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FROM YOUR CITY HALL
325 Wisconsin Street
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JULY 2019

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COUNCIL MEMBERS

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WANT \$10.00?

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.

GARBAGE & RECYCLING PICKUP SCHEDULE

JULY 2019

Recycling and Garbage days for July (in yellow) are July 3rd & 5th and July 17th & 18th and July 31st and August 1st. Garbage only days in July (in blue) are July 10th & 11th and July 24th & 25th. One large item curbside will be picked up on the second pickup days in July. Note: July 4th is a holiday so Thursday's pick-up will be delayed by one day.

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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.

LECLAIRE CIVIC CLUB NEWS

The monthly membership meeting will be held on Tuesday July 23rd at 7pm with a delicious pot luck meal at 6:15pm. The Civic Club will host the Annual Tug Fest Breakfast at the Civic Center on August 10th from 7-11am. Tickets will go on sale in July. Look for us during Tug Fest at the pavilion playing BINGO. Cash prizes. Hope to see you! We need members to sign up to volunteer to help with Bingo and the breakfast.

TOURISM NEWS

Sat., June 22, 12-8pm: Food Truck Fight on the Levee. **Fri., July 5, 5-11pm: First Friday** in downtown LeClaire. **Sat., July 20, 11am, 1pm, 3pm: Riverboat Twilight Sightseeing Cruises** on the Levee. www.riverboatatwillight.com for tickets. **Sat., July 27, 8-11am: Cars & Coffee** on the Levee. **Fridays & Saturdays: Live music** at various venues. **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.

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

MONDAY'S - July 15th at 4pm: LeClaire Community Library – LIVE SHOW. Duke Otherwise. Using his distinct baritone and clever lyrics, Duke sings hilarious and imaginative songs for all ages. From Madison, WI, Duke's shows include audience participation, dancing, and an array of musical styles. **July 22nd at 2pm: LeClaire Community Library – LIVE SHOW. Grout Museum presents Space Explorers.** Reconnoiter like an astronaut in this hands-on workshop. Use a robotic arm to move objects like a rover, launch a rocket, build a space lander, and more!

TUESDAY'S - July 2nd & 9th at 6:30pm: LeClaire Community Library – Family Storytime. Join us for stories, rhymes, & crafts! Activities are best for ages 3-6, but all are welcome. **July 9th at 2pm: LeClaire Community Library – LIVE SHOW. Dance Spectacular Productions presents Outer Space Buddies.** This interactive children's educational program infuses dance and anti-bullying. We're touring the universe with high energy aliens and learning dance moves along the way. **July 16th at 6:30pm: LeClaire Community Library – Junior Explorers.** Explore a new science theme through hands-on exploratory stations each month— July's theme is Rocket Lab! This program is best for children aged 3-7 but all are welcome. **July 23rd at 6:30pm: LeClaire Community Library – Bilingual Storytime Pequeños Cuentos.** Colors/Colores are the theme of July'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.

WEDNESDAY'S - July 3rd, 10th, & 24th at 10:30am: LeClaire Community Library - Toddler Time. This program focuses on finger plays, songs, and stories. Activities are best for birth-2 years old, but all are welcome. **July 10th at 3pm: LeClaire Community Library – Crafternoon.** Make some book jewelry! All ages. **July 17th at 10:30am: LeClaire Community Library – Mini Makers.** Sensory play encourages toddlers to explore and get to know the world around them. July's theme is Bubble Foam! This program is best for ages 10 months to 3 years but all are welcome. **July 24th at 6:30pm: LeClaire Community Library - Adult Book Club.** This month we'll be reading *If the Creek Don't Rise*, by Leah Weiss. Books are available at the library's circulation counter free of cost. **July 31st at 4:00pm: LeClaire Community Library - LEGO Club.** This month's theme is Create Your Own Planet. Afterwards, the LEGO creations will be displayed in our Children's Area for all to see. Recommended for youth ages 5-11.

THURSDAY'S - July 4th Library closed for Independence Day. July 25th TBD: LeClaire Community Library – Escape Room. This activity is based on Netflix's *Stranger Things* series. Call the library in the beginning of July for escape room times.

FRIDAY'S - July 12th starting at 11am: LeClaire Community Library – Space Movie Marathon. Watch kid friendly space-themed movies with complementary popcorn. **July 26th at 2pm: LeClaire Community Library - 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. **July 26th TBD: LeClaire Community Library – Escape Room.** This activity is based on Netflix's *Stranger Things* series. Call the library in the beginning of July for escape room times.

