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325 Wisconsin Street
LeClaire, Iowa 52753-9525

OCTOBER 2015

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CITY BOARDS AND COMMISSIONS

The LeClaire Board of Adjustment, the LeClaire Tourism Board, LeClaire Planning & Zoning Commission, Parks, Levee, and Rec Boards, 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. Take an interest, volunteer, and get involved in your City's future.

LECLAIRE OFFICE OF TOURISM

FRIDAY, OCT. 2: First Friday 5-8pm Downtown LeClaire. **SATURDAY, OCT. 10:** Cars & Coffee in LeClaire, 9-11am on Levee. All makes, models, and years of vehicles are welcome. **SUNDAY, OCT. 11:** Apple Fest on the River. **SUNDAY, OCT. 11:** Dogtoberfest at Bierstube, 2-5:30pm. **MONDAY, OCT. 12:** Tourism Brainstorming Session from 5:30-7:30pm at Holiday Inn Express, 1201

Canal Shore Drive. 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 its marketing priorities for the future and a course of action to keep LeClaire's momentum moving forward. Contact Cindy at info@visitleclaire.com for more information. **SATURDAY, OCT. 18:** Trivia at Civic Center. Call Vicky at 563-639-4621 or email kettlepopper@gmail.com to reserve a table. **SATURDAY, OCT. 24:** Witches' Walk and Costume Parade on the Levee, 11am-2pm. Rain date is Oct. 31. **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. **Find details on LeClaire events at:** <http://www.visitleclaire.com/events.html>

LECLAIRE COMM. IMPROVEMENT CORP

The LeClaire Community Improvement Corp. will be holding their monthly can collection (5 cent deposit cans and bottles, aluminum pie plates, and aluminum pet food cans) fundraiser on Saturday, October 3, 2015 at 10:00 a.m. - Noon. **The cans will be collected on N. 3rd Street across from the Veteran's Memorial Baseball Complex all year long.** If possible clean cans are greatly appreciated. For at-home pickups of cans/bottles at any time, call 289-5763, and leave your name and phone number so convenient times can be arranged.

GARBAGE & RECYCLING PICKUP SCHEDULE

OCTOBER 2015

Recycling and Garbage days for October are September 30 & October 1, and October 14th & 15th, and October 28th & 29th. Garbage only days in October are October 7th & 8th, and October 21st and 22nd.

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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. Also if you are exempt from toter use and using the small recycle bins, please make sure to bag your items to make it easier for the drivers to handle your recycles.

YARD WASTE COLLECTION

The City of LeClaire's solid waste collection contractor will be collecting yard waste (grass clippings, tree limbs, leaves, etc.). The yard waste collection will be done on a "subscription service" basis. You will have to specifically "sign up" or "register" with and pay an annual fee of **(\$130) directly to the contractor.** Contact Republic Services at (563-332-0050) if you have any questions on this program.

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.

BUFFALO BILL MUSEUM

Join us for Trivia supporting the museum on October 1 at the LeClaire Civic Center. Call the museum to reserve a table or to play at a table at 563-289-5580. If you interested in donating a door prize, just drop it off. Thank you! Visit us on face book and our newly updated web page at: <http://buffalobillmuseumleclaire.com>.

LECLAIRE COMMUNITY LIBRARY

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 jaschliman@leclaireiowa.gov for more information. **Food for Fines:** It's back! LeClaire Community Library will take food donations to pay off late fees/fines for all of October. All donations will benefit the

Hope Church Food Pantry, who is especially in need of pasta/noodles and sugar this season. For a full list of acceptable donations, and for further information about this program, please visit the LeClaire Community Library's website at www.leclaire.lib.ia.us or contact Library Director Jillian Aschlman at jaschliman@leclaireiowa.gov or (563)289-4242, ext. 4

Book Sale: The Friends of the Library will be hosting their semi-annual book sale on Friday October, 23rd from 10am-5pm and Saturday, October 24th from 10am-2pm. All proceeds will benefit the LeClaire Community Library. **Adult Services: Book Club**—Join us the 4th Wednesday of each month in the fireplace room. This month we'll be reading *The Museum of Extraordinary Things* 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. **Extreme Couponing with Sheena Hunter**—Speaker Sheena

Hunter will give tips on how to maximize your buying power! Learn to combine coupons with the best sales at local stores to drastically cut your monthly spending. All attendees are asked to bring a calculator with them. Thursday, October 8th from 6-8pm. **SHIIP Medicare Enrollment:** A representative from SHIIP will be available from 10am-2pm on Thursday, October 29th and Thursday, November 12th from 12-4pm to provide free, confidential, and objective assistance for those who may have Medicare questions. This program is a first come, first serve basis—no prior appointments necessary. Mark your calendars today—you won't want to miss this invaluable service!

