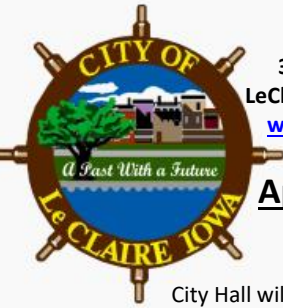


# BITS and PIECES



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325 Wisconsin Street  
LeClaire, Iowa 52753-9525  
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**April-June 2021**  
(Quarterly)

City Hall will be Closed on the following days:  
Easter – Friday April 2, 2021  
Memorial Day – Monday May 31, 2021

## 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  
E-mail: [blong@leclaireiowa.gov](mailto:blong@leclaireiowa.gov) Duties: Public Safety.

**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: Planning & Zoning & Board of Adjustment Liaison; Utilities (Sewer and Garbage), Streets, and Public Works Liaison.

**Ryan Salvador** [12/31/21] 289-4242 Ext. 1155  
E-mail: [rsalvador@leclaireiowa.gov](mailto:rsalvador@leclaireiowa.gov)  
Duties: Tourism Board and Civic Groups and Downtown Business Liaison.

## 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.

**"STORM WATER MANAGEMENT"**  
INFORMATION & CONTACT HELP LINE!!  
(563)-289-4242 (Ext. 1502)

## GARBAGE & RECYCLING

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 \$17.00/month. Qualifying elderly rate is \$16.00/month. To qualify for the senior rate, you must be 65 years of age, income for married couples of no more than \$26,130.00; single \$19,320.00, 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.

Please visit our website at [www.leclaireiowa.gov](http://www.leclaireiowa.gov) to view the garbage calendar. Toters need to be 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.

### APRIL 10, 2021 CURB-SIDE CLEAN-UP

On Saturday, April 10, 2021, any resident\*\* may put out curbside **any large, bulky waste items, [extra regular garbage, hazardous materials, construction debris, commercial business items, appliances, tires, "e-waste" or yard wastes will not be accepted]**. The location for your curbside pickup will be where you normally put your garbage toters for pickup. All items must be out at the curb by 7:00AM. The garbage contractor **will not** return for any items placed curbside after 7:00 AM.

**\*\* Only LeClaire residents with proof of residency (no commercial businesses) whose City garbage accounts are paid in full may participate in the Clean-ups. For more information or if you have any questions or special needs, please feel free to call City Hall at 289-4242. "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. "Hazardous Materials" are defined as Fluorescent Light Bulbs, household cleaners and disinfectants, vehicle fluids, Weed Killer, Bug Sprays Pesticides, fertilizers, paint, stains, varnishes, glue, solvents, etc.**

**Future disposal Dates are: [July 8<sup>th</sup> & 9<sup>th</sup>, 2021] One Large Item Curbside Pickup & [October 9, 2021] Fall Dumpster Cleanup at the Waste Water Treatment Plant, located at 1800 Iowa Drive. For more information or if you have any questions or special needs, please feel free to call City Hall at 289-4242.**

## 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%

## SWIMMING POOL REQUIREMENTS

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.

## CITY BOARDS AND COMMISSIONS

The City of LeClaire is always accepting applications for our Boards and Commissions. If you would like to be considered for volunteer service on any of the Boards or Committees, you must complete an application, which may be obtained from City Hall during regular business hours or on the City's website at [www.leclaireiowa.gov/FormCenter](http://www.leclaireiowa.gov/FormCenter).

## SENIOR UTILITY NOTICE

All seniors who are eligible for the senior discount need to submit proof of income for the year 2020 by May 15, 2021 to stay on the senior rate. This proof can be in the form of a SSA-1099 or an income tax form. The income level requirements for 2020 are \$19,320 for a single resident or \$26,130 for a married resident. Please remember if you have someone living with you that is under 65 you will not be eligible for this discount. Thank you.

