

"BITS and PIECES"



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

January 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

E-mail: 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

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Dennis Gerard [12/31/23] 289-4242 Ext. 1153

E-mail: dgerard@leclaireiowa.gov Duties: Mayor Pro-Tem; Finance and Economic Development, Chamber; Strategic Plans.

Sara Gravert [12/31/23] 289-4242 Ext. 1154

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John Smith [12/31/21] 289-4242 Ext. 1155

E-mail: jsmith@leclaireiowa.gov Duties: Planning & Zoning & Board of Adjustment Liaison; Utilities [Sewer and Garbage], Streets, and Public Works 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

January 2020

Recycling and Garbage days for January (in yellow) are Jan. 2th & 3th and Jan. 15th & 16th. Garbage only days in January (in blue) are Jan. 8th & 9th and Jan. 22th & 23th. One large item curbside are Jan 8th & 9th (in red).

JANUARY						
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You can put out Christmas trees on Dec. 26th & 27th, and January 8th & 9th 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.

LECLAIRE CIVIC CLUB NEWS

The Civic Club is hosting a Trivia Fundraiser for the Friends of the LeClaire Library on January 18th. Doors open at 6 PM to serve food with Trivia starting at 7PM. \$10 per person. \$10 per table for mulligans and \$10 per table for one double down. Call Debbie, 563-349-4403, or email smith5grand@gmail.com to book a table. Trivia runs from September to November and January to May. Trivia is held on the 3rd Saturday of the month except September. Annual membership renewal is \$8. Please renew your membership for 2020 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. This will be another exciting year. Reserve the civic center for events. Rental cost is \$75 for 6 hours and \$125 for whole day. Call or email Debbie to reserve the center. The interior is freshly painted. Officers and directors were elected at the October General Membership meeting. The officers are as follows: President - Connie Allen, Vice President - Sandy Ainslie, Treasurer - Janet Willman, Secretary - Ellen Miller, Building Maintenance - Jeff Dugan, Membership - Amy

Warren, Building Management - Debbie Smith, Kitchen Manager - Joyce Kuehl, and Community Relations - Wes Kuehl. We have many volunteers working on various sub-committees throughout the year. Come and join us!

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

Friday, January 3rd at 10:30am: LeClaire Community Library - *Toddle Time*. We focus on movement-based storytelling and songs. Best for infants up to two years old. **Saturday, January 4th, 11th, 18th, and 25th, at 10:15am: LeClaire Community Library - Let's Yoga, with Jennifer Vondracek.** Jennifer's approach to supporting others health and well-being is through inner-resource work. She has extensive training in mindfulness, meditation and therapeutic yoga. For ages 12 and up. Class size limited to 13, so advance registration recommended. \$3 per class, free for Friends of the LeClaire Library. Wednesday, January 8th, 15th, 22nd and 29th, at 10:30am: LeClaire Community Library- *Toddle Time*. We focus on movement-based storytelling and songs. Best for infants up to two years old. **Wednesday, January 8th, 15th, 22nd, and 29th, at 6:30pm: LeClaire Community Library- Let's Yoga, with Jennifer Vondracek.** Jennifer's approach to supporting others health and well-being is through inner-resource work. She has extensive training in mindfulness, meditation and therapeutic yoga. For ages 12 and up. Class size limited to 13, so advance registration recommended. \$3 per class, free for Friends of the LeClaire Library. Saturday, January 11th at 10:00am - 12:00pm : LeClaire Community Library - LeClaire Writers Workshop. This is a good opportunity to talk to other writers and get feedback, in a supportive group of local

authors. Tuesday, January 21st at 6:30pm: LeClaire Community Library- *Junior Explorers- Pirate Lab*. The lives of pirates were filled with fascinating science topics: engineering, cartography, and navigation. We'll be building pirate ships out of LEGOs, creating a compass, plus more! Best for ages three to seven.

Wednesday, January 22nd at 10:30am: LeClaire Community Library- *Mini Makers- Pirate Treasure Hunt*. Ahoy, Me Hearties! Let's go search for hidden treasures as we dig through stones and sand. Best for ages ten months to three years old. Tuesday, January 28th at 6:30pm: LeClaire Community Library- *Pequeños Cuentos- Chickens/Pollos*. These incredible birds are fun pets and provide us with plenty of eggs. We'll read about chickens in this bilingual storytime as told in both English and Spanish. There will also be songs and crafts. Best for ages three to six. Friday, January 31st at 2pm: LeClaire Community Library - 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.

