is participating in Quad Cities' Museum Week. www.qcmuseumweek.com Contact the Museum for more details - 563-289-5580. **June 20:** All We Need Is Love Fest at Levee pavilion and downtown. **June 27:** French Market Day with Big Wheel Races, sidewalk sales, live music, wine and beer tasting, and more! **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>** The LeClaire Tourism Board is accepting applications. If you would like to be considered for volunteer service on this Board, you must submit a completed application form. The form can be obtained from City Hall during regular business hours or from the City's website. Members on the Tourism Board represent retail, restaurant, lodging, non-profit, attractions, and events.

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, June 6, 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.

GARBAGE & RECYCLING PICKUP SCHEDULE

JUNE 2015

Recycling and Garbage days for June are June 10th & 11th and June 24th & 25th. Garbage only days in June are June 3rd & 4th and June 17th & 18th.

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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. Also if you are exempt from toter use and using the small recycle bins, please make sure

to bag your items to make it easier for the drivers to handle your recycles.

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.

BUFFALO BILL MUSEUM

Quad Cities Museum Week is June 13-21, 2015. The Buffalo Bill Museum will be giving tours of the Lone Star Wooden-Hull Steam-Powered Paddlewheel and viewing our latest exhibit a 1939 Chris Craft Speed Boat donated by the Suiter Estate all day of each week-end. We are participating in a "Passport" contest with Alexander Brownie Sod House, Buffalo Bill Cody Homestead, and Dan Nagle Walnut Grove Pioneer Village. Get your "Passport" stamped at each of the four Cody Trail locations to enter a drawing for a gift basket. Drop off the contest form at any of the four locations. **Saturday, June 20: The 8th Annual John Boesch Memorial Golf Outing** at the Olathea Golf Course to benefit the Buffalo Bill Museum. 18 hole, four-person, best ball tournament with 9am shotgun start. \$65/person includes cart, lunch, prizes at every hole, and free photo. There will be Mulligans available for purchase, a cash award on two flights, and a \$10,000 hole-in-one prize! Don't golf? You can enjoy lunch for \$7 and bid on all the great silent auction items. Contact Olathea at 563-289-4653, Packy Huettman at 563-289-5971, or Steve Suiter at 563-370-2386 for reservations.

CIVIC CLUB NEWS

Civic Club, Regular meeting Tuesday 23. Pot luck at 6:15 and meeting at 7pm. Look for us at the French Market Days, June 27th. We will be there with our Rib eye sandwiches and our Rada knives.

LECLAIRE RIVERFRONT FARMER'S MARKET

Farmers Market every Saturday from 3-6PM except Tug Fest. Fresh produce, handcrafts, food, live music, and free tractor rides. Don't miss out, join us!

FRENCH MARKET DAYS

French Market Days is coming! June 27th - 1PM -8PM. FREE "Tour de LeClaire" big wheel race, 3-6 year olds, 9-11AM. French Beer and wine tasting with live music, food, and fun!

LECLAIRE COMMUNITY LIBRARY

Library Closing Reminder: The Library will be closed Friday, July 3rd and Saturday, July 4th for Independence Day weekend. Regular hours resume Monday, July 6th. **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? Send us an email at library@leclaireiowa.gov and we'll happily extend your

