

"BITS and PIECES"



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MAYOR

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

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COUNCIL MEMBERS

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

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John Smith [11/07/17] 289-4242 Ext. 1155

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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.

TOURISM INFORMATION

Sat., Oct. 28, 11:30am: Witches' Walk on the Levee is a fun costume parade in downtown LeClaire and open to kids, adults, families, and pets. Or participate in the "Trunk or Treat." Go to www.visitleclaire.com to pre-register. **Sat.,**

Oct. 28 & Sun., Oct. 29: Twilight Riverboat Sightseeing Cruises, 11am - 1pm - 3pm; www.riverboatatnight.com for advance tickets. **Fri., Nov. 3, 5pm-midnight:** First Friday in downtown LeClaire. **Sat., Nov. 18, 7pm: Trivia at the Civic Center.** \$10 per person; 8 people on a team. Call or email Debbie Smith to reserve your table: 563-349-4403 / Smith5grand@gmail.com **Sat., Nov. 25:** Shop Small Saturday. Please support our local businesses by shopping, touring, and dining in LeClaire all year round. **Find details on all LeClaire events at:** 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 or 563-650-7963 to volunteer.

LECLAIRE FIRE DEPARTMENT

The LeClaire Fire Department is accepting applications for new members. No experience is required, as training is provided. Some of the positions available are not physically taxing and could be accomplished by a healthy retired or similar person. This is a great opportunity to meet and help your neighbors one call at a time. We especially invite those to apply who could respond to calls for help during the day. For additional information stop by the station any Tuesday evening.

GARBAGE & RECYCLING PICKUP SCHEDULE

November 2017

Recycling and Garbage days for November (in yellow) are November 8th & 9th and November 22nd and 24th. Garbage only days in November (in blue) are November 1st & 2nd, November 15th & 16th and November 29th & 30th.

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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, from April 1st thru November 30th. The cost is \$130.00. To enroll in this program please call Republic Services at (563) 332-0050. Please put your totes at least three feet apart to allow the Republic drivers to maneuver

their truck's mechanical arm to raise and lower your garbage totes.

2018 PET TAGS

Pet licenses for the year 2018 are on sale and the cost is \$1 if purchased before December 31, 2017, 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.

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 Buffalo Bill Museum on November 18th. Doors open at 6 PM to serve food with Trivia starting at 7PM. \$10 per person. To reserve tables, contact Debbie, 563-349-4403 or e-mail smith5grand@gmail.com. You are invited to join us for our monthly membership meeting on November 28th at 7pm. Potluck at 6:15. Our general meetings are open to all so stop by and see what our organization is all about. Every Wednesday morning 8AM to 9:30AM, we will be serving breakfast at the Civic Club. Stop by and make new friends and learn about the club. Our calendar is online at leclairecivicclub.org.

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 10th in observance of Veterans Day. Regular library hours will resume Saturday, November 11th. The Library will also be closed November 23rd & 24th in observance of Thanksgiving. Regular library hours will resume Saturday, November 25th. **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. November 4th at 11am. **Mostly True Tales with Spinsby & Wales—Series Kickoff:** Come to the first in an ongoing series of LeClaire history talks hosted by local history keepers, Dick Wales and Marie Spinsby, and moderated by library director Ellen Miller. The series will focus on 20th century LeClaire, feature special guests, and will be treated as a community dialogue—so bring your memories, photographs, and any questions you might have about LeClaire in the past! Join us for the kickoff (which will focus on Cody Road and the business district) on Thursday, November 9th at 6:30pm, in the library's Community Room. **Beginner's Knitting with Bambi Suits:** Class limited to SIX adults. Call (563) 289-4242 ext. 4 to reserve your spot. Must bring your own yarn and needles. November 18th at 11am. **Adult Book Club:** This month we'll be reading *Faithful* by Alice Hoffman. 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. November 22nd at 6:30pm. **YA Services: Tinker Lab—Sphero Robots:** Sphero is a small, round robot that can be controlled with mobile devices. Use the library's iPads to explore coding, obstacle courses, and more robot fun! Best for ages 10+. Join us Thursday, November 2nd at 4:30pm. **Biblioteens:** Come to the library on the second Tuesday of every month to share what you've been reading (whether you loved it or hated it), learn about new books, hang out, and have some free pizza! This program is best for ages 12-18. Join us Tuesday, November 14th from 4:30-5:30pm. **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/job applications! For 7th grade & up. Join us on Thursday, November 16th from 4:30-5:30pm. **Children's Services: Family Storytime:** Read books, recite rhymes, sing songs, play, and do a craft in this fun, family oriented storytime. Activities are designed for ages 3-6, though all are welcome. Join us every Tuesday at 6:30pm. **Toddle Time:** Read books, bounce, sing, and play with your little ones.

