

“BITS and PIECES”



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

MAY 2017

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COUNCIL MEMBERS

Amy Blair [11/07/17] 289-4242 Ext. 1151

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LECLAIRE OFFICE OF TOURISM

Sat., Apr. 29, 4-7pm: Wine Hop. Tickets on sale at 129; cash only. **Mon., May 1, 10am-4pm:** The LeClaire Information Center officially opens at its new location – 117 S. Cody Road. Look for information on the upcoming Ribbon Cutting and Open House. **Fri., May 5, 5:30-8pm:** First Friday in downtown LeClaire with Kentucky Derby Hat contest at Wide River Winery. **May 24-29:** The Iowa History 101 RV (traveling exhibit) will be on the Levee and open to the public. Please contact Cindy Bruhn at info@visitleclaire.com or 563-650-7963 to volunteer at the RV. **May 26-29:** Twilight Riverboat Sightseeing Cruises, 11am 1pm 3pm, www.riverboattwilight.com for advance tickets. **Find details on LeClaire events at:** www.visitleclaire.com/events.html

CIVIC CLUB NEWS

The LeClaire Civic Club is looking for new and former members. The Civic Club has been operating since 1938 as a community association of volunteers. The Club is located on the banks of the Mississippi River. It is the perfect place to socialize with your neighbors, give back to the community and do your civic duty by donating to a needy cause. Join us every Wednesday for Breakfast, 3rd Tuesday of the month for Bunco, and the 3rd Saturday for Trivia, to learn about the club. Join us for Trivia on May 20th. May's Trivia will benefit the charities LeClaire Lion's Club. Call Debbie, 563-349-4403, or email smith5grand@gmail.com to reserve a table.

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.

GARBAGE & RECYCLING PICKUP SCHEDULE

May 2017

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

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Please do not put Yard Waste in your Garbage or Recycling totes. Allied Waste/Republic Services offers a Yard Waste Program. Republic will pick up your yard waste in the paper yard waste bags from April 1st thru November 30th. The cost is \$130.00. To enroll in this program please call Republic Services at (563) 332-0050.

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 any of these

Committees/Boards, you must submit a completed application form. The application form may be obtained from City Hall during regular business hours, or on the City's website.

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.

Tips to Prevent Storm Water Pollution

Bag your pet's waste. Leaving pet waste on the ground increases public health risks by allowing harmful bacteria and nutrients to wash into the storm drain and eventually into local waterbodies. Don't apply pesticides, fertilizers and herbicides before heavy rain. Contrary to popular belief, the rain won't help to soak these chemicals into the ground; it will only help create polluted runoff into our local creeks. Select native and adapted plants and grasses that are drought and pest resistant. Native plants require less water, fertilizer, and pesticides. Reduce the amount of paved area and increase the amount of vegetated area in your yard. Don't dump motor oil or auto fluids on the ground or in the storm drain; dispose of it properly at an oil recycling center. Check your car, boat, or motorcycle for leaks. Clean up spilled fluids with an absorbent material, don't rinse the spills into the storm drain. Don't get rid of grass clippings and other yard waste by dumping it or sweeping it into the storm drain; this will cause depleted oxygen for aquatic life. Instead, compost your yard waste. When washing your car at home, wash with only water or use biodegradable soap and wash it on a lawn or other unpaved surface. Don't get rid of old or unused paint by throwing it down the storm drain; dispose of paint and other household hazardous waste at recycling facilities. Don't pump your pool water into the

storm drain; pool chemicals can be hazardous to our creek habitats. Throw litter away in a garbage can; not in the ditches. Storm drains, culverts and ditches are intended for rain water and snow melt only.