checkout/waive late fees—we'd prefer this to damaged or stolen materials! **Summer Reading is here!** The LeClaire Library Superhero-themed Summer Reading program is June 1st-July 11th and is open to all ages. Registration starts May 18th online or at the library's circulation counter. For those choosing the online option, please give the library one full business day to process your request. Special events and programs for the month are listed below. **Adult Services: Escape the Ordinary Summer Reading Program:** Read 6 books and be entered into a grand-prized drawing! Sign-up at the Circulation counter or online through our website. **Brown-Bag Lunchtime Classics:** Escape 2015 and watch classic movies from the 30's, 40's and 60's! Tuesdays June 8th, 22nd and July 6th starting at 12pm. **Blood Drive:** Be a real-life hero to someone in need—donate blood! Pre-registration will be available at the library's Circulation counter at the beginning of June. Walk-ins will be accepted depending on availability. Monday, June 15th from 3-6pm. **TED Talk Tuesdays:** TED Talks were created to help spread ideas and inspire others in 20 minutes or less. Join us as we watch and discuss a TED Talk together. Tuesdays June 16th & 30th at 6pm. **Volunteer at the Library:** Want to get more involved with your community? Contact Circulation Manager Carina Mulcrone at cmulcrone@leclaireiowa.gov to learn more about volunteer opportunities for adults. **Book Club**—Join us the 4th Wednesday of each month in the fireplace room. This month we'll be reading *The Immortal Life of Henrietta Lacks* by Rebecca Skloot. 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. All are welcome! **Teen Services: Unmask! Summer Reading Program:** Broken down into three different levels, teens are challenged to read a minimum of 900 pages. Once a level is complete, stop by the library to pick up a prize. Once you're done, turn in your game card for a prize drawing entry or keep reading to earn bonus entries for the drawing! **Teen Craft: Unmask...the art!** Join us for a masking tape painting craft on Monday, June 8th from 6:30-7:30pm. **Wilderness Survival Basics with Nahant Marsh:** Can you survive in the wild? Find out with special guests from Nahant Marsh on June 11th at 2pm, Hollyhock Park. Rain location: Library. **TAG:** Teen Advisory Group (TAG) meets on the 3rd Thursday of each month from 6:30-7:30pm. All are welcome, and don't forget—your attendance earns you Service Learning Hours! June 18th. **Watch & Pop Teen Movie Afternoon:** Watch a movie and experiment with Pop Art! Light snacks will be served. Saturday, June 20th 11:30am **Teen Trivia:** Test your superhero knowledge (and more!) at this trivia and game night. Light snacks will be served. Monday, June 29th 6-7:30pm. **Children's Services: Every Hero Has a Story Summer**

Reading Program: Read 20 minutes a day to earn prizes and other incentives! This year we'll also be offering a Summer Reading program for babies and toddlers. **Crafternoons-** Get crafty at the library every Wednesday in June from 3-4pm! This drop-in program is open to all ages, but children under 7 may need caregiver's assistance. **Superhero Training Academy:** Calling all heroes! Kick off Summer Reading with superhero challenges and fun for the whole family. Costumes encouraged! All ages welcome. Thursday, June 4th, 6-7:30pm. **Storytime in the Park:** We'll read stories, sing songs, and get moving and grooving in this all-ages storytime! Join us at Hollyhock Park on Saturday, May 9th at 11am. Raining? Head to the library instead. Future Storytime in the Park dates: July 11th & August 8th. **Get Graphic!:** Discuss your favorite graphic novels and make your own at this comic workshop. Tuesday, June 9th from 3-4pm. **Toddler/PreK Superhero Ball:** Come in costume and dance the morning away! Wednesday, June 10th at 10:30am, in place of Toddle Time. ***Special Event: Wilderness Survival Basics with Nahant Marsh:** Can you survive in the wild? Special guests from Nahant Marsh will teach you the skills to be your own hero, Thursday, June 11th at 2pm at Hollyhock Park. **LEGO Club - Robots? Towers? Aliens?** See what building challenge is next on Fridays June 12th & 26th from 2-3pm. We provide the LEGOs, just bring yourself! For ages 7 & up **Watch It!** Watch a hero-themed movie on the library's new big screen Tuesday, June 16th at 2pm. All ages welcome. ***Special Event: Blank Park Zoo:** Faster than a speeding bullet! More powerful than a locomotive! Able to leap tall buildings in a single bound! Animals can do some amazing things—things only superheroes are capable of. Meet superhero-like animals from Blank Park Zoo on Thursday, June 18th at 1pm at the LeClaire Fire Department. **Superhero Science:** Is it possible to have super strength or speed? What about the powers of flight, invisibility, or immortality? Explore the science behind superpowers on Tuesday, June 23rd, from 3-4pm. For grades 3rd-6th. ***Special Event: Pint-Size Polka:** Join us for singing, dancing, and fun for the whole family on Thursday, June 25th at 2:30pm. Featuring musician Mike Schneider. ***Special Event: Magic Show with Rick Eugene:** Magician Rick Eugene is back with tricks new and old to amaze and awe! For all ages on Thursday, July 2nd at 2pm. **Superhero BINGO:** Feeling lucky? Have fun and win prizes at this all-ages, hero-themed

NOTICE: WEED ABATEMENT LAW

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.

