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325 Wisconsin Street  
LeClaire, Iowa 52753-9525

**NOVEMBER 2016**

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## MAYOR

**Ray Allen** [12/31/17] 289-4242 Ext. 1111

E-mail: [ralen@leclaireiowa.gov](mailto: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](mailto:rsalvador@leclaireiowa.gov) Duties: Park and Rec Commission Liaison (includes Levee), Library Board of Trustee Liaison; Streets: (maintenance, repair, construction, etc.) Alternate for Public Works other than Streets.

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**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; Public Works Liaison (Other than Streets, (Includes Snow Removal), and Alternate for Streets, and Utilities [Sewer and Garbage].

## LECLAIRE OFFICE OF TOURISM

**Mon., Oct. 24, 5:15-7:15pm:** Brainstorming Session at the LeClaire Civic Center. Snacks will be served. Residents, business owners, and volunteers are invited to attend this brainstorming session designed to help the Tourism Board and LeClaire Marketing Alliance determine a course of action to keep LeClaire's momentum moving forward. Contact Cindy at [info@visitleclaire.com](mailto:info@visitleclaire.com) for more information. **Fri., Nov. 4, 5:30-8pm:** First Friday in downtown LeClaire. **Sat., Nov. 19, 7pm:** Trivia at the Civic Center is benefitting the LeClaire Christmas decoration fund. Please fill the tables to help beautify LeClaire during the Christmas season! If you would like to donate a door prize, please drop it off at Artworks no later than November 18. \$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) **Sat., Nov. 26: Small Business Saturday.** Please support our local businesses by shopping, touring, and dining in LeClaire all year round. **Find details on LeClaire events at:** <http://www.visitleclaire.com/events.html> **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. **Opening for Retail Representative 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, please contact City Hall or [info@visitleclaire.com](mailto:info@visitleclaire.com) for an application and return it by **8:30am on October 28, 2016.** The Tourism Board also requires that your business be a member of the LeClaire Marketing Alliance (LMA). You need to be able to attend monthly meetings that are held at City Hall on the first Monday of the month at 8:30am and uphold 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."

## GARBAGE & RECYCLING PICKUP SCHEDULE

**NOVEMBER 2016**

Recycling and Garbage days for November (in yellow) are November 9<sup>th</sup> & 10<sup>th</sup> and November 23<sup>rd</sup> & 25<sup>th</sup>. Garbage only days in November (in blue) are November 2<sup>nd</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup> and November 16<sup>th</sup> & 17<sup>th</sup> & November 30<sup>th</sup> and December 1<sup>st</sup>. Wednesday, November 23<sup>rd</sup> Garbage and Recycling will be picked up normally, the Thursday, November 24<sup>th</sup> Garbage and Recycling pickup will be delayed one day for those residents whose Garbage and Recycling is picked up on Thursday normally. This will be due to the Thanksgiving holiday.

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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.

## 2017 PET TAGS

Pet licenses for the year 2017 went on sale October 1, 2016. The cost is \$1 if purchased before December 31, 2016, and \$2 if purchased after. Please bring in the rabies vaccination certificate for your pet to City Hall and we will issue you a numbered tag for your pet to wear.

## 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 Reminder:** The Library will be closed November 11<sup>th</sup> in observance of Veteran's Day. Regular library hours will resume Saturday, November 12<sup>th</sup>. The library will also be closed on November 24<sup>th</sup> and 25<sup>th</sup> in observance on Thanksgiving. Regular library hours will resume Saturday, November 26<sup>th</sup>. **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:** **Cooking with Catalina**-Learn how to make homemade flautas! Recipe sheets will be given out along with tasty samples. No pre-registration needed, but the class will be limited to 18 people. November 4th at 1pm. **Lifelong Learning-- 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, *Healthy Holiday Eating*, will take place Thursday, November 10<sup>th</sup> at 10am. **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 second Wednesday of each month at the First Presbyterian Church. November 16<sup>th</sup> at 11:45am. **Crafting with Jenn: Winter Altoid Tin**-Create a Winter Wonderland inside a repurposed Altoid tin! Class size is limited to 15. Must be 12 years or older. November 12<sup>th</sup> at 11am. **Adult Book Club**-This month we'll be reading *Euphoria by Lily King*. 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. Please note: due to the Thanksgiving holiday, book club will be held November 30<sup>th</sup> at 6:30pm. **Teen Services:** **Biblioteens**-Love to talk books? Can't decide what to read? Hungry for tasty treats? Teens in 7<sup>th</sup> 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 *November 3<sup>rd</sup> at 4:30pm.* **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 7<sup>th</sup> grade & up. Join us November 17<sup>th</sup> from 4:30-5:30pm. **Children's Services: Early Release Crafter noon**-School's out early? Exercise your creativity at this month's Crafter noon! This program is best for children aged 7 and up. Find out what fun craft is waiting for you on November 2<sup>nd</sup> from 3:00-4:00pm. **Harry Potter & the Beastly Bash**-Come celebrate the upcoming release of the newest movie from the world of Harry Potter! We will have crafts, activities, snacks, giveaways, and more. Muggles and no-Maj folk of all ages are welcome! See what magical hijinks will take place on Wednesday, November 16<sup>th</sup> from 4:00-5:30pm. **Preschool Explorers**-Explore a new science theme each month at the library—November's theme is BUILDING! Come in for a fun Storytime and hands-on exploratory stations. This program is best for ages 3-7. Join us Tuesday, November 22<sup>nd</sup> at 6:30pm.

