

# "BITS and PIECES"



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

**February 2021**

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**MAYOR**

**Ray Allen** [12/31/21] 289-4242 Ext. 1111  
E-mail: [rallen@leclaireiowa.gov](mailto: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](mailto: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](mailto:dgerard@leclaireiowa.gov) Duties: Mayor Pro-Tem; Finance and Economic Development, Chamber; Strategic Plans.

**Sara Gravert** [12/31/23] 289-4242 Ext. 1154  
E-mail: [sgravert@leclaireiowa.gov](mailto:sgravert@leclaireiowa.gov) Duties: Planning & Zoning & Board of Adjustment Liaison; Utilities [Sewer and Garbage], Streets, and Public Works Liaison.

**Ryan Salvador** [12/31/21] 289-4242 Ext. 1155  
E-mail: [rsalvador@leclaireiowa.gov](mailto:rsalvador@leclaireiowa.gov)  
Duties: Tourism Board and Civic Groups and Downtown Business Liaison.

## GARBAGE & RECYCLING PICKUP SCHEDULE

**Garbage Only** days are Feb. 3<sup>rd</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup> and Feb. 17<sup>th</sup> & 18<sup>th</sup>.  
**Recycling and Garbage** days are Feb. 10<sup>th</sup> & 11<sup>th</sup> and Feb. 24<sup>th</sup> & 25<sup>th</sup>.

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## WINTER-TIME WEATHER REMINDERS & ORDINANCE/PROCEDURES IN EFFECT

As the winter months are on us, everyone is reminded of several ordinances that became effective on November 1. These ordinances deal with such things as snowmobile use and routes, snow emergencies, snow-route parking restrictions, and 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, do not 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. Do not 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 period, then we would like to hear from you. Thank you for your patience and cooperation in these times!!!



City Hall would like to thank you for your patience in the delay of Garbage and Recycling pickups, the last few weeks. We understand how frustrating this can be and are working to make sure it is getting taken care of. As a reminder, please have your toters out by 7AM on your pickup day. If they are placed out after 7AM, they may not get picked up by Republic. Toters need to have at least three feet of space around them, to allow the Republic drivers to maneuver their truck's mechanical arm to raise and lower your garbage toters.

## LECLAIRE CIVIC CLUB NEWS

We're hoping 2021 will be better year and we can resume all our normal monthly activities. We plan to have a Board meeting in February and a General Membership meeting in February. Masks and social distancing required. 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](http://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.

## 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 great clearance sales. **Live Music** at Faithful Pilot Kitchen & Bar from 6:30-9pm on Wednesdays and at Green Tree Brewery from 8-11pm on Saturdays. **Rockstar BINGO** at Green Tree Brewery starting at 8pm every Friday except for First Friday. Reserve a **Cocktail Castle** at Mississippi River Distilling Company with a small group. **Valentine's Day** is coming up – reserve a room, book a special dinner, order some special candy and flowers – LeClaire has it all! **Thank you** for your continued support! Contact the Office of Tourism at [info@visitleclaire.com](mailto:info@visitleclaire.com) or check out the NEW website at [www.visitleclaire.com](http://www.visitleclaire.com) and click on "Events" for more information.

## 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.

## 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.

## **Children's Services**

Every week in February we will have Valentine Day themed Grab and Gos for the kids. Check out Haidee's weekly virtual story time on YouTube. There's a new episode every Friday.

## **We 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!

## **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.

## BUDGET PREPARATION SCHEDULE FISCAL YEAR 2021-2022

**JANUARY 18, 2021** - Regularly scheduled Council meeting. (6:00 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. (6:00 p.m.)

**FEBRUARY 1, 2021** - Regularly scheduled Council meeting. (6:00 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. (6:00 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 16, 2021 (TUESDAY)** – 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. (6:00 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 16, 2021 (TUESDAY)**– 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. (6:00 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. (6:00 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. (6:00 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.

**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.

**CAN WE FIND YOU WHEN YOU DIAL 911???** - its 3:00 o'clock in the morning during a raging snowstorm and you wake up smelling smoke. You dial 911 and the city's emergency services begin to respond to your call for help. Can we find your house?? If you can't see your house numbers on the side of your house from at least 100' away during this snowstorm they may have to be replaced, enlarged, or relocated. Please make it easier to find your house in an emergency. Take a second look at your house numbers and make sure they'll work for you. If you are not sure whether or not they are properly located or sized or stand out enough, please feel free to call the police or fire departments at any time and we'll check them out for you. It only takes a few minutes now to prevent a tragedy down the road!!!

#### **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 at City Hall, or 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](mailto: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](mailto: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](mailto:jphares@leclaireiowa.gov) or call her at 289-4242 Ext. 1101.

#### **2021 PET TAGS**

Pet licenses for 2021 are available at City Hall and the cost is \$2. Please bring in your rabies vaccination certificate, which shows the lot or serial number, to City Hall and we will issue you a numbered tag for your pet to wear.

#### **CITY HALL INFORMATION**

City Hall will be closed on February 15<sup>th</sup> in observance of President's Day. Bits & Pieces articles due by Wednesday, February 10, 2021. They can be sent via email to [Bits@leclaireiowa.gov](mailto: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