

"BITS and PIECES"



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

December 2020

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MAYOR

Ray Allen [12/31/21] 289-4242 Ext. 1111
E-mail: 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
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Barry Long [12/31/21] 289-4242 Ext. 1152
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Ryan Salvador [12/31/21] 289-4242 Ext. 1155
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Duties: Tourism Board and Civic Groups and Downtown Business 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) 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

December 2020

Recycling and Garbage days for December (in yellow) are Dec. 2nd & 3rd and Dec. 16th & 17th and Dec. 30th & 31st. Garbage only days in December (in blue) are Dec. 9th & 10th and Dec. 23rd & 24th.

DECEMBER						
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13	14	15	16	17	18	19
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27	28	29	30	31		

You can put out Christmas trees on Dec. 30th & 31st, and January 6th & 7th for pickup. Trees must be free of Christmas decorations and not in any type of bag. 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.

LECLAIRE COMMUNITY LIBRARY

Masks will be required and worn by and all people entering any City building for any reason at any time. Mayor Allen, October 29, 2020.

The library will offer these accommodations:

-Masks and hand sanitizer will be available in the library. Social distancing of at least 6 feet must be observed.

-Curbside Pickup for holds. Call 563-289-6007 when you arrive in the parking lot near the post office.

-Staff can deliver items within the city limits to homebound patrons. Call 563-289-6007 for Homebound Delivery Services.

You can also use our library without coming inside. On our website, leclairelibrary.org, you can find a tutorials on how to use the "Libby" app and get started with downloading ebooks and eaudiobooks. Check out Niche Academy on our website, which provides many free tutorials on Microsoft Office tools, internet basics, "Zoom 101," learning a language, creating a resume, and much more. We also offer Tumblebooks, which has over 1100 ebooks for grades K-6, including animated, talking picture books, National Geographic videos, and graphic novels.

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. **Sat., Nov. 28: Shop Small Saturday.** Please "Shop Small" to support our local businesses; find specials and holiday fun right in your hometown! Snap a selfie at one of our great businesses and post it on social media using our hashtags #visitleclaire and #leclaireshopsmall for a chance to win \$50 in Chamber Bucks! **Businesses & Residents – We're Lighting Up LeClaire like never before!** By November 27, enter the "LeClaire Holiday Lights" lighting/decorating contest sponsored by the LeClaire Chamber of Commerce to compete for Chamber Buck prizes! Watch their Facebook page or call 563-289-9970 for more information. Use this link to enter online: <https://bit.ly/3lrtc1> Then check for a map showing where all the great lights and decorations are located, so you can enjoy a fun, family tour organized by LeClaire Parks & Rec Commission. **Live Music** at Faithful Pilot Kitchen & Bar from 6:30-9pm on Wednesdays and at Green Tree Brewery from 8-11pm on Saturdays. **Fri., Dec. 4, 8-11pm: First Friday of the Month** – Live Music at Faithful Pilot Kitchen & Bar and

Green Tree Brewery. Some shops open late for holiday shopping! **Sat., Dec. 5-Sun., Dec. 6: LeClaire Hometown Christmas.** Find more details at www.visitleclaire.com/events and Facebook event "LeClaire Hometown Christmas". **Sat., Dec. 5, 10am: "Virtual" Ugly Christmas Sweater 5k.** Use this link to sign up for the race & fun run: <https://www.facebook.com/events/1578108555730903> Find details on more LeClaire events at: www.visitleclaire.com Thank you for your continued support! Contact the Office of Tourism at info@visitleclaire.com or check out the NEW website at www.visitleclaire.com and click on "Events" for more information.



LECLAIRE CIVIC CLUB NEWS

In order to keep everyone healthy and safe, fundraiser events and membership meetings were cancelled starting in March of 2020. We are hoping 2021 will be a better year and we can resume all our normal monthly activities along with the annual fundraisers that we hold. We will update our website, Facebook page and call members when we can safely resume normal activities.

Please renew your Civic Club membership for 2021 enabling our non-profit organization to continue to give back to the community by providing a low-cost meeting hall and raising funds for needy causes in the area.

The annual membership cost is only \$8 per person. You will receive a membership renewal in the mail. A club membership would be an excellent gift for a kind neighbor or friend. We have been in the current location since 1958 and a club for over 80 years. We appreciate everyone's patience and continued support of the club during this unusual year.

The Civic center is available for rent with some restrictions. Renters are required to follow the current public health guidelines for the state of Iowa. 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. Please check our website and Facebook page for up-to-date schedules (www.leclairecivicclub.org or <https://www.facebook.com/Theleclairecivicclub>).

BUDGET PREPARATION SCHEDULE FISCAL YEAR 2021-2022

NOVEMBER 25, 2020 - City Administrator distributes proposed budget preparation schedule and request for budgets and re-estimations for F.Y. '20-'21 budgets. **ALL MATERIALS DUE BY 5:00 ON FRIDAY, JANUARY 4, 2021.**

DECEMBER 7, 2020 - City Administrator presents budget preparation schedule for formal Council approval and adoption at this regularly scheduled City Council meeting. (7:00 p.m.)

DECEMBER 2020

Department Heads/Supervisors to meet with Council Liaisons & Finance Committee as needed to determine, review, discuss, fine-tune, and **FINALIZE** current & proposed budgets **PRIOR** to presentation, review, and discussion by entire Council.

JANUARY 4, 2021 - Regularly scheduled Council meeting. (7:00 p.m.)

JANUARY 4, 2021 - Committee-of-the-Whole meeting. (Immediately following Regular Meeting) (Council begins review and discussion of budget narratives, concepts, and priority items).

