

"BITS and PIECES"



FROM YOUR CITY HALL
325 Wisconsin Street
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MAY 2015

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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

May 1: Enjoy First Friday, 5:30-8pm, downtown LeClaire!
May 5: Celebrate Cinco De Mayo downtown. **May 8:** Trivia Night Fundraiser at Snow Lodge 44, 113 S. Cody Rd. General knowledge trivia with a Hippie themed costume contest! Silent auction, raffles, and door prizes. Snacks will be available for purchase or bring your own. Doors open at 6pm; trivia at 6:30pm. \$10 per person; 8 people per table. Please reserve your table today: crousefamily@windstream.net or 563-940-8923.
May 10: Celebrate Mother's Day with brunch at local restaurants. **May 16:** Trivia at the LeClaire Civic Center. Call Debbie at 563-349-4403 or email smith5grand@gmail.com to reserve a table. **June 5-6:** Citywide Garage Sales. Go to http://www.visitleclaire.com/garage_sale_signup.html now to include your info. on the Garage Sale Guide. **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>

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, May 2, 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.

BUFFALO BILL MUSEUM

Buffalo Bill Museum is celebrating Spring. We have been busy with giving free tours to area school children. We hear very good comments from them and have received many Thank You letters which we enjoy. Soon the LeClaire High School Reunion will be here. Come and visit and see all the school memorabilia we have on display.

In June we will be celebrating Museum Week with the other area museums. Watch for details in the next Bit & Pieces.

GARBAGE & RECYCLING PICKUP SCHEDULE MAY 2015

Recycling and Garbage days for May are May 13th & 14th and May 28th and 29th. Garbage only days in May are May 6th & 7th and May 20th & 21st.

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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.

CIVIC CLUB NEWS

Last trivia of the season is May 16th, come out and enjoy our new roomy setup. May 19th is your one last chance for 10:30 Bunco till fall. Look for our Rada knives at the Farmers Market this summer. Due to popular requests we are planning another great Ribeye Dinner so keep watching in your Bits n Pieces! Farmers market every Saturday except TugFest. Produce, handcrafts, food and music on the levee from 3-6Pm. Don't miss out, join us!

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.

LECLAIRE COMMUNITY LIBRARY

Library Closing Reminder: The Library will be closed Monday, May 25th for Memorial Day. **Friends of the Library Book Sale:** Join us Friday, May 1st from 10am-5pm and Saturday, May 2nd from 10am-3pm for the Friends of the Library Book Sale. Already a Friends Member? Join us for a Book Sale Sneak-Peak night April 30th starting at 6:30pm and get first dibs on the best deals! **Children's Book Week Author Visit:** We are excited to announce Children's Author Michelle Nelson-Schmidt will be visiting our library on May 6th at 5:30pm for a very special event. Michelle is a fantastic, engaging speaker, and has written several children's books including *Jonathan James and the What if Monster* and *Bob is a Unicorn*. This event is free and open to all ages, but preschool and early elementary school-aged children will find this event the most entertaining. **Adult Services: Book Club**—Join us the 4th Wednesday of each month in the fireplace room. This month we'll be reading *We Are All Completely Beside Ourselves* by Mary Joy Fowler. 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: TAG:** Teen Advisory Group (TAG) meets on the 3rd Thursday of each month from 4-5pm. All are welcome, and don't forget—your attendance earns you Service Learning Hours! **Maker Monday:** Come to the library for some DIY fun at this teen only event. We'll provide the materials, you turn them into something awesome. Need a little more direction? We'll have a surprise project for you

to create. Monday, May 11th from 6:30-7:30pm. Open to 6th-12th grades only. **School's Out! Movie & Craft-** Celebrate the start of summer vacation with a matinee showing of *Mockingjay: Part 1* and a *Hunger Games*-themed craft! For 6th-12th graders only on Friday, May 29th from 2-4:30pm. **Children's Services: Crafternoon-** Get crafty at the library on early-release Wednesdays! Drop-by between 3-4pm on Wednesday, May 6th. All ages are welcome, but children under 7 may require a caregiver's assistance. This month we will decorate rock creatures. **LEGO Club - Robots? Towers? Aliens?** See what building challenge is next on Friday, May 8th from 3:30-4:30pm. We provide the LEGOs, just bring yourself! For ages 7 & up. **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: June 6th, July 11th, and August 8th. **Stuffed Animal Sleepover:** Wear your PJs and bring along your favorite stuffed pal to this special bedtime storytime on Thursday, May 14th at 6:30pm. Afterwards, tuck your friends in. Pick them up anytime on May 15th and see what fun they had at their library sleepover! **World Record Challenges-** Learn all about Guinness World records! Think you've got what it takes to break a record? How many hula-hoops can you spin? Can you jump rope on one foot? Balance a book on your head? There will be world record activities for you to try out yourself. Monday, May 18th from 6:30-7:30pm. Grades 1st-5th. **Preschool Explorers-** Explore a new science-based theme each month with a short storytime, followed by several hands-on, exploratory stations. This month's topic is all about building things Thursday, May 28th at 10:30 am or 6:30pm. Best for ages 3-6 years old. Please note, Preschool Explorers will take a break after this month and return in the fall.

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!!

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.

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 AM; speaker will be USMC Sgt. 1st Class Justin Graff. Join us as we honor those who have served. The American Legion, Buffalo Bill Post #347 also 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.

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, May 13, 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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POLICE 911
FIRE 911
AMBULANCE 911
POLICE NON-EMERGENCY REQUEST FOR SERVICE 388-3904
POLICE NON-EMERGENCY ADMINISTRATIVE 289-4242