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325 Wisconsin Street
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MAY 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

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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.

LECLAIRE OFFICE OF TOURISM

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. **Fri., May 3, 5pm: Cultural & Entertainment District** announcement at Mississippi River Distilling Co. **Fri., May 3, 5-11pm: First Friday** in downtown LeClaire. **Sat., May 18, 8-11am: Cars & Coffee** on the Levee. **Sat., May 18, 3-6pm: Shops with Hops** in downtown LeClaire. **Sat., May 18, 6:30pm: Trivia** at the Civic Center. Call 563-349-4403 for reservation. **Sat.-Mon., May 25-27, 11am, 1pm, 3pm: Riverboat Twilight Sightseeing Cruises** on the Levee. www.riverboatwillight.com for tickets. **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

MAY 2019

Recycling and Garbage days for May (in yellow) are May 8th & 9th and May 22nd & 23rd. Garbage only days in May (in blue) are May 1st & 2nd and May 15th & 16th and May 30th & 31st. Please note garbage will be delayed by one day on the last week of the month due to Memorial Day.

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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. Please do not overfill the totes. And please have your totes 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

The LeClaire Civic Club is looking for new and former members. The Civic Club has been operating since 1938 as a community association of volunteers. The Club is located on the banks of the Mississippi River. It is the perfect place to socialize with your neighbors, give back to the community or do your civic duty by donating to a needy cause. The Civic Center is also a great place to reserve 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 Debbie, 563-349-4403, or email smith5grand@gmail.com to reserve the Civic Center. The Civic Club is hosting a Trivia Fundraiser for the Friends of the Community Library on May 18th. Call or email Debbie (see above) to book a table. Doors open at 6PM to serve food with Trivia starting at 7PM. \$10 per person. Debbie is setting the schedule for Trivia for September 2019-May 2020. If your organization is interested, please contact Debbie. The Civic club continues to serve breakfast every Wednesday morning from 8AM-9:30AM. This is another chance to learn about the club. The general membership meeting is Tuesday, May 28th at 7PM with a potluck at 6:15PM. The general membership meeting is held the 4th Tuesday of each month.

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: Prisoners of War in Iowa: Author Linda Betsinger McCann presents findings and tells anecdotes from her newest book *Prisoners of War in Iowa*. Saturday, May 4th at 11:00am. **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 May we are making a gnome garden in a 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, May 16th at 6:30pm. **Adult Book Club:** This month we'll be reading *Lab Girl*, by Hope Jahren. Books are available at the library's circulation counter free of cost and are available as an eBook through our RiverShare Digital Library Catalog. Wednesday, May 22nd 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. **May's topic is: Movement for Weight Loss.** Is your exercise routine doing more harm than good? Find out why. Wednesday, May 29th at 7:00pm. **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, May 31st at 2pm. **All Ages Services: Art Lessons to Go with the Figge:** Figge Outreach Educator, Kelsey Vandercoy, will talk about Louis Comfort Tiffany who worked in the decorative arts and who is best known for his work in stained glass. Participants then create their own "windows" with sharpies and CD sleeves. Pre-registration required, limited to the first 20 participants. Thursday, May 2nd at 4:30pm. **Crafternoon: Acrylic Pouring:** Create a multicolored masterpiece from pouring a combination of acrylic paint and glue! Wednesday, May 8th at 4:30pm. **Youth and Teen Services: Super Smash Bros. Ultimate Tournament:** Play the latest craze *Super Smash Bros. Ultimate* on the library's Nintendo Switch. Battle it out to see who will be victorious and a chance to win a GameStop gift card. Pre-registration required, limited to 20 participants. For ages 10-14. Thursday, May 16th, from 4:30 – 6:00pm. **Tinker Lab Craft - Make a Book Hedgehog:** Create your own hedgehog out of an old paperback book. Once it's finished, it can be used for sticking in postcards or photos. Monday, May 20th at 4:00pm. **Junior Explorers:** Explore a new science theme through hands-on exploratory stations each month—May's theme is Dino Lab! Pretend to be a paleontologist by excavating dinosaur fossils out of Oobleck. This program is best for children aged 3-7 but all are welcome. Tuesday, May 21st at 6:30pm. **Mini Makers:** Sensory play encourages toddlers to explore and get to know the world around them. This month create pyramids, palaces, really anything using

our Kinetic Sand. This program is best for ages 10 months to 3 years but all are welcome. Wednesday, May 22nd at 10:30am. **Bilingual Storytime Pequeños Cuentos:** Giraffes/Jirafas are the theme of May's bilingual storytime! There will be songs in both Spanish and English, and a crafting activity at the end. Best for ages 3-6 but all are welcome. Tuesday, May 28th at 6:30pm. **LEGO Club:** This month's theme is Colorful Creations, where we build something out of a single color. Afterwards, the LEGO creations will be displayed in our Children's Area for all to see. Recommended for youth ages 5-11. Wednesday, May 29th at 4:00pm.

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.

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 TO 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



SWIMMING POOL REQUIREMENTS

Swimming Pool “Enclosure” Requirements Reminders! - 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. This includes the need for enclosures that surround 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!!

SENIOR UTILITY NOTICE

All seniors who are eligible for the senior discount need to submit proof of income for the year 2018 by May 15, 2019 to stay on the senior rate. This proof can be in the form of a SSA-1099 or an income tax form. The income level requirements for 2018 are \$18,735 for a single resident or \$25,365 for a married resident. Please remember if you have anyone living with you under 65 you will not be eligible for this discount. Thank you.

LECLAIRE WRITERS

If you write and want to share your work, get feedback, and learn about writing, please join us: We are a friendly group that meets once a month to hone our writing chops in a supportive environment. Interests include a wide range of genres: personal anecdotes, poetry, short stories, novels, nonfiction, etc. We meet once a month for two hours at the library. Call the LeClaire Library at (563) 289-4242, Ext. 4 for the next Writers date

CITY HALL INFORMATION

Bits & Pieces articles are due by Wednesday, June 12, 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.



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