

"BITS and PIECES"



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

MAY 2016

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MAYOR

Ray Allen [12/31/17] 289-4242 Ext. 1111
E-mail: ralen@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. Duties: Park and Rec Commission Liaison (includes Levee), Streets: (maintenance, repair, construction, etc.) Alternate for Public Works other than Streets.

Barry Long [12/31/17] 289-4242 Ext. 1152
E-mail: blong@leclaireiowa.gov. Duties: Utilities [Sewer, Garbage, Hydroelectric, I.T.T.]and Liaison to the Tourism Board & Civic Groups.

Dennis Gerard [12/31/19] 289-4242 Ext. 1153
E-mail: dgerard@leclaireiowa.gov Duties: Finance and Economic Development.

Jason Wentland [12/31/19] 289-4242 Ext. 1154
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John Smith [11/07/17] 289-4242 Ext. 1155
E-mail: jsmith@leclaireiowa.gov Duties: Library Board of Trustee Liaison, Planning & Zoning & Board of Adjustment Liaison, Ordinances and Policies; Public Works Liaison (Other than Streets, (Includes Snow Removal), and Alternate for Streets.

BUFFALO BILL MUSEUM

Thank you to everyone who attended our Open House in April. 272 people visited and we heard great comments from all the visitors. Thank you to everyone who worked and donated cookies. We are open Monday-Saturday 9 am to 5 pm and Sunday's Noon to 5 pm. If you are interested in joining or volunteering, contact the museum at 563-289-5580 for more information.

LECLAIRE CIVIC CLUB

We would like to thank everyone who attended and helped with our Annual Swiss Steak Dinner. There would not be a great place like the Civic Center without support

from the Community. Come visit us on Wednesday mornings for breakfast, 3rd Tuesday of the month for Bunco and the 3rd Saturday for Trivia. For more information email smith5grand@gmail.com.

GARBAGE & RECYCLING PICKUP SCHEDULE

MAY 2016

Recycling and Garbage days for May (**in yellow**) are May 11th & 12th and May 25th & 26th. Garbage only days in May (**in blue**) are May 4th & 5th and May 18th & 19th.

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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.

LECLAIRE COMMUNITY LIBRARY

Library Closing: The Library will be closed Monday, May 30th in observance of Memorial Day. **Library Trustee Vacancies:** The LeClaire Community Library Board of

Trustees are looking to appoint multiple new library trustees with terms starting July 1st, 2016. Contact Library Director Jillian Aschliman at jaschliman@leclaireiowa.gov for more information about the role of a library trustee and the application process. **Adult Services: Basics of Vegetable Gardening and More --Sponsored by ISU Scott County Extension Master Gardeners:** Master Gardener Tom Monroe will share helpful tips on starting, maintaining, and getting the most out of your vegetable garden on Saturday, May 14th at 11am. **Lifelong Learning-- Sponsored by Home Bound Healthcare:** Join us the second Thursday of each month for our Lifelong Learning series, a program featuring activities, events, and educational presentations geared towards the older adult. Our next event will take place Thursday, May 12th at 10am. **Adult Book Club:** Join us on the Wednesday, May 25th at 6:30pm in the fireplace room to discuss this month's book selection *Their Eyes Were Watching God* by Zora Neal Hurston. Books are available at the library's circulation counter free of cost AND as an eBook through our RiverShare Digital Library Catalog. **Discovering Your Family Tree - Sponsored by Iowa Genealogy Society:** Curious about your family History? Theresa Liewer, President of the Iowa Genealogy Society, will present tips on: locating resources, evaluating and citing sources, helpful software programs, organizing documents, and accessing websites on Saturday, May 28th at 11am. **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 May 19th at 6:30pm. Grades 7th-12th only. **Teen Movie Night - Mockingjay pt. II:** Calling all teens ready to root for Katniss, Peeta, and Gale in their mission to liberate the citizens of Panem and get rid of President Snow in the final installment of the Hunger Games movie franchise! Watch the movie and make a fun Hunger Games-themed craft on Thursday, May 26th at 5:45pm. For grades 6-12. **Children's Services: Early Release LEGO Club:** School's out early? Let your imagination soar at LEGO Club! Find out what building challenge is waiting for you 3-4pm on Wednesday, May 4th...and may the fourth be with you. This program is best for children aged 7 and up. **Preschool Explorers:** Explore a new science-based theme each month with a short storytime following by several hands-on exploratory stations. Welcome back this program on Thursday May 12th at 6:30pm! Our theme this month is the water cycle. This program is best for children aged 3-7. **Storytime in the Park:** Join us for a special outdoor storytime! We'll read stories, sing songs, and get moving & grooving in this all-ages storytime. Join us at Hollyhock Park on two **Saturdays** this month—**May**

