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**OCTOBER 2019**

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**MAYOR**

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at [jphares@leclaireiowa.gov](mailto:jphares@leclaireiowa.gov) or call her at 289-4242 Ext. 1101.

## GARBAGE & RECYCLING PICKUP SCHEDULE

**OCTOBER 2019**

Recycling and Garbage days for October (in yellow) are Oct. 9<sup>th</sup> & 10<sup>th</sup> and Oct. 23<sup>rd</sup> & 24<sup>th</sup>. Garbage only days in October (in blue) are Oct. 2<sup>nd</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup> and Oct. 16<sup>th</sup> and 17<sup>th</sup> and Oct. 30<sup>th</sup> & 31<sup>st</sup>. The Fall Dumpster Clean-up is Oct. 12, 2019.

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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.



**CITY-WIDE CLEAN UP DAY – FREE DISPOSAL!! – SATURDAY, OCTOBER 12, 2019** – On Saturday, October 12, 2019 between the hours of **8:00 a.m. and 4:00 p.m.**, the City will be sponsoring its regular annual City-wide Fall cleanup day with **free disposal** for all residents. Any resident\*\* may bring large, bulky waste items, appliances, and tires. [no regular garbage, hazardous materials, construction debris, commercial business items, "e-waste" or yard wastes will be accepted] to the City's Public Works Facility at 1802 Iowa Drive during the hours mentioned above. City public works employees will be present to verify residency and to assist

with your disposal efforts. Please bring proof of residency, such as a driver's license, City utility bill, etc. For more information or if you have any questions or special needs, please feel free to call City Hall at 289-4242.

**\*\* Only LeClaire residents with proof of residency (no commercial businesses) whose City garbage accounts are paid in full may participate.**

"E-waste" is defined as devices that contain a circuit board or a cathode ray tube such as, computer monitors, televisions, 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: **SPRING** [Curb-side Cleanup] on the 2<sup>nd</sup> Saturday in April [April 11, 2020] in the **FALL** [Dumpster Cleanup] on the 2<sup>nd</sup> Saturday of October [October 10, 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

Rock n' Roll Bingo of the Quad Cities, Inc. will host Rock n' Roll Bingo at the LeClaire Civic Center on Sunday, October 6th from 2:00 to 5:00 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. The monthly membership meeting will be held on Tuesday October 22nd at 7PM. We will have a potluck at 6:15. Come join us! New members welcome! Trivia will be held October 19th. 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](mailto:smith5grand@gmail.com). Proceeds from trivia in October will benefit Christmas in LeClaire. 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 is serving breakfast every Wednesday morning from 8AM to 9:30AM. Stop by and make new friends and play cards or chat until 11AM. The LeClaire Civic Center 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](mailto:smith5grand@gmail.com) to reserve the Civic Center. The LeClaire Civic Club will be hosting a Chili Supper at the LeClaire Civic Center, public welcome on Saturday November 9th. Cost is \$6 Advance/\$7 at the door for adults and \$4 for kids. Serving from 4:00 to 6:30 pm. Tossed salad, bread, drink and dessert included. Get your tickets by contacting Joyce 563-289-4205, Connie 563-505-3909 or any member of the club.

### **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, October 2nd at 3:00pm: LeClaire Community Library – Afternoon – Color Black Tea Candles.** Create colorful candles out of used crayons and learn the basics of candle making. All ages. **Friday, October 4th at 10:30am: LeClaire Community Library –Toddle Time.** Join us for this new and improved Toddle Time. We focus on movement-based storytelling and songs. Best for infants up to two years old. **Tuesday, October 8th at 6:30pm: LeClaire Community Library –Family Storytime with Firefighters.** For this Family Storytime, we will be having LeClaire Firefighters as special guests. Best for ages three to six years old. **Wednesday, October 9th at 6:30: LeClaire Community Library - Mostly True Tales with Spinsby & Wales.** Local history buffs, Dick Wales and Marie Spinsby, will talk about cemeteries in LeClaire Township. **Friday, October 11th at 10:30am: LeClaire Community Library – Pumpkin Painting.** Expand on your child's creativity and decorate a dazzling pumpkin with the library's art supplies. Youths of any age are welcome. Treats will be served. **Monday, October 14th at 4:00pm: LeClaire Community Library –Tinker Lab – Spider Webs.**