## UTILITY CHARGES

Metered Minimum (incl. first 500 gal.)(67 c/f)

	<u>Sewer</u>	<u>Garbage</u>
-Regular	\$21.80	\$16.50
-Elderly*	\$19.50	\$15.50
Usage Rate (per 500 gal.)(67 c/f)		
-All users	\$1.80	

Non-Metered, Flat (Sewer Only)

	<u>Sewer</u>	<u>Garbage</u>
-Regular	\$65.00	\$16.50
-Elderly*	\$55.00	\$15.50

<u>Deposits – Residential</u>	<u>AMOUNT</u>
Sewer(meter)	\$ 98.00
Sewer(meter)/Garbage	\$131.00
Sewer(flat)	\$130.00
Sewer(flat)/Garbage	\$163.00
Garbage	\$ 33.00

Deposits – Commercial

Sewer Only (meter)	\$98.00
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MISCELLANEOUS FEES

NSF Check	\$30.00
Lateral Locate	\$21.40

SEWER HOOK-UPS

Residential - New	\$428.00
- Re-Hook	\$214.00
Commercial/Industrial	
- New \$.03/ft. not less than	\$428.00
- Re-Hook	\$214.00

\*Age and income requirements.

## LECLAIRE COMMUNITY LIBRARY

We offer 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.

### **Junior Duck Stamp Art Contest Display**

In March and April, LeClaire Library is displaying the Iowa winners of the 2020 Junior Duck Stamp Art Contest. The Junior Duck Stamp was modeled after the US Fish & Wildlife Service's Federal Duck Stamp. Since 2000, the program has received more than 450,000 contest entries from K-12 students across the country. Participants create their vision of the colorful, winged waterfowl that grace wetlands across North America.

### April Youth Services Programs

**Thursday, April 1<sup>st</sup> – Friday, April 30<sup>th</sup>: LeClaire Community Library- Sidewalk Obstacle Course.** Our outdoor chalk obstacle course returns! This time with new challenges and a different theme. This passive program is great for families with young children.

**Mondays, April 5<sup>th</sup>, 12<sup>th</sup>, and 19<sup>th</sup>: LeClaire Community Library – Grab and Go Kits.** Stop by the library on Monday and pick up a kit! There will be 3 Grab and Go's per month. Be sure to check with the library for further information. Best for ages 6 and up.

**Friday, April 9<sup>th</sup>, 16<sup>th</sup>, 23<sup>rd</sup>, and 30<sup>th</sup> at 10:30am: LeClaire Community Library – New Book Friday.** Each Friday, we highlight what new book is available at our library at storytime. Videos are posted on our Facebook page (leclairelibrary) and YouTube channel (LeClaire Community Library). Perfect for families.

### May Youth Services Programs

**Monday, May 3<sup>rd</sup> – Thursday, May 27<sup>th</sup>: LeClaire Community Library- Spring Flowers StoryWalk®.** Take a walk in downtown LeClaire and read a spring-themed picture book. More details to follow, ideal for families.

**Monday, May 3<sup>rd</sup>, 10<sup>th</sup>, and 17<sup>th</sup>: LeClaire Community Library – Grab and Go Kits.** Stop by the library on Monday and pick up a kit! There will be 3 Grab and Go's per month. Be sure to check with the library for further information. Best for ages 6 and up.

**Friday, May 7<sup>th</sup>, 14<sup>th</sup>, 21<sup>st</sup>, and 28<sup>th</sup> 10:30am: LeClaire Community Library – New Book Friday.** Each Friday, we highlight what new book is available at our library at storytime. Videos are posted on our Facebook page (leclairelibrary) and YouTube channel (LeClaire Community Library). Perfect for families.

## June Youth Services Programs

**Friday, June 4<sup>th</sup>, 11<sup>th</sup>, 18<sup>th</sup>, and 25<sup>th</sup> at 10:30am: LeClaire Community Library – New Book Friday.** Each Friday, we highlight what new book is available at our library at storytime. Videos are posted on our Facebook page (leclairelibrary) and YouTube channel (LeClaire Community Library). Perfect for families.

**Monday, June 7<sup>th</sup> – Saturday, July 31<sup>st</sup>: LeClaire Community Library – Summer Reading Program.** Keep yourself busy this summer with our Summer Reading Program! The theme this year is *Reading Colors Your World*. Be on the lookout for outdoor performances, exciting Grab and Go kits, and fabulous prizes to win.

