

"BITS and PIECES"



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

MARCH 2019

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MAYOR

Ray Allen [12/31/19] 289-4242 Ext. 1111

E-mail: rallen@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

Amy Blair [12/31/21] 289-4242 Ext. 1151

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Barry Long [12/31/21] 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 [12/31/21] 289-4242 Ext. 1155

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NEW UTILITY BILL PAYMENT OPTIONS

We are excited to announce you can now pay your utility bill on-line. Go to our website www.leclaireiowa.gov and click on the "Bill Pay" button. Pay by credit card or with e-check. We accept VISA, MasterCard, Discover and American Express. If paying with a credit card the fee is 2.50% of the payment amount or a minimum of \$1.95. The fee for an e-check is \$1.75. To register your account you will need a previous bill to refer to so you can enter your account number and the address. The address has to be entered exactly how it reads under the "Property Location" section of your bill. Once registered, you will also be able to see your past history and

consumption. We are also now accepting credit cards at City Hall. The same fee applies as stated previously.

AUTOMATIC WITHDRAW & E-BILLING PROGRAM

FOR UTILITY BILLING

Sign up for automatic withdraw of your utility bill and/or e-billing all on the same form. If you sign up for both you will receive \$10.00. The form can be found on the City Hall website (leclaireiowa.gov) or can be picked up at City Hall. To find it on the website click on City Hall, then Document Center, then the City Hall folder and then Customer Authorization for Payment Form. If only participating in the e-bill program fill out the bottom section of the form and return by mail, to City Hall or by email (bills@leclaireiowa.gov). If participating in the automatic withdraw, fill out the form and return it by mail, to City Hall or by email (bills@leclaireiowa.gov) along with a voided check or voided savings deposit slip. There are many benefits gained by participating in these programs:

- » **Convenience** Saves you valuable time because you don't have to worry about writing a check each month or running to the post office at the last minute to ensure a payment is made on time.
- » **Safety Auto** Withdraw is extremely safe. Customers must authorize, in writing or electronically, all payments to their accounts.
- » **Reliability Auto** Withdraw guarantees your payment will be received on time, even if you are out of town or on vacation. This ensures your good credit rating will be maintained.
- » **Privacy Fewer** people are involved in processing your payment. As a result, confidentiality of account information increases.
- » **Cost Savings Auto** Withdraw allows you to eliminate postage costs, reduce check costs, and possibly eliminate late fees. Saves the City money on postage, paper, ink, wear and tear on our printers, processing of paper checks, etc., thereby keeping sewer and garbage charges down.
- » **Control** Auto Withdraw provides you with a record of payment on your bank statements in addition to a monthly bill. You will also have the ability to request a stop payment or cancel your Auto Withdraw request at any time.

We are very excited to offer this service to our residents and feel it makes it much more convenient for you to receive and pay your utility bill. We look forward to your participation. If you have any questions please email Jo at jphares@leclaireiowa.gov or call her at 289-4242 Ext. 1101.

LECLAIRE OFFICE OF TOURISM

Sun., Feb. 24, Noon-4pm: Celebrate Buffalo Bill's Birthday at the Buffalo Bill Museum with FREE admission and a Buffalo Chip Throwing Contest at 1pm. Fri., Mar. 1, 5-11pm: First Friday in downtown LeClaire. Sat., Feb. 2, 1-4pm: "Taste of LeClaire" - Receive FREE food and beverage samples from various shops, restaurants, and bars. Sat., Mar. 16, 6:30pm: Trivia at the Civic Center. Call 563-349-4403 for reservation. Find details on more LeClaire events at: 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.

GARBAGE & RECYCLING PICKUP SCHEDULE

MARCH 2019

Recycling and Garbage days for March (in yellow) are March 13th & 14th and March 27th & 28th. Garbage only days in March (in blue) are March 6th & 7th and March 20th & 21st.