Activities are designed for ages 0-3, though all are welcome. Join us every Wednesday and Friday at 10:30am.

Crafternoon: Come get crafty at the library! This drop-in program is fun for all ages. Join us Wednesday, November 1st between 3:00-4:00pm. **Mini Makers:** Sensory play encourages toddlers to explore and get to know the world around them. Come to the library to make a mess, have fun, and experience new things on the first Thursday of every month. This program is best for ages 10 months to 3 years. Join us on Thursday, November 2nd at 10:30am. **Mug Meals:** Learn how to make a delicious meal using just a mug and a microwave! Follow two mouthwatering recipes to get a main course and dessert. Please bring 1-2 mugs with you. This program is best for ages 8+ and limited to 15 participants (first come, first serve). Please call ahead if you have any allergy concerns. Join us Thursday, November 13th at 4:30pm. **Junior Explorers:** Explore a new science theme each month at the library—November’s theme is Farming! 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 on Tuesday, November 21st at 6:30pm.

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.

VOLUNTEER DRIVER NEEDED

The “Milestones” senior meal program is in need of a driver once each month to deliver lunch to homebound elderly residents. At most, the time required would be 11:00AM to 12:30PM. Our drivers find that helping less mobile citizens count on nutritious meals brings great personal satisfaction. If interested or have any questions, please call Heide at (562) 289-3646. (Leave a return phone number if I’m not able to answer. I’ll return your call soon.) Thank you. Heide Larson, Program Mgr.

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 owners 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!!!!

HALLOWEEN

Trick or Treating will be on October 31st from 6:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. Following are safety tips to help make this Halloween a safe and enjoyable one.

Costume Safety:

- Use make-up or face paint instead of masks, but if masks are used, make sure that they fit properly and have holes large enough for mouth and eyes.
- Choose costumes that are marked flame retardant.
- Wear light-colored clothing at night, short enough to prevent tripping. Add reflective tape or reflectors to dark colored costumes.
- Make props such as magic wands and swords out of cardboard, rather than metal or wood.

Trick-or-Treat Safety:

- Give and accept wrapped or packaged candy only.
- Have children bring treats home for adult inspection before they are eaten.
- Accompany small and elementary school age children when they are trick-or-treating and send older children in groups.
- Go out in daylight and carry a flashlight in case of delay.
- Have children stay within the neighborhood; only visit homes you know.

Be very careful when walking or crossing streets while dressed up. Masks can obscure vision enough to block out an approaching vehicle, and a guardian escorting trick or treaters is strongly advised for safety purposes. If questionable candy is located (damaged wrapping materials or if the contents look tampered with), call the Police Department immediately. Have a safe and enjoyable Halloween!

Police Chief Themas

CHRISTMAS IN LECLAIRE

Experience the excitement of Christmas! Come to the 34th Annual Christmas in LeClaire December 1st, 2nd, and 3rd. Enjoy three days of shopping, dining, and fun activities for the kids. Stop at the Civic Center from crafts and baked goods and bid on our great silent auction packages. Visit with authors Blake Ross and Tim Aylers who will be signing their books. Watch Luke & Dev Travers create their one-of-a kind personalized wooden shoes. The Masonic Lodge will hold their Cookie Sale, serve lunch, and will have vendors and crafters selling their wares. On Saturday, PPALS Ministry will present “A Christmas Fun Festival” for the kids from 10 to 2 (@2nd floor of the Masonic Lodge). Riverside Foursquare Church will have a bazaar Fri. & Sat. Kids can decorate their own cookies! Enjoy First Friday & First Saturday events, ukulele music and carolers (5:30 to 8PM). See Santas & Christmas characters from all over the world. And you can have breakfast with Santa at Happy Joe’s on Sat. from *AM to 10AM. Catch a ride on the trolley (Sat. & Sun.) Bring the kids to Santa’s Gift Shop (now at the south end of the Civic Center) from 11AM to 5PM all three days. They can buy gifts for family and friends using: Christmas in LeClaire Dollars. WQAD’s Selfie Set will be back on the Mississippi River Distilling patio on Sat. from Noon to 3PM. There’s fun for everyone! (For more information call: Joyce-(563) 289-4205 or Diane-(563) 370-3509.

CITY HALL INFORMATION

The next Bits & Pieces articles are due by Wednesday, November 15, 2017. 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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