

"BITS and PIECES"



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CITY BOARDS AND COMMISSIONS

The LeClaire Board of Adjustment, the LeClaire Tourism Board, LeClaire Planning & Zoning Commission, LeClaire Park & Rec Commission, I.T. Committee, and the LeClaire Library Board of Trustees are accepting applications. If you would like to be considered for volunteer service on any of these Committees/Boards, you must submit a completed application form. The application form may be obtained from City Hall during regular business hours, or on the City's website.

LECLAIRE OFFICE OF TOURISM

Sat.-Mon., May 26-28, 11am/1am/3pm: The Riverboat Twilight has 1-1/2 hour sightseeing cruises. Purchase tickets in advance at www.riverboattwilight.com **Fri., June 1, 5-11pm: First Friday** in downtown LeClaire. **Fri.-Sat., June 1-2, 8-4pm: City-wide garage sales.** List can be found online after

May 29 at www.visitleclaire.com **Sat., June 16, 8-11pm: Cars & Coffee** on the Levee. **Sat., June 16: The Riverboat Twilight** has 1-1/2 hour sightseeing cruises. Purchase tickets in advance at www.riverboattwilight.com **Sat., June 23, 12-8pm: Food Truck Fight** on the Levee. **Sat., June 30, 10am-2pm: Kid Picker Day** event on the Levee. **Sat., June 30: The Riverboat Twilight** has 1-1/2 hour sightseeing cruises. Purchase tickets in advance at www.riverboattwilight.com **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.

GARBAGE & RECYCLING PICKUP SCHEDULE

JUNE 2018

Recycling and Garbage days for June (in yellow) are June 6th & 7th and June 20th & 21st. Garbage only days in June (in blue) are May 31st & June 1st and June 13th & 14th and June 27th & 28th.

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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.

CIVIC CLUB NEWS

Rent the Civic Center for your upcoming events. The club will continue Wednesday breakfasts throughout the summer. Trivia will start up again in September. Debbie is setting the schedule for Trivia for September 2018 through May 2019. If your organization is interested, please contact Debbie at 563-349-4403, or email smith5grand@gmail.com. Our general membership meeting is June 26 at 7:00 pm with pot luck at 6:15. Many of those who have participated in the pot luck meals know what great cooks we have in the civic club. We will be publishing a cook book later this year. Please drop your recipes off at the civic club or email recipe to hausofgeist@mediacombb.net. Visit our web site for more information www.leclairecivicclub.org.

LECLAIRE COMMUNITY LIBRARY

Summer Reading Program: This year's Summer Reading theme is "Libraries Rock!" The first day of our music-themed Summer Reading Program will begin on June 1st. This program is for all ages – yes, adults too! In addition to the reading challenge, join us for a number of fun activities and programs throughout the summer. **Adult Services: Buon Appetito! Italian Cuisine with Vanessa**-Native Italian, Vanessa Jasper, will teach us how to make Orecchiette Pasta with Pesto Sauce! No registration necessary, but class size is limited to 18. Adults only. Saturday, June 2nd at 11:00am. Sponsored by the Friends of the Library. **Mosaics with Diane Madden**-Local artist, Diane Madden, will lead a two-part mosaic workshop! The first Saturday will focus on designing your mosaic and the second will focus on painting and grouting. Class size limited to 10. To reserve your spot, call 1(563)289-4242 ext. 4. Saturdays, June 9th & 16th at 11:00am. Sponsored by the Friends of the Library. **Roeder Musical Trio**-Keeping with the musical Summer Reading Program theme, "Libraries Rock," this seasoned group will perform a mixture of country, rock and roll, old standards, and originals. Instruments include: acoustic and electric guitars, tuba, ukulele, bass, and harmonica. Saturday, June 23rd at 11:00am. Sponsored by the Friends of the Library. **Adult Book Club**—This month we'll be reading *The Kitchen House* by *Kathleen Grissom*. 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. June 27th 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. Friday, June 29th at 2:00pm. **YA Services: Tinker Lab—Kindness Rocks, Dremel Style**—During week one make kindness rocks to spread kindness around LeClaire. Carve kind words and designs into rocks. Later I will hide them around town to share kindness. Best for ages 10 and up. Join us Thursday, June 7th at 4:30pm.

