

"BITS and PIECES"



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

DECEMBER 2019

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MAYOR

Ray Allen [12/31/19] 289-4242 Ext. 1111

E-mail: rallen@leclaireiowa.gov Please feel free to call City Hall and leave a message for either myself or the particular council member that you wish to speak to. Your call will be returned as soon as possible.

COUNCIL MEMBERS

Amy Blair [12/31/21] 289-4242 Ext. 1151

E-mail: ablair@leclaireiowa.gov Duties: Park and Rec Commission Liaison (includes Levee), Library Board of Trustee Liaison.

Barry Long [12/31/21] 289-4242 Ext. 1152

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Dennis Gerard [12/31/19] 289-4242 Ext. 1153

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Jason Wentland [12/31/19] 289-4242 Ext. 1154

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John Smith [12/31/21] 289-4242 Ext. 1155

E-mail: jsmith@leclaireiowa.gov Duties: Planning & Zoning & Board of Adjustment Liaison, Ordinances and Policies; Utilities (Sewer and Garbage), Streets, and Public Works Liaison.

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

DECEMBER 2019

Recycling and Garbage days for December (in yellow) are Dec. 4th & 5th and Dec. 18th & 19th. Garbage only days in December (in blue) are Dec. 11th & 12th and Dec. 26th & 27th.

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You can put out Christmas trees on Dec. 26th & 27th, and January 8th & 9th for pickup. Trees must be free of Christmas decorations and not in any type of bag. 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 GLENDALE CEMETARY

The LeClaire Glendale Cemetery needs Bids to Mow Cemetery Grounds for 6 months of the 2020 season. Call Eldon Kitchen at 563-349-2023.

LECLAIRE CIVIC CLUB NEWS

The Christmas Party for members is December 14th at the LeClaire Civic Center at 6 PM. Please contact Janet at janetshome52753@yahoo.com or 563-343-6221 to make a reservation. Annual membership renewal is \$8. Please renew your membership for 2020 by sending payment to LeClaire Civic Club, PO Box 562, LeClaire, Iowa 52753. If you are interested in joining or learning more about the club, contact a member of the board or learn more at www.leclairecivicclub.org. This will be another exciting year.

The Civic Club is hosting a Trivia Fundraiser for the Friends of the LeClaire Library on January 18th. Doors open at 6 PM to serve food with Trivia starting at 7PM. \$10 per person. \$10 per table for mulligans and \$10 per table for one double down. Call Debbie, 563-349-4403, or

email smith5grand@gmail.com to book a table. Trivia runs from September to November and January to May. Trivia is held on the 3rd Saturday of the month except September.

Every Wednesday morning from 8:00-9:30 am we serve a free breakfast. We have free conversation until 11:00 am. Not serving on Wednesday, December 25th. Come and join us. Reserve the civic center for events. Rental cost is \$75 for 6 hours and \$125 for whole day. Call or email Debbie to reserve the center. The interior is freshly painted. Officers and directors were elected at the October General Membership meeting for 2020. The officers are as follows: President - Connie Allen, Vice President - Sandy Ainslie, Treasurer - Janet Willman, Secretary - Ellen Miller, Building Maintenance - Jeff Dugan, Membership - Amy Warren, Building Management - Debbie Smith, Kitchen Manager - Joyce Kuehl, and Community Relations - Wes Kuehl. We have many volunteers working on various sub-committees throughout the year.

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, December 4th at 3pm: LeClaire Community Library- Afternoon- Guided Painting with Watercolors. Recreate a scenic sunset with trees using watercolors alongside Miss Haidee, and learn basic watercolor techniques. Limited to the first 20 participants. All ages.

Wednesday, December 4th at 6:30pm: LeClaire Community Library- Let's Yoga, with Jennifer Vondracek. Jennifer's approach to supporting others 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, December 6th 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.

Friday, December 6th at 6:30pm: LeClaire Community Library - Akropolis Reed Quintet. Celebrating their 10th anniversary and hailed by *Fanfare Magazine* for "infallible musicality and huge vitality," the Akropolis Reed Quintet has won seven national prizes including a Fischhoff Gold Medal. Come join us at for this after hour event with free refreshments courtesy Crane and Pelican Restaurant and the Friends of the LeClaire Library. This is a partnership with Quad City Arts. **Saturday, December 7th at 10:15am: LeClaire Community Library- Let's Yoga, with Jennifer Vondracek.** Jennifer's approach to supporting others 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, December 7th at 11:30 am: LeClaire Community Library - Card Making with Donna Banta**—Join us in making homemade greeting cards! Each participant will make 3 different cards. Class size limited to 12. Adults only. **Monday, December 9th at 4pm: LeClaire Community Library- Tinker Lab- Hair Scrunchies.** This is a perfect opportunity to see our sewing machine in action while creating this popular hair accessory. All ages. **Wednesday, December 11th at 6:30pm: LeClaire Community Library- Let's Yoga, with Jennifer Vondracek.** Jennifer's approach to supporting others 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, December 14th at 10:15am: LeClaire Community Library- Let's Yoga, with Jennifer Vondracek.** Jennifer's approach to supporting others 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, December 14th at 10:00am: LeClaire Community Library-LeClaire Writers Workshop.** This is a good opportunity to talk to other writers and get feedback, in a supportive group of local authors. **Monday, December 16th from 6pm-7:30pm: LeClaire Community Library- Elf Academy.** Welcome back to the magical Elf Academy! Your young elves will train in ice sculpting, reindeer games, and more. There's also live festive music from *The Connection* and a special visit from Santa Claus to keep everyone in the holiday spirit. **Tuesday, December 17th**