TOURISM NEWS

Tues., Dec. 31: Ring in the New Year in LeClaire at various businesses: For details, go to www.visitleclaire.com Fri., Jan. 3: First Friday in downtown LeClaire. Sat., Jan. 18, 1-4pm: "Taste of LeClaire & Scavenger Hunt" Receive FREE food and beverage samples from various shops and specials at several restaurants and bars. Sat., Jan. 18, 7pm: Trivia at the LeClaire Civic Center. Contact Debbie Smith to reserve a table; 563-349-4403 or email smith5grand@gmail.com . Sun., Jan. 19, 2pm: FREE Bald Eagle Day Presentations. Enjoy a bald eagle photo and video presentation by local wildlife photographer Burt Gearhart and others at the LeClaire Civic Center. Sat., Jan. 25, 2-6pm: Mississippi River Distilling Company & Cody Road Cocktail House are hosting their AntiFreeze Outdoor Cocktail Party. 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.

2020 PET TAGS

Pet licenses for the year 2020 went on sale October 1, 2019. The cost is \$1 if purchased before December 31, 2019, 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.

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 owners responsibility to keep the sidewalks cleared of any snow and ice and to keep the snow shoveled out from in front of the mail boxes 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!!!!

BUDGET PREPARATION SCHEDULE FISCAL YEAR 2020-2021

NOVEMBER 27, 2019 - City Administrator distributes proposed budget preparation schedule and request for budgets and re-estimations for F.Y. '19-'20 budgets. **ALL MATERIALS DUE BY 5:00 ON FRIDAY, JANUARY 3, 2020.**

DECEMBER 2, 2019 - City Administrator presents budget preparation schedule for formal Council approval and adoption at this regularly scheduled City Council meeting.(7:00 p.m.) 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 6, 2020 - Regularly scheduled Council meeting. (7:00 p.m.)

JANUARY 6, 2020 - Committee-of-the-Whole meeting. (Immediately following Regular Meeting) (Council begins review and discussion of budget narratives, concepts, and priority items).

JANUARY 20, 2020 - Regularly scheduled Council meeting. (7:00 p.m.)

JANUARY 20, 2020 - 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 27, 2020 – POTENTIAL Special Committee-of-the-Whole meeting to be used exclusively as a budget workshop session. (7:00 p.m.)

FEBRUARY 3, 2020 - 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 3, 2020 – Committee-of-the-Whole meeting (Immediately following Regular Meeting) used exclusively as a budget workshop session.

FEBRUARY 10, 2020 – POTENTIAL Special Committee-of-the-Whole meeting to be used exclusively as a budget workshop session. (7:00 p.m.)

FEBRUARY 13, 2020 – City Administrator submits F.Y. '19-'20 Budget Amendment (re-estimation) public hearing notice to Q.C. Times for publication on February 20, 2020 for hearing/adoption on March 2, 2020.

FEBRUARY 15, 2020 – POTENTIAL Special Committee-of-the-Whole meeting to be used exclusively as a budget workshop session. (8:00 a.m. to noon - **SATURDAY**)

FEBRUARY 17, 2020 (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 17, 2020 (MONDAY)– Committee-of-the-Whole meeting (Immediately following Regular Meeting) used exclusively as a budget workshop session.

MARCH 2, 2020 -F.Y. '19-'20 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 23, 2020.**

MARCH 2, 2020 – Committee-of-the-Whole meeting (Immediately following Regular Meeting) used exclusively as a budget workshop session.

MARCH 5, 2020 – City Administrator submits F.Y. '20-'21 budget adoption public hearing notice to Q.C. Times for publication on March 12, 2020 for hearing/adoption on March 23, 2020.

MARCH 14, 2020 – POTENTIAL Special Committee-of-the-Whole meeting to be used exclusively as a budget workshop session. (8:00 a.m. to noon - **SATURDAY**)

MARCH 16, 2020 –Regularly scheduled Council meeting. (7:00 p.m.)

MARCH 16, 2020 – Committee-of-the-Whole meeting (Immediately following Regular Meeting) used exclusively as a budget workshop session.

MARCH 21, 2020 – POTENTIAL Special Committee-of-the-Whole meeting to be used exclusively as a budget workshop session. (8:00 a.m. to noon - **SATURDAY**)

MARCH 23, 2020 - 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, 2020 - City Administrator certifies formal budget to County Auditor by 5:00 p.m. on this date.

APRIL 1, 2020 TO JULY 1, 2020 - City Administrator collects and organizes all budget preparation information to be processed and bound into official copies of the F.Y. '20 - '21 City Budget Packet.

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.

UTILITY BILL DELAY

You usually receive your utility bill around the 20th of each month but because of scheduling issues your February utility bill will not be sent out until February 27th or 28th. Due dates will still remain the same as usual (15th of the month). If you have any questions please contact Jo at (563) 289-4242 Ext. 1101.

CITY HALL INFORMATION

City Hall will be closed on November 28th & 29th in observance of the Thanksgiving holiday, and on December 25th in observance of Christmas Day. Bits & Pieces articles are due by Wednesday, December 11, 2019. 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