

"BITS and PIECES"



FROM YOUR CITY HALL
325 Wisconsin Street
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MAYOR

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COUNCIL MEMBERS

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

Friday, April 5, 5-11pm: First Friday in downtown LeClaire.
Sat., April. 13, 6:30pm: Trivia at the Civic Center. Call 563-349-4403 for reservation. **Sat., Apr. 20, 8-11am: Cars & Coffee** on the Levee. **Sat., Apr. 27, 4-7pm: Wine Hop.** Wine sampling at downtown businesses. \$20 tickets can be purchased in advance at 129 and the day of the event at the LeClaire Civic Center. **Find details on all 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 APRIL 2019

Recycling and Garbage days for March (in yellow) are April 10th & 11th and April 24th & 25th. Garbage only days in March (in blue) are April 3rd & 4th and April 17th & 18th.

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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 overfill 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.

CURB-SIDE CLEAN UP DAY – FREE DISPOSAL!! – SATURDAY, APRIL 13, 2019– On Saturday, April 13, 2019, by 7AM, any resident** may put out curbside **any large, bulky waste items, [no regular garbage, hazardous materials, construction debris, commercial business items, appliances, tires, "e-waste" or yard wastes will not be accepted]**. The location for your curbside pickup will be where you normally put your garbage toters for pickup. All items must be out at the curb by 7:00AM. The garbage contractor **will not** return for any items placed curbside after 7:00 AM.

**** Only LeClaire residents with proof of residency (no commercial businesses) whose City garbage accounts are paid in full may participate in the Clean-ups. For more information or if you have any questions or special needs, please feel free to call City Hall at 289-4242. "E-waste" is defined as devices that contain a circuit board or a cathode ray tube such as, computer monitors, TVs, VCRs, stereos, computers, radios, and video game systems. E-waste contains environmental hazards such as lead, mercury, cadmium, nickel, chromium, lithium, and PCBs. "Hazardous Materials" are defined as Fluorescent Light Bulbs, household cleaners and disinfectants, vehicle fluids, Weed Killer, Bug Sprays Pesticides, fertilizers, paint, stains, varnishes, glue, solvents, etc.**

Future disposal Dates are: in the **FALL** [Dumpster Cleanup] on the 2nd Saturday of October [October 12, 2019] and in **SPRING** [Curb-side Cleanup] on the 2nd Saturday in April [April 11, 2020]. For more information or if you have any questions or special needs, please feel free to call City Hall at 289-4242.

LECLAIRE CIVIC CLUB NEWS

Our Annual Swiss Steak Dinner is set for Saturday April 13th 4:00pm 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 are on sale now - \$10 in advance, \$12 at the door, \$5 for kids 5-11, Under 5 free. The Civic Club is hosting a Trivia Fundraiser for scholarships for the Women's Philanthropy Group on April 20th. Call Debbie, 563-349-4403, or email smith5grand@gmail.com to book a table. Doors open at 6:00 p.m. to serve food and Trivia will start at 7:00 p.m. - \$10 per person. 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: 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 April we are making a springtime-themed nature scene in a mason jar. 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, April 18th at 6:30pm. **Adult Book Club:** This month we'll be reading *The Letter*, by Kathryn Hughes. 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, April 24th at 6:30pm. **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 live a healthy life. April's topic is: **Sleep and its Effects on Your Weight Loss Efforts.** If you are not sleeping well your efforts to maintain healthy eating and exercise routines might be a waste of time; find out why. Wednesday, April 24th at 7:00 pm. **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, April 26th at 2pm. **Buon Appetito! Italian Cuisine with Vanessa:** Italian native, Vanessa Jasper, will teach us how to make *Gnudi Di Toscana*—Tuscan spinach and ricotta balls. No registration necessary, but class size is limited to 18. Adults only. Saturday, April 27th at 11:00am.

