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

NOVEMBER 2019

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MAYOR

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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

NOVEMBER 2019

Recycling and Garbage days for November (in yellow) are Nov. 6th & 7th, and Nov. 20th & 21st. Garbage only days in November (in blue) are Nov. 13th & 14th and Nov. 27th & 29th.

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There was an error found on the 2019 Garbage and Recycling calendar in the month of November. Thanksgiving was put in the wrong week. The error has been corrected and the corrected schedule has been added to our website. 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 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. Hotdogs, bread, drink and dessert included. Get your tickets by contacting Connie 563-505-3909 or any member of the club. The Civic Club will host trivia on November 16th. Proceeds will benefit LeClaire Parks & Recreation. Doors open at 6 PM to serve food with Trivia starting at 7PM. \$10 per person. To reserve tables, contact Debbie, 563-349-4403 or e-mail smith5grand@gmail.com. The monthly membership meeting will be held on Tuesday November 26th at 7PM. We will have a potluck at 6:15. Come join us! New members welcome! The agenda includes officer elections for 2020. Our calendar is online at leclairecivicclub.org. 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 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

Friday, November 1st 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. **Saturday, November 2nd at 10:15am: LeClaire Community Library- Let's Yoga, with Jennifer Vondracek.** Jennifer's approach to supporting others with their health and well-being is through inner-resource work. She has extensive training in mindfulness, meditation and therapeutic yoga. For ages 12 and up. Class size limited to 15, so advance registration recommended. \$3 per class, free for Friends of the LeClaire Library. **Monday, November 4th at 4:00pm: LeClaire Community Library- Tinker Lab: Stained Glass Jars.** Create a lovely yet simple craft out of mason jars and sharpies. All ages. **Wednesday, November 6th at 3:00pm: LeClaire Community Library- Crafternoon- Pokémon Card Painting.** Have old Pokémon cards and not sure what to do with them? Have them turned into miniature works of art. We will supply Pokémon cards to paint, otherwise, feel free to bring your own! All ages. **Wednesday, November 6th at 6:30pm: LeClaire Community Library- Let's Yoga, with Jennifer Vondracek.** Jennifer's approach to supporting others with their health and well-being is through inner-resource work. She has extensive training in mindfulness, meditation and

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Wednesday, November 20th at 6:30pm: LeClaire Community Library- *Let's Yoga, with Jennifer Vondracek.* Jennifer's approach to supporting others with their health and well-being is through inner-resource work. She has extensive training in mindfulness, meditation and therapeutic yoga. For ages 12 and up. Class size limited to 15, so advance registration recommended. \$3 per class, free for Friends of the LeClaire Library. **Friday, November 22nd 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. **Friday, November 22nd from 5:30pm-6:30pm: LeClaire Community Library- *Nerf Wars.*** Bring your Nerf blasters and ammunition, war has been declared for this after-hours program! Make sure you have your initials on all your Nerf blasters and ammo. Space is limited. Best for ages eight to fourteen. Registration begins on November 1st. Waiver must be signed by parent. **Saturday, November 23rd at 10:15am: LeClaire Community Library- *Let's Yoga, with Jennifer Vondracek.*** Jennifer's approach to supporting others with their health and well-being is through inner-resource work. She has extensive training in mindfulness, meditation and therapeutic yoga. For ages 12 and up. Class size limited to 15, so advance registration recommended. \$3 per class, free for Friends of the LeClaire Library. **Saturday, November 23rd at 11:30am: LeClaire Community Library – Barn Board Quilts with Lisa Brathall.** Everything you need to create a beautiful barn quilt painting is provided. It's a fun, instructor led class that any age and skill level can do. You will leave with a unique hand painted project that everyone will love. Advance registration required. \$5 for the class, free for Friends of the LeClaire Library.

TOURISM NEWS

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. See "LeClaire's Annual Witches Walk & Fall Festival" on Facebook. **Fri., Nov. 1, 5-11pm: First Friday** in downtown LeClaire. **Sat., Nov. 16, 7pm: Trivia at the LeClaire Civic Center.** Contact Debbie Smith to reserve a table; 563-349-4403 or email smith5grand@gmail.com. **Sat., Nov. 30: Shop Small Saturday.** Support LeClaire businesses by shopping locally all year. Find details on all LeClaire events at: 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 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 you 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.

CHRISTMAS IN LECLAIRE

This is the 36th year for this 3-day event for families celebrating the holidays together. It offers many activities for the children and their families. Money from the auction helps pay expenses and last year we were able to donate \$2400 to a QC charity. Some activities include: breakfast with Santa, crafts & activities for kids, free trolley and horse-drawn carriage rides, a 5K and Kid's Run. We have museum tours, Christmas music and craft demonstrations. It's a great time for families to celebrate together and also showcases the local businesses. The event is put on with the help of local churches, organization and businesses as well as others throughout the QC area. All those who donate are acknowledged at the site of the Silent Auction.

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.

WINTER-TIME WEATHER REMINDERS & ORDINANCE/PROCEDURES IN EFFECT

As the winter months are on us, everyone is reminded of the several ordinances that became effective on November 1. These ordinances deal with such things as snowmobile use and routes, snow emergencies and snow-route parking restrictions, snow removal from sidewalks, etc. Some of the more important, notable ones are: shoveling of sidewalks is required; dumping snow from private property, driveways, and sidewalks onto the traveled public right-of-way is unlawful; snow route and alternative parking on city streets; and Cody Road snow clean-up procedures, etc. Also, don't forget that, if necessary, a winter emergency can be declared by the Mayor in the case of unusually bad conditions. If anyone has any questions about these ordinances or regulations, please feel free to call the Police Department at any time at 289-4242. We also urge everyone to be extra careful driving during this time of year. Don't forget that it is the property owners responsibility to keep the sidewalks cleared of any snow and ice and to keep the snow shoveled out from in front of the mail boxes on the street. In order to give the City crews a fair chance to "clean-up" the streets after a snowfall or ice storm, please do not call in complaints to City Hall until at least 24 hours after the storm has ended. If we missed an area or have failed to do the job within this time period then we would like to hear from you. Thank you for your patience and cooperation in these times!!!!

CITY HALL INFORMATION

City Hall will be closed on November 11th, 2019 in observance of Veteran's Day. City Hall will also be closed on November 28th & 29th in observance of the Thanksgiving holiday. Bits & Pieces articles are due by Wednesday, November 13, 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