

# "BITS and PIECES"



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

## AUGUST 2019

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**MAYOR**

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### **COUNCIL MEMBERS**

**Amy Blair** [12/31/21] 289-4242 Ext. 1151  
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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](http://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](mailto: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](mailto: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](mailto:jphares@leclaireiowa.gov) or call her at 289-4242 Ext. 1101.

## GARBAGE & RECYCLING PICKUP SCHEDULE

### AUGUST 2019

Recycling and Garbage days for August (in yellow) are July 31<sup>st</sup> & August 1<sup>st</sup> and August 14<sup>th</sup> & 15<sup>th</sup> and August 28<sup>th</sup> & 29<sup>th</sup>. Garbage only days in August (in blue) are August 7<sup>th</sup> & 8<sup>th</sup> and 21<sup>st</sup> and 22<sup>nd</sup>.

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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 Civic Club will host the Annual Tug Fest Breakfast at the LeClaire Civic Center on August 10th serving from 7 to 10:30am. Adults are \$5 in advance, \$7 at the door. We will serve French toast, egg casserole, sausage, pancakes, fresh fruit, cinnamon rolls, coffee and juice. Contact Joyce at 563-289-4205 for tickets or any civic club member. Look for us during Tug Fest at the pavilion playing Bingo. It is a lot of fun. Cash prizes. Hope to see you! The monthly membership meeting will be held on Tuesday August 27th at 7pm. We will have a potluck at 6:15. Come join us! New members welcome! Painting for a Purpose will be held on September 26th at 6:30pm at the LeClaire Civic Center. The cost is \$25. Spots are limited, please contact Debbie at 563-349-4403 or by email at [smith5grand@gmail.com](mailto:smith5grand@gmail.com). No artistic talent is required. The Civic Club will host a Potato bake dinner on September 14th and a chili supper on November 9th. Trivia will start September. Doors open at 6pm to serve food. Trivia starts at 7pm. \$10 per person. To reserve tables, contact Debbie at 563-349-4403 or by email at [smith5grand@gmail.com](mailto:smith5grand@gmail.com). Trivia runs from September to November and January to May. Trivia is held on the 3rd Saturday of the month. The Civic Club will resume serving breakfast every Wednesday morning from 8am to 9:30am starting in September. Stop by and make new friends and

chat until 11am. A Euchre event will be held at the Green Tree Brewery on September 10th. Sign up starts at 6pm and play begins at 6:30pm. Everyone is welcome for fun with a cause. Proceeds from this event will benefit Christmas in LeClaire. It is \$10 to play. Rock n' Roll Bingo of the Quad Cities, Inc. will host Rock n' Roll Bingo at the LeClaire Civic Center on Sunday, October 6th at 2:00 p.m. Come for the prizes, stay for the fun. Doors will open at 1:00 p.m. Cost is just \$10 for adults, \$5 for kids 10 and under, which gets you one bag of bingo chips with a bingo card. Want to play two cards? Pay just \$5 more. Proceeds from this event will benefit Christmas in LeClaire event held December 6-8.

### TOURISM NEWS

**Fri., Aug. 2, 5-11pm: First Friday** in downtown LeClaire. Celebrating the 100<sup>th</sup> First Friday! **Sat., Aug. 3, 9am-3pm: Quad City British Auto Club Heartland British Auto Fest** on the Levee. More can be found at [www.qcbac.com](http://www.qcbac.com). **Thurs.-Sat., Aug. 8-10: Tug Fest**. Details can be found at [www.tugfest.com](http://www.tugfest.com) **Sat., Aug. 17, 8-11pm: Cars & Coffee** on the Levee. **Sat., Aug. 17: Riverboat Twilight Sightseeing Cruises**, 11am 1pm 3pm, [www.riverboattwilight.com](http://www.riverboattwilight.com) for advance tickets. **Aug. 24: Vettes on the River** all-Corvette car show. Proceeds are donated to local Quad Cities' Veterans' organizations. For more information: [www.vettesontheriver.com](http://www.vettesontheriver.com) **Fridays & Saturdays: Live music** at various venues. **Find details on all LeClaire events at:** [www.visitleclaire.com/events.html](http://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](mailto:info@visitleclaire.com) or 563-650-7963 to volunteer. The LeClaire Information Center is at 117 South Cody Road.

### **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

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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 3<sup>rd</sup> through July 4<sup>th</sup> from the hours of 12:00 (noon) until 11:00 P.M.
2. December 31<sup>st</sup> 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**

Bits & Pieces articles are due by Wednesday, August 14, 2019. They can be sent via email to [Bits@leclaireiowa.gov](mailto: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