**Monday, June 7<sup>th</sup>, 14<sup>th</sup>, and 21<sup>st</sup>: LeClaire Community Library – Grab and Go Kits.** Stop by the library on Monday and pick up a kit! There will be 3 Grab and Go's per month. Be sure to check with the library for further information. Best for ages 6 and up.

**Wednesday, June 9<sup>th</sup> at 6pm: LeClaire Community Library – Babaloo.** He's no run of the mill kids' crooner! Babaloo is high energy, over the top FUN. The outdoor performance will include singing and dancing.

**Friday, June 18<sup>th</sup> at 2pm: LeClaire Community Library – Blank Park Zoo.** Join a Blank Park Zoo educator as we explore the various wonders of the animal kingdom! This will be an outdoor event.

**Thursday, June 24<sup>th</sup> at 2pm: LeClaire Community Library – Will Stuck.** With more than two decades' experience of performing for library audiences, expect this outdoor show to bring singing, juggling, science, and plenty of humor.

### **We have hotspots!**

- May be checked out with LeClaire Community Library card only
- 7-day checkout
- Must show photo ID and library card at checkout
- Must be at least 18 years old

Start enjoying free Wi-Fi access at home for your phones, PCs, tablets, and laptops!

### **Get your crafting on with Creativebug**

Enjoy unlimited access to thousands of online art and craft classes. Watch classes anytime, anywhere. Classes never expire, and you can start and stop projects at your own pace. No pressure, just possibilities! Access it from our website.

## TOURISM NEWS

**Please continue** to get out and enjoy the businesses in LeClaire, 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. **Rockstar BINGO** at Green Tree Brewery starting at 8pm every Friday except for First Friday. Reserve a **Cocktail Castle** at Mississippi River Distilling Company with a small group thru the end of April. **Plan a fun staycation or girls' getaway** – LeClaire has it all! **Sat., Apr. 17, 8-11am: Cars & Coffee** on the Levee. **Sat., May 22, 3-6pm: Shops with Hops.** Purchase tickets here:

[www.eventbrite.com/e/shops-with-hops-tickets-143457225423](http://www.eventbrite.com/e/shops-with-hops-tickets-143457225423) **May 29-31: Riverboat Twilight** starts their sightseeing cruises. Purchase tickets at <https://riverboattwilight.com/sightseeing-cruise/> **Outdoor live music** starting in late May at Wide River Winery Tasting Room and Steventon's! **Watch for the return of First Fridays soon! Fri. & Sat., June 18-19: Food Truck Fight.** Find more information at <https://www.facebook.com/foodtruckfights>

**Thank you** for your continued support! Contact the Office of Tourism at [info@visitleclaire.com](mailto:info@visitleclaire.com) or check out the Tourism website at [www.visitleclaire.com](http://www.visitleclaire.com) and click on "Events" for more information on upcoming fun!

## LECLAIRE CIVIC CLUB NEWS

All membership meetings and club events were postponed or cancelled due to the pandemic. We hope to resume our normal monthly meeting schedule in April. We will contact members via phone or email when we plan to meet in person. In the meantime, check your email, we plan to play a trivia game via email during the month of April. Correct responses will be entered into a drawing for a prize. The trivia game will focus on the history of the club and LeClaire. Invite your friends to play, non-members will be entered into a drawing for a free membership. It will be fun!

The Civic Club will host a breakfast on June 12<sup>th</sup>. The TOMRV (Tour of Mississippi River Valley) bike ride will pass through LeClaire on that day. More details will be posted on our Facebook and webpage as the date approaches. This is the only planned event for the quarter. We plan to participate in Tug-Fest with our Tuggers breakfast and Bingo on the levy. Stay tuned for details.

Annual membership renewal is \$8. Renew your membership for 2021 by sending payment to LeClaire Civic Club, PO Box 562, LeClaire, Iowa 52753. If you are interested in joining or learning more about the club, contact a member of the board or learn more at [www.leclairecivicclub.org](http://www.leclairecivicclub.org).

Reserve the civic center for events. Rental cost is \$75 for 6 hours and \$125 for whole day. Call or email Debbie at 563-349-4403 to reserve the center. Renters are required to comply with COVID-19 guidelines.



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