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October-December 2022
(Quarterly)

City Hall will be **Closed** on the following days:

Veterans Day – (Friday) November 11th, 2022

Thanksgiving – (Thurs. & Fri.) November 24th & 25th, 2022

Christmas – (Monday) December 26th, 2022

New Year's – (Monday) January 2nd, 2023

MAYOR

Dennis Gerard [12/31/23] 289-4242 Ext. 1111

E-mail: dgerard@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 [12/31/25] 289-4242 Ext. 1151

E-mail: ablair@leclaireiowa.gov Duties: Finance and Parks & Recreation Commission Liaison (includes Levee)

Barry Long [12/31/25] 289-4242 Ext. 1152

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Bill Bloom [12/31/23] 289-4242 Ext. 1153


E-mail: wbloom@leclaireiowa.gov Duties: Community Library Liaison.

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Ryan Salvador [12/31/25] 289-4242 Ext. 1155

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PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT

CITY-WIDE CLEAN UP DAY – FREE DISPOSAL! – SATURDAY, OCTOBER 8, 2022

– On Saturday, October 8, 2022 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. City public works employees will be present to verify residency and to assist with your disposal efforts. **Future disposal Dates** are always located on the City's garbage calendar.

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

TIPS TO PREVENT - STORM WATER POLLUTION

***Bag your pet's waste.** Leaving pet waste on the ground increases public health risks by allowing harmful bacteria and nutrients to wash into the storm drain and eventually into local waterbodies. ***Don't apply pesticides, fertilizers and herbicides** before heavy rain. Contrary to popular belief, the rain won't help to soak these chemicals into the ground; it will only help create polluted runoff into our local creeks. ***Select native and adapted plants and grasses** that are drought and pest resistant. Native plants require less water, fertilizer, and pesticides. ***Reduce the amount of paved area** and increase the amount of vegetated area in your yard. ***Don't dump motor oil or auto fluids** on the ground or in the storm drain; dispose of it properly at an oil recycling center. ***Check your car, boat, or motorcycle for leaks.** Clean up spilled fluids with an absorbent material, do not rinse the spill into the storm drain. ***Don't get rid of grass clippings and other yard waste by dumping it or sweeping it into the storm drain;** this will cause depleted oxygen for aquatic life. Instead, compost your yard waste. ***When washing your car** at home, wash with only water or use biodegradable soap and wash it on a lawn or other unpaved surface. ***Dispose of old paint and other household hazardous waste at recycling facilities.** ***Don't pump your pool water into the storm drain;** pool chemicals can be hazardous to our creek habitats. ***Throw litter away in**

the garbage, not into ditches. *Storm drains, culverts and ditches are intended for rainwater and snow melt only.

WINTER-TIME WEATHER REMINDERS & ORDINANCE/PROCEDURES IN EFFECT

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, then we would like to hear from you. Thank you for your patience and cooperation in these times!!!!

PARKS & RECREATION

Keep an eye out for new and fun programs, from our new Parks & Rec Director Greg Ludwig (563)289-6056. **Coming soon** to our website, is CivicRec! Here you will be able to rent for practices, parties, and more! **Party in the Park:** Joins us on Saturday 9/24/22 at Huckleberry Park for a "Movie in the Park", brought to you by LeClaire Parks & Rec and LeClaire Chamber of Commerce! We will be watching Encanto, which will start at 7:00 pm. Look forward to balloon animals (starting at 6pm), Happy Joe's pizza, popcorn, and of course, a movie! (Pizza and popcorn for purchase while

supplies last). **ALL THIS IS WEATHER PERMITTING OF COURSE. BRING YOUR OWN BLANKET!**

Safe Home Alone: Someday you may be alone at home. In this class, we'll cover the skills necessary to be in charge when home alone. You will learn valuable safety information as well as how to recognize, prevent and prepare for emergencies. Parents, please join your student during the last 15 minutes for a recap. Sign up at get me registered.

https://secure.getmeregistered.com/get_information.php?event_id=137605

LECLAIRE POLICE DEPARTMENT

2023 PET TAGS - Pet licenses for the year 2023 will go on sale October 1, 2022. The cost is \$1 if purchased before December 31, 2022, 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 31st 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.

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.

Police Chief Themas

TOURISM

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 & Thursdays and at Green Tree Brewery from 8-11pm on Saturdays.

