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

February 2020

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MAYOR

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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

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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

February 2020

Recycling and Garbage days for February (in yellow) are Feb. 12th & 13th and Feb. 26th & 27th. Garbage only days in February (in blue) are Feb. 5th & 6th and Feb. 19th & 20th.

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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

The Civic Club is hosting a Trivia Fundraiser for the Boy Scouts on February 15th. Call Debbie, 563-349-4403, or email smith5grand@gmail.com to book a table. Doors open at 6 PM to serve food with Trivia starting at 7PM. \$10 per person. 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. The Civic Club continues to serve breakfast every Wednesday morning from 8AM to 9:30AM. This is another chance to learn about the club. 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 monthly membership meeting will be held on Tuesday February 25th at 7PM. We will have a potluck at 6:15. Come join us! New members welcome! Join us to learn more about the club. The LeClaire Civic Club will be hosting a Chili Supper at the LeClaire Civic Center, public welcome on Saturday February 8th. Cost is \$7 Advance/\$8 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. Our Annual Swiss Steak Dinner is set for Saturday April 4th 4:00 pm to 6:30 pm. Tickets will go on sale in March.

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

Skip the phone tree. The Library has a new direct line! Our new telephone number is 563-289-6007. That number will put you straight to our circulation desk.

Saturday, February 1st, 8th, 15th, 22nd, and 29th, 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 13, so advance registration recommended. \$3 per class; free for Friends of the LeClaire Library.

Wednesday, February 5th at 3pm: LeClaire Community Library- *Crafternoon- Guided Sky Canvas Painting*. With our assortment of acrylic paints, we'll make a simple yet dazzling painting featuring four different kinds of skies: day, sunset, dusk, and night. All ages.

Wednesday, February 5th, 12th, 19th, and 26th, 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 13, so advance registration recommended. \$3 per class, free for Friends of the LeClaire Library.

Friday, February 7th 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, February 8th 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. **Saturday, February 8th at 11am:** LeClaire Community Library- *Hearts and Cards*. Create Valentine's for your loved ones with buttons, sequins, decorative stickers, and more! This program will be led by PV High School teen volunteer, Abby McKnight. All ages. **Monday, February 10th at 4pm:** LeClaire Community Library- *Tinker Lab- Scratch Art*. Make a unique design with a twist: colors pop up under the seemingly black paint. All ages.

Tuesday, February 11th at 6:30pm: LeClaire Community Library- *Family Storytime- Cupid's Workshop*. Valentine's Day is around the corner! What better way to prepare for the holiday than to come make yummy treats with cute messages? Best for ages three to seven years old.

Friday, February 14th at 3pm: LeClaire Community Library- *Life-Size Pac-Man*. We're revisiting this loveable classic video game in a new style. Play as either Pac-Man or one of the Ghosts and collect all the dots before being caught. Best for ages eight to twelve.

Tuesday, February 18th at 6:30pm: LeClaire Community Library- *Junior Explorers- Air Pressure Lab*. Air is all around us! Discover how air impacts different objects based on pressure and speed. Best for ages three to seven.

Wednesday, February 19th at 10:30am: LeClaire Community Library- *Mini Makers- A Day at the Farm*. Tend to farm animals, gather up corn, and use farm equipment in this sensory play version of working on a farm. This sensory activity uses corn kernels and recycled items. Best for ages ten months to three years old.

Tuesday, February 25th at 6:30pm: LeClaire Community Library- *Pequeños Cuentos- Mister Panda/ Senor Panda*. This quirky panda teaches us about being polite through his humorous adventures. There will also be songs and crafts. Best for ages three to six.

Wednesday, February 26th at 6:30pm: LeClaire Community Library - *Adult Book Club*. This month we are reading *The Millagro Beanfield War* by John Nichols. A cult classic, this depiction of colliding cultures is both humorous and powerful. Come to the circulation desk to pick up your copy. **Wednesday, February 26th at 4pm:** LeClaire Community Library- *LEGO Club- STEM Circus*. Create a circus featuring different acts and exhibits out of LEGOs. Finished creations are featured in the library. Best for ages five to eleven.

Friday, February 28th 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.

TOURISM NEWS

Sat., Jan. 25, 2-6pm: Mississippi River Distilling Company & Cody Road Cocktail House are hosting their AntiFreeze Outdoor Cocktail Party.

Fri., Feb. 7, 5-11pm: First Friday in downtown LeClaire.

Sat., Feb. 8, 2-5pm: "Cocoa Crawl" - Receive FREE chocolate samples including hot cocoa, chocolate tea, candy, and more from various shops, restaurants, and bars.

Sat., Jan. 18, 7pm: Trivia at the LeClaire Civic Center. Contact Debbie Smith to reserve a table; 563-349-4403 or email smith5grand@gmail.com.

