

# "BITS and PIECES"



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

July 2020

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MAYOR

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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

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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.

## 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

July 2020

Recycling and Garbage days for July (in yellow) are July 1<sup>st</sup> & 2<sup>nd</sup> and July 15<sup>th</sup> & 16<sup>th</sup> and July 29<sup>th</sup> & 30<sup>th</sup>. Garbage only days in July (in blue) are July 8<sup>th</sup> & 9<sup>th</sup> and July 22<sup>nd</sup> & 23<sup>rd</sup>. One large item pickup are (in red) on July 8<sup>th</sup> & 9<sup>th</sup>.

July						
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12	13	14	15	16	17	18
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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.

## TOURISM NEWS

Please continue to get out and enjoy the businesses in LeClaire that are open to serve you, and follow our Facebook page "LeClaire, Iowa" for updates.

**Weekends: Riverboat Twilight Sightseeing, Brunch, and Music Cruises** on the Levee. Visit [www.riverboattwilight.com](http://www.riverboattwilight.com) for the full schedule and to purchase tickets.

**Weekends: Live Music** at Green Tree Brewery and Steventon's.

**Thurs., July 9, 6pm: Wine dinner at Faithful Pilot.** Call 563-289-4156 to reserve your spot.

**Sat., July 18, 8-11am: Cars & Coffee** 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.

## 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 at the present time has canceled all events and the June meeting due to CONVID-19. We want everyone and our members to remain safe. We can still rent the center with some restrictions. Rental cost is \$75 for 6 hours or less and \$125 for whole day. Call or email Debbie at 563-349-4403, [smith5grand@gmail.com](mailto:smith5grand@gmail.com). We hope to resume Wednesday morning breakfast in September and we hope to resume Trivia in September. At the present time we plan to have our general membership meeting July 28th at 7:00 pm. This will be our annual meeting so a great time to come to learn about the club.

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>).

## 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:

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%

### LECLAIRE COMMUNITY LIBRARY

LeClaire Library has taken actions to operate safely during this pandemic, based on recommendations from the CDC and the American Library Association.

Our building is open. We are limiting occupancy to ten people at a time and asking people to keep a physical distance of six feet from other patrons. Wearing masks is encouraged. Hand sanitizer is provided.

Our check-out desk has a Plexiglas barrier installed, and we use a no-contact method of checking out.

Our computers are separated by 6 feet or more and are cleaned after every use. We provide hand sanitizer for patrons who are using the computers.

All returned items are quarantined for at least 72 hours before being checked in, which is longer than the virus is thought to persist on cardboard or plastic surfaces. The items will remain on your record for these three days, but they will be backdated when checked in and any fines will be waived.

Temporarily we will be closing at 7pm instead of 8pm, Monday through Friday.

### 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.

### 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 Friday, July 3, 2020 for observance of Independence Day. Bits & Pieces articles due by Wednesday, July 15, 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