

# "BITS and PIECES"



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

## MARCH 2017

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### MAYOR

**Ray Allen** [12/31/17] 289-4242 Ext. 1111  
E-mail: [rallen@leclaireiowa.gov](mailto:rallen@leclaireiowa.gov) Please feel free to call City Hall and leave a message for either myself or the particular council member that you wish to speak to. Your call will be returned as soon as possible.

### COUNCIL MEMBERS

**Ryan Salvador** [11/07/17] 289-4242 Ext. 1151  
E-mail: [rsalvador@leclaireiowa.gov](mailto:rsalvador@leclaireiowa.gov) Duties: Park and Rec Commission Liaison (includes Levee), Library Board of Trustee Liaison.

**Barry Long** [12/31/17] 289-4242 Ext. 1152  
E-mail: [blong@leclaireiowa.gov](mailto:blong@leclaireiowa.gov) Duties: Liaison to the Tourism Board & Civic Groups & Downtown Businesses.

**Dennis Gerard** [12/31/19] 289-4242 Ext. 1153  
E-mail: [dgerard@leclaireiowa.gov](mailto:dgerard@leclaireiowa.gov) Duties: Finance and Economic Development, Strategic Plans, I.T., and Chamber.

**Jason Wentland** [12/31/19] 289-4242 Ext. 1154  
E-mail: [jwentland@leclaireiowa.gov](mailto:jwentland@leclaireiowa.gov) Duties: MAYOR PRO-TEM, Public Safety Liaison, and Pleasant Valley School Liaison.

**John Smith** [11/07/17] 289-4242 Ext. 1155  
E-mail: [jsmith@leclaireiowa.gov](mailto:jsmith@leclaireiowa.gov) Duties: Planning & Zoning & Board of Adjustment Liaison, Ordinances and Policies; Utilities [Sewer and Garbage], Streets, and Public Works Liaison.

### LECLAIRE OFFICE OF TOURISM

**Fri., Mar. 3, 5:30-8pm:** First Friday in downtown LeClaire. **Sat., Mar. 18, 7pm:** Trivia at the Civic Center benefits the LeClaire Civic Center. \$10 per person; 8 people to a team. Call or email Debbie Smith to reserve your table: 563-349-4403 / [Smith5grand@gmail.com](mailto:Smith5grand@gmail.com). **Wine Hop** tickets on sale at 129; cash only. Event is Sat., Apr. 29. **Find details on LeClaire events at:** [www.visitleclaire.com/events.html](http://www.visitleclaire.com/events.html) **Upcoming April Events:** 7 First Friday, 15 Trivia at Civic Center, 22 Cars & Coffee, 29 Wine Hop. **LECLAIRE INFORMATION CENTER VOLUNTEERS NEEDED:** Please share your knowledge and love of LeClaire with our visitors! Contact Cindy Bruhn at [info@visitleclaire.com](mailto:info@visitleclaire.com) or 563-650-7963 to volunteer.

## GARBAGE & RECYCLING PICKUP SCHEDULE

### MARCH 2017

Recycling and Garbage days for March (in yellow) are March 1<sup>st</sup> & 2<sup>nd</sup>, March 15<sup>th</sup> & 16<sup>th</sup> and March 29<sup>th</sup> & 30<sup>th</sup>. Garbage only days in March (in blue) are March 8<sup>th</sup> & 9<sup>th</sup>, and March 22<sup>nd</sup> & 23<sup>rd</sup>.

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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.

### GARBAGE RATE INCREASE

Effective with your February 2017 utility bill, the monthly service charge for garbage will be increasing \$.50/month. The new service charge rates for all regular customers is \$15.50 a month, and \$14.50 for elderly residents.