Sun., Feb. 23, Noon-4pm: Celebrate Buffalo Bill's Birthday at the Buffalo Bill Museum.

Find details on more 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.

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 owner's 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!!!!

BUDGET PREPARATION SCHEDULE FISCAL YEAR 2020-2021

JANUARY 20, 2020 - Regularly scheduled Council meeting. (7:00 p.m.)

JANUARY 20, 2020 - Committee-of-the-Whole meeting. (Immediately following Regular Meeting) (Council continues to review and discuss budget narratives, concepts, and priority items along with available preliminary budget information, figures, policies, etc., and other items).

JANUARY 27, 2020 – POTENTIAL Special Committee-of-the-Whole meeting to be used exclusively as a budget workshop session. (7:00 p.m.)

FEBRUARY 3, 2020 - Regularly scheduled Council meeting. (7:00 p.m.) Council will review and preliminarily consider special resolution establishing the total maximum property tax dollars to be certified for levy and calling for a public hearing thereon **IF** the proposed property tax dollar certification **EXCEEDS** the current year's amount by more than 2%.)

FEBRUARY 3, 2020 – Committee-of-the-Whole meeting (Immediately following Regular Meeting) used exclusively as a budget workshop session.

FEBRUARY 10, 2020 – POTENTIAL Special Committee-of-the-Whole meeting to be used exclusively as a budget workshop session. (7:00 p.m.)

FEBRUARY 13, 2020 – City Administrator submits F.Y. '19-'20 Budget Amendment (re-estimation) public hearing notice to Q.C. Times for publication on February 20, 2020 for hearing/adoption on March 2, 2020.

FEBRUARY 15, 2020 – POTENTIAL Special Committee-of-the-Whole meeting to be used exclusively as a budget workshop session. (8:00 a.m. to noon - **SATURDAY**)

FEBRUARY 17, 2020 (MONDAY) – Special public hearing on property tax dollar increase **IF** the proposed property tax dollar certification **EXCEEDS** the current year's amount by more than 2%). Regularly scheduled City Council meeting. (7:00 p.m.) Council will review and **FINALLY** consider (**by NOT LESS THAN 2/3 vote**) special resolution establishing the total maximum property tax dollars to be certified for levy and calling for a public hearing thereon **IF** the proposed property tax dollar certification **EXCEEDS** the current year's amount by more than 2%.)

FEBRUARY 17, 2020 (MONDAY)– Committee-of-the-Whole meeting (Immediately following Regular Meeting) used exclusively as a budget workshop session.

MARCH 2, 2020 -F.Y. '19-'20 Budget Amendment (Re-estimation) P.H.- Regularly scheduled City Council meeting. (7:00 p.m.) **City Council sets official budget public hearing date of March 23, 2020.**

MARCH 2, 2020 – Committee-of-the-Whole meeting (Immediately following Regular Meeting) used exclusively as a budget workshop session.

MARCH 5, 2020 – City Administrator submits F.Y. '20-'21 budget adoption public hearing notice to Q.C. Times for publication on March 12, 2020 for hearing/adoption on March 23, 2020.

MARCH 14, 2020 – POTENTIAL Special Committee-of-the-Whole meeting to be used exclusively as a budget workshop session. (8:00 a.m. to noon - **SATURDAY**)

MARCH 16, 2020 –Regularly scheduled Council meeting. (7:00 p.m.)

MARCH 16, 2020 – Committee-of-the-Whole meeting (Immediately following Regular Meeting) used exclusively as a budget workshop session.

MARCH 21, 2020 – POTENTIAL Special Committee-of-the-Whole meeting to be used exclusively as a budget workshop session. (8:00 a.m. to noon - **SATURDAY**)

MARCH 23, 2020 - City Council conducts official public hearing on finalized budget and considers adoption of formal budget resolution for certification. Committee-of-the-Whole meeting (if needed) to follow. (7:00 p.m.)

MARCH 31, 2020 - City Administrator certifies formal budget to County Auditor by 5:00 p.m. on this date.

APRIL 1, 2020 TO JULY 1, 2020 - City Administrator collects and organizes all budget preparation information to be processed and bound into official copies of the F.Y. '20 - '21 City Budget Packet.

2020 PET TAGS

Pet licenses can be purchased at City Hall for the cost of \$2. Please bring in the rabies vaccination certificate for your pet and we will issue you a numbered tag for your pet to wear.

UTILITY BILL DELAY

You usually receive your utility bill around the 20th of each month but because of scheduling issues your February utility bill will not be sent out until February 27th or 28th. Due dates will still remain the same as usual (15th of the month). If you have any questions please contact Jo at (563) 289-4242 Ext. 1101.

CITY HALL INFORMATION

City Hall will be closed on February 17th in observance of President's Day. Bits & Pieces articles due by Wednesday, February 12, 2020. 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