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FROM YOUR CITY HALL



MARCH 2010

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HELP! STAND UP LECLAIRE!!!

Please fill out your census information and send it in as soon as possible. The city needs everybody to be counted. The more accurate the census is the more money the city gets from the state. We have been on the short end for about 5 years. The road use fund has been in a deficit. The right numbers will also help our general fund, so **PLEASE** fill it out when you get it. If by chance you don't get one or have not been contacted call city hall!

Mayor BOB



SENIOR UTILITY NOTICE

All seniors who are eligible for the senior discount need to submit proof of income for the year 2009 by May 15, 2010 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 2009 are \$16,245 for a single resident or \$21,855 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.



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 charge for abating weed nuisances will be \$75.00/hour for the first employee and \$30.00/hour for each additional employee, 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.



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 the City's main phone # **289-4242 and pressing 3&6**. 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 BOYS 4H CLUB CARD PARTY

The LeClaire Boy's 4H Club will be hosting their Annual Card Party Friday, March 12, 2010 at the Pleasant Valley Junior High. Doors open at 5:30. Admission is \$5 per person and includes a sandwich dinner with dessert and drink, your choice of playing either 500 or Euchre, and tons of prizes awarded. Dinner at 5:30 - Cards start at 6:30. Raffle tickets will be sold and a 50/50 raffle held. This event is open to the public. Come out and support your local 4H!



HOUSE NEEDED FOR LECLAIRE FIRE DEPARTMENT TRAINING

The LeClaire Fire Department needs your help. Your Fire Department is attempting to locate any houses that could be utilized for training purposes (practice burns). These house(s) would provide the volunteers with the most important training possible, that of Firefighting experience. If you have a house or know someone who has, please call the LeClaire Fire Chief at (563) 289-4242 Ext. 1411.



LIBRARY NEWS

Congratulations to the 12-member “Team LeClaire” for reading over 14,000 minutes during the January “Teen Read” competition. Participants were from the Iltis, Kulp, Oppel and Wilhite families, and Philip Wilhite was the overall winner with 2,000 minutes. Each participant received a gift card from the Friends of the Library. Starting in early March, our Spring Reading Program will run for one month, with awards given to each child who reads 20 minutes a day. With spring and baseball in the air, we promise the program will be a “hit” for those who take part! As a safety measure, the LeClaire library coordinates its severe weather schedule with Pleasant Valley School. If school is cancelled because of snow or road conditions, the library will also be closed. If weather causes early school dismissal or cancellation of evening events, the library will close at 5 PM. Watch for two upcoming programs in mid April—a program on fly-fishing and how to tie flies, and a reading and discussion program with Iowa author, John Price. To put new books or movies on reserve, or to renew items, contact the library or go online to the library's website at: www.leclairelibrary.org. The heading “Prairie Cat” gives you access to the online catalog where you use the number from your library card and the last 4-digits of your card number as your pin. Just call us if you need assistance. We're open 10-8 Mon.-Thur.; 10-5 on Fri. and 10-2 on Sat. The library is extension 4 on the City phone: 289-4242. Thanks for remembering to pay your fines at our library and for donating your used books and magazines for others to enjoy!



THE MAYOR OF LECLAIRE & LECLAIRE TOURISM BRIDGE SUMMIT: The Mayor of LeClaire and LeClaire Tourism would like to invite its citizens, organizations & businesses to the LeClaire Bridge Summit. We are inviting you to come to the LeClaire Firehouse, 201 N. 15th St., on Thursday - February 25, 2010 at 7PM to take part in a summit of idea's regarding this year's bridge closure. On April 5, 2010, once again the I-80 bridge will be shut down and we would like to meet with citizens, organizations & businesses to relay our thoughts and hear your idea's to help our city move forward during this closure. If you have any questions, please email Donna Walley, Tourism Manager at walleyworld1@gmail.com.

AMERICAN PICKERS: Reminder to watch LeClaire's own Mike Wolfe on his new cable TV show called "American Pickers" on The History Channel. New episodes premiere on Mondays at 8 p.m. Tune in and follow the amazing stories of the "American Pickers" as they scour the country and meet quirky characters while looking for hidden antique treasures in basements, garages and barns.

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED FOR MAY MARKET DAYS: We need you! Are you organized? Can you sing, play guitar, do magic, juggle, create balloon animals or face paint? Do you want to get involved with helping your city? Then volunteer to help with LeClaire's events, including May Market Days and more. If interested, please e-mail Donna Walley, Tourism Manager, at walleyworld1@gmail.com.

MARK YOUR CALENDAR! 2010 GARAGE SALE DAYS ON JUNE 4-5: LECLAIRE CITY-WIDE GARAGE SALE DAYS are scheduled for Friday and Saturday, June 4-5, 2010. If you'd like to be a part of this year's Garage Sale Days, please e-mail Donna Walley at walleyworld@gmail.com with your name, address, e-mail and phone number.



