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LECLAIRE PARK BOARD/LCIC

The Park Committee and 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, September 3, 2011 at 10:00 a.m. - Noon. The cans are collected at Hollyhock Park on the corner of 6th and Reynolds Street. If possible clean cans are greatly appreciated. For at-home pickup of cans/bottles at any time, call 289-5763, and leave your name and phone number so convenient times can be arranged.

CITY-WIDE CLEAN UP DAY – FREE DISPOSAL!! – SATURDAY, OCTOBER 8, 2011– On Saturday, October 8, 2011 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 North Parking lot of the Rec Center at 429 North 3rd Street. The parking lot located behind (North) of the Rec Center on North 3rd & Ferry Streets 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.

Regularly scheduled **future disposal dates** will be held in the **SPRING** on the 3rd Saturday in April [April 21, 2012], and in the **FALL** on the 2nd Saturday of October [October 13, 2012.] For more information or if you have any questions or special needs, please feel free to call City Hall at 289-4242 (ext. 2, 5, and 1).

** *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 OFFICE OF TOURISM

First Friday Art Strolls will take place every first Friday of the month, in LeClaire, Iowa. LeClaire businesses and organizations will host art happenings such as visual artist work, musical performances, theatrical skits, poetry readings and more. Select retailers and restaurants also will offer First Friday specials. About a half-dozen area artists will display their work along Cody Road in downtown LeClaire from 4:30 to 8:30 p.m. during this monthly Art Stroll. The Mississippi River Distilling Company will be inviting different chefs to serve hors oeuvres and visit their new facility, during the Art Stroll. Different stores have different things going on, such as live music. LeClaire aims to enliven the downtown and get people out walking to see what's going on in our cultural community. Other strolls are scheduled for Sept. 2 and Oct. 7, when local businesses will stay open until 8:30.

2012 PET TAGS

Pet licenses for the year 2012 will go on sale October 1, 2011. The cost is \$1 if purchased before December 31, 2011, 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.

**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 the City’s main phone # **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

Have you seen the museum’s new buffalo statue yet? Be sure to check it out. The Buffalo Bill Museum is having two great fundraiser events in September. On Saturday night, September 3rd there is a three-hour prime rib dinner cruise on the Twilight River Boat. This has been a very popular event in the past so be sure to invite your neighbors and friends. The cost is still \$55 per person. Boarding starts at 4:00 and the Twilight leaves the dock at 4:30. Tickets are available at the museum, from museum board members or you can call Janet Willman at 563-289-3752. On Saturday, September 17th Terri Applegate will be giving appraisals for donations to the museum at the LeClaire Civic Center from 11:00 - 1:00. This has also been a popular event in the past. No reservations necessary but please limit your appraisal items to three.

LECLAIRE CHAMBER OF COMMERCE NEWS

LeClaire Chamber of Commerce "Annual Fall Classic" golf event will be held on Wednesday, September 7th at 2pm (Shotgun start) at Olathea Golf Course in LeClaire! For reservations (teams and individuals) call Becki Rogers-Neese

(Real Assist QC) at 563-210-3455 or via email at: BROGERSNEESE@GMAIL.COM no later than Wednesday, August 31st, 2011. Please plan to pay at the door. Golfing? Cost is \$40 per player; includes golf, cart and meal. Not golfing? Join us at 5pm for the Social Hour (and dinner) at the Olathea Pavilion, only \$10 per person (reservations encouraged). **DON’T MISS OUT ON THIS GREAT ANNUAL EVENT!** Cash bar and beverage cart service. **RAIN DATE SEPTEMBER 8th, SAME TIME**

POLICE DEPARTMENT NEWS

I would like to take this opportunity to express my sincere appreciation to everyone who helped make the LeClaire Animal Shelter a reality! We had tried for several years to get it built but due to budget constraints we couldn’t get the project off the ground. We then searched for alternative financing sources.