## BUFFALO BILL MUSEUM

The Buffalo Bill Museum will be switching to winter hours on November 6. Our winter hours are Monday - Saturday 9 - 5 and Sunday 12-4. Don't forget a membership to the museum makes a great family gift for the holidays! Family memberships are just \$20.00! You can pick up a membership form at the museum or download it online at [www.buffalobillmuseumleclaire.com](http://www.buffalobillmuseumleclaire.com).

### WITCHES WALK

Get your costumes ready! The annual Witches Walk will be held October 29th on the Levee from 11-2! (Registration and games start at 11, and the parade walk starts at 1). Please find more info on our Facebook page at Le Claire's Annual Witches Walk. We are also asking everyone to bring a nonperishable food item to be donated to a local food pantry! To pre-register online, go to: <http://www.visitle Claire.com/witches-walk-online-registration/>

### CIVIC CLUB NEWS

Play Trivia with us on the 3rd Saturday of each month for a different non -profit organization. November's trivia will benefit the LeClaire Tourism Board for Christmas lights or banners downtown. Bring your own snacks and enjoy an evening of fun while supporting a community event. We play Bunco every 3rd Tuesday at 10:00 am. Only \$2.00 to play. Please join us! Every Wednesday morning from 8:00-9:30 am we serve a free breakfast. Come and join us for food and fellowship. Everyone welcome! Our general meetings are open to all so stop by and see what our organization is all about.

### 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 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.

### 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!!!!

### CHRISTMAS IN LECLAIRE

Join us for Christmas in LeClaire, December 2, 3, & 4 (Fri. & Sat. (10-8) & Sun.(10-4). Stop at the Civic Center for homemade baked goods & crafts and bid on items in our Silent Auction. Fri. \* Sat. come to the Snow Lodge for their Cookie Walk, Soup & Sandwiches and shop from eight vendors and crafters. Sat. from 10 to 2 kids can experience "A Night in Bethlehem" with crafts, activities, and snacks upstairs at the Lodge. Fri. & Sat. 10 to 8 Riverside Foursquare Church will have a bazaar with baked goods and family activities. From 8 to 10 Sat. have breakfast with Santa at Happy Joe's. Santa will be around to visit with the kids until 3pm. They can shop at Santa's Gift Shop (in the Civic Center parking lot) from 11 to 4 Sat. & Sun, where they can purchase three gifts for friends or family using Christmas in LeClaire dollars. Master Carver Luke Travers will be making wooden shoes in the Civic enter from 10-4. And outside you can watch Chainsaw Carver Pat Doyle creating eagles and more. There will be artists working the in Civic Center and at Mississippi Cottage Antiques. Take a free trolley ride throughout the town Sat. from 11-7 and Sun. from 11-4. Don't miss the First Friday and First Saturday events at Mississippi River Distilling Co. and other participating shops and restuarants-5:30pm to 8 both days. See Santas and Christmas Characters from other countries. With great shopping and dining at our many shops and restaurants, your are sure to find that special gift for everyone on your Christmas list. For more information call: Joyce (563) 289-4205 or Diane (563) 370-3509.

### PANCAKE BREAKFAST FUNDRAISER

Not all heroes die a hero's death but all heroes live a hero's life. Let's honor their life rather than their death. ~Barbara Ritter~ **Sgt Leevon Ritter** LeClaire resident and Pleasant Valley High school graduate who died tragically May 22, 2012 will be one of only 60 donors honored on the Donate Life Parade float in the 2017 Rose Bowl Parade. Southwest Transplant Alliance has requested the presence of his mother and sisters during the event week leading up to the parade. Please help us honor his sacrifice and raise awareness of the need for organ donors across the country. Sgt Ritter's family will be traveling to Pasadena December

28-January 3 for this incredible opportunity to meet with other donor families, recipients and living donors. We would love to see the Floragraph in person, as part of the float, as it makes it way down Colorado Boulevard on New Year's Day! Funds raised will help us with airfare, hotel and general event expenses. Any additional monies raised will go to help other donor families who have also been selected to honor their loved ones. You can help in several ways <https://www.gofundme.com/honorleevon> is our gofundme page please read it and watch the video donate if you can and share it please with others. We will be doing fundraising in November you are welcome to contact me at [amltmom5@gmail.com](mailto:amltmom5@gmail.com) for any information. October 22 we will have a Trivia night, and October 30<sup>th</sup> we will be having a pancake breakfast at the LeClaire fire station please join us.

October 30<sup>th</sup> LeClaire Fire Station 7AM to 1PM. 201 North 15<sup>th</sup> Street. Suggested donation \$7.00. Menu: Pancakes, Scrambled Eggs, Sausage, Milk, Orange Juice and coffee.

### CITY HALL INFORMATION

City Hall will be closed in observance of Veteran's Day on Friday, November 11, 2016. The next Bits & Pieces articles are due by Wednesday, November 16, 2016. They can be sent via email to [Bits@le Claireiowa.gov](mailto:Bits@le Claireiowa.gov), by fax to (563) 289-6010, by U.S. mail, or hand delivered.



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