2010 – 2011 STREET LIGHT PROGRAM

The City Council of the City of LeClaire, Iowa will conduct a Public Hearing on Monday, March 1, 2010, at 7:00 p.m. (local time) in the LeClaire City Council Chambers located at 325 Wisconsin Street, LeClaire, for the purpose of receiving comments on the proposed 2010-2011 Street Lighting Program. Any and all residents are invited and encouraged to attend and to present comments either orally, in writing, or both at said time and place described above. For more information, please feel free to contact City Hall at any time.



LECLAIRE PARK BOARD/LCIC

The Park Committee and the LeClaire Community Improvement Corp., will be holding their monthly can collection (5 cent deposit cans) fundraiser on Saturday, March 6th from 10:00 a.m. - Noon. The cans are collected on N. 3rd Street across from the Veteran's Memorial Baseball Complex from November through March. If possible clean cans are greatly appreciated. For at-home pickup of cans/bottles at any time, call 563-289-5763, and leave your name and phone number so convenient times can be arranged. The Park Board's portion of the proceeds from this fundraiser will be used for current and future park improvements. The LeClaire Community Improvement portion of the fundraiser proceeds will be utilized for maintenance of the building.



CITY HALL INFORMATION

The next Bits & Pieces articles are due by Wednesday, March 10, 2010. These can be sent electronically to wbloomingdale@leclaireiowa.gov, by fax to (563) 289-6010, by mail or hand delivery to 325 Wisconsin Street, from 8:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m., Monday thru Friday.



**BUDGET PREPARATION SCHEDULE
FISCAL YEAR 2010-2011**

FEBRUARY 18, 2010 – City Administrator submits public hearing notice to Q.C. Times for publication.

FEBRUARY 20, 2010 – **POTENTIAL** Special Committee-of-the-Whole meeting to be used exclusively as a budget workshop session. (8:00 a.m. to noon)

FEBRUARY 22, 2010 - Committee-of-the-Whole meeting to be used exclusively as a budget workshop session. (7:00 p.m.)

FEBRUARY 27, 2010 – **POTENTIAL** Special Committee-of-the-Whole meeting to be used exclusively as a budget workshop session. (8:00 a.m. to noon)

MARCH 1, 2010 - Regularly scheduled Council meeting. (7:00 p.m.)

MARCH 8, 2010 - 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, 2010 - City Administrator certifies formal budget to County Auditor by 5:00 p.m. on this date.

MARCH 16, 2010 TO JULY 1, 2010 - City Administrator collects and organizes all budget preparation information to be processed and bound into official copies of the F.Y. '10 - '11 City Budget Packet.



LECLAIRE PARK BOARD SURVEY

The Le Claire Park Board needs your input in the development of Huckleberry Park. Please complete this survey and submit to Le Claire City Hall, Huckleberry Park Survey, 325 Wisconsin Street – P.O. BOX 605 – LE CLAIRE, IA 52753-0605 or email your preferences to wbloomingdale@leclaireiowa.gov or complete this survey online at www.leclaireiowa.gov. Huckleberry Park is located at 15th Street and Iowa Drive (by the Water Tower), Please rank the types of amenities you would like developed at this park and please list any development that you would like to have considered that is not listed.

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| Ranking | Amenity |
| _____ | Playground Equipment |
| _____ | Basketball Court |
| _____ | Tennis Court |
| _____ | Soccer Field |
| _____ | Soccer/Baseball Field (Multi-Use) |
| _____ | 2 Adult Softball Fields |
| _____ | Adult Softball Field |
| _____ | Volleyball Court |
| _____ | Flowers and shrubs |
| _____ | Community Vegetable/Flower Garden |
| _____ | Walking Trails |
| _____ | Health Trail |
| _____ | Bike Path |
| _____ | Outdoor Amphitheatre |
| _____ | Picnic Shelter |
| _____ | Picnic Tables |
| _____ | Park Benches |
| _____ | Water Fountain |
| _____ | Restroom |
| _____ | Skate Park |
| _____ | Playground Equipment for toddlers |
| _____ | Frisbee Golf |
| _____ | Dog Park |

Optional Contact Name _____
 Address _____
 Phone# _____ E-mail _____

Reminder: The Park Board will be holding a Public Meeting at the LeClaire Fire Department on Saturday, February 27, 2010 at 10AM for the purpose of receiving public input on the Huckleberry Park Development.

Please return this survey by February 26, 2010 Thank you!



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 POLICE 911
 FIRE 911
 AMBULANCE 911
 POLICE NON-EMERGENCY REQUEST FOR SERVICE 326-8628
 POLICE NON-EMERGENCY ADMINISTRATIVE 289-4242