## E-BILLING PROGRAM

You can have your utility bill delivered via e-mail. If you are interested in receiving your bill via e-mail, please send an email to [jphares@leclaireiowa.gov](mailto: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 COMMUNITY LIBRARY

**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](mailto:library@leclaireiowa.gov) and we'll happily extend your checkout/waive late fees. **Adopt-A-Shelf:** Want to volunteer at the library, but never feel like you have the time? Try our Adopt-a-Shelf program! Participants can choose a section of the library they'd like to maintain and come in on their own time to make sure it looks neat and is shelved correctly! It's easy, fast, and it's a huge help to the library staff. Stop by the front desk or email [afry@leclaireiowa.gov](mailto:afry@leclaireiowa.gov) for more information. **Adult Services: Lifelong Learning: Ways to Reduce Stress—(Sponsored by Home Bound Healthcare)** Join us for our Lifelong Learning series featuring activities, events, and educational presentations geared towards the older adult. This month's program, *Ways to Reduce Stress*, will take place Thursday, March 9<sup>th</sup> at 10am. **Cooking with Catalina: Desserts—**Learn how to make homemade Chocoflan and Mosaic Jello! Recipe sheets will be given out along with tasty samples. Class size limited to 18. Adults only. March 11<sup>th</sup> at 11am. **Adult Book Club—**This month we will be reading *The Light Between Oceans* by M.L. Stedman. Books are available for check out at the library's circulation counter AND are now available as an eBook through our RiverShare Digital Library Catalog. March 22<sup>nd</sup> at 6:30pm. **Senior Outreach: Off-site Checkout—**The LeClaire Library will be partnering with the Milestones Senior Meal Center to provide off-site item checkout! Checkout will be available the last Wednesday of each month at the First Presbyterian Church. March 29<sup>th</sup> at 11:45am. **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. March 31<sup>st</sup> at 2pm. **YA Services: Biblioteens—**Love to talk books? Can't decide what to read? Want free pizza? Come to the library for a new kind of book club—you read what you want, then we share our most loved (or hated) of the month! Best for 7<sup>th</sup> grade & up. Join us March 2<sup>nd</sup> at 4:30pm. **Teen Video Contest Premiere Party—**Last month you created a video for Teen Tech Week; now it is time to get together to vote on the winners! Come to the Putnam Museum to watch the videos on the big

screen, eat pizza, & vote on your favorite submissions. This event is free of charge. Join us March 7<sup>th</sup> at 6:00pm.

**Teen Advisory Group (TAG)—**Help plan cool events, request new library materials, eat snacks, & get the inside scoop on what's happening at the library! Don't forget—your attendance earns you service learning hours & looks great on college applications! For 7<sup>th</sup> grade & up. Join us on March 16<sup>th</sup> at 4:30-5:30pm. **Cupcake Wars—**Come decorate cupcakes at the library! See if you have what it takes to decorate the most delicious/unique/unusual cupcake ever! We'll provide the cupcakes & the toppings (like frosting, candy, sprinkles, &...bacon bits?). Participants will leave with a tasty treat. Best for ages 10 & up. Join us Wednesday, March 22<sup>nd</sup> at 4:30pm.

## BUFFALO BILL MUSEUM

Celebrate Buffalo Bill's Birthday! Sunday, February 26, 2017 Time: Noon - 4pm. Free admission for this event. Join the Buffalo Bill Museum in LeClaire Iowa to celebrate the birthday of their native son Buffalo Bill Cody. Buffalo Bill Cody was born February 26th 1848 in Scott County, Iowa. Buffalo Bill was a Pony Express Rider and a civil war hero before starring in own Wild West Show! Also visit the other great exhibits at the museum such as: the Lone Star, a wooden hull steam powered paddle wheel, Native American artifacts, and exhibits featuring 1900's ladies fashion, life on Mississippi, riverboat pilots, a 1939 Chris Craft speed boat and many more fascinating displays. For more information the press may contact Beth Peters 309-737-6150 or email: [Contacts@buffalobillmuseumleclaire.com](mailto:Contacts@buffalobillmuseumleclaire.com)

## CIVIC CLUB NEWS

LECLAIRE CIVIC CLUB: The Civic Club will be hosting a Potato Bar and Salad Bar Dinner, public welcome. Cost is \$7 and serving from 4:30 to 6:30 pm. Free Karaoke starting at 7pm after dinner. Join us for Trivia the 3rd Saturday of every month until May. March 18th supports QC Cruisers. Call Debbie, 563-349-4403, or email [smith5grand@gmail.com](mailto:smith5grand@gmail.com) to reserve a table. The annual meeting for the Civic Club will be March 28th. Come and listen to the annual reports. Our Annual Swiss Steak Dinner will be on April 22nd, 4:30 to 6:30pm. Consider renting the club for your upcoming graduation parties, book now by contacting Debbie at 563-349-4403.

