

"BITS and PIECES"



FROM YOUR CITY HALL
325 Wisconsin Street
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MAYOR

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COUNCIL MEMBERS

Amy Blair [12/31/21] 289-4242 Ext. 1151
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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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John Smith [12/31/21] 289-4242 Ext. 1155
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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

August 2020

Recycling and Garbage days for August (in yellow) are Aug. 12th & 13th and Aug. 26th & 27th. Garbage only days in August (in blue) are Aug. 5th & 6th and Aug. 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.

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.

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 launching from the Levee. Visit www.riverboattwilight.com for the full schedule and to purchase tickets. **Live Music** at Faithful Pilot from 6:30-9pm on Wednesdays, at Steventon's from 6-9pm on Fridays, and at Green Tree Brewery from 8-11pm on Saturdays. **Sat., Aug. 1, 9am-3pm: Quad City British Auto Club Heartland British Auto Fest** on the Levee. More can be found at www.qcbac.com. **Sat., August 15, 8-11am: Cars & Coffee** on the Levee. We are sorry to share that **Tug Fest** and **Vettes on the River** have been cancelled for 2020. Thank you for your continued support! Contact the Office of Tourism at info@visitleclaire.com or check out the website at www.visitleclaire.com and click on "Community Events" for more information.

LECLAIRE COMMUNITY LIBRARY

The LeClaire Community Library is open.

- The hours will be M-TH 10am – 7pm, Fri 10am – 5pm, and Sat 10am – 2pm.
- Please keep your visit to 20 minutes. Use hand sanitizer and observe 6 feet social distance. Masks are encouraged.
- All returned items will be quarantined for 72 hours before being checked in. You will not be fined for that time.
- Study Room and the Community Room are not open.
- Computer use is limited to 20 minutes, unless otherwise arranged.

There is no programming at this time.

CIVIC CLUB

The Civic Club has canceled all Club events and meetings due to COVID-19 until further notice. Events will be rescheduled in accordance with the COVID-19 guidelines. We want everyone and our members to remain safe. The Civic center is available for rent 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. Please check our website and Facebook page for up-to-date schedules (www.leclairecivicclub.org or <https://www.facebook.com/Theleclairecivicclub>).

LECLAIRE OFFICE OF TOURISM MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION SOLICITATION & ACCEPTANCE NOTICE

Notice is hereby given that the **LeClaire Office of Tourism** is now soliciting and accepting applications for Commission membership. The LeClaire Office of Tourism is currently looking for female and male applicant(s). The LeClaire Office of Tourism Board is an independent volunteer commission consisting of ten (10) members who serve permanent and staggered two (2) year terms. The LeClaire Office of Tourism members meet on the first (1st) Monday of each month at 8:30 a.m. at the LeClaire City Hall.

All members of the Board shall be bona fide citizens and residents of the City, or shall own and/or operate a commercial establishment within the City which meets the classification requirements of categories "f" or "g" or be a member of one of the many, LeClaire-based "non-profits" conducted within the City "c" as shown below and all directors shall have attained the age of eighteen (18) prior to the effective date of appointment and no Director, other than those as specified herein below, shall hold any elective office within the City.

CATEGORIES

DESCRIPTIONS

e.) Festivals, events, attractions (Tug-Fest, marinas, seasonal events, river cruises, etc.). Voting member.

g.) General, retail and/or service-related, tourism-oriented business representatives, including convenience store/fuel dispensing establishments, antiques, etc. – Voting member(s).

Any and all residents are invited and encouraged to apply. Only applications submitted using the City's standard "COMMITTEE/BOARD MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION" form (available in hard copy format at City Hall or electronically by email inquiry) accompanied by a personal resume will be reviewed and considered. Formal applications (**electronic versions permitted**) will be accepted at the LeClaire City Hall (or at echoate@leclaireiowa.gov) until 5:00 p.m. (local time) on Tuesday, July 28, 2020.

2021 PET TAGS

Pet licenses for the year 2021 will go on sale October 1, 2020. The cost is \$1 if purchased before December 31, 2020, and \$2 if purchased after. Please bring in the rabies vaccination certificate for your pet to City Hall and we will issue you a numbered tag for your pet to wear.

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%

GARBAGE RATE INCREASE

The 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.

SWIMMING POOL REQUIREMENTS

Swimming Pool “Enclosure” Requirements Reminders! –

Please make sure your backyard pools continue to meet 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!!

Fall-Time Approaching

FIRES ARE ILLEGAL!! - With the seasonal yard work time upon us, everyone is reminded that it is: **ILLEGAL TO BURN ANYTHING ANYWHERE IN THE CITY OTHER THAN NATURAL MATERIALS ORIGINATING ON YOUR OWN PROPERTY!** Additionally, the City has changed the law regarding any burning that may be permitted. **You may not use any type of accelerant to start any fire and any permitted fire must be monitored and supervised by an adult at all times until it is completely extinguished.** The Police and Fire Departments will be closely monitoring these conditions and the ordinance will be strictly enforced. Every year we have several emergency responses to fires, (many of which are illegal), that have gotten out of hand and burned something that was not intended to be burned or burned out of control on to someone else's property. Please pay close attention to this situation so that you avoid a ticket and fine at the least and a disaster at the worst!! If you have any questions, please call the Police Department, Fire Department, or City Hall for assistance.

CITY HALL INFORMATION

Bits & Pieces articles due by Wednesday, August 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