at 6:30pm: LeClaire Community Library- *Junior Explorers-Sweet Lab*. We will be creating delightful treats that not only look and taste delicious, but show science in action! We'll

observe the reactions of rock candy and make orange sorbet. Best for ages three to seven. **Wednesday, December 18th at 10:30am: LeClaire Community Library- Mini Makers- Ice Cream Play Dough**. We're having a mini ice cream shop! Create this fun and tasty play dough that looks, smells, and even tastes like the real thing! Best for ages ten months to three years old. **Wednesday, December 18th at 6:30pm: LeClaire Community Library- Let's Yoga, with Jennifer Vondracek**. Jennifer's approach to supporting others 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. **Wednesday, December 18th at 6:30pm: LeClaire Community Library – Adult Book Club**. This month we are reading *One in a Million Boy* by Monica Wood. The story of a 104-year-old woman and the sweet, strange young boy assigned to help her around the house—a friendship that touches each member of the boy's unmoored family. **Saturday, December 21st at 10:15am: LeClaire Community Library- Let's Yoga, with Jennifer Vondracek**. Jennifer's approach to supporting others 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, December 21st at 11am: LeClaire Community Library- Wooden Snowman Ornament Making**. Craft a charming snowman ornament using a wooden spool and wires. This program will be led by PV High School teen volunteer, Abby McKnight. All ages. **Monday, December 23rd at 3pm: LeClaire Community Library: Ballet Quad Cities presents *The Nutcracker***- Children will experience this classic tale with interactive storytelling through dance and imagination. Best for ages 3-8 years old. **Friday, December 27th 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. **Saturday, December 28th at 10:15am: LeClaire Community Library- Let's Yoga, with Jennifer Vondracek**. Jennifer's approach to supporting others 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. **Tuesday, December 31st at 6:30pm: LeClaire Community Library- Pequeños Cuentos-Dinosaurs/Dinosaurios**. We're exploring these large reptiles

in this bilingual storytime, as told in both English and Spanish. There will also be songs and crafts! Best for ages three to six.

TOURISM NEWS

Sat., Nov. 30: Small Business Saturday. Please "Shop Small" to support our local businesses; find specials and holiday fun right in your hometown! Fri., Dec. 6-Sun., Dec. 8: Christmas in LeClaire. See details elsewhere in this newsletter. Fri., Dec. 6, 5-11pm: First Friday in downtown LeClaire. Sat., Dec. 7, 10am: Ugly Christmas Sweater 5k race & ½ mile Reindeer Dash fun run. Here is a link to sign up for the race & fun run: <https://bit.ly/2ICQAiB> Find details on more 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.

CHRISTMAS IN LECLAIRE

This is the 36th year for Christmas in LeClaire, an event designed to bring families and friends together to celebrate the Christmas season. We offer many great activities for children and their families to enjoy: Breakfast with Santa at Happy Joe's – Sat 8 to 10 (kids - \$4.50 and adults \$8.50); Crafts and Activities for kids upstairs at the Masonic Lodge – Sat 10 to 2; a Kids Run at 9 and a 5K Run at 10 on Sat. There will be **free** Trolley Rides on Sat & Sun; and new this year, **free** Horse-Drawn Carriage rides (Sun 11-4). Watch Luke Travers create wooden shoes (Sat & Sun) and visit with children's author Blake Ross at the Civic Center. There will be lunch and cookie sales and crafters at the Masonic Lodge (Fri & Sat 10 to 5), a craft show and bake sale at the Civic Center; activities, refreshments and a bake sale at the 4-Square Church; tours at the Buffalo Bill Museum and ukulele music and singing! You might even see The Grinch and Cindy Lou! You can visit with Santa and meet Santas from different countries as they walk throughout the downtown. Visit Santa's Gift Shop (in the Civic Center) where children 12 and under will receive 3 Christmas in LeClaire coins to purchase gifts for family and friends. A balloon artist will entertain Sat 2-5 at the Civic Center. And don't miss our awesome Silent Auction (bidding closes at 2 on Sun) where you can bid on items and packages of donated items, like a trip for 2 on the Twilight Riverboat, A Day at the Park from the River Bandits, a free Pontoon Boat Rental from Grace Marine, free nights stay at local motels, gift cards from restaurants and gas stations and so much more. Money from the auction helps pay for all the fun activities throughout the weekend. We truly appreciate the way our shops, restaurants and local businesses support us year after year. So bring your family and friends and come help LeClaire celebrate this wonderful

time of year! For more information call: Joyce 563-289-4205 or Diane 563-370-3509

2020 PET TAGS

Pet licenses for the year 2020 went 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 28th & 29th in observance of the Thanksgiving holiday, and on December 25th in observance of Christmas Day. Bits & Pieces articles are due by Wednesday, December 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.



LECLAIRE EMERGENCY
POLICE 911/FIRE 911
AMBULANCE 911
POLICE NON-EMERGENCY REQUEST FOR SERVICE 388-3904
POLICE NON-EMERGENCY ADMINISTRATIVE 289-4242