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

April 2020

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MAYOR

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COUNCIL MEMBERS

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

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Sara Gravert [12/31/23] 289-4242 Ext. 1154

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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

April 2020

Recycling and Garbage days for April (in yellow) are Apr. 8th & 9th and Apr. 22th & 23th. Garbage only days in April (in blue) are Apr. 1st & 2nd and Apr. 15th & 16th and Apr. 29th & 30th. Republic Services Yard Waste Subscription Program - runs from April 1st to November 30th. Please call Sandy Hill at (563)823-1304 for any further information.

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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.

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.

DATE HAS CHANGED FOR CURB-SIDE CLEAN UP DAY!!

On Wednesday May 6th and Thursday May 7th, any resident** may put out curbside on their regular pickup days **any large, bulky waste items, [extra regular garbage, hazardous materials, construction debris, commercial business items, appliances, tires, "e-waste" or yard wastes will not be accepted]**. The location for your curbside pickup will be where you normally put your garbage toters for pickup. All items must be out at the curb by 7:00AM. The garbage contractor will not return for any items placed curbside after 7:00 AM.

** Only LeClaire residents with proof of residency (no commercial businesses) whose City garbage accounts are paid in full may participate in the Clean-ups. For more information or if you have any questions or special needs, please feel free to call City Hall at 289-4242. "E-waste" is defined as devices that contain a circuit board or a cathode ray tube such as, computer monitors, TVs, 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: in the FALL [Dumpster Cleanup] on the 2nd Saturday of October [October 10, 2020] and in SPRING [Curb-side Cleanup] on the 2nd Saturday in April [April 10, 2021]. For more information or if you have any questions or special needs, please feel free to call City Hall at 289-4242.

TOURISM NEWS

Fri., April 3, 5-11pm: First Friday in downtown LeClaire. **Sat., Apr. 18, 8-11am: Cars & Coffee** on the Levee. **Sat., Apr. 18, 6:30pm: Trivia** at the Civic Center. Call 563-349-4403 for reservation. **Sat., Apr. 25, 4-7pm: Wine Hop.** Wine sampling at downtown businesses. \$20 tickets can be purchased in advance at 129 or the day of the event at the 122 N. Cody Road beside Navigate Realty. **Find daily specials at:** Bierstube, Big Dave & Holly's, Blue Iguana, Faithful Pilot, Mississippi River Distilling Co., Riverview Roadhouse, and What BBQ. **Find details on all LeClaire events at:** <https://www.leclaireiowa.gov/Calendar.aspx?CID=14>

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.

FULL-TIME DEPUTY CITY CLERK OPENING

The City of LeClaire, Iowa, is now accepting applications for a Full-Time Deputy City Clerk position. Starting wage range is \$19.96 to \$23.48 per hour and actual wage scale will be commensurate with experience and qualifications. Eligible for wage increases after six months if applicable. Performs a variety of routine and complex professional, administrative, clerical, technical accounting and financial functions, and administrative work in the administration and maintenance of fiscal and other varied records and systems of the LeClaire City government. Specific governmental accounting experience is preferred. The City uses "gWorks" (formerly SUMMIT through Data Tech) general ledger and financial accounting software. (A complete job description may be viewed at <https://ia-leclaire.civicplus.com/DocumentCenter/View/1868/FULL-TIME-DEPUTY-CITY-CLERK>. Post-offer, pre-employment physicals, including drug and alcohol testing, will be required. Consideration preference will be given to qualified City residents. Iowa residency within ½ hour response time from City Hall is required within one (1) year of hire. For more information, to acquire an application packet, or to request assistance in making reasonable accommodations to allow an individual to participate in the application and employment process, please feel free to stop in at or write to: LeClaire City Hall at 325 Wisconsin Street, LeClaire, Iowa 52753 or call (563)-289-4242. Applications will be accepted until April 17th. The City of LeClaire is an Equal Opportunity Employer.

LECLAIRE CIVIC CLUB NEWS

The Civic Club is hosting a Trivia Fundraiser for the LeClaire Civic Club on April 18th. 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 April 28th at 7PM. We will have a potluck at 6:15. Come join us! New members welcome! Join us to learn more about the club. 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.

PUBLIC NOTICE - CITY OF LECLAIRE PROPERTY OWNERS

Chapter 52. Weed Control and Abatement. All owners and persons in possession or control of any lands within the city shall:

(1) Prevent the growth of noxious weeds or vegetation as defined by the Code of Iowa, from reaching maturity or blooming by cutting or destroying same.

(2) Cut or destroy all weeds, vines, brush or other similar vegetation when said growth exceeds ten (10) inches in height on any developed parcel within the City or within one hundred (100) feet of any developed parcel. In other areas of the city, any weeds, vegetation, vines, brush or other growth shall be cut or destroyed when said growth exceeds two (2) feet. Natural areas, including but not limited to waterways or farmland, may exceed these established height limitations.(3) Prevent any growth of weeds, vines, brush or other similar vegetation which constitutes a health, safety or fire hazard regardless of height.

