

"BITS and PIECES"



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325 Wisconsin Street
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LECLAIRE OFFICE OF TOURISM

Fri., Aug. 3, 5-11pm: First Friday in downtown LeClaire. **Sat., Aug. 4, 9am-3pm: Quad City British Auto Club Heartland British Auto Fest** on the Levee. More can be found at www.qcbac.com. **Thurs.-Sat., Aug. 9-11: Tug Fest.** Details can be found at www.tugfest.com **Sat., Aug. 18, 8-11pm: Cars & Coffee** on the Levee. **Sat., Aug. 18: Riverboat Twilight Sightseeing Cruises**, 11am 1pm 3pm, www.riverboatwillight.com for advance tickets. **Aug. 25: Vettes on the River** all-Corvette car show. Proceeds are donated to local Quad Cities' Veterans' organizations. For more information: www.vettesontheriver.com **Fridays & Saturdays: Live music** at various venues. **Find details on all LeClaire events at:** www.visitleclaire.com/events.html
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.

GARBAGE & RECYCLING PICKUP SCHEDULE AUGUST 2018

Recycling and Garbage days for August (in yellow) are August 1st & 2nd, and 15th & 16th, and 29th & 30th. Garbage only days in August (in blue) are August 8th & 9th and 22nd & 23rd.

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**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 CIVIC CLUB NEWS

The Civic Club will host the Annual Tug Fest Breakfast at the Civic Club on August 11th serving from 7 to 10:30 a.m. Adults are \$5 in advance, \$7 at the door. We will serve pancakes, egg casserole, sausage, fresh fruit, cinnamon rolls, coffee and juice. Contact Joyce at 563-289-4205 for tickets or any civic club member. Look for us during Tug Fest at the pavilion playing Bingo. Cash prizes. Hope to see you! Rock n' Roll Bingo of the Quad Cities, Inc. will host Rock n' Roll Bingo at the Civic Club on Sunday, August 19th at 2:00 p.m. Come for

the prizes, stay for the fun. Doors will open at 1:00 p.m. Cost is just \$10 for adults, \$5 for kids 10 and under, which gets you one bag of bingo chips with a bingo card. Want to play two cards? Pay just \$5 more. The NEW LeClaire Civic Club cookbook will also be available for just \$10! Sample plates from the Cookbook will be on sale for \$5 during the Bingo event. Trivia will start September 22nd. It is normally the 3rd Saturday of the month. Due to scheduling conflicts we have moved September back one week. Doors open at 6 p.m. to serve food. Trivia starts at 7 p.m. \$10 per person. To reserve tables contact Debbie at 563-349-4403 or by email at smith5grand@gmail.com. Trivia runs from September to November and January to May. The Civic Club continues to serve breakfast every Wednesday morning from 8 a.m. to 9:30 a.m. Stop by and make new friends and chat until 11 a.m. The monthly membership meeting will be held on Tuesday August 28th at 7 p.m. We will have a potluck at 6:15. Come join us! New members welcome!

COMMUNITY FOOD PANTRY

The "Community Food Pantry" is located at the Hope Church, 709 Wisconsin Street, in the basement of the church. Food Pantry serves all those in the LeClaire, Princeton, Panorama Park, Pleasant Valley, and the McCausland area. For more information please contact: Linda: (563) 289-3629, Lou (563) 225-2121; or Clarice at (563) 289-9028.

LECLAIRE COMMUNITY LIBRARY

Library Closing Reminder: The Library will be closed Friday, August 10th and Saturday, August 11th for Tug Fest. Regular library hours will resume Monday, August 13th. **Dropbox full? Email us and we'll extend your checkout!:** Need to return a book or DVD after hours and the dropbox is too full? Don't try and jam it in, just send us an email at library@leclaireiowa.gov and we'll happily extend your checkout/waive late fees. **Adult Services: Crafting with Jenn: Stenciled Wooden Signs-** Jenn Voss will teach us how to paint stenciled wood signs!! No registration necessary, but class size is limited to 10. Adults and Teens only. Saturday, August 4th at 11:00am. *Sponsored by the Friends of the Library.* **Monday Movie Matinee** – Come grab some popcorn and watch a movie on our big screen. Seating is limited; please arrive early to secure a seat. Monday, August 6th at 1:30pm. *Sponsored by the Friends of the Library.* **The CCC in Northeastern Iowa with author Linda McCann** - The Civilian Conservation Corps (CCC) was a federal program created during the Great Depression that centered on putting young men to work and renewing our natural resources. Local author, Linda McCann, will discuss the projects created by the CCC of Northeast Iowa and surrounding areas. Come and learn more about this exciting time! Saturday, August 18th at 11:00am. *Sponsored by the*

Friends of the Library. **Adult Book Club**—This month we will be reading *Half Broke Horses* by Jeannette Walls. Books are available at the library's circulation counter free of cost AND are now available as an eBook through our RiverShare Digital Library Catalog. Join us Wednesday, August 22nd at 6:30pm. **Drop-In Tech Help**—Bring in any device and we will give it a shot! Please arrive with passwords needed to access your device or accounts. Drop in Friday, August 31st at 2:00pm.