Kindness Rocks—Come paint a rock and spread kindness around LeClaire! We will take the rocks you paint and hide them around town to share kindness. Ages 3-15 are encouraged to join us Monday, June 18th at 4:30pm. **Teen Advisory Group (TAG) Book Club**— Help plan cool events, request new library materials, share what you've been reading, learn about new books, hang out, and eat snacks! For 7th grade & up. Join us Thursday, June 21st at 4:30pm. **Tinker Lab— Kindness Rocks, Dremel Style** — Come back for the next two sessions to create kindness pendants with spoons and forks using the Dremel tool. Best for ages 10 and up. Join us Thursday, June 14th and 28th at 4:30pm. **Children's Services: Blank Park Zoo** —A Very Musical Habitat—Join a zoo educator as we explore the songs and sounds of different habitats and meet some of those animals. Tuesday, June 5th at 2pm. Sponsored by Riverview Dental Specialists. **Crafternoon**—Come get crafty at the library! This free, drop-in program is fun for all ages. Join us Wednesday, June 6th between 3:00-4:00pm. **ISU Insect Zoo**—Be an entomologist for an hour! Come get hands on time with many different insects and maybe even touch a tarantula. Come learn what insects do for us every day on Wednesday, June 13th at 4:30pm. Sponsored by LeClaire Lions Club. **Science of Sound** —Explore sound through play and art! Explore how sound moves through water and see what your voice looks like to a computer. This program is best for children aged 3-7, but all are welcome. Come out this Friday, June 15th at 10:30am. **Junior Explorers** - Explore a new science theme each month at the library—June's theme is Bubbles! Join us on Tuesday, June 19th at 6:30pm. **Mini Makers** - Sensory play encourages toddlers to explore and get to know the world around them. Come to the library to make a mess, have fun, and experience new things! Join us June 20th at 10:30am. **Absolute Science** —An amazingly fun and educational program for children of all ages to become engaged in the world of science. Exciting "Creation Stations" where kids make and take awesome experiments. Friday, June 22nd at 1pm. Sponsored by Ascentra Credit Union. **Family Storytime with Quad City Symphony "Musical Mad Libs"** —Come in for a special storytime where you will get to write lyrics to a song! This will be replacing Family Storytime for this Tuesday, June 26th at 6:30 pm. Sponsored by The Friends of LeClaire Community Library. **Ballet Quad Cities "Dance Me a Story"**— A fun interactive dance program for people of all ages that encourages reading through the vehicle of dance. Imaginations will come to life as we read Shel Silverstein. Turn on the music, grab a costume, do the hokey-pokey, waltz, jitterbug and much more! Wednesday, June 27th at 4pm. Sponsored by Eye Surgeons Associates.

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 don't rinse the spills 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. Don't get rid of old or unused paint by throwing it down the storm drain; dispose of 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 a garbage can; not in the ditches. Storm drains, culverts and ditches are intended for rain water and snow melt only.

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

AMERICAN LEGION AUXILIARY (ALA)

The American Legion Auxiliary (ALA) is the world's largest women's patriotic service organization. LeClaire Unit 347 is welcoming new members. We meet on the second Wednesday of each month at 7 pm. For more information contact the membership coordinator Lark Randall, 563-508-1647 or email ddd693rand@gmail.com. To learn more go to www.ALAforVeterans.org.

SENIOR UTILITY NOTICE

All seniors who are eligible for the senior discount need to submit proof of income for the year 2016 by May 15, 2018 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 2017 are \$18,210 for a single resident or \$24,690 for a married resident. Please remember if you have anyone living with you that are under 65 you will not be eligible for this discount. Thank you.

LECLAIRE COMM. IMPROVEMENT CORP

The LeClaire Community Improvement Corp. will be holding their monthly can collection (5 cent deposit cans and bottles,

aluminum pie plates, and aluminum pet food cans) fundraiser on Saturday, June 2, 2018 at 10:00 a.m. - Noon. **The cans will be collected on N. 3rd Street across from the Veteran's Memorial Baseball Complex all year long.** If possible clean cans are greatly appreciated. For at-home pickups of cans/bottles at any time, call 289-5763, and leave your name and phone number so convenient times can be arranged.

AVOID THE DRAIN PAIN

Just because the package says flushable doesn't mean it's true. Many items marketed as disposable and/or flushable do not degrade like toilet paper and they wind up clogging pipes, tangling pumps and causing messy sewer backups into streets, homes and businesses. Our sewers are designed to dispose of very specific things. Using your toilet for disposal of many modern products can result in blockages. The drains that connect your home to the main sewer are only big enough to carry water, toilet paper and human waste. Private sewer lines are often no wider than 4 inches. Other than creating clogs in sewer pipes and pumps, trash must be removed from the waste water as part of the reclamation treatment process. This is an expensive operation. Excessive debris in waste water sewers has become epidemic globally.



AMERICAN LEGION MEMORIAL DAY SERVICES

The American Legion Buffalo Bill Post# 347, with The American Legion Women's Auxiliary and the Pleasant Valley School District invite all in the community to attend Memorial Day Services. Events commence at LeClaire's Glendale Cemetery on Monday, May 28th from 10:15 to 10:30 AM. The placing of a wreath at the Cemetery's Flag Memorial will be directly followed by events at the Bridgeview Elementary School Gymnasium commencing at 11:00 AM. LeClaire's Mayor Ray Allen will deliver the welcoming speech. The guest speaker will be COL. Stacy S. Townsend. He comes to us from the U.S. Army command at the Rock Island Arsenal. Music is being provided by the P.V.H.S. award winning band. Come join us as we honor those who have served. If you would like to purchase a new flag, Buffalo Bill Post 347 has new flags for sale. Contact Karl Kreiling 563-528-2964 or Ron Leiby at 563-340-7267 for more info or to place an order.

CITY HALL INFORMATION

The next Bits & Pieces articles are due by Wednesday, June 13, 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