After talking to several downtown merchants and the Chamber of Commerce, they all thought it would a great asset for LeClaire and they would help us seek donations. After almost a year we had received enough private donations to start the project. Councilmember Mary Farmer along with the Parks & Recreation Board did extensive work trying to help us locate the funding to complete the project. They graciously were going to help us fund the remainder of the project.

Also at that time Mayor Scannell had formed the Budget Review Committee. It was their mission to save the city money. Members of the Budget Review Committee sought out contractors who could do the work for less then the bids that were received. The project was completed for substantially less then any of the bids.

Today employees of the LeClaire Public Works Department were finishing up some grading and seeding to get the Animal Shelter ready for the ribbon cutting and open house.

The Chamber of Commerce, the Downtown Business Association and the Police Department would all like you to join us for a ribbon cutting and open house on Friday September 16th at 10:00 a.m. I hope the word gets out and everyone that helped can attend so we can thank you personally. We hope to see you there! Chief Jim Pfeiffer

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 charge for abating weed nuisances will be \$75.00/hour for the first employee and \$30.00/hour for each additional employee, 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.

VOLUNTEER SERVICE FOR BOARDS

The LeClaire Board of Adjustment, the LeClaire Tourism Board, LeClaire Planning & Zoning Commission, Parks, Levee, and Rec Boards, and the LeClaire Library Board of Trustees are accepting applications. Anyone wishing to be considered for volunteer service on any of these Committees must submit a completed application form that 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 FIRE & RESCUE

Summer Fire Safety: Grills, Fire Pits, and Campfires. Every year Americans look forward to summer vacations, camping, family reunions, picnics, and the Fourth of July. Summertime, however, also brings fires and injuries due to outdoor cooking and recreational fires. Annually, there are almost 3,800 Americans injured by gas or charcoal grill fires. Summertime should be a time of fun and making happy memories. knowing a few fire safety tips and following safety instructions will help everyone have a safe summer.

Residential Grill Fire Facts: An estimated 5,700 grill fires occur on residential properties each year in the United States. Almost half (49 percent) of grill fires on residential properties occur from 5 to 8 p.m. Over half (57 percent) of grill fires on residential properties occur in the 4 months of May, June, July, and August. Thirty-two percent of grill fires on residential properties start on patios, terraces, screened-in porches, or courtyards. **Grill Safety:** Propane and charcoal BBQ grills must only be used outdoors. If used indoors, or in any enclosed spaces such as tents, they pose both a fire hazard and the risk of exposing occupants to toxic gases and potential asphyxiation. Position the grill well away from siding, deck railing, and out from under eaves and

overhanging branches. Place the grill a safe distance from lawn games, play areas, and foot traffic. Keep children and pets from the grill area: declare a three-foot "safe zone" around the grill. Put out several long-handled grilling tools to give the chef plenty of clearance from heat and flames when cooking. Periodically remove grease or fat buildup in trays below the grill so it cannot be ignited by a hot grill. **Charcoal Grills:** Purchase the proper starter fluid and store out of reach of children and away from heat sources. Never add charcoal starter fluid when coals or kindling have already been ignited, and never use any flammable or combustible liquid other than charcoal starter fluid to get the fire going. **Propane Grills:** Check the propane cylinder hose for leaks before using it for the first time each year. A light soap and water solution applied to the hose will reveal escaping propane quickly by releasing bubbles. If you determined your grill has a gas leak by smell or the soapy bubble test and there is no flame: Turn off the propane tank and grill. If the leak stops, get the grill serviced by a professional before using it again. If the leak does not stop, call the fire department. If you smell gas while cooking, immediately get away from the grill and call the fire department. Do not attempt to move the grill. All propane cylinders manufactured after April 2002 must have overfill protection devices (OPD). OPDs shut off the flow of propane before capacity is reached, limiting the potential for release of propane gas if the cylinder heats up. OPDs are easily identified by their triangular-shaped hand wheel.

