

# BITS and PIECES



CITY HALL  
325 Wisconsin Street  
LeClaire, Iowa 52753-9525  
[www.leclaireiowa.gov](http://www.leclaireiowa.gov)

## JULY-SEPTEMBER 2021 (Quarterly)

City Hall will be Closed on the following days:  
Easter – Friday April 2, 2021  
Memorial Day – Monday May 31, 2021

### 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  
E-mail: [blong@leclaireiowa.gov](mailto:blong@leclaireiowa.gov). Duties: Public Safety.  
**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.

### 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.

"STORM WATER MANAGEMENT"  
INFORMATION & CONTACT HELP LINE!!  
(563)-289-4242 (Ext. 1502)

### GARBAGE & RECYCLING

The monthly service charge for garbage will be increasing \$.50/month on your July utility bill. The new service charge rate for regular customers is \$17.00/month. Qualifying elderly rate is \$16.00/month. To qualify for the senior rate, you must be 65 years of age, income for married couples of no more than \$26,130.00; single \$19,320.00, and no other people can be living in your household. If you have any questions, please give Jenn a call at 289-4242 Ext. 1100.

Please visit our website at [www.leclaireiowa.gov](http://www.leclaireiowa.gov) to view the garbage calendar. Toters need to be 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.

### JULY 8<sup>TH</sup> & JULY 9<sup>TH</sup> CURBSIDE CLEAN-UP DAYS

On July 8<sup>th</sup> & July 9<sup>th</sup>, 2021, any resident\*\* may put out curbside **one large, bulky waste items, [extra regular garbage, hazardous materials, construction debris, commercial business items, appliances, tires, "e-waste" or yard wastes will not be accepted]**. The location for your curbside pickup will be where you normally put your garbage toters for pickup. The item must be out at the curb by 7:00AM. The garbage contractor **will not** return for any item placed curbside after 7:00 AM.

**\*\* Only LeClaire residents (no commercial businesses) whose City garbage accounts are paid in full may participate in the Clean-ups. For more information or if you have any questions or special needs, please feel free to call City Hall at 289-4242. "E-waste" is defined