SATURDAY'S - July 13th, 20th & 27th, at 1pm: LeClaire Community Library – Chess Nuts. Over three Saturdays, students from Bridgeview's ELP class will have drop-in games of chess. On the last Saturday, we will celebrate what we've learned with a tournament. Best for ages 10 and over.

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.

TIPS TO PREVENT STORM WATER POLLUTION

Bag your pet's waste. Leaving pet waste on the ground increases public health risks by allowing harmful bacteria and nutrients to wash into the storm drain and eventually into local waterbodies. Don't apply pesticides, fertilizers and herbicides before heavy rain. Contrary to popular belief, the rain won't help to soak these chemicals into the ground; it will only help create polluted runoff into our local creeks. Select native and adapted plants and grasses that are drought and pest resistant. Native plants require less water, fertilizer, and pesticides. Reduce the amount of paved area and increase the amount of vegetated area in your yard. Don't dump motor oil or auto fluids on the ground or in the storm drain; dispose of it properly at an oil recycling center. Check your car, boat, or motorcycle for leaks. Clean up spilled fluids with an absorbent material. Don't rinse the spills into the storm drain. Don't get rid of grass clippings and other yard waste by dumping it or sweeping it into the storm drain; this will cause depleted oxygen for aquatic life. Instead, compost your yard waste. When washing your car at home, wash with only water or use biodegradable soap and wash it on a lawn or other unpaved surface. Don't get rid of old or unused paint by throwing it down the storm drain; dispose of paint and other household hazardous waste at recycling facilities. Don't pump your pool water into the storm drain; pool chemicals can be hazardous to our creek habitats. Throw litter away in a garbage can; not in the ditches. Storm drains, culverts and ditches are intended for rain water and snow melt only.

LECLAIRE POLICE DEPARTMENT

Now that summer is here, we would like to remind everyone about the state law regarding fireworks. The City of LeClaire adopted an ordinance restricting the dates and times that fireworks can be used. Below is LeClaire's city ordinance:

DISCHARGING OF FIREWORKS – GENERAL REQUIREMENTS:

- a. No person under the age of 18 shall possess or discharge a consumer firework without parental supervision.
- b. A person shall only discharge a consumer fireworks device on real property they own or on property where consent has been given. The discharging of fireworks on any public property is strictly prohibited unless otherwise specifically authorized in writing by the City.
- c. Consumer fireworks shall not be sold to, possessed or discharged by persons showing visible signs of, reasonably believed to be, or determined to be, intoxicated or under the influence of a drug or narcotic.
- d. Any person discharging a consumer fireworks device assumes all responsibility for its operation and the consequences thereof. No person shall discharge a consumer fireworks device in a reckless manner or manner likely to cause death, injury, fire, or property damage.
- e. No person shall discharge a consumer fireworks device outside the following dates and hours:

1. July 3rd through July 4th from the hours of 12:00 (noon) until 11:00 P.M.
2. December 31st from the hours of 12:00 (noon) until 12:30 A.M.
3. It shall be unlawful to alter, remove, or discharge components of a consumer fireworks device from its intended method of discharging.
4. Sky lantern open flame devices are not permitted to be released within the City limits.
5. The City may, upon application in writing, grant a permit for the display of fireworks on public property by a "community group", fair associations, amusement parks and other organizations or groups of individuals approved by the City when such fireworks display will be handled by a competent operator. No permit shall be granted hereunder unless the operator or sponsoring organization has filed with the City evidence of insurance as required under Iowa Code Section 727.2 and under this section.

The LeClaire Police Department will be strictly enforcing this ordinance. If you have any questions please feel free to contact the police department anytime! Shane Themas-Chief of Police

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!!

GARBAGE RATE INCREASE

The monthly service charge for garbage will be increasing \$.50/month on your July utility bill. The new service charge rate for regular customers is \$16.00/month. Qualifying elderly rate is \$15.00/month. To qualify for the senior rate you must be 65 years of age, income for married couples of no more than \$25,365; single \$18,735, and no other people can be living in your household. If you have any questions please give Jo a call at 289-4242 Ext. 1101.

CITY HALL INFORMATION

City Hall will be closed Thursday, July 4, 2019 for Independence Day. Bits & Pieces articles are due by Wednesday, July 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.