Use only equipment bearing the mark of an independent testing laboratory. Follow the manufacturers' instructions on how to set up the grill and maintain it. Never store propane cylinders in buildings or garages. If you store a gas grill inside during the winter, disconnect the cylinder and leave it outside. **First Aid for Burns:** For minor burns, take the following action: Cool the burn. Hold the burned area under cool (not cold) running water for 10 or 15 minutes or until the pain subsides. If this is impractical, immerse the burn in cool water or cool it with cold compresses. Cooling the burn reduces swelling by conducting heat away from the skin. Don't put ice on the burn. Cover the burn with a sterile gauze bandage. Don't use fluffy cotton, or other material that may get lint in the wound. Wrap the gauze loosely to avoid putting pressure on burned skin. Bandaging keeps air off the burn reduces pain and protects blistered skin. Take an over-the-counter pain reliever. These include aspirin, ibuprofen, naproxen or acetaminophen. Use caution when giving aspirin to children or teenagers. Though aspirin is approved for use in children older than 2, children and teenagers recovering from chickenpox or flu-like symptoms should never take aspirin. Talk to a doctor if you have concerns. **Fire Pits:** In recent years, there has been a new concern for the Fire Service - fire pits. Fire pits are known to be a great source of warmth and ambience. But, with the popularity of fire pits increasing, fire safety has become even more important. There are many things you should consider while setting up and using a fire

pit. Keep away from flammable material and fluids such as gasoline, diesel fuel, kerosene, and charcoal lighter fluid or vehicles while in use. Do not use flammable fluids such as gasoline, alcohol, diesel fuel, kerosene, and charcoal lighter fluid to light or relight fires. Exercise the same precautions you would with an open fire. Do not allow children to use the fire pit. Keep children and pets away. Do not wear flammable or loose fitting clothing such as nylon. Do not burn trash, leaves, paper, cardboard, or plywood. Avoid using soft wood such as pine or cedar that likely pop and throw sparks. Use of seasoned hardwood is suggested. Before starting the fire, make sure that the lid will still close to extinguish the fire in case of emergency. Do not overload.

Before you light the fire, check the wind direction. Keep a fire extinguisher or garden hose nearby. **Campfires:** How to Pick Your Spot; DO NOT build a fire at a site in hazardous, dry conditions. DO NOT build a fire if the campground, area, or event rules prohibit campfires. FIND OUT if the campground has an existing fire ring or fire pit. If there is not an existing fire pit, and pits are allowed, look for a site that is at least fifteen feet away from tent walls, shrubs, trees or other flammable objects. Also beware of low-hanging branches overhead. **Extinguishing Your Campfire:** When you're ready to put out your fire and call it a night, follow these guidelines: Allow the wood to burn completely to ash, if possible. Pour lots of water on the fire; drown all embers, not just the red ones. Pour until hissing sound stops. Stir the campfire ashes and embers with a shovel. Scrape the sticks and logs to remove any embers. Stir and make sure everything is wet and they are cold to the touch. If you do not have water, use dirt. Mix enough dirt or sand with the embers. Continue adding and stirring until all material is cool. **REMEMBER:** do NOT bury the fire as the fire will continue to smolder and could catch roots on fire that will eventually get to the surface and start a wildfire. **REMEMBER:** If it is too hot to touch, it's too hot to leave! If you have any fire related concerns or questions, contact the LeClaire Fire Department or visit www.leclairfire.com.

GARBAGE COLLECTION HOURS

Garbage pickup will be delayed one day due to the Labor Day holiday. Garbage pickup will be Thursday, September 8th and Friday, September 9th.

CITY HALL HOLIDAY

City Hall will be closed on Monday, September 5th in observance of Labor Day. The next Bits & Pieces articles are due by Wednesday, September 14, 2010. These can be sent electronically to wbloomingdale@leclairjowa.gov, by fax to (563) 289-6010, by mail or hand delivery to 325 Wisconsin Street, from 8:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m., Monday thru Friday.



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