

“BITS and PIECES”



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

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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

E-mail: ablair@leclaireiowa.gov Duties: Park and Rec Commission Liaison (includes Levee), Library Board of Trustee Liaison.

Barry Long [12/31/17] 289-4242 Ext. 1152

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Dennis Gerard [12/31/19] 289-4242 Ext. 1153

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Jason Wentland [12/31/19] 289-4242 Ext. 1154

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

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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.

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.

CIVIC CLUB NEWS

On Sept. 9th, the Civic Club will host a Rib-Eye Steak Dinner from 11a.m. to 6p.m. Rib-eye steak, baked potato, green beans, roll and dessert. Contact Connie for tickets 563-505-3909 or any club member. Civic Club to host Open House on Sunday September 24th from 2pm to 4pm. The Civic Club will be serving free pie and ice-cream. This is an opportunity for people to learn more about the Civic Club. Trivia starts September 23rd. It is normally the 3rd Saturday of the month but we have moved September’s back one week. The first trivia benefits the LeClaire Library. Doors open at 6 PM to serve food with Trivia starting at 7PM. \$10 per person. Trivia will benefit Christmas in LeClaire in October. To reserve tables, contact Debbie, 563-349-4403 or e-mail smith5grand@gmail.com. Any non-profit organization that would like the Civic Club to host a trivia for them needs to contact the Civic Club each year to get on the list. The organization needs to try and book 5 to 6 tables on their own to reserve a date. Trivia runs from Sept. to November; and January to May. We still have open dates. Bunco is Sept. 19 at 10AM at the Civic Center. \$2.00 to play. You are invited to join us for our monthly membership meeting on September 26th at 7pm. Potluck at 6:15. Every Wednesday morning starting at 8AM to 9:30AM, we will be serving breakfast at the Civic Club. Stop by and make new friends and learn about the club.

GARBAGE & RECYCLING PICKUP SCHEDULE

SEPTEMBER 2017

Recycling and Garbage days for September (in yellow) are September 13th & 14th and 27th & 28th. Garbage only days in September (in blue) are September 7th & 8th and 20th & 21st.

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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 Closing Reminder: The Library will be closed September 4th in observance of Labor Day. Regular library hours will resume Tuesday, September 5th. **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: Cooking with Chef Sheena—** Learn how to make Lasagna Dip! Recipe sheets will be given out along with tasty samples. Class size limited to 18. Adults only. September 2nd at 11am. **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. September 27th at 11:45am. **Adult Book Club—**This month we’ll be reading *Digging to America* by Anne Tyler. 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. September 27th 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. September 29th at 2pm. **Young Adult Services: Tinker Lab: Button-Making—**Turn any image into something wearable and totally unique when you explore the library’s new button maker. Try some fun button-making challenges to exercise your creativity. Each participant gets 3 free buttons, and then they are \$0.10 apiece. Best for ages 10+. Join us Thursday, September 7th 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! Best for 7th-12th grade. Join us Thursday, September 21st at 4:30pm. **Children’s Services: Storytime Kickoff—**Welcome back storytime and check out our beautiful new picture book shelving! Enjoy a craft, face-painting, and balloon animals afterwards. Best for ages 3-6, though all are welcome. Join us Tuesday, September 5th at 6:30pm. **Crafternoon—**Come get crafty at the library! This drop-in program is fun for all ages. Join us Wednesday, September 6th from 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 Thursday, September 7th at 10:30am. **Storytime in the Park—**Join us for a special outdoor storytime in Hollyhock Park! Listen to stories, sing, and dance before enjoying a special treat. Raining? Come to the library instead. Join us Saturday, September 9th at 10:30am. **Slime Science—**Explore the science behind slime! Follow two goey experiments and learn all about the powerful polymers that make slime so much fun. Best for ages 8 and up. Join us Thursday, September 21st at 6:30pm. **Junior Explorers—**Explore a new science theme each month at the library! September’s theme is All About Me. Come in for a fun storytime followed by hands-on exploratory stations. This program is best for ages 3-7. Join us Tuesday, September 26th at 6:30pm. **Storytime in the Park—**Join us for a special outdoor storytime in Hollyhock Park! Listen to stories, sing, and dance before enjoying a special treat. Raining? Come to the library instead. Join us Saturday, September 30th at 10:30am.

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.

AVOID THE DRAIN PAIN



Just because the package says flushable doesn't mean it's true. **Many items marketed as disposable and/or flushable**

do not degrade like toilet paper and they wind up clogging pipes, tangling pumps and causing messy sewer backups into streets, homes and businesses. Our sewers are designed to dispose of very specific things. Using your toilet for disposal of many modern products can result in blockages. The drains that connect your home to the main sewer are only big enough to carry water, toilet paper and human waste. Private sewer lines are often no wider than 4 inches. Other than creating clogs in sewer pipes and pumps, trash must be removed from the waste water as part of the reclamation treatment process. This is an expensive operation. Excessive debris in waste water sewers has become epidemic globally.

WHAT NOT FLUSH

- Baby and adult wipes, moist wipes, disinfectant wipes, all of those labeled as "flushable"
- Facial tissues, cotton balls, cotton swabs, Band-Aids
- Any cloth items
- Diapers (cloth, disposable, and those labeled flushable)
- Toilet bowl scrub pads, Swiffer's, dryer sheets
- Egg shells, coffee grounds, food, chewing gum
- Hair
- Vitamins, medicines, and other pharmaceuticals, cosmetics
- Napkins, Paper towels
- Dental Floss
- Cat Litter
- Fats, Oil, and grease
- Sanitary napkins, tampons, condoms
- Fish, hamsters, gerbils
- Cigarette butts
- Plastic of any kind
- Any non-organic materials

THE "FLUSHABILITY" TEST:

Take two bowls of water. Place toilet paper in one and place the item in question in the other. Swish both items in the water. Wait about an hour, and then swish again. The toilet paper should have significantly disintegrated by then while the other item (for example, wipes, napkins, dental floss) will likely remain intact. Unless the item disintegrates at the rate of toilet paper, it should be placed in the garbage and not down the toilet. You otherwise risk blockage in your home as well as clogging a main sewer line or pump station causing a sewage backup for other homes and businesses. If it can't be reused, recycled or composted, please place it in the garbage. If you have questions about what is OK to flush,

please call 563 289 4242. Select #3 for the Public Works Department then select #2 for the Waste Water Treatment Plant.

2017 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.

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.

LECLAIRE POLICE DEPARTMENT NEWS

With School resuming soon and the Labor Day holiday approaching the LeClaire Police Department will have an increased traffic enforcement effort. With the increased traffic the LeClaire Police Department will be stepping up our efforts with an eye out to help motorists buckle up on every trip and getting to their destination safely. Along with seat belt compliance we will be looking for speeders and impaired drivers. Our goal is to reduce traffic crashes and the deaths and injuries that result from them on our roadways.

Chief Shane Themas

CITY HALL INFORMATION

The next Bits & Pieces articles are due by Wednesday, September 13, 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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POLICE 911
FIRE 911
AMBULANCE 911
POLICE NON-EMERGENCY REQUEST FOR SERVICE 388-3904
POLICE NON-EMERGENCY ADMINISTRATIVE 289-4242