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Please put your toters at least three feet apart to allow the Republic drivers to maneuver their truck's mechanical arm to raise and lower your garbage toters. Please do not overflow the toters. And please have your toters out by 7AM on your pickup day, If your toter(s) are not out by 7AM on your pickup day, and your garbage/recycling gets missed, the Republic trucks will not return to pick up your garbage and/or recycling.

LECLAIRE CIVIC CLUB NEWS

Our Annual Swiss Steak Dinner is set for Saturday April 13th 4:00 pm to 6:30 pm. Tickets can be purchased in advance from any Civic Club Member or by calling Ron at 563-340-7267 or Joyce at 563-289-4205. Tickets will go on sale in March. The Civic Club is hosting a Trivia Fundraiser for the LeClaire Civic Club on March 16th. Call Debbie, 563-349-4403, or email smith5grand@gmail.com to book a table. Doors open at 6 PM to serve food with Trivia starting at 7PM. \$10 per person. Annual membership renewal is \$8. Please

renew your membership for 2019 by sending payment to LeClaire Civic Club, PO Box 562, LeClaire, Iowa 52753. If you are interested in joining or learning more about the club, contact a member of the board or learn more at www.leclairecivicclub.org. The Civic Club continues to serve breakfast every Wednesday morning from 8AM to 9:30AM. This is another chance to learn about the club. Reserve the civic center for events. Rental cost is \$75 for 6 hours and \$125 for whole day. Freshly painted, it is the perfect place to host your event. Call or email Debbie to reserve the center.

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

Adult Services: Card Making with Donna Banta: Join us in making homemade greeting cards! Each participant will make 3 different cards. Class size limited to 15. Adults only. Saturday, March 9th at 11:00am. **NEW Health Series:** Weight loss is so much more than the food you eat. It's more than calories in, calories out. It's more than fad diets and killing yourself in the gym. Join Heather Larsen, Holistic Health Practitioner, Holistic Health Coach, Reiki Practitioner, Yoga/Barre instructor on a series of talks all about weight loss. Are you stuck no matter what you have tried in the past to lose weight? Break down some of the common barriers to weight loss. Learn how to work with the design of the body to help you with these major barriers to living a healthy life. March's topic is: **Food, Eat Fat to Burn Fat.** Take the mystery out of food. Learn what types of foods promote weight loss and why. Wednesday, March 20th at 7:00pm. **How Pin-teresting! With Jenn Voss:** This DIY craft class for adults is

offered at 6:30pm on the third Thursday of the month. In March we are making earrings. Are you stuck with the kids? Bring them to the library. We will have crafts for them to do in our children's area while you are doing your own thing. Thursday, March 21st at 6:30pm. **The ADHD Brain: A Ferrari Engine with Bicycle Brakes:** This workshop is for parents, providers and teachers interested in finding natural approaches to ADHD management. We will discuss why the current trends of the diagnosis are rising and the importance of a team approach. Our goal is to send you home empowered with easy to implement action steps and a better understanding of what options are available to you and your family. Talk hosted by Dr. Travis Howell DC CCEP, Howell Chiropractic, Bettendorf. Saturday, March 23rd at 10:30am. **Adult Book Club:** This month we'll be reading *Daring to Drive*, by Manal al-Sharif. 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. Wednesday, March 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. Friday, March 29th at 2pm. **All Ages Services: Crafternoon:** Make a miniature Zen garden. This is now an all ages program. Come in on Wednesday, March 6th at 3:00pm. **Youth Services: Hula Hooping:** Hula Hooper extraordinaire Rosie Criswell will demonstrate hula hooping tricks, and afterwards show children how to do various techniques. Youth of any age are welcome to join us. Thursday, March 7th at 4pm. **Tinker Lab:** Button Making! Bring your own design or use some of sources. Youth of any age are welcome to join in on Monday, March 11th at 4:00pm. **Junior Explorers:** Explore a new science theme through hands-on exploratory stations each month—March's theme is Aqua Lab! This program is best for children aged 3-7 but all are welcome. Tuesday, March 19th at 6:30pm. **Mini Makers:** Sensory play encourages toddlers to explore and get to know the world around them. March's theme is Threading Tubes! This program is best for ages 10 months to 3 years but all are welcome. Wednesday, March 20th at 10:30am. **LEGO Club:** We have the LEGOs, you have the creativity! All of the library's LEGOs will be out for anyone with the desire to build and enjoy on Wednesday, March 27th at 4:00pm.