7th and 21st at 11am. Raining? Head to the library instead. **Dough It Yourself:** Playdough is fun for all ages, but it can get expensive. Find a way around that in this DIY playdough workshop! Follow a simple recipe and personalize your very own playdough that you can take home with you. This program is on Friday, May 20th at 3:45pm. For 3rd graders and up. **Kid Book Club:** Join us for the next 4th-6th grade book club meeting. Pick up a copy of this month's book, *A Tangle of Knots* by Lisa Graff at the library. Bring a sack lunch or a snack to munch on while we chat about the book and participate in fun activities. No parents or younger siblings, please. Saturday May 21st, 12-1pm.

LECLAIRE OFFICE OF TOURISM

Friday, May 6, 5:30-8pm: First Friday in Downtown LeClaire including a Hat Contest & Parade with prizes. **Saturday, May 28, 1pm:** The City of Baton Rouge, the Twilight's dock boat, is turning 100 this year and they are having a FREE party! Come celebrate with the captain and crew, see the history of the vessel, and enjoy light refreshments. Please RSVP to info@riverboattwilght.com. **Openings for Retail & Event Representatives on the LeClaire Tourism Board.** If you are a full-time manager or owner of a LeClaire retail business and are interested in representing all LeClaire retail businesses or are in charge of an event that takes place in LeClaire and are interested in representing all LeClaire events, please contact City Hall or info@visitleclaire.com for an application and return it by 8:30am on June 3, 2016. You must be able to attend monthly meetings that are held at City Hall on the first Monday of the month at 8:30am and understand LeClaire Tourism's mission statement: "The purpose of the LeClaire Office of Tourism is to bring visitors and tourism dollars into historic LeClaire while working cooperatively with our businesses, events, and attractions." **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>

SENIOR UTILITY NOTICE

All seniors who are eligible for the senior discount need to submit proof of income for the year 2015 by May 15, 2016 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 2015 are \$17,820 for a single resident or \$24,030 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 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.

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!!

AMERICAN LEGION MEMORIAL DAY SERVICES

The American Legion Buffalo Bill Post #347, with the American Legion Buffalo Bill Post #347 Auxiliary, and the Pleasant Valley Community School District would like to invite all in the community to attend the Memorial Day Services. Events commence at LeClaire's Glendale Cemetery on Monday, May 30th from 10:15 to 10:30AM. The placing of a wreath at the Glendale Cemetery's Flag Memorial will be followed by services conducted at Bridgeview Elementary School gymnasium, commencing at 11:00 AM. Speakers include William Albracht, decorated Army Captain (Vietnam) recipient of 3 Silver Stars and 5 Bronze Stars; and Pastor Ralph Otteson. Music provided by P.V.'s award winning band. Come join us as we honor those who have served. If you would like to purchase a new flag - Buffalo Bill Post #347 has new flags for sale. Contact Ron Leiby at (563) 289-5259 for more information or to place an order.

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.

- Baby and adult wipes, moist wipes, disinfectant wipes, all of those labeled as "flushable"
- Facial tissues, cotton balls, cotton swabs, Band-Aids
- Any cloth items
- Diapers (cloth, disposable, and those labeled flushable)
- Toilet bowl scrub pads, Swiffer's, dryer sheets
- Egg shells, coffee grounds, food, chewing gum
- Hair
- Vitamins, medicines, and other pharmaceuticals, cosmetics
- Napkins, Paper towels
- Dental Floss
- Cat Litter
- Fats, Oil, and grease
- Sanitary napkins, tampons, condoms
- Fish, hamsters, gerbils
- Cigarette butts
- Plastic of any kind
- Any non-organic materials

THE "FLUSHABILITY" TEST:

Take two bowls of water. Place toilet paper in one and place the item in question in the other. Swish both items in the water. Wait about an hour, and then swish again. The toilet paper should have significantly disintegrated by then while the other item (for example, wipes, napkins, dental floss) will likely remain intact. Unless the item disintegrates at the rate of toilet paper, it should be placed in the garbage and not down the toilet. You otherwise risk blockage in your home as well as clogging a main sewer line or pump station causing a sewage backup for other homes and businesses. If it can't be reused, recycled or composted, please place it in the garbage. If you have questions about what is OK to flush, please call 563 289 4242. Select #3 for the Public Works Department then select #2 for the Waste Water Treatment Plant.

CITY HALL INFORMATION

City Hall will be closed on Monday, May 30, 2016 in observance of Memorial Day. The next Bits & Pieces articles are due by Wednesday, May 11, 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.



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