

“BITS and PIECES”



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

OCTOBER 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
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LECLAIRE OFFICE OF TOURISM

Fri., Oct. 7, 5:30-8pm: First Friday in downtown LeClaire.
Sat., Oct. 8, 11am & 1pm: 1-1/2 hour sightseeing cruises aboard the Twilight. Book online at www.riverboattwilight.com
Sun., Oct. 9, 11am-4pm: **Apple Fest.** Free family fun on the Levee! Rain date is Nov. 5.
Wed., Oct. 19, 5-8pm: LeClaire welcomes the Iowa Tourism Conference to town.
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 for more information. **Sat., Oct. 29, 11:30am-2pm:** Witches’ Walk and Costume Parade. For more information, go to www.facebook.com/Witcheswalk. 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 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 for an application and return it by **8:30am on September 30, 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 OCTOBER 2016

Recycling and Garbage days for October (in yellow) are October 12th & 13th and October 26th & 27th. Garbage only days in October (in blue) are October 5th & 6th and October 19th & 20th.

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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.

SEWER RATE INCREASE

Effective with your October 2016 utility bill, the monthly service charge for sewer will be increasing \$5.00/month. The new service charge rates for regular customers are \$21.80/month for metered billing and \$65.00/month for flat rate. Qualifying elderly rates are \$19.50/month for metered billing and \$55.00/month for flat rate. To qualify for the senior rate you must be 65 years of age, income for married couples of no more than \$24,030/year; single \$17,820/year and no other people can be living in your household. Proof of income must be provided to LeClaire City Hall. The metered usage rate will not be increasing. If you have any questions please give Jo a call at 289-4242, Ext. 1101.

**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

Food for Fines: During the month of October (1-31), 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.*
Adult Services: 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. October 12th at 11:45am.
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 21st (10am – 5pm) & October 22nd (10am – 2pm)
Book Club—Join us the 4th Wednesday of each month in the fireplace room. This month we’ll be reading *The Boys in the Boat* by Daniel James Brown. 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 26th at 6:30pm.
Crafting with Jenn: Spooky Altered Book —Trick or treat? This looks like one of those creepy, century old books you could find in the attic of a haunted house. But it’s not! Step up your Halloween decor with this handmade, one of a kind book! Class size is limited to 15. Must be 12 years or older. Bring your hairdryer for quicker drying time! October 29th at 11am.
Teen Services: Biblioteens—Love to talk books? Can’t decide what to read? Hungry for tasty treats? 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! This month, we will be giving away a copy of a scary novel! Join us *October 6th 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 7th grade & up. Join us at our new time October 20th at 4:30-5:30pm.
Teen Read Week—Celebrate TRW with a special reading challenge! 6th graders and up are invited to keep track of how many minutes you read for fun, for school, or even online. Win prizes and more—including an invitation to the Final Party at the Rock Island Public Library on October 28th. Stop by the library for more information! The challenge runs from October 2nd to the 27th.
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 October 5th from 3:00-4:00pm.
Storytime in the Park—Join us for our last special outdoor Storytime at Hollyhock Park! We will read stories, sing songs, and get moving & grooving in this all-ages program. Raining? Just head to the library instead. October 8th at 11am.
Local Author Storytime—Local author Paula Moyer Savaiano is taking over storytime! Mrs. Savaiano is a former teacher and an up-and-coming children’s author. Listen to her read a couple of her books about a daring Gramma and her wacky adventures! Join us Tuesday, October 11th at 6:30pm.
Halloween Spooktacular (with local author, Fred E. Katz)—Trick or treat! Come to the library for spooky Halloween fun. We’ll have crafts, games, and a presentation from Mr. Katz, who will read a spine-chilling story set right here

in the LeClaire Library! Family Storytime will still go on at 6:30pm. Join us October 18th from 5:30-7:30pm.

Preschool Explorers—Explore a new science theme each month at the library—October's theme is COLORS! 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, October 25th at 6:30pm. **Books BeTween Bites**—Calling all tweens in 4th-6th grade! Join us if you like reading, hanging out with cool people, and doing fun activities. Pick up your copy of *Coraline* by Neil Gaiman at the library! Join us for a special extended Books BeTween Bites to discuss the book, eat Halloween candy, and watch the deliciously spooky movie on Thursday, October 27th at 4:30pm.

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.

2017 PET TAGS

Pet licenses for the year 2017 will go 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.

ONE-WAY STREETS @ BRIDGEVIEW SCHOOL !!!

In an effort to resolve a long-standing and ever-increasing pedestrian safety, parking, and traffic flow problem at Bridgeview Elementary School (located at the intersection of South 12th Street and Davenport Street) the City and the School District have jointly devised a plan that is hoped to alleviate much of the congestion in this area that routinely occurs at this intersection every school day. In addition to the School district increasing its parking lot area size (as a part of its 2015 school expansion project) to accommodate more "off-street parking", the plan is to prohibit on-street parking along Davenport and 12th Streets and to incorporate a system of one-way traffic flow from West to East on Davenport Street between Stagecoach Trail and 11th Streets and from South to North on 12th Street from Davenport to Dodge Streets. It is hoped that these combined measures (while not decreasing the traffic volume) will help to speed the flow of traffic in and out to the school through this intersection and the adjacent areas. These new regulations, street pavement markings, signage, and enforcement will begin in early August before the new school year starts. **PLEASE WATCH FOR THE NEW SIGNAGE AND TRAFFIC PATTERNS IN THIS AREA!!**

BUFFALO BILL MUSEUM

The Buffalo Bill Museum will be hosting a Paranormal Investigation. Public Paranormal Investigation (pre-registration is required with the Il Paranormal Research Group). Buffalo Bill Museum Le Claire, IA 199N Front Street, LeClaire, IA Saturday, October 15th 8pm - ? Registration through the Illinois Paranormal Research is required to attend this event. Please visit www.ilprg.org or email ilparanormalresearch@gmail.com to register. Cost \$10.00 per guest. (There is no guarantee of witnessing paranormal activity to attending guests. Guests must be 16 years and older).

CIVIC CLUB NEWS

We would like to thank everyone who supported the Louisiana Flood Relief project. The first truck load left on September 12th. There was an amazing show of support from the community, businesses, schools and individuals. The flood victims are in desperate need of the items we sent. Thank you for donating. Thank you to the volunteers who collected, sorted, packed and loaded the items. We would like to thank everyone who attended and helped with our Annual Ribeye Dinner. Trivia each month benefits a different non-profit organization. October will benefit the LeClaire Community Library and

November will benefit the Tourism Board for Christmas lights or banners downtown. To reserve tables, contact Debbie, 563-349-4403 or e-mail smith5grand@gmail.com. At the regular member meeting on October 25th we will have a guest speaker from Beacon of Hope Hospice. Our calendar is online at leclairecivicclub.org.



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



CITY-WIDE CLEAN UP DAY - FREE DISPOSAL!! - SATURDAY, OCTOBER 08, 2016 - On Saturday, October 8, 2016 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 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.**

CITY HALL INFORMATION

The next Bits & Pieces articles are due by Wednesday, October 12, 2016. They can be sent via email to Bits@leclaireiowa.gov, 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