

"BITS and PIECES"



FROM YOUR CITY HALL
325 Wisconsin Street
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OCTOBER 2017

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MAYOR

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

E-mail: rallen@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

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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

The LeClaire Information Center is open at its new location – 117 South Cody Road. **Fri., Oct. 6, 5pm-midnight:** First Friday in downtown LeClaire. **Sun., Oct. 8, 11am-4pm:** Apple Fest. Free family fun on the Levee! **Sat., Oct. 21 & Oct. 28,**

Sun., Oct. 29: Twilight Riverboat Sightseeing Cruises, 11am - 1pm - 3pm; www.riverboatatwilight.com for advance tickets.

Mon., Oct. 23, 5:30-7:30pm: Brainstorming Session at the LeClaire Civic Center. A light dinner 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 for more 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. Go to www.visitleclaire.com to pre-register. **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.

Opening for Lodging Representative on the LeClaire Tourism Board. If you are a full-time manager or owner of a LeClaire lodging business (hotel, bed & breakfast, guest house) and are interested in representing all LeClaire lodging businesses, please contact City Hall or info@visitleclaire.com for an application and return it by **5pm on October 31, 2017**. 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."

CIVIC CLUB NEWS

The Civic Club will host a Chili Supper on October 14th from 4 to 7PM. Please join us. Trivia each month benefits a different non-profit organization. October will benefit Christmas in LeClaire and November will benefit the Buffalo Bill Museum. Trivia is the 3rd Saturday of the month. To reserve tables, contact Debbie, 563-349-4403 or e-mail smith5grand@gmail.com. Our calendar is online at leclairecivicclub.org. Thank you to everyone who attended and helped with our Annual Ribeye Dinner.

2018 PET TAGS

Pet licenses for the year 2018 will go on sale October 1, 2017. 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.

GARBAGE & RECYCLING PICKUP SCHEDULE

OCTOBER 2017

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

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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.

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 News: Food for Fines: During the month of October, the LeClaire Community Library will accept donations of non-perishable food & household supplies in lieu of cash payments for overdue library materials. Accounts will be credited \$1.00/per donated item. All proceeds benefit the

Hope Church Community Food Pantry. *Credit will NOT be applied to charges for items which were lost, damaged or missing.* **Friends of the Library Silent Auction:** Stop in between October 9th and October 21st to bid in the *Friends' Silent Auction!* The person with the highest bid at the end of the auction will be notified on October 23rd. Payment for the item is due at pick up (cash or check only, please!). All proceeds go to supporting and funding library projects, programs, the purchase of materials, and much, much more!

Adult Services: Most Haunted Places in Iowa with Paranormal Investigator, Chad Lewis: From phantom creatures prowling the woods to graveyard apparitions located in your own backyard! Complete with photos, case history, eye witness accounts, ghost lore, and directions to haunted sites in Iowa! October 6th at 3pm. **Seasonal Scenery with Burt Gearhart:** Join local photographer Burt Gearhart as he shares his fantastic photos of the City of LeClaire through the seasons! No RSVP needed, but limited seating is expected to fill up fast! October 16th at 6:30pm. **Friends of the Library Semi-Annual Book Sale—** Books for all age groups, DVDs, Audiobooks, and much, much, more! All proceeds benefit the LeClaire Community Library! Sale will be located in the Community Room and front vestibule. October 20th (10am – 5pm) & October 21st (10am – 2pm).

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 last Wednesday of each month at the First Presbyterian Church. October 25th at 11:45am. **Adult Book Club:** This month we'll be reading *A Great Reckoning* by Louise Penny. 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. October 25th 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. October 27th at 2pm. **DIY: Holiday Gift Glass Block:** Adults Only. Class size limited to 12. October 28th at 11am. **YA Services: Tinker Lab—Green Screen:** Have you ever wanted to go deep-sea diving? Climb to the top of a mountain? Fly through the clouds in the sky? Now is your chance! Learn how to make jaw-dropping videos using a green screen. Best for ages 10+. Join us Thursday, October 5th 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, October 10th 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, October 19th from 4:30-5:30pm. **Children's Services:** **LEGO Club:** Robots? Aliens? Flying cars? Find out what building challenge is waiting for you at LEGO Club! This program is best for children ages 7 and up. Join us Wednesday, October 4th at 3:00pm. **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, October 5th at 10:30am. **Mad Mixture with the Grout Museum:** Release your inner mad scientist and watch a presenter from the Grout Museum explore different kinds of science! Make your own mad mixture after the mind-boggling science demonstrations. This program is for all ages. Join us Thursday, October 19th at 6:00pm. **Pumpkin Palooza:** Celebrate Friends of the Library Week with this fun-filled family program! Come to the library to enjoy Storytime immediately followed by outdoor pumpkin painting, scary story reading, candy eating, and more! Put on your Halloween costume and join us Saturday, October 21st from 10:30 to 12:30pm. **Junior Explorers:** Explore a new science theme each month at the library—October's theme is Fire Safety! 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, October 24th at 6:30pm.

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.

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.

be accepted] to the City's Public Works Facility at 1802 Iowa Drive during the hours mentioned above. City public works employees will be present to verify residency and to assist with your disposal efforts. Please bring proof of residency, such as a driver's license, City utility bill, etc. For more information or if you have any questions or special needs, please feel free to call City Hall at 289-4242.

**** Only LeClaire residents with proof of residency (no commercial businesses) whose City garbage accounts are paid in full may participate.**

"E-waste" is defined as devices that contain a circuit board or a cathode ray tube such as, computer monitors, televisions, VCRs, stereos, computers, radios, and video game systems. **E-waste contains environmental hazards such as lead, mercury, cadmium, nickel, chromium, lithium, and PCBs.**

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.

CITY HALL INFORMATION

The next Bits & Pieces articles are due by Wednesday, October 11, 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.



**CITY-WIDE CLEAN UP!!
FREE DISPOSAL!!**



CITY-WIDE CLEAN UP DAY – FREE DISPOSAL!! – SATURDAY, OCTOBER 14, 2017 – On Saturday, October 14, 2017 between the hours of **8:00 a.m. and 4:00 p.m.**, the City will be sponsoring its regular annual City-wide Fall cleanup day with **free disposal** for all residents. Any resident** may bring large, bulky waste items, appliances, and tires. **[no regular garbage, hazardous materials, construction debris, commercial business items, "e-waste" or yard wastes will**



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