October: Fri., Oct. 7, 5-11pm: Friday Night LIVE in LeClaire. Sun., Oct. 9, 11am-4pm: LeClaire Fall Fest. Free family fun on the Levee! **Sat., Oct. 15, 8-11pm: Cars & Coffee** on the Levee. **Sat., Oct. 29, 10:30am: Witches’ Walk & Costume Parade** at the LeClaire Civic Center. This is a fun costume contest and trick-or-treating at the downtown businesses. Trunk or Treat will be in the Civic Center parking lot. Costume contest is open to kids and adults.

November: Fri., Nov. 4, 5-11pm: Friday Night LIVE in LeClaire. Sat., Nov. 5, 8:30am: Turkey Burner Gravel Bicycle Race. Starts on the Levee. For more information and to register go to www.fitwavegravel.com/about-4 **Sat., Nov. 26: Shop Small Saturday.** Support LeClaire businesses by shopping locally all year.

December: Fri., Dec. 2-Sun., Dec. 4: Christmas in LeClaire. See details elsewhere in this newsletter. **Fri., Dec. 2, 5-11pm: Friday Night LIVE in LeClaire. Sat., Dec. 3, 10am: Ugly Christmas Sweater 5k race.** **Find details on all LeClaire events at:**

www.visitleclaire.com

LECLAIRE INFORMATION CENTER VOLUNTEERS NEEDED: Please share your knowledge and love of LeClaire with our visitors! Contact Cindy Bruhn at info@visitleclaire.com or 563-650-7963 to volunteer. The LeClaire Information Center is at 117 South Cody Road.

LECLAIRE CIVIC CLUB

Every fourth Tuesday of the month at 7pm, the club meets at the Civic Center. We have a potluck starting at 6:15 before the meeting for members who wish to participate. Enjoy home-cooked food and fellowship. Trivia has started – Trivia is held on the third Saturday of the month at 7pm and proceeds benefit a charity or organization in our community. We have a new emcee debuting in September. Don Watts has revamped our trivia format. Come down and enjoy the changes. Doors open at 6PM to serve food. \$10 per person. To reserve tables, contact Debbie at 563-349-4403 or by email at smith5grand@gmail.com. October 15th for Christmas in LeClaire and November 19th for the Buffalo Bill Museum.

SAVE THE DATE – The LeClaire Civic Club Christmas Party will be December 10th. We are looking for 3 volunteers to be on the planning committee.

2023 Officer Elections- will be held at the November general membership meeting. If you are interested in serving, please serving, please contact a current officer of the club to understand more about the duties and to express your interest in serving.

Annual Membership Renewal – cost is \$8. Renew your membership for 2023 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.

Reserve the Civic Center- Rental cost is \$75 for 6 hours and \$125 for whole day. Call or email Debbie at 563-349-4403 or smith5grand@gmail.com to reserve the center.

Breakfast at the Civic Center- is every Wednesday morning from 8AM to 9:30AM.

Christmas in LeClaire - will be held December 2-4, Friday through Sunday. We will have a bake sale at the Civic Center to benefit the civic club. We are asking members to donate baked goods for this sale and asking for volunteers to be strolling Santas or Christmas characters. If you are interested, please contact Connie Allen at 563-505-3909. Also, the civic club is seeking donated items for our Santa’s giftshop. During Christmas in LeClaire, children under 12 can receive three tokens to use to purchase Christmas gifts for their family.



Christmas in LeClaire - December 2nd, 3rd, & 4th

This year will be the 38th year for Christmas in LeClaire, an event designed to bring families and friends together to celebrate the Christmas season. We offer many free activities for children and their families to enjoy: Breakfast with Santa at Happy Joe's, Crafts & Activities at Masonic Lodge, a Reindeer Dash (1/2 mile run on Saturday), a 5k run on Saturday, pictures with Santa and balloon animals. New this year, we will have a tree lighting ceremony Friday night, caricature artist and face painting at various times. There will be free trolley rides on Saturday and Sunday. There will be a craft and bake sale at the LeClaire Civic Center, tours at the Buffalo Bill Museum, lunch, cookie sales & crafters at the Masonic Lodge, and ukulele music and singing. You can visit with Santa and meet Santas & Christmas characters from different countries walking throughout the downtown. Be sure to get a selfie with these strolling Santas. Visit Santa's workshop at the LeClaire Civic Center where children 12 and under can use Christmas in LeClaire coins to purchase gifts for family and friends. There will be a Silent Auction at the LeClaire Civic Center (bidding closes at 2 on Sunday) where you can bid on items and packages donated by local businesses and residents. Money from the auction helps to pay for all the fun activities throughout the weekend. We appreciate all the wonderful shops, restaurants, and local businesses that support us year after year. The official schedule will be posted to our Facebook page end of October. Bring your family and friends out to enjoy all LeClaire has to offer and celebrate this wonderful time of year!



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