JANUARY 18, 2021 - Regularly scheduled Council meeting. (7:00 p.m.)

JANUARY 18, 2021 - Committee-of-the-Whole meeting. (Immediately following Regular Meeting) (Council continues to review and discuss budget narratives, concepts, and priority items along with available preliminary budget information, figures, policies, etc., and other items).

JANUARY 25, 2021 – **POTENTIAL** Special Committee-of-the-Whole meeting to be used exclusively as a budget workshop session. (7:00 p.m.)

FEBRUARY 1, 2021 - Regularly scheduled Council meeting. (7:00 p.m.) Council will review and preliminarily consider special resolution establishing the total maximum property tax dollars to be certified for levy and calling for a public hearing thereon **IF** the proposed property tax dollar certification **EXCEEDS** the current year's amount by more than 2%.)

FEBRUARY 1, 2021 – Committee-of-the-Whole meeting (Immediately following Regular Meeting) used exclusively as a budget workshop session.

FEBRUARY 8, 2021 – **POTENTIAL** Special Committee-of-the-Whole meeting to be used exclusively as a budget workshop session. (7:00 p.m.)

FEBRUARY 11, 2021 – City Clerk submits F.Y. '20-'21 Budget Amendment (re-estimation) public hearing notice to Q.C. Times for publication on February 18, 2021 for hearing/adoption on March 1, 2021.

FEBRUARY 13, 2021 – **POTENTIAL** Special Committee-of-the-Whole meeting to be used exclusively as a budget workshop session. (8:00 a.m. to noon - **SATURDAY**)

FEBRUARY 15, 2021 (MONDAY) – Special public hearing on property tax dollar increase **IF** the proposed property tax dollar certification **EXCEEDS** the current year's amount by more than 2%). Regularly scheduled City Council meeting. (7:00 p.m.) Council will review and **FINALLY** consider (**by NOT LESS THAN 2/3 vote**) special resolution establishing the total maximum property tax dollars to be certified for levy and calling for a public hearing thereon **IF** the proposed property tax dollar certification **EXCEEDS** the current year's amount by more than 2%.)

FEBRUARY 15, 2021 (MONDAY)– Committee-of-the-Whole meeting (Immediately following Regular Meeting) used exclusively as a budget workshop session.

MARCH 1, 2021 -F.Y. '20-'21 Budget Amendment (Re-estimation) P.H.- Regularly scheduled City Council meeting. (7:00 p.m.) City Council sets official budget public hearing date of March 22, 2021.

MARCH 1, 2021 – Committee-of-the-Whole meeting (Immediately following Regular Meeting) used exclusively as a budget workshop session.

MARCH 4, 2021 – City Clerk submits F.Y. '21-'22 budget adoption public hearing notice to Q.C. Times for publication on March 12, 2020 for hearing/adoption on March 22, 2021.

MARCH 13, 2021 – **POTENTIAL** Special Committee-of-the-Whole meeting to be used exclusively as a budget workshop session. (8:00 a.m. to noon - **SATURDAY**)

MARCH 15, 2021 –Regularly scheduled Council meeting. (7:00 p.m.)

MARCH 15, 2021 – Committee-of-the-Whole meeting (Immediately following Regular Meeting) used exclusively as a budget workshop session.

MARCH 20, 2021 – **POTENTIAL** Special Committee-of-the-Whole meeting to be used exclusively as a budget workshop session. (8:00 a.m. to noon - **SATURDAY**)

MARCH 22, 2021 - City Council conducts official public hearing on finalized budget and considers adoption of formal budget resolution for certification. Committee-of-the-Whole meeting (if needed) to follow. (7:00 p.m.)

MARCH 31, 2021 - City Clerk certifies formal budget to County Auditor by 5:00 p.m. on this date.

APRIL 1, 2021 TO JULY 1, 2021 - City Clerk collects and organizes all budget preparation information to be processed and bound into official copies of the F.Y. '21 - '22 City Budget Packet.

WINTER-TIME WEATHER REMINDERS & ORDINANCE/PROCEDURES IN EFFECT

As the winter months are on us, everyone is reminded of the several ordinances that became effective on November 1. These ordinances deal with such things as snowmobile use and routes, snow emergencies and snow-route parking restrictions, snow removal from sidewalks, etc. Some of the more important, notable ones are: shoveling of sidewalks is required; dumping snow from private property, driveways, and sidewalks onto the traveled public right-of-way is unlawful; snow route and alternative parking on city streets; and Cody Road snow clean-up procedures, etc. Also, don't forget that, if necessary, a winter emergency can be declared by the Mayor in the case of unusually bad conditions. If anyone has any questions about these ordinances or regulations, please feel free to call the Police Department at any time at 289-4242. We also urge everyone to be extra careful driving during this time of year. Don't forget that it is the property owner's responsibility to keep the sidewalks cleared of any snow and ice and to keep the snow shoveled out from in front of the mailboxes on the street. In order to give the City crews a fair chance to "clean-up" the streets after a snowfall or ice storm, please do not call in complaints to City Hall until at least 24 hours after the storm has ended. If we missed an area or have failed to do the job within this time period, then we would like to hear from you. Thank you for your patience and cooperation in these times!!!!

2021 PET TAGS

Pet licenses for the year 2021 are on sale. 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.



CITY HALL INFORMATION

City Hall will be closed on November 26th & 27th in observance of the Thanksgiving holiday, and on December 25th in observance of Christmas Day. Bits & Pieces articles due by Wednesday, December 16, 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