WINTER-TIME WEATHER REMINDERS & ORDINANCE/PROCEDURES IN EFFECT

As the winter months are on us, everyone is reminded of the several ordinances that became effective on November 1. These ordinances deal with such things as snowmobile use and routes, snow emergencies and snow-route parking restrictions, snow removal from sidewalks, etc. Some of the more

important, notable ones are: shoveling of sidewalks is required; dumping snow from private property, driveways, and sidewalks onto the traveled public right-of-way is unlawful; snow route and alternative parking on city streets; and Cody Road snow clean-up procedures, etc. Also, don't forget that, if necessary, a winter emergency can be declared by the Mayor in the case of unusually bad conditions. If anyone has any questions about these ordinances or regulations, please feel free to call the Police Department at any time at 289-4242. We also urge everyone to be extra careful driving during this time of year. Don't forget that it is the property owner's responsibility to keep the sidewalks cleared of any snow and ice and to keep the snow shoveled out from in front of the mail boxes on the street. In order to give the City crews a fair chance to "clean-up" the streets after a snowfall or ice storm, please do not call in complaints to City Hall until at least 24 hours after the storm has ended. If we missed an area or have failed to do the job within this time period then we would like to hear from you. Thank you for your patience and cooperation in these times!!!!

BUDGET PREPARATION SCHEDULE FISCAL YEAR 2019-2020

FEBRUARY 21, 2019 – City Administrator submits F.Y. '19-'20 budget adoption public hearing notice to Q.C. Times for publication on February 28, 2019 for hearing/adoption on March 11, 2019.

FEBRUARY 23, 2019 – **POTENTIAL** Special Committee-of-the-Whole meeting to be used exclusively as a budget workshop session. (8:00 a.m. to noon - **SATURDAY**)

MARCH 4, 2019 – F.Y. '18-'19 Budget Amendment (Re-estimation) P.H. & Regularly scheduled Council meeting. (7:00 p.m.)

MARCH 4, 2019 – Committee-of-the-Whole meeting (Immediately following Regular Meeting) used exclusively as a budget workshop session.

MARCH 9, 2019 – **POTENTIAL** Special Committee-of-the-Whole meeting to be used exclusively as a budget workshop session. (8:00 a.m. to noon - **SATURDAY**)

MARCH 11, 2019 - City Council conducts official public hearing on finalized budget and considers adoption of formal budget resolution for certification. Committee-of-the-Whole meeting (if needed) to follow. (7:00 p.m.)

MARCH 15, 2019 - City Administrator certifies formal budget to County Auditor by 5:00 p.m. on this date.

MARCH 16, 2019 TO JULY 1, 2019 - City Administrator collects and organizes all budget preparation information to be processed and bound into official copies of the F.Y. '19 - '20 City Budget Packet.

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 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.

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

LECLAIRE YOUTH BASEBALL & SOFTBALL

Tball, Baseball, & Softball registration is now open! You may register online at leclaireyouthball.com or you may pick up a registration form at City Hall or the LeClaire Community Library. Pick up registration is only available for Tball and Softball. Registration deadline is March 19th. A \$25 late fee applies after March 19th. Late registrations may be put on a waiting list. No registration will be accepted after April 3rd. We also have volunteer positions available (umpiring, concessions. Board Membership, etc.) You may find out more information at www.leclaireyouthball.com If you have any questions – you may email them to: leclaireyouthball@gmail.com.

CITY HALL INFORMATION

Bits & Pieces articles are due by Wednesday, March 13, 2019. 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**

