

# "BITS and PIECES"



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

## October 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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**Dennis Gerard** [12/31/23] 289-4242 Ext. 1153  
E-mail: [dgerard@leclaireiowa.gov](mailto:dgerard@leclaireiowa.gov) Duties: Mayor Pro-Tem; Finance and Economic Development, Chamber; Strategic Plans.

**Sara Gravert** [12/31/23] 289-4242 Ext. 1154  
E-mail: [sgravert@leclaireiowa.gov](mailto:sgravert@leclaireiowa.gov) Duties: Tourism Board and Civic Groups and Downtown Business Liaison.

**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.

### 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

### October 2020

Recycling and Garbage days for October (in yellow) are Oct. 7<sup>th</sup> & 8<sup>th</sup> and Oct. 21<sup>st</sup> & 22<sup>nd</sup>. Garbage only days in October (in blue) are Oct. 1<sup>st</sup> and Oct. 14<sup>th</sup> & 15<sup>th</sup> and Oct. 28<sup>th</sup> & 29<sup>th</sup>. The Fall Dumpster Clean-up is Oct. 10, 2019 (in red).

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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.

**CITY-WIDE CLEAN UP!!**  
**FREE DISPOSAL!!!**

### CITY-WIDE CLEAN UP DAY – FREE DISPOSAL! – SATURDAY, OCTOBER 10, 2020

On Saturday, October 10, 2020 between the hours of 8:00am and 4:00pm, any resident\*\* may bring large, bulky waste items, appliances, and tires, [regular garbage, hazardous materials, construction debris, commercial business items, "e-waste" or yard wastes will not be accepted] to the Waste Water Treatment Plant at 1800 Iowa Drive during the hours mentioned above. **"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.**

City public works employees will be present to verify residency and to assist with your disposal efforts. **Future disposal Dates: in the SPRING** [Curb-side Cleanup] on the 2<sup>nd</sup> 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.

### LECLAIRE COMMUNITY LIBRARY

The LeClaire Community Library is open. Hours are M-TH 10am – 7pm, Fri 10am – 5pm, and Sat 10am – 2pm.

All time restrictions are lifted. Hand sanitizer and masks are available. You can reserve a study room.

Grab & Go Activity Kits are free and offered every week, while supplies last. Best for ages 6 and up.

Check out our weekly Family Storytime on *YouTube*. Posted every Friday. Use search term: LeClaire Community Library.

We now are offering Library Homebound Service. Call the library at 563-289-6007 for more info.

### 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. **Live Music** at Faithful Pilot Kitchen & Bar from 6:30-9pm on Wednesdays and at Green Tree Brewery from 8-11pm on Saturdays. **Fri., Oct 2, 8-11pm: First Friday of the Month** – Live Music at Faithful Pilot Kitchen & Bar and Green Tree Brewery. **Sat., Oct. 17, 8-11pm: Cars & Coffee** on the Levee. **Sat., Oct. 17: Riverboat Twilight Sightseeing Cruises**, 11am, 1:30pm, and 4pm. Their 2-day cruises are running now through the end of October, too! [www.riverboatwillight.com](http://www.riverboatwillight.com) for advance tickets. **Oct. 24-31: Witches' Walk & Pumpkin Decorating Contest**. A fun, safe Halloween event is being planned this year. Activities will be spread out to allow for social distancing. A pumpkin decorating contest is being added this year, so start figuring out your spectacular entry! More information to come at <https://www.facebook.com/Witcheswalk> 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) and click on "Community Events" for more information.

### LECLAIRE CIVIC CLUB NEWS

The Civic Club will have the Annual Meeting of the Corporation and Regular membership meeting on Tuesday, October 27<sup>th</sup> at 7 pm. The Civic Club has canceled all Club events including Trivia for the remainder of 2020 due to COVID-19. 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](tel:563-349-4403), [smith5grand@gmail.com](mailto:smith5grand@gmail.com). 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%

**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.

**HALLOWEEN**

Trick or Treating will be on October 31<sup>st</sup> from 6:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.

Following are safety tips to help make this Halloween a safe and enjoyable one.

**Costume Safety:**

- Use make-up or face paint instead of masks, but if masks are used, make sure that they fit properly and have holes large enough for mouth and eyes.
- Choose costumes that are marked flame retardant.
- Wear light-colored clothing at night, short enough to prevent tripping. Add reflective tape or reflectors to dark colored costumes.
- Make props such as magic wands and swords out of cardboard, rather than metal or wood.

**Trick-or-Treat Safety:**

- Give and accept wrapped or packaged candy only.
- Have children bring treats home for adult inspection before they are eaten.
- Accompany small and elementary school age children when they are trick-or-treating and send older children in groups.
- Go out in daylight and carry a flashlight in case of delay.
- Have children stay within the neighborhood; only visit homes you know.

**LeClaire Police Department – (319) 289-5442**

Be very careful when walking or crossing streets while dressed up. Masks can obscure vision enough to block out an approaching vehicle, and a guardian escorting trick or treaters is strongly advised for safety purposes.

If questionable candy is located (damaged wrapping materials or if the contents look tampered with), call the Police Department immediately.

Have a safe and enjoyable Halloween!

Police Chief Themas

**CITY HALL INFORMATION**

Bits & Pieces articles due by Wednesday, October 14, 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