LECLAIRE COMMUNITY LIBRARY

Library News: Library Closing Reminder: The Library will be closed May 29th in observance of Memorial Day. Regular library hours will resume Tuesday, May 30th. **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 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 for more information. **Adult Services: Card-Making with Donna Banta**—Join us in making homemade greeting cards! Each participant will make 3 different cards. Class size limited to 15. Adults only. May 6th at 11am. **Friends of the Library Semi-Annual Book Sale**—Are you looking for a new book, but don't want to pay “new book” prices? Stop by the Friends Book Sale! All proceeds benefit the LeClaire Community Library. May 12-13th. All DAY. **Project re-Fashion: The “B” Series**—Join us for the second installment of our Adult/Teen sewing program! In this class we will make bracelets! Class size limited to 16. Must be ages 14 and up. May 20th at 11:00am. **Adult Book Club**—This month we'll be reading *The Guernsey Literary and Potato Peel Pie Society* by *Mary Ann Shaffer*. 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. May 24th at 6:30pm. **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. May 26th at 2pm. **Senior Outreach: Off-site Checkout**—The LeClaire Library is 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. May 31st at 11:45am. **YA Services: Biblioteens**—Love to talk books? Can't decide what to read? Hungry for free pizza? Teens in 7th grade and up are invited to the library for a new kind of book club—you pick your own books to read, then we share our most loved (or hated) of the month! Join us May 4th at 4:30pm. **YA Movie Night**—Beat the stress of finals and last-minute projects with a movie night at the library! Eat snacks, work on a craft, or bring your homework in while we watch *Ferris Bueller's Day Off* (PG-

13)—a movie all about a high schooler who decides to take a day off of school to live it up with his girlfriend, his best friend, and a Ferrari. If you're in 7th grade and up, join us Wednesday, May 17th at 4:15pm. **Teen Advisory Group (TAG)**—Help plan cool events, request new library materials, eat snacks, and get the inside scoop on what's happening at the library! Don't forget—your attendance earns you service learning hours and looks great on college applications! For 7th grade & up. Join us on May 18th at 4:30-5:30pm. **Children's Services: Early Release LEGO Club**— School's out early? Let your imagination soar at LEGO Club! This program is best for children aged 7 and up. Find out what building challenge is waiting for you on May 3rd from 3:00-4:00pm. **Preschool Explorers**—Explore a new science theme each month at the library—May's theme is Music & Sound! Come in for a fun storytime and hands-on exploratory stations. This program will take the place of Family Storytime and is best for children aged 3-7. Join us Tuesday, May 30th at 6:30pm. **Books Between Bites**—Calling everyone in 4th-6th grade! Join us if you like reading, hanging out with cool people, & having fun. Pick up your copy of *Roller Girl* by Victoria Jamieson at the library & join us to discuss the book, eat snacks, and meet some REAL roller derby players on Thursday, May 25th at 4:30pm. **Drop-in Star Wars Fun**—Fans of all ages are invited to celebrate Star Wars Day (May 4th) by visiting the library any time this month for a fun scavenger hunt, crafts, coloring sheets, and more! May 1st-31st.

UTILITY CHARGES

Metered Minimum (incl. first 500 gal.)(67 c/f)

| | <u>Sewer</u> | <u>Garbage</u> |
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| -Regular | \$21.80 | \$15.50 |
| -Elderly* | \$19.50 | \$14.50 |

Usage Rate (per 500 gal.)(67 c/f)

-All users \$1.80

Non-Metered, Flat (Sewer Only)

| | <u>Sewer</u> | <u>Garbage</u> |
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| -Regular | \$65.00 | \$15.50 |
| -Elderly* | \$55.00 | \$14.50 |

DEPOSITS - RESIDENTIAL AMOUNT

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| Sewer(meter) | \$ 98.00 |
| Sewer(meter)/Garbage | \$129.00 |
| Sewer(flat) | \$130.00 |
| Sewer(flat)/Garbage | \$161.00 |
| Garbage | \$ 31.00 |

DEPOSITS-COMMERCIAL

Sewer Only (meter) \$98.00

MISCELLANEOUS FEES

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| NSF Check | \$30.00 |
| Lateral Locate | \$21.40 |

SEWER HOOK-UPS

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| Residential - New | \$428.00 |
| - Re-Hook | \$214.00 |
| Commercial/Industrial | |
| - New \$.03/ft. not less than | \$428.00 |
| - Re-Hook | \$214.00 |

*Age and income requirements.

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 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!!

SENIOR UTILITY NOTICE

All seniors who are eligible for the senior discount need to submit proof of income for the year 2016 by May 15, 2017 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 2016 are \$18,090 for a single resident or \$24,360 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.

CITY HALL INFORMATION

City Hall will be closed on Monday, May 29, 2017 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.



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