

"BITS and PIECES"



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

January 2021

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MAYOR

Ray Allen [12/31/21] 289-4242 Ext. 1111

E-mail: ralen@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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Ryan Salvador [12/31/21] 289-4242 Ext. 1155

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Duties: Tourism Board and Civic Groups and Downtown Business Liaison.

CITY BOARDS AND COMMISSIONS

The LeClaire Board of Adjustment is accepting applications. If you would like to be considered for volunteer service on any of the 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.



2021 PET TAGS

Pet licenses for the new year are available at City Hall and the cost is \$2. Please bring in your pet's rabies certificate showing the manufacturer's lot number and City Hall will issue you a numbered tag for your pet to wear.

GARBAGE & RECYCLING PICKUP SCHEDULE

Garbage Only days are Jan. 20th & 21st.

Recycling and Garbage days are Jan. 13th & 14th, Jan. 27th & 28th.

Garbage & One Large Item curbside pick is Jan 6th & 7th.

JANUARY						
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You can put out Christmas trees on Dec. 30th & 31st, and January 6th & 7th for pickup. Trees must be free of Christmas decorations and not in any type of bag. Please put your totes at least three feet apart to allow the Republic drivers to maneuver their truck's mechanical arm to raise and lower your garbage totes. Please do not overfill the totes. And please have your totes 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.

**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.

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

LECLAIRE COMMUNITY LIBRARY

LeClaire Community Library is Open

M-Th 10am – 7pm

Fri 10am – 5pm

Sat 10am – 2pm

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.

NEW: We now 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!

NEW: 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 that are open to serve you, and follow our Facebook page "LeClaire, Iowa" for updates including after Christmas sales. **Still plenty of time to enjoy the Christmas lights!** Here is a link to a map -

<https://tinyurl.com/leclairelights> - showing where all the great lights and decorations are located, so you can enjoy a fun, family tour organized by LeClaire Parks & Rec Commission. **Thurs., Dec. 31: Ring in the New Year in LeClaire at various businesses:** For details, go to www.visitleclaire.com **Live Music** at Faithful Pilot Kitchen & Bar from 6:30-9pm on Wednesdays and at Green Tree Brewery from 8-11pm on Saturdays. **Why do YOU love LeClaire?** This holiday season we are encouraging all of our residents, businesses, and even visitors to let us know: "Why you love LeClaire!" Grab a poster board, a white or chalk board, or even a piece of paper, and let us know. After you have taken a photo of your "Why I love LeClaire," email it to LeClaireChamber@gmail.com. Also, post it on social media with the hashtag, #ILoveLeClaire for your chance to win \$100 in Chamber Bucks to be used at many locations throughout LeClaire! **Thank you** for your continued support! Contact the Office of Tourism at info@visitleclaire.com or check out the NEW website at www.visitleclaire.com and click on "Events" for more information.

LECLAIRE CIVIC CLUB NEWS

We're hoping 2021 will be better year and we can resume all our normal monthly activities. Please renew your Civic Club membership for 2021 enabling our non-profit organization to continue to give back to the

community by providing a low-cost meeting hall and raising funds for needy causes in the area. 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. 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. Officers and Directors were elected at the November 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.

BUDGET PREPARATION SCHEDULE

FISCAL YEAR 2021-2022

DECEMBER 2020

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 4, 2021 - Regularly scheduled Council meeting. (7:00 p.m.)

JANUARY 4, 2021 - Committee-of-the-Whole meeting. (Immediately following Regular Meeting) (Council begins review and discussion of budget narratives, concepts, and priority items).

JANUARY 18, 2021 - Regularly scheduled Council meeting. (7:00 p.m.)

JANUARY 18, 2021 - 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 25, 2021 – **POTENTIAL** Special Committee-of-the-Whole meeting to be used exclusively as a budget workshop session. (7:00 p.m.)

FEBRUARY 1, 2021 - 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 1, 2021 – Committee-of-the-Whole meeting (Immediately following Regular Meeting) used exclusively as a budget workshop session.

FEBRUARY 8, 2021 – **POTENTIAL** Special Committee-of-the-Whole meeting to be used exclusively as a budget workshop session. (7:00 p.m.)

FEBRUARY 11, 2021 – City Clerk submits F.Y. '20-'21 Budget Amendment (re-estimation) public hearing notice to Q.C. Times for publication on February 18, 2021 for hearing/adoption on March 1, 2021.

FEBRUARY 13, 2021 – **POTENTIAL** Special Committee-of-the-Whole meeting to be used exclusively as a budget workshop session. (8:00 a.m. to noon - **SATURDAY**)

FEBRUARY 15, 2021 (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 15, 2021 (MONDAY)– Committee-of-the-Whole meeting (Immediately following Regular Meeting) used exclusively as a budget workshop session.

MARCH 1, 2021 -F.Y. '20-'21 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 22, 2021.

MARCH 1, 2021 – Committee-of-the-Whole meeting (Immediately following Regular Meeting) used exclusively as a budget workshop session.

MARCH 4, 2021 – City Clerk submits F.Y. '21-'22 budget adoption public hearing notice to Q.C. Times for publication on March 12, 2020 for hearing/adoption on March 22, 2021.

MARCH 13, 2021 – **POTENTIAL** Special Committee-of-the-Whole meeting to be used exclusively as a budget workshop session. (8:00 a.m. to noon - **SATURDAY**)

MARCH 15, 2021 –Regularly scheduled Council meeting. (7:00 p.m.)

MARCH 15, 2021 – Committee-of-the-Whole meeting (Immediately following Regular Meeting) used exclusively as a budget workshop session.

MARCH 20, 2021 – **POTENTIAL** Special Committee-of-the-Whole meeting to be used exclusively as a budget workshop session. (8:00 a.m. to noon - **SATURDAY**)

MARCH 22, 2021 - 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, 2021 - City Clerk certifies formal budget to County Auditor by 5:00 p.m. on this date.

APRIL 1, 2021 TO JULY 1, 2021 - City Clerk collects and organizes all budget preparation information to be processed and bound into official copies of the F.Y. '21 - '22 City Budget Packet.

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.

CITY HALL INFORMATION

City Hall will be closed on Friday, December 25th, 2020 and Friday, January 1, 2021. The next Bits & Pieces articles are due by Wednesday, January 13, 2021. They can be sent via email to Bits@leclaireiowa.gov, 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