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325 Wisconsin Street
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MAYOR

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COUNCIL MEMBERS

Ryan Salvador [11/07/17] 289-4242 Ext. 1151
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CITY BOARDS AND COMMISSIONS

The LeClaire Board of Adjustment, the LeClaire Tourism Board, LeClaire Planning & Zoning Commission, I.T. Committee, and the LeClaire Library Board of Trustees are accepting applications. The City is also seeking volunteers to assist with the design and development of the City's new website. Anyone interested in participating in this effort please contact City Hall. The application form may be obtained from City Hall during regular business hours, or can be obtained on the City's website.

GARBAGE & RECYCLING PICKUP SCHEDULE

SEPTEMBER 2016

Recycling and Garbage days for September (in yellow) are August 31st & September 1st, and September 14th & 15th & September 21st & 22nd. Garbage only days in September (in blue) are September 9th & 10th, and September 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.

SWIMMING POOL REQUIREMENTS

Swimming Pool "Enclosure" Requirements Changed - Before all of the neighborhood kids take that first "dip" in the old back yard pool this summer make sure that your pool is safe and that it meets the requirements for fencing and enclosures that are now in effect. The biggest change includes the need for Enclosures are needed for those very popular "temporary, inflatable" pools **THAT ARE NOT CONTINUOUSLY MONITORED BY AN ADULT AND THAT ARE NOT DRAINED AND STORED ON A DAILY BASIS AND UNCOVERED HOT TUBS AND SPAS.** Please call for a copy of the detailed ordinance if you have any questions at all. The Police Department will be closely monitoring this matter as a significant public safety issue and will be stopping by and knocking on your door or calling you if they see any problems. Thanks for your help and cooperation in protecting all the neighborhood kids!!

LECLAIRE OFFICE OF TOURISM

Fri., Sept. 2, 5:30-8pm: First Friday in downtown LeClaire. **Sat., Sept. 10, 11am & 1pm:** 1-1/2 hour sightseeing cruises aboard the Twilight. Book online at www.riverboattwilight.com **Sat., Sept. 17, 5-8pm:** Twilight Riverboat Dinner Cruise sponsored by the LeClaire Chamber. Prime rib dinner and cruise is \$45. Purchase tickets at First Central State Bank and Blackhawk Bank & Trust. **Sun., Sept. 18, 2-5:30pm:** Dogtoberfest at Bierstube; free admission. **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 7, 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."

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 Monday, September 5th for Labor Day. Regular library hours will resume Tuesday, September 6th. **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: Lifelong Learning-- Sponsored by Home Bound Healthcare:** Join us for our Lifelong Learning series - a program featuring activities, events, and educational presentations geared towards the older adult. Our next event will take place Thursday, September 8th at 10am. **Write For Your Life--**Local Author, Tim Ayers, will be hosting a writer's workshop for adults. If you would like to begin writing but don't know where to start or have projects in the works and need a few pointers, this is the program for you! September 19th at 6pm. **Book Club--**Join us the 4th Wednesday of each month in the fireplace room. This month we'll be reading *The Husband's Secret* by Liane Moriarty. 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 28th at 6:30pm. **Author Reading and Q&A—**Christian Fiction author, Tim Ayers, is back! He will be reading from his upcoming book, "Cruel Messenger," and fielding questions from the audience. September 29th at 6pm. **Teen Services: Biblioteens--**Love to talk books? Looking for something new to read? Hungry for some 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 all share our most loved (or most hated) of the month! Join us before TAG on *Thursday September 15th at 5:30pm.* **TAG--**Teen Advisory Group (TAG) meets on the 3rd Thursday of each month from 6:30-7:30pm. All are welcome, and don't forget—your attendance earns you Service Learning Hours! September 15th. **Children's Services: Early Release Crafternoon--**Looking for something to do with your early release from PV schools? Stop by the library for this month's Crafternoon! This month, we will be making a paper fish toy. This drop-in program is fun for all ages! September 7th at 3pm. **After Hours Fort Night Glowstravaganza, Friday September 9th, 4:45-6:45pm.** Fort Night is back again! Join us for a night of all-ages, after-hours fun—there will be fort-building, glow-in-the-dark games, challenges, prizes, and more! Just bring your blankets, flashlights, and friends. September 9th 4:45-6:30pm. **Storytime in the Park--**Join us for a special outdoor Storytime at Holly Hock Park! We will read stories, sing songs, and get moving & grooving in this all-ages program. Raining? Just head to the library instead. September 17th at 11am.

Preschool Explorers--Explore a new science theme each month with a short Storytime and several hands-on exploratory stations. This program is coming back on Thursday September 22nd with an earlier start-time at 6:00pm! Our theme this month is APPLES! This is best for children aged 3-7. September 22nd at 6pm. **Books BeTween Bites**--Calling all tweens in 4th-6th grade—Kids Book Club is back with a new name and new time! Join us if you like reading, hanging out with cool people, doing fun activities, and eating delicious snacks. Pick up your copy of *The Lightning Thief* by Rick Riordan (and a copy of the DVD!) at the library, and join us with a snack on Thursday, September 29th, 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.

CIVIC CLUB NEWS

Bunco will be starting on Sept. 20 at 10AM at the Civic Center. \$2.00 to play. Can bring a snack to share but not necessary. It will be every 3rd Tuesday of the month except for December and continues through May. Trivia will be starting the 3rd Saturday of the month starting in September. The first trivia benefits Christmas in LeClaire. Doors open at 6 PM to serve food with Trivia starting at 7PM. \$10 per person. Trivia will benefit the LeClaire Library 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. 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 chat until 11AM. First one is Sept. 7rd through May. Upcoming Events: You are invited to join us for our monthly membership meeting on the 4th Tuesday of each month at 7pm. Potluck at 6:15. Sept. 10th the Civic Club will be having a Rib-Eye Steak Dinner from 11a.m. to 7p.m. Rib-eye, baked potato, green beans, roll and dessert. Contact Debbie for tickets 563-349-440



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!!**

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

City Hall will be closed on September 5th, 2016 in observance of Labor Day. The next Bits & Pieces articles are due by Wednesday, September 14, 2016. 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