## 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!!!!

#### **BUDGET PREPARATION SCHEDULE** **FISCAL YEAR 2017-2018**

**FEBRUARY 23, 2017** – City Administrator submits F.Y. '17-'18 budget adoption public hearing notice to Q.C. Times for publication on March 2, 2017 for hearing/adoption on March 13, 2017.

**FEBRUARY 25, 2017** – **POTENTIAL** Special Committee-of-the-Whole meeting to be used exclusively as a budget workshop session. (8:00 a.m. to noon - **SATURDAY**)

**MARCH 6, 2017** – **F.Y. '16-'17 Budget Amendment (Re-estimation) P.H.** & Regularly scheduled Council meeting. (7:00 p.m.)

**MARCH 6, 2017** – Committee-of-the-Whole meeting (Immediately following Regular Meeting) used exclusively as a budget workshop session.

**MARCH 11, 2017** – **POTENTIAL** Special Committee-of-the-Whole meeting to be used exclusively as a budget workshop session. (8:00 a.m. to noon - **SATURDAY**)

**MARCH 13, 2017** - 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, 2017** - City Administrator certifies formal budget to County Auditor by 5:00 p.m. on this date.

**MARCH 16, 2017 TO JULY 1, 2017** - City Administrator collects and organizes all budget preparation information to be processed and bound into official copies of the F.Y. '17 - '18 City Budget Packet.

#### **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. **The Planning & Zoning Commission is recruiting to fill a vacancy on the Planning & Zoning Commission.** They are currently looking for female candidates but are accepting applications from any person interested in serving on the Planning & Zoning Commission. **The Board of Adjustment is recruiting to fill a vacancy on the Board of Adjustment.** They are currently looking for male candidates but are accepting applications from any person interested in serving on the Planning & Zoning Commission. Applications for both Boards will be accepted until March 23, 2017. If you would like to be considered for volunteer service on either of these Committees/Boards or any other Committee or Board, 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.

#### **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.

#### **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.

#### **LECLAIRE CITY COUNCIL VACANCY**

You are hereby notified by the City Council of the City of LeClaire, Iowa, that Council Member Ryan Salvador has resigned his Council seat effective February 21, 2017. The LeClaire City Council intends to fill this vacancy by appointment pursuant to Resolution #17-026 on Monday, April 3, 2017 at 7:00 p.m. in the LeClaire City Hall Council Chambers.

All persons interested in being appointed to this vacancy are requested to submit a committee membership application form (available at City Hall or on the City' website – [www.leclaireiowa.gov](http://www.leclaireiowa.gov) ) along with a general letter of interest to the City Clerk at 325 Wisconsin Street, LeClaire, Iowa 52753 by the close of business (5:00 p.m. local time) on Wednesday, March 15, 2017. Application reviews, applicant interviews, and presentations will be conducted at the City Council Committee-of-the-Whole meeting on Monday, March 20, 2017. Notice is further given that this appointment shall be for the period until the next pending election (November 7, 2017). 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 (14) days after the publication of this Notice or within fourteen (14) days after the appointment is made, whichever is later. This notice is published pursuant to the provisions of the Iowa Code Section 372.13. If you have any questions, please contact the LeClaire City Clerk's office at 563-289-4242.

#### **CITY HALL INFORMATION**

The next Bits & Pieces articles are due by Wednesday, March 15, 2017. They can be sent via email to [Bits@leclaireiowa.gov](mailto: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