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

MARCH 2016

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MAYOR

Ray Allen [12/31/17] 289-4242 Ext. 1111
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COUNCIL MEMBERS

Ryan Salvador [11/07/17] 289-4242 Ext. 1151
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Barry Long [12/31/17] 289-4242 Ext. 1152
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John Smith [11/07/17] 289-4242 Ext. 1155
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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. Take an interest, volunteer, and get involved in your City's future.

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, March 5, 2016 at 10:00 a.m. to 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

MARCH 2016

Recycling and Garbage days for March (in yellow) are March 2nd & 3rd and March 16th & 17th and March 30th and 31st. Garbage only days in March (in blue) are March 9th & 10th and March 23rd & 24th.

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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.

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.

MILESTONES CAFE'

If you: a) desire a new social opportunity, b) want nutritious meals at an affordable price, c) are tired of cooking or just want to get out of the house.....join us at the Milestones Cafe', offered three days a week right here in town. It's informal, pleasant, and economical! Details: When: Mondays, Wednesdays, and Fridays at 11:45AM. Where: First Presbyterian Church, 200 South 12th Street. Cost: 60+ years of age suggested donation \$3.50. Under 60, \$8.50 charged. Try us out! To sign up, call Milestones Area Agency on Aging at 1-855-410-6222. In addition, we deliver meals to homebound seniors. Call the number listed above for information about that program and to register for services.

LECLAIRE CIVIC CLUB NEWS

LECLAIRE CIVIC CLUB: Join us for Trivia the 3rd Saturday of every month until June. Yes we are having a special Trivia in June for the LeClaire Tourism Committee to contribute to new Christmas decorations in LeClaire, join us. Call Debbie, 563-349-4403, or email smith5grand@gmail.com. Look for details on our Annual Swiss Steak Dinner on April 9th.

BUFFALO BILL MUSEUM

Winter blues? Come visit the museum. Acquaint yourself with LeClaire Historical Homes. No better place to spend a winter day than at the museum. For more information call 563-289-5580.

LECLAIRE COMMUNITY LIBRARY

Library Closing Dates: The Library will be closed Friday, March 25th and Saturday, March 26th for Easter Weekend. **Adult Services: Introduction to Fly Fishing**—Join us as the Hawkeye Fly Fishing Association presents a general introduction to fly fishing on Saturday, March 5th at 10am. The presentation will include a brief history of the sport, information on local fish species, as well as fishing gear guidance and advice. No reservations needed! **Lifelong Learning:** Thursday, March 10th at 10am. The LeClaire Community Library is excited to announce that we are now partnering with Home Bound Healthcare to provide monthly community outreach programs. Programs will

include activities, events, and educational presentations geared towards the older adult. Lifelong learning Programs will be held on the second Thursday of each month at 10am. **Book Club:** Our next book club meeting will take place on March 23rd at 6:30pm in the Fireplace Room. We will discuss the *Station Eleven* by Emily St. John Mandel. Books are available at the circulation counter for check-out. **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 March 17th at 6:30pm. Grades 7th-12th only. **Children's Services: Early Release LEGO Club:** Robots? Towers? Aliens? See what building challenge is next on early-release Wednesday, March 2nd from 3:30-4:30pm. We provide the LEGOs, just bring yourself! For ages 7 & up. **Wednesday Morning Toddler Time is BACK!** Toddler Time will resume on Wednesday mornings at 10:30am—a storytime specifically designed for babies and toddlers. Can't join us Wednesday mornings? Toddler Time also takes place at 10:30am on Friday mornings and Family Storytime takes place at 6:30pm. **Stay Tuned...** More Children's programming TBD. Stop by the library and pick up an updated Youth Services Calendar at the end of the month!

LECLAIRE OFFICE OF TOURISM

Friday, March 4, 5:30-8pm: First Friday in Downtown LeClaire. **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>

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

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.

2016 PET TAGS

Pet licenses for the year 2016 are on sale now. 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.

E-BILLING PROGRAM

You can have your utility bill delivered via e-mail. This will save the City money on postage, paper, ink, wear and tear on our printers, etc. thereby keeping sewer and garbage charges down. If you are interested in receiving your bill via e-mail, please send an email to jphares@leclaireiowa.gov, giving her your billing address and the e-mail address you want your utility bill to be sent and she will update your account. Thank you for your consideration in using this program.

LECLAIRE PARK & REC COMMISSION NEWS

Join us for fun and fellowship as we celebrate Spring! This is a FREE event, and will take place Saturday, March 26th from 11:00-1:00 at Hollyhock Park (located on Jones Street). Hunt for 5,000 Easter Eggs, visit with the Easter Bunny, enjoy live music, a bounce house, and free food! This event is sponsored by the Le Claire Park and Recreation Commission. Please contact Barb at 563-340-1553 with any questions, or if you would like to donate to the event. See you there!

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.

BOARD OF ADJUSTMENT VACANCY

The LeClaire Board of Adjustment is now soliciting and accepting applications for Board membership. The Board of Adjustment is a "quasi-judicial" board created by the City of LeClaire in accordance with Iowa Code Chapter 414. It is an independent volunteer board consisting of five (5) members who serve five (5) year, staggered terms. The Board's duties include deciding on requests for variances, special permits and exceptions from the LeClaire Zoning Ordinance, and appeals of decisions of the City's Zoning Administrator. The Board meets on an "on-call, as-needed" basis (when applications are filed) on the 1st and 3rd Thursday of each month at 7:00 p.m. at the LeClaire City Hall. The Board will have a vacancy for a Member as of March 2016 any and all residents are invited and encouraged to apply. Only applications

submitted using the City's standard "COMMITTEE/BOARD MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION" form (available in hard copy format at City Hall or

electronically by email inquiry) accompanied by a personal resume will be reviewed and considered.



CITY HALL INFORMATION

City Hall will be closed on Friday, March 25, 2016 in observance of Good Friday. The next Bits & Pieces articles are due by Wednesday, March 16, 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.



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