Children's Services: Morning Play Group - Beat the heat with a fun, self-guided morning of free play at the library! In addition to our fun play area and early literacy stations, we will also have special storytime toys set out to enjoy. This group is best for ages 0-3, though all are welcome. Stop in and socialize with other families, browse through our picture books, and maintain your storytime routine every Wednesday in August at 10:30am. **Evening Play Group** - Beat the heat with a fun, self-guided evening of free play at the library! In addition to our fun play area and early literacy stations, we will also have special storytime toys set out to enjoy. This group is best for ages 3-6, though all are welcome. Stop in and socialize with other families, browse through our picture books, and maintain your storytime routine every Tuesday in August at 6:30pm. **Escape Room-Hogwarts Tower**--You've been trapped in the tower at Hogwarts, and only your knowledge of Harry Potter can save you! Solve riddles, follow clues, and solve puzzles to find your way out before the Death Eaters find you first. Come in today to sign up for your chance to escape. Thursday, August 16th & 23rd starting at 5pm by appointment only. **Homeschool Mixer**--We are inviting all homeschooling families to mingle with library staff and help us better understand what we can do to make our library better suited to your needs. Bring the family for fun games and snacks! Tuesday, August 14th at 6:30pm

SWIMMING POOL REQUIREMENTS

Swimming Pool "Enclosure" Requirements Changed - 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 that are now in effect. The biggest change includes the need for Enclosures are needed for 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!!

NOTICE: WEED ABATEMENT LAW

As of April 1st the City begins to implement the weed abatement process. Notices are being published in this publication and in the Quad City Times advising the property owners of their duty and responsibility to keep their property, (and that area between the street driving surface and the property line) free of weeds and other plant growth. THERE WILL BE NO OTHER NOTICES!! If a weed problem is found to exist the City will abate the problem and assess the costs accordingly to the property. The charges for abating weed nuisances will be **First Violation**-First Worker \$100.00/Hr.; Each Additional Worker \$50.00/Hr. **Second Violation**-First Worker \$200.00/Hr., Each Additional Worker \$100.00/Hr. **Third & Subsequent Violations**-First Worker \$400.00/Hr., Each Additional Worker \$200.00/Hr., or if a contractor is used, the charge will be the contracted amount plus 25%. What constitutes a "weed nuisance"? Following is the definition established by law: In all areas of the City, any noxious weeds or vegetation, as defined by the Code of Iowa, are deemed to be nuisances, as well as any dense growth of weeds, vines, brush, or other similar vegetation which are reasonably believed to be constituting a public safety, health, or fire hazard. In any developed area within the City or within one hundred feet (100') of any developed area within the City, any weeds, vegetation, vines, brush, or other growth which exceeds ten inches (10") in height shall be deemed a nuisance. In all other areas of the City, any weeds, vegetation, vines, brush, or other growth which exceeds two feet (2') in height shall be deemed a nuisance. Natural areas, including but not limited to waterways, or farmland may exceed these established height limitations. Please review this material again and if you have any questions, call City Hall at any time



NEW UTILITY BILL PAYMENT OPTIONS

We are excited to announce you can now pay your utility bill on-line. Go to our website www.leclaireiowa.gov and click on the "Bill Pay" button. Pay by credit card or with e-check. We accept VISA, MasterCard, Discover and American Express. If paying with a credit card the fee is 2.50% of the payment amount or a minimum of \$1.95. The fee for an e-check is \$1.75. To register your account you will need a previous bill to refer to so you can enter your account number and the address. The address has to be entered exactly how it reads under the "Property Location" section of your bill. Once registered, you will also be able to see your past history and

consumption. We are also are now accepting credit cards at City Hall. The same fee applies as stated previously.

AUTOMATIC WITHDRAW & E-BILLING PROGRAM FOR UTILITY BILLING

Sign up for automatic withdraw of your utility bill and/or e-billing all on the same form. 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. There are many benefits gained by participating in these programs:

- » **Convenience** Saves you valuable time because you don't have to worry about writing a check each month or running to the post office at the last minute to ensure a payment is made on time.
- » **Safety** Auto Withdraw is extremely safe. Customers must authorize, in writing or electronically, all payments to their accounts.
- » **Reliability** Auto Withdraw guarantees your payment will be received on time, even if you are out of town or on vacation. This ensures your good credit rating will be maintained.
- » **Privacy** Fewer people are involved in processing your payment. As a result, confidentiality of account information increases.
- » **Cost Savings** Auto Withdraw allows you to eliminate postage costs, reduce check costs, and possibly eliminate late fees. Saves the City money on postage, paper, ink, wear and tear on our printers, processing of paper checks, etc., thereby keeping sewer and garbage charges down.
- » **Control** Auto Withdraw provides you with a record of payment on your bank statements in addition to a monthly bill. You will also have the ability to request a stop payment or cancel your Auto Withdraw request at any time.

We are very excited to offer this service to our residents and feel it makes it much more convenient for you to receive and pay your utility bill. 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.

CITY HALL INFORMATION

The next Bits & Pieces articles are due by Wednesday, August 15, 2018. They can be sent via email to Bits@leclaireiowa.gov, or by fax to (563) 289-6010, by U.S. mail, or hand delivered.



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