

# "BITS and PIECES"



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325 Wisconsin Street  
LeClaire, Iowa 52753-9525

## March 2020

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MAYOR

**Ray Allen** [12/31/21] 289-4242 Ext. 1111

E-mail: [rallen@leclaireiowa.gov](mailto: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](mailto: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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E-mail: [jsmith@leclaireiowa.gov](mailto:jsmith@leclaireiowa.gov) Duties: Planning & Zoning & Board of Adjustment Liaison; 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](http://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](mailto: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](mailto: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](mailto:jphares@leclaireiowa.gov) or call her at 289-4242 Ext. 1101.

## GARBAGE & RECYCLING PICKUP SCHEDULE

March 2020

Recycling and Garbage days for March (in yellow) are Mar. 11<sup>th</sup> & 12<sup>th</sup> and Mar. 25<sup>th</sup> & 26<sup>th</sup>. Garbage only days in March (in blue) are Mar. 4<sup>th</sup> & 5<sup>th</sup> and Mar. 18<sup>th</sup> & 19<sup>th</sup>.

March						
S	M	T	W	T	F	S
1	2	3	4	5	6	7
8	9	10	11	12	13	14
15	16	17	18	19	20	21
22	23	24	25	26	27	28
29	30	31				

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 Civic Club is hosting a Trivia Fundraiser for charities of QC Cruisers on March 21st. Call Debbie, 563-349-4403, or email [smith5grand@gmail.com](mailto: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](http://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 March 24th at 7PM. We will have a potluck at 6:15. Come join us! New members welcome! Join us to learn more about the club.

Save the Date. Our Annual Swiss Steak Dinner is set for Saturday May 30th 4:00 pm to 6:30 pm. Tickets will go on sale in April.

## 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.

### BUDGET PREPARATION SCHEDULE FISCAL YEAR 2020-2021

**FEBRUARY 18, 2020 (Tuesday)** – 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 18, 2020 (Tuesday)**– 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.

### TOURISM NEWS

**Sun., Feb. 23, Noon-4pm: Celebrate Buffalo Bill's Birthday** at the Buffalo Bill Museum with FREE admission plus a Buffalo Chip Throwing Contest at 1pm.

**Fri., Mar. 6, 5-11pm: First Friday** in downtown LeClaire including live music at various venues.

**Sat., Mar. 7, 1-4pm: "Taste of LeClaire"** - Receive FREE food and beverage samples from various shops, restaurants, and bars.

**Sat., Mar. 21, 6:30pm: Trivia** at the Civic Center. Call 563-349-4403 for reservation.

**Find details on more LeClaire events at:**

<https://www.leclaireiowa.gov/Calendar.aspx> **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.

### UTILITY BILL DELAY

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

## LECLAIRE COMMUNITY LIBRARY

**Wednesday, March 4th at 3pm: LeClaire Community Library- Crafternoon- Guided Acrylic Floral Painting.** Spring is on the horizon! We'll create a peony and rose bouquet using our wide assortment of acrylic paints. Limited to the first 20 participants, registration recommended but not required. All ages.

**Wednesday, March 4th, 11th, 18th, and 25th, 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, March 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.

**Saturday, March 7th, 14th, 18th, and 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 13, so advance registration recommended. \$3 per class; free for Friends of the LeClaire Library.

**Saturday, March 7th at 10:00am-noon: LeClaire Community Library-LeClaire Writers Group.** This is a good opportunity to talk to other writers and get feedback, in a supportive group of local authors.

**Monday, March 9th at 4pm: LeClaire Community Library- Straw Weaving.** Explore simple weaving through this upcycled craft. Straw weaving is a great way to make bright chunky bracelets of various sizes. All ages.

**Thursday, March 12th at 6:30pm: LeClaire Community Library – Reminiscences of Ruth and Samuel Van Sant.** Costumed interpreters Connie Curlott and Bob Schiffke from the Buffalo Bill Museum portray the Van Sants, early LeClaire residents and riverboat pioneers.

**Tuesday, March 17th at 6:30pm: LeClaire Community Library- Junior Explorers- St. Patrick's Day Lab.** Celebrate and discover with STEAM during this holiday! We'll be doing

experiments related to this leprechaun season. Best for ages three to seven.

**Wednesday, March 18th at 10:30am: LeClaire Community Library- Mini Makers- St. Patrick's Day Sensory Soup.** Scoop and pour golden coins in this aquatic St. Patrick's Day sensory activity. We'll explore with a variety of kitchen utensils. Best for ages ten months to three years old.

**Friday, March 20th at 2pm: LeClaire Community Library- Absolute Science: Fantastic Foam and More.** This show will make your hair stand up! You'll experience items disappearing in clear liquids with refraction oil, and see the power of a Van De Graaff generator, and finish with LOTS of fantastic foam! All ages are welcome.

**Saturday, March 21st at 11:30: LeClaire Community Library – Make a Multimedia Collage with local artist Jane Giltrap.** Bring a photo (as a central image) or use our materials to create a beautiful 8" x 10" collage.

**Tuesday, March 24th at 6:30pm: LeClaire Community Library- Pequeños Cuentos- Fish/Pescado.** Bubbles, splashes, and exploring aquatic life will take place in this bilingual story time. There will also be songs and crafts. Best for ages three to six.

**Wednesday, March 25th at 4pm: LeClaire Community Library- LEGO Club- Underwater.** This will be a free building session, but with one twist-make your creation underwater! Finished creations are featured in the library. Best for ages five to eleven.

**Wednesday, March 25th at 6:30pm: LeClaire Community Library – Adult Book Club.** This month we are reading *Sweetness at the Bottom of the Pie* by Alan Bradley. Set in the English countryside in 1950, it features Flavia de Luce, an 11-year-old amateur sleuth who pulls herself away from her beloved chemistry lab in order to clear her father in a murder investigation. Come to the circulation desk to pick up your copy.

**Thursday, March 26th at 4pm: LeClaire Community Library- Family Gardening: Sow and Grow!** Decorate plant pots and have young ones transfer dirt and plant seeds. Limited to the first 20 participants. Best for ages three to seven.

### 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.



## Census 2020 Update

### Presentation at the LeClaire Community Library, March 16<sup>th</sup> at noon.

Learn about the 2020 Census and why it is important to you and your community. A representative of the U.S. Census Bureau will be here to answer your questions. Bring your lunch—we will have coffee and cookies. Child care provided.

### 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!!!!

### CITY HALL INFORMATION

Bits & Pieces articles due by Wednesday, March 11, 2020. 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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POLICE 911/FIRE 911  
AMBULANCE 911  
POLICE NON-EMERGENCY REQUEST FOR SERVICE 388-3904  
POLICE NON-EMERGENCY ADMINISTRATIVE 289-4242