Time for Cutting Weeds and Assessment of Costs. The above mentioned ordinance is in effect from April 1 to November 1 of each year. If a property owner or person in possession of lands in the city fails to destroy the weeds, vines, brush, or other similar vegetation as set out in this chapter, the City shall cause to have the work done and the total cost and expenses of destroying the weeds or growth shall be paid and assessed against the land as provided by law. Hourly rates are as follows: City: \$100 per man-hour (rounded up to the next ½ hour) with a minimum charge of not less than \$100 for any and all man-hours or fractional portions thereof (as noted above) expended by the City abating any weed conditions in the event that a property owner fails to comply with any required notice received in this matter. Additionally, an administrative charge as shown below shall be added to the bill for any subsequent violations: 1st violation within two (2) years after initial notice - \$100; 2nd violation within two (2) years after initial notice - \$200; 3rd violation within two (2) years after initial notice - \$300; 4th and subsequent violations within two (2) years after initial notice - \$400 per violation. Private Contractor: Cost +25%

LECLAIRE COMMUNITY LIBRARY

*****Pending COVID-19 Cancellations – Please Check our Website and Facebook page for up-to-date adjustments.**

Wednesday, April 1st at 3pm: LeClaire Community Library- Crafternoon- *Shrinky Dinks*. Draw something from your imagination or trace a printed design onto a frosted sheet. Once finished coloring, take it home and watch it shrink. Limited to the first 20 participants, registration recommended but not required. For children five years or older.

Wednesday, April 1st, 8th, 15th, 22nd, and 29th, 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, April 3rd 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, April 4th 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.

Saturday, April 4th, 18th and 25th, 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, April 4th at 11:30: LeClaire Community Library – *Butterfly Mobile with Wendy Bloomingdale*. Get into a spring mood by making a lovely butterfly mobile. All ages, but space is limited to the first 12 people that sign up.

Tuesday, April 7th at 4:30pm: LeClaire Community Library- *Crochet Stress Balls*. Our teen volunteer, Megan Ripple will be showing us the basics of crocheting. Create these cute stress balls out of yarn and stuffing. Limited to the first 20 participants. All ages.

Friday, April 10th and Saturday, April 11th: The LeClaire Community Library is closed for the Easter holiday.

Tuesday, April 14th at 6:00pm NEW TIME: LeClaire Community Library- *Slime Time*. Check out our newest thematic family Storytime! We will be making unique and crazy kinds of slime based off of stories we read. Best for ages three to seven.

Friday, April 17th at 10:30am: LeClaire Community Library- *Spring Fling*. Bring in your young ones as we celebrate all things spring! We'll read stories and dance, make spring hats, and have a special themed scavenger hunt. Best for ages ten months to three years old.

Saturday, April 18th from 10:00am to 1:00pm: LeClaire Community Library – *Scott County Community Memory Project*. Be a part of Scott County history! Bring photos, slides, photo albums, letters, documents, scrapbooks and video tapes for scanning. You do the scanning with the assistance of professionals from the Scott County Library System (SCLS). Your photos could become part of SCLS digital local history archive. Bring a flash drive and you can have your own digital copies to share with family.

Tuesday, April 21st at 6:00pm NEW TIME: LeClaire Community Library- *Junior Explorers- Earth Lab*. Earth Day is one of the best celebrations to use as a bridge to STEAM. Learn about the world we live in as we observe the layers of the Earth, biomes, and more! Best for ages three to seven.

Wednesday, April 22nd at 10:30am: LeClaire Community Library- *Mini Makers- Feed the Baby Birds*. Feed the baby birds wiggly worms while they stay safe in their nest. Strengthen fine motor muscles, work on color sorting, and have fun playing all at the same time! Best for ages ten months to three years old.

Wednesday, April 22nd at 6:30pm: LeClaire Community Library – *Adult Book Club*. This month we are reading *The Sympathizer*, by Viet Thanh Nguyen. This Pulitzer Prize winning novel brings a distinct perspective to the Vietnam War and its aftermath. Nguyen's book fills a void in the literature, giving voice to the previously voiceless while it compels the rest of us to look at the events of 40 years ago in a new light. Come to the circulation desk to pick up your copy.

Friday, April 24th at 2:00pm: LeClaire Community Library – *Drop-in Tech Help*. Bring in any device and the staff will give it a shot! Please arrive with passwords needed to access your device or accounts.

Tuesday, April 28th at 6:00pm NEW TIME: LeClaire Community Library- *Pequeños Cuentos- Shapes/Figuras*. Look for squares, circles, and zigzags as we learn about shapes in this bilingual storytime. There will also be songs and crafts. Best for ages three to six.

Wednesday, April 29th at 4pm: LeClaire Community Library- *LEGO Club- Pinball Machine*. Create a pinball machine out of LEGOs with a marble, two popsicle sticks, and a small book stand. Finished creations are featured in the library. Best for ages five to eleven.

SENIOR UTILITY NOTICE

All seniors who are eligible for the senior discount need to submit proof of income for the year 2019 by May 15, 2020 to stay on the senior rate. This proof can be in the form of a SSA-1099 or an income tax form. The income level requirements for 2019 are \$19,140.00 for a single resident or \$25,860.00 for a married resident. Please remember if you have someone living with you that is under 65 you will not be eligible for this discount. Thank you.

CITY HALL INFORMATION

City Hall will be closed on April 10, 2020 in observance of Easter weekend. The LeClaire Egg Hunt has been cancelled. Bits & Pieces articles due by Wednesday, April 15, 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