All Ages Services: Crafternoon: String Art! Weave string around nails on a plank of wood and make a beautiful design. This is now an all ages program. Come in on Wednesday, April 10th at 3:00pm. **Youth and Teen Services: Birds of Prey:** Dave Murcia, Director/Naturalist at the Wapsi River Environmental Education Center of Scott County, will bring live owls and a falcon. He will also talk about biology and ecology. Recommended for ages 6 to 12 and their families, but all are welcome to join us. Wednesday, April 3rd at 4:30pm. **Tinker Lab:** Make a Duct Tape Pouch! We have a variety of colors and designs of tape. Youth of any age are welcome to join in on Monday, April 15th at 4:00pm. **Junior Explorers:** Explore a new science theme through hands-on exploratory stations each month— April's theme is Storm Lab! This program is best for children aged 3-7 but all are welcome. Tuesday, April 16th at 6:30pm. **Mini Makers:** Sensory play encourages toddlers to explore and get to know the world around them. April's theme is Bubble-Wrap Finger Painting! This program is best for ages 10 months to 3 years but all are welcome. Wednesday, April 17th at 10:30am. **LIVE SHOW: Appleseed!** Eulenspiegel Puppet Theatre performs a brand new story about Johnny Appleseed's true adventures, and his relationship with the settlers, the Native Americans, and the animals and plants around him. This show is best for ages 4-12, but all are welcome. Wednesday, April 17th at 6:30 pm. **NEW Bilingual Storytime Pequeños Cuentos:** We will be having our very first bilingual storytime! Ms. Haidee will read bilingual stories and sing songs in both Spanish and English. Best for ages 3-6 but all are welcome. Tuesday, April 23rd at 6:30pm. **LEGO Club:** This month's theme is to create a superhero! Afterwards, the LEGO creations will be displayed in our Children's Area for all to see. Recommended for youth ages 5-11. Wednesday, April 24th at 4:00pm. **Library Zine Night:** Express yourself through small, hand-drawn, and handmade magazines. We will have drawing supplies, stamps, adhesives,-everything to create a stellar zine! Recommended for 13 and up. Thursday, April 25th from 4:00pm-6:00pm

SCOTT COUNTY LITTLE LEAGUE SOFTBALL SIGN-UP

(Formerly Davenport Girl's Softball Little League)

We have expanded our borders and are excited for the first time to include ALL areas of Scott County! We welcome girls ages 4-16, not only from Davenport, but Bettendorf, Buffalo, Blue Grass, Eldridge, Pleasant Valley, LeClaire, and more. We offer a competitive, yet fun, environment. Register online at

www.davenportlittleleague.com (Optional fundraising opportunity to earn back 50% of registration fees!) Tryouts start at noon at River's Edge on March 23rd. For more information: Rachael Dooley 563-505-4057 or sclls563@gmail.com. We are on Facebook: Scott County Little League Softball.

BUDGET PREPARATION SCHEDULE
FISCAL YEAR 2019-2020

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.

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. **THESE 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.

CITY HALL INFORMATION

Bits & Pieces articles are due by Wednesday, April 10, 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.

UTILITY CHARGES

Metered Minimum (incl. first 500 gal.)(67 c/f)

	<u>Sewer</u>	<u>Garbage</u>
-Regular	\$21.80	\$15.50
-Elderly*	\$19.50	\$14.50

Usage Rate (per 500 gal.)(67 c/f)
-All users \$1.80

Non-Metered, Flat (Sewer Only)

	<u>Sewer</u>	<u>Garbage</u>
-Regular	\$65.00	\$15.50
-Elderly*	\$55.00	\$14.50

DEPOSITS - RESIDENTIAL AMOUNT

Sewer(meter)	\$ 98.00
Sewer(meter)/Garbage	\$129.00
Sewer (flat no meter)	\$130.00
Sewer(flat)/Garbage	\$161.00
Garbage	\$ 31.00

DEPOSITS-COMMERCIAL

Sewer Only (meter)	\$98.00
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MISCELLANEOUS FEES

NSF Check	\$30.00
Lateral Locate	\$21.40

SEWER HOOK-UPS

Residential - New	\$428.00
- Re-Hook	\$214.00
Commercial/Industrial	
- New \$.03/ft. not less than	\$428.00
- Re-Hook	\$214.00

*Age and income requirements.



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