

# "BITS and PIECES"



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

## JUNE 2020

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### MAYOR

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### 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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**Dennis Gerard** [12/31/23] 289-4242 Ext. 1153

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

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

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.

### GET \$10.00 & REDUCE STAFF'S RISK OF COVID-19

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)). To find it on the website scroll to the bottom of the first page and in Quick Links click on "Utility Checking Auto Pay & E-Bill Form". Return form and voided check or voided saving deposit slip by mail, by e-mail ([bills@leclaireiowa.gov](mailto:bills@leclaireiowa.gov)), or put it in the drop box at City Hall. Not only will you receive \$10.00 off your next bill but you will reduce the staff's risk of COVID-19 by reducing the handling of the mail and processing of the payment. 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

### JUNE 2020

Please remember that garbage will be delayed by one day because of Memorial Day. Garbage only May 28<sup>th</sup> & 29<sup>th</sup>. The original calendar had the incorrect days highlighted.

Recycling and Garbage days for June (in yellow) are June 3<sup>rd</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup> and June 17<sup>th</sup> & 18<sup>th</sup>. Garbage only days in June (in blue) are June 10 & 11<sup>th</sup> and June 24<sup>th</sup> & 25<sup>th</sup>.

June						
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				

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.

### 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 CIVIC CLUB NEWS

The Civic Club hopes to resume serving breakfast on Wednesday morning from 8AM to 9:30AM in June. This is another chance to learn about the club. This will depend on guidance on social gathering. 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 June 23<sup>rd</sup> 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 was scheduled for May. This event has been cancelled and will be rescheduled at a later date. Events may be rescheduled or cancelled according to COVID-19 guidance. Please check our website and Facebook page for up-to-date schedules ([www.leclairecivicclub.org](http://www.leclairecivicclub.org) or <https://www.facebook.com/Theleclairecivicclub>).

### LECLAIRE COMMUNITY LIBRARY

LeClaire Community Library building has been closed to the public for weeks due to the COVID-19 pandemic. During this time, we have made extra purchases of e-books and audiobooks, and emphasized our online resources. We know it has been difficult, especially for those in lockdown at home, not to have access to our books, movies, CDbooks, music and games. The good news is, as the first phase of our eventual re-opening, we have started a no-contact curbside pickup service.

For the safety reasons, curbside pickup will not involve any physical contact between staff and patrons. You may place holds through our online catalog and you will be notified when they are ready by email, text, or phone. Curbside pickup will be between 11:00am and 3:00pm Monday through Friday. Please park on the Wisconsin Street side of the building and phone us when you have arrived. We will place your books in a bag on a cart at the corner of Wisconsin and Thirds Streets. Staff will follow CDC guidelines for protective wear and social distancing. Please remain in your car until staff or previous patrons have left the pickup area.

We plan on opening the building with limited hours on Monday, June 1<sup>st</sup>. Check the website or watch our facebook posts for the schedule.

## TOURISM NEWS

Please #ShowYourLoveForLeClaire and purchase for carryout or curbside pick up from our restaurants and shops. Some restaurants and shops reopened in mid-May. Follow our Facebook page "LeClaire, Iowa" for updates. We hope to have more details soon on upcoming events. As of now, May 14, there are a few planned events, subject to change. **Sat.-Mon., May 23-25, starting at 11am: Riverboat Twilight Sightseeing Cruises** on the Levee. [www.riverboattwilight.com](http://www.riverboattwilight.com) for tickets. **Sat., June 20, 8-11am: Cars & Coffee** on the Levee. **Sat., June 20, starting at 11am: Riverboat Twilight Sightseeing Cruises** on the Levee. Thank you for your continued support! Contact the Office of Tourism at [info@visitleclaire.com](mailto:info@visitleclaire.com) or check out the website at [www.visitleclaire.com](http://www.visitleclaire.com) for more information.

### SWIMMING POOL REQUIREMENTS

**Swimming Pool "Enclosure" Requirements Reminders!** - Before all of the neighborhood kids take that first "dip" in the old back yard pool this summer make sure that your pool is safe and that it meets the requirements for fencing and enclosures. This includes the need for enclosures that surround those very popular "temporary, inflatable" pools **THAT ARE NOT CONTINUOUSLY MONITORED BY AN ADULT AND THAT ARE NOT DRAINED AND STORED ON A DAILY BASIS** and **UNCOVERED HOT TUBS AND SPAS**. Please call for a copy of the detailed ordinance if you have any questions at all. The Police Department will be closely monitoring this matter as a significant public safety issue and will be stopping by and knocking on your door or calling you if they see any problems. Thanks for your help and cooperation in protecting all the neighborhood kids!!

### THE "FLUSHABILITY" TEST:

Take two bowls of water. Place toilet paper in one and place the item in question in the other. Swish both items in the water. Wait about an hour, and then swish again. The toilet paper should have significantly disintegrated by then while the other item (for example, wipes, napkins, dental floss) will likely remain intact. Unless the item disintegrates at the rate of toilet paper, it should be placed in the garbage and not down the toilet. You otherwise risk blockage in your home as well as clogging a main sewer line or pump station causing a sewage backup for other homes and businesses. If you have questions about what is OK to flush, please call 563 289 4242. Select #3 for the Public Works Department then select #2 for the Waste Water Treatment Plant.

### WHAT NOT TO FLUSH

- Baby and adult wipes, moist wipes, disinfectant wipes, all of those labeled as “flushable
- Facial tissues, cotton balls, cotton swabs, Band-Aids
- Any cloth items
- Diapers (cloth, disposable, and those labeled flushable)
- Toilet bowl scrub pads, Swiffer’s, dryer sheets
- Egg shells, coffee grounds, food, chewing gum
- Hair
- Vitamins, medicines, and other pharmaceuticals, cosmetics
- Napkins, Paper towels
- Dental Floss
- Cat Litter
- Fats, Oil, and grease
- Sanitary napkins, tampons, condoms
- Fish, hamsters, gerbils
- Cigarette butts
- Plastic of any kind
- Any non-organic materials

### WEED ABATEMENT NOTICE

**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: 1<sup>st</sup> violation within two (2) years after initial notice - \$100; 2<sup>nd</sup> violation within two (2) years after initial notice - \$200; 3<sup>rd</sup> violation within two (2) years after initial notice - \$300; 4<sup>th</sup> and subsequent violations within two (2) years after initial notice - \$400 per violation. Private Contractor: Cost +25%

### GARBAGE RATE INCREASE

Your monthly service charge for garbage will be increasing \$.50/month on your July utility bill. The new service charge rate for regular customers is \$16.50/month. Qualifying elderly rate is \$15.50/month. To qualify for the senior rate you must be 65 years of age, income for married couples of no more than \$25,860; single \$19,140 and no other people can be living in your household. If you have any questions please give Jo a call at 289-4242 Ext. 1101.

### CITY HALL INFORMATION

City Hall will be closed May 25, 2020 for Memorial Day. Bits & Pieces articles due by Wednesday, June 10, 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.



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