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FROM YOUR CITY HALL
325 Wisconsin Street
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SEPTEMBER 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

SEPTEMBER 2019

Recycling and Garbage days for September (in yellow) are Sept. 11th & 12th and September 25th & 26th. Garbage only days in September (in blue) are September 5th & 6th and September 18th & 19th.

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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

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. The LeClaire Civic Club will be hosting a Loaded Baked Potato & Salad Bar Dinner at the LeClaire Civic Center, public welcome on Saturday September 14th. Cost is \$8 for adults and \$4 for kids 10 and under. Serving from 4:00 to 6:30 pm. Drink and dessert included. Get your tickets by contacting Joyce 563-289-4205, Connie 563-505-3909 or any member of the club. The monthly membership meeting will be held on Tuesday September 24th 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 6:30 pm at the LeClaire Civic Center. The cost is \$25. Spots are limited, please contact Debbie to sign up at 563-349-4403. No artistic talent is required. We're back! Trivia will start September 28th. Doors open at 6PM to serve food. Trivia starts at 7PM. \$10 per person for tables of 8. \$10 per table for mulligans and \$10 per table for one double down. To reserve tables, contact Debbie at 563-349-4403 or by

email at smith5grand@gmail.com. Proceeds from trivia in September will benefit the Glendale Cemetery. Trivia runs from September to November and January to May. Trivia is held on the 3rd Saturday of the month except September. 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. 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. Where is the LeClaire Civic Center? It is the first building on the right as you enter town from the west. It is 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.

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

Wednesday, September 4th at 3:00pm: LeClaire Community Library – Crafternoon - Watercolor Prints. We will pair a simple watercolor technique with quotes to create a beautiful print. Each patron may create up to three prints. This is an all ages program. **Thursday, September 5th at 6:30pm: LeClaire Community Library – How Not to Die: The Relationship Between Food and Chronic Disease.** Presented by Beth Bryant, DPT. Beth has been a practicing orthopedic

physical therapist for 35 years and will share the scientific evidence for preventing and even reversing chronic disease through a whole food plant-based lifestyle. **Monday, September 9th at 4pm: LeClaire Community Library – Tinker Lab – Cosmic Suncatchers.** Make a dazzling eco-friendly craft that only uses recycled materials. **Tuesday, September 10th at 4:30: LeClaire Community Library – Ultimate Werewolf.** Participants will be challenged to figure out who among them is the werewolf and who are the innocent villagers in this exciting and interactive game. Recommended for ten and up, but all are welcome. **Thursday, September 12th at 6:30pm: LeClaire Community Library – How Not to Die: Popeye or Wimpy - Whole Food Plant-Based Fitness and Travel.** Presented by Teri & Del Preston. The Prestons started their whole food plant-based journey in 2013 after watching the documentary *Forks Over Knives* and reading *The China Study*. Though they already led very active lives, after transitioning to a whole food plant-based lifestyle, they quickly felt improvement in all areas of their physical activity. Teri and Del travel extensively and stay fit running marathons, ultras, Ragnar relays, and cycling, including doing RAGBRAI. **Saturday, September 14th at 12:00pm: LeClaire Community Library – Above the Barre presents Dance Delivered.** Children will explore different styles of dance like ballet, jazz, tap, and more. Great for all ages and abilities. **Tuesday, September 17th at 6:30pm: LeClaire Community Library – Remembering the Apron.** Presenter, Sheila Craig's program, *Remembering the Apron*, takes a nostalgic look at the apron in an interactive, hands-on program (If you want -- you can touch and feel the fabric!) The program will look at the fabrics and trims, styles and uses of aprons. Don't leave out the men – she has examples for them too. You will also have the opportunity to see about 100 of her collection of 400 aprons. **Tuesday, September 17th at 6:30pm: LeClaire Community Library – Junior Explorers - Mirror Lab.** Discover reflections and light with a variety of different stations related to mirrors in this STEM-driven storyline. **Wednesday, September 18th at 10:30am: LeClaire Community Library – Mini Makers - Dinosaur Eggs.** We have uncovered a secret stash of dinosaur eggs-completely frozen! Bring your young ones to release these creatures from their frozen state-while practicing to thaw ice. **Thursday, September 19th at 6:30pm: LeClaire Community Library – How Not to Die: Real Food, Real Fast - A Whole Food Plant-Based Cooking Demo.** Presented by Anne Haring. Anne is the owner of Recipe for Life (www.recipeforlife.life) and a whole food plant-based culinary instructor. In 2011, after 15 years as a demo chef, she discovered the power of eating a whole food plant-based diet and regained her health by changing her diet. Anne personally understands the struggle of transitioning to a WFPB lifestyle and is passionate about helping others learn to make simple and delicious

whole, plant-based food so their journey to better health is filled with support and success.