Teen Services: TAG: Teen Advisory Group (TAG) meets on the 3rd Thursday (Oct. 15th) of each month from 6:30-7:30pm. All are welcome, and don't forget—your attendance earns you Service Learning Hours! **Children's Services: Storytime in the Park:** Listen to stories, sing songs, and get moving & grooving at this all-ages storytime! Join us at Hollyhock Park on Saturday, October 3rd at 11am. Raining? Head to the library instead. **Kids Book Club:** Join us on Saturday, October 3rd from 12-1pm for our first ever 4th-6th grade book club! Pick up a copy of this month's book, *Escape from Mr. Lemoncello's Library* by Chris Grabenstein, at the library. Bring a sack lunch or a snack to munch on while we chat about the book and participate in fun activities. No parents or younger siblings, please. **Early-Release LEGO Club:** Robots? Towers? Aliens? See what building challenge is next on Wednesday, October 7th, 3-4pm. We provide the LEGOs, just bring yourself! For ages 7 & up. **Illusionology:** Astound your family and friends with amazing tricks and optical illusions! Monday, October 12th, 6:30-7:30pm. Best for grades 1st-5th. **Grades 7th-12th only.** The next meeting is Thursday, October 15th from 6:30-7:30pm.

Preschool Explorers: Explore all new science-based

themes each month with a short storytime, followed by hands-on, exploratory stations. On Monday, October 19th at 6:30pm we will explore shadows! Best for ages 3-6.

Teen Book Club: Read and discuss *The Young Elites* by Marie Lu (copies available at the library) on Monday, October 26th from 6:30-7:30pm. Light refreshments provided. For grades 7th-12th. **Halloween BINGO:** Feeling lucky? Have fun and win prizes at this all-ages, Halloween-themed event—costumes encouraged, but not required. Thursday, October 29th from 4-5pm. **No Toddler Time on Friday, October 23rd.

CIVIC CLUB NEWS

We want to thank everyone in the community for supporting our food drive for our local food pantries. We plan another one for October 14. If you missed us the first time, please donate a can good during this drive. Winter is coming and the food pantries need to stock their shelves. Play Trivia with us on the 3rd Saturday of each month for a different non-profit organization. October will be for the Buffalo Bill Museum. We play Bunco every 3rd Tuesday of the month at 10:00 am. Only \$2.00 to play. Please join us! Wednesday morning from 8:00-9:30 am we serve a free breakfast. We have free conversation until 11:30 am. Come and join us. Everyone welcome! For more information call Debbie, 563-289-4458.

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 constitute 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.

I.T. COMMITTEE MEMBERS NEEDED!

If anyone is interested in or if anyone knows anyone who has some information (computer) technology (I.T.) experience, background, or just likes to "hack" and is good at it, please contact the City. We are looking for some additional members to sit on the City's I.T. Committee. This Committee reviews, discusses, and recommends for Council action I.T. - related purchases, products, and projects throughout the year. Please contact City Hall, Mayor Scannell or one of the Council members and let them know of your interest in serving on this Committee. For more information, please feel free to contact City Hall at any time! Thank you for your interest and willingness to serve and assist your community!!

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, McCausland area. For more information please contact: Linda: (563) 289-3629, Lou (563) 225-2121; or Clarice at (563) 289-9028.

2016 PET TAGS

Pet licenses for the year 2016 will go on sale October 1, 2015. The cost is \$1 if purchased before December 31, 2015, 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.

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



CITY-WIDE CLEAN UP DAY - FREE DISPOSAL!! - SATURDAY, OCTOBER 10, 2015- On Saturday, October 10, 2015 between the hours of **8:00 a.m. and 4:00 p.m.**, the City will be sponsoring its regular bi-annual city-wide 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 Waste Water Treatment Plant at 1800 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 14, 2015. 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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POLICE 911
FIRE 911
AMBULANCE 911
POLICE NON-EMERGENCY REQUEST FOR SERVICE 388-3904
POLICE NON-EMERGENCY ADMINISTRATIVE 289-4242