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!!

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!!

LEEYON RITTER MEMORIAL EVENT

Saturday June 6th, 2015 There will be a 5K run beginning at 9:00 am at the PVJH. There will also be a 1 mile kids run. Registration is \$30.00 for Adults and \$20.00 for kids. <https://register.chronotrack.com/reg/form?eventID=12388> is the link to register (Please note the bike an bike/run portion are still on the registration site but have been canceled). Questions, please contact Barb Ritter at (309)781-5671. On Sunday June 7th, at the Crow Creek Softball Diamonds - mens & coed softball. USSSA rules. Non-sanctioned. D&E teams. 1 hour per game. Double elimination. \$175 entry fee. Coed and Mens will be run separate so guys can play each bracket. Winning team umps next game or for 20\$ we will provide an umpire. Contact Rob Dominacki 563-320-8133. Proceeds will go to the Sgt Leevon

Ritter Support Your Troops Resale Center operated by Operation Phantom Support.

MILESTONES CAFÉ

If you need reliable nutritious meals, are tired of cooking, or would like a new social opportunity...join us at the Milestone Café. Open three (3) days a week at the First Presbyterian Church, 200 South 12th Street, Mondays, Wednesdays, and Fridays at noon. Over age 60: \$3.50 donation. Under age 60: \$8.00 donation. To reserve a meal, call the area Agency on Aging at 563-324-9085. If you are home bound and cannot make it to the meal site, call the same number to receive home delivered meals.

LCHS ALL SCHOOL REUNION

LCHS All School Reunion - for all who attended LeClaire Township Schools before 1960. Guests Welcome. Saturday, July 18, 2015. Pleasant Valley Community School District High School Cafeteria, Belmont Road, Bettendorf, Iowa. Doors Open at 3:00PM. Buffet Dinner 5PM-7PM followed by Program at 7PM. Cost \$18.00 per person. Reservations Required. Questions? Contact Marie Spinsby (563) 289-4588. Commemorative T-Shirt available - Cost is \$10.00 each. Committee Members: Mary Ahlgren, Bob Brockhouse, Don Brown, Loretta Buchheit, Sandy Clark, Diane Moore, Darlene Nichols, Marsha Peters, Marie Spinsby, Sandy Steinke, Wayne Van Duzer, Dick Wales and Evelyn Wilson

AMERICAN LEGION MEMORIAL DAY SERVICES

The American Legion Buffalo Bill Post #347, the American Legion Buffalo Bill Post #347 Auxiliary, and the Pleasant Valley Community School District would like to extend an invitation for all to attend the Memorial Day Services beginning on Monday, May 25th at 10:30 AM at the LeClaire Glendale Cemetery. The placing of a wreath at the Glendale Cemetery's Flag Memorial will be followed by services conducted at Bridgeview Elementary School, LeClaire, at 11:00 M; speaker will be USMC Sgt. 1st Class Justin Graff. Join us as we honor those who have served. The American Legion, Buffalo Bill Post #347also has new flags for sale. If you would like to purchase a new flag - please call American Legion Comdr. Tom Bloomingdale at 563-289-4814 or 563-370-4785 for more information.

LECLAIRE CEMETARY NEWS

Warm weather is here and more children are traveling through the Cemetery. Parents, please be aware of your responsibility for their actions/behavior in the Cemetery. We have found Headstones lying on the ground. If you see anyone damaging Headstones or any other Cemetery property, please call the LeClaire Police Department.

CITY HALL INFORMATION

City Hall will be closed on Monday, May 25, 2015 in observance of Memorial Day. The next Bits & Pieces articles are due by Wednesday, June 10, 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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