Tuesday, September 24th at 6:30pm: LeClaire Community Library – *Pequeños Cuentos – Butterflies/Mariposas.* A fascinating look at the monarch butterflies' epic annual migration, as told in both English and Spanish. There will be songs and crafts in this bilingual storytime. Best for ages 3-6.

Wednesday, September 25th at 4pm: LeClaire Community Library – *LEGO Club – Boat Races.* Build a floating boat out of LEGOs and race each other to see whose creation is the fastest on the waves! Best for ages 5-11.

Wednesday, September 25th at 6:30pm: LeClaire Community Library – *Adult Book Club.* This month we are reading *The Crazy Ladies of Pearl Street*, by Trevanian, a funny, deeply felt, often touching coming-of-age novel set in 1930's America. Books are available to borrow at the library's circulation counter.

Thursday, September 26th at 6:30pm: LeClaire Community Library – *How Not to Die: Real People get Real Results with Real Food - Journeys to Health.* A panel of locals will share their real-life experiences transitioning to a whole food plant-based lifestyle and their incredible results. Discussion will include how to maneuver obstacles and challenges that are commonly experienced and an opportunity to interact with panelists and ask your questions.

TOURISM NEWS

Aug. 24: Vettes on the River all-Corvette car show. Proceeds are donated to Quad Cities' Veterans' organizations. For more information: www.vettesontheriver.com

Sat., Aug. 24: Riverboat Twilight Sightseeing Cruises, 11am, 1pm, and 3pm. www.riverboattwilight.com for advance tickets.

Fri., Sept. 6, 5-11pm: First Friday in downtown LeClaire.

Fri., Sept. 13, 1:30-3:30pm: Davenport Americana Car Cruise Cars on Levee.

Sat., Sept. 21, 8-11pm: Cars & Coffee on the Levee.

Sat., Sept. 21: Riverboat Twilight Sightseeing Cruises, 11am and 1pm, www.riverboattwilight.com for advance tickets.

Sat., Sept. 21, 5pm: Riverboat Twilight Dinner Cruise, www.riverboattwilight.com for advance tickets.

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. The LeClaire Information Center is at 117 South Cody Road.

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.

2020 CENSUS INFORMATION

The 2020 census is quickly approaching. A census is conducted every ten years. The 2020 Census has a goal to **count everyone once, only once, and in the right place.** 95% of households will receive their census invitation to participate in the census via the mail. Almost 5% of households will receive their census invitation when dropped off by a census taker, and less than 1% of households will be counted in person by a census taker instead of being invited to respond on their own. You will have three options to respond online, by mail, or by telephone. Households who do not respond to the survey in one of the three methods will be visited by a census taker. Census results help to determine boundaries districts for congressional, state legislative and school districts, how many seats our state gets in Congress and how federal funding gets distributed to states and communities. It helps to create jobs, provides housing, and prepares for emergencies, builds schools, roads, and hospitals. These are just a few of the many ways census data is used. Some of the questions you will be asked is your personal information - name, sex, age and date of birth, race, whether your rent or own your home, phone number, etc., and the same information for any/all people living or staying in your home, that will ensure that everyone at the address is counted. Your personal information is confidential and protected by law. If you would be interested in becoming a census taker, please apply online: 2020census.gov/jobs or call: 1-855-JOB-2020.

CITY HALL INFORMATION

City Hall will be closed on Monday, Sept. 2, 2019 in observance of Labor Day. Bits & Pieces articles are due by Wednesday, September 11, 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 NON-EMERGENCY REQUEST FOR SERVICE 388-3904
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