Following our Halloween theme this month, create a cute but creepy spider web out of popsicle sticks, yarn, and fake spiders. All ages. **Tuesday, October 15th at 6:30pm: LeClaire Community Library – Junior Explorers – Spooky Lab.** We'll discover STEM-driven activities and experiments revolving around Halloween ghouls like ghosts, witches, and vampires. Best for ages three to seven. **Wednesday, October 16th at 10:30am: LeClaire Community Library – Mini Makers – Jumping Ghosts.** There are ghosts ready to leap up, but they're very friendly! We will be using balloons to levitate ghosts made out of tissue paper. Best for ages 10 months to three years old. **Saturday, October 19th at 10:00am: LeClaire Community Library – LeClaire Writers Workshop.** This is a good opportunity to talk to other writers and get feedback. **Saturday, October 19th at 11:00am: LeClaire Community Library – Fairy Doll Making.** Make your own elegant fairy doll from felt, beads, and yarn. This program will be led by a PV High School teen volunteer, Abby McKnight. All Ages. **Saturday, October 19th at 12:00pm: LeClaire Community Library – Crafting with Jenn.** Make a fun Halloween decoration out of an Altoid tin. Teens and Adults. **Monday, October 21st at 4:00pm: LeClaire Community Library –Pumpkin Decorating.** We'll have different methods of decorating real pumpkins with only a spark of imagination required. Youths of any age are welcome. **Tuesday, October 22nd at 6:30pm: LeClaire Community Library – Pequeños Cuentos – Halloween.** Changing fall leaves, costumes, and all things Halloween will be the subjects of this bilingual storytime, as told in both English and Spanish. There will also be songs and crafts! Best for ages three to six. **Wednesday, October 23rd at 6:30pm: LeClaire Community Library – Adult Book Club.** This month we are reading *Flight of the Sparrow* by Amy Belding Brown, a fictionalized narrative set in Massachusetts Bay Colony in 1676, about a woman captured and sold into the service of a powerful woman tribal leader. Books are available to borrow at the library's circulation counter. **Friday, October 25th at 3:00pm: LeClaire Community Library – Absolute Science presents Big Bang Bubbles.** We are bringing the scientist back for more incredible experiments, this time from whimsical bubbles! This show will take ordinary bubbles into the realm of the extreme. All ages. **Saturday, October 26th at 11:00am: LeClaire Community Library – Culinary Intersections: European Cuisine with a Taste of Italy.** Vanessa will demonstrate how to make Italian meatloaf with Bratkartoffeln (German potatoes). **Wednesday, October 30th at 4pm: LeClaire Community Library – LEGO Club – The Blindfold Challenge.** Come create an amazing creation with one twist-being blind folded for the first five minutes while building. Finished creations are featured in the library. Best for ages five to eleven.

### TOURISM NEWS

**Fri., Oct. 4, 5-11pm: First Friday** in downtown LeClaire. **Sat., Oct. 5, 2-5pm: Shoptoberfest.** Fun, fall beer sampling at downtown LeClaire businesses. For more information and to purchase tickets, go to Facebook: Shoptoberfest. **Sun., Oct. 13, 11am-4pm: Apple Fest.** Free family fun on the Levee! For more information, see "Apple Fest 2019" on Facebook. **Sat., Oct. 19, 8-11pm: Cars & Coffee** on the Levee. **Sat., Oct. 19: Riverboat Twilight Sightseeing Cruises,** 11am, 1pm, 3pm. [www.riverboattwilight.com](http://www.riverboattwilight.com) for advance tickets. **Sat., Oct. 19, 7pm: Trivia at the LeClaire Civic Center** to benefit Christmas in LeClaire. Contact Debbie Smith to reserve a table; 563-349-4403 or e-mail [smith5grand@gmail.com](mailto:smith5grand@gmail.com). **Sat., Oct. 26, 11:30am: Witches' Walk & Costume Parade** in the parking lot behind the Riverside Foursquare Church at 302 N. Cody Road. This is a fun costume contest, parade, and vendor fair. Open to kids, adults, and dogs. Go to "LeClaire's Annual Witches Walk & Fall Festival" on Facebook for more information. **Find details on all LeClaire events at: [www.visitleclaire.com](http://www.visitleclaire.com) 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.

### 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](https://2020census.gov/jobs) or call: 1-855-JOB-2020.

### HALLOWEEN

Trick or Treating will be on October 31<sup>st</sup> from 6:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. Following are safety tips to help make this Halloween a safe and enjoyable one.

#### **Costume Safety:**

- Use make-up or face paint instead of masks, but if masks are used, make sure that they fit properly and have holes large enough for mouth and eyes.
- Choose costumes that are marked flame retardant.
- Wear light-colored clothing at night, short enough to prevent tripping. Add reflective tape or reflectors to dark colored costumes.
- Make props such as magic wands and swords out of cardboard, rather than metal or wood.

#### **Trick-or-Treat Safety:**

- Give and accept wrapped or packaged candy only.
- Have children bring treats home for adult inspection before they are eaten.
- Accompany small and elementary school age children when they are trick-or-treating and send older children in groups.
- Go out in daylight and carry a flashlight in case of delay.
- Have children stay within the neighborhood; only visit homes you know.

Be very careful when walking or crossing streets while dressed up. Masks can obscure vision enough to block out an approaching vehicle, and a guardian escorting trick or treaters is strongly advised for safety purposes. If questionable candy is located (damaged wrapping materials or if the contents look tampered with), call the Police Department immediately. Have a safe and enjoyable Halloween!

Police Chief Themas

### 2020 PET TAGS

Pet licenses for the year 2020 will go on sale October 1, 2019. The cost is \$1 if purchased before December 31, 2019, and \$2 if purchased after. Please bring in the rabies vaccination certificate for your pet to City Hall and we will issue you a numbered tag for your pet to wear.

### CITY HALL INFORMATION

Bits & Pieces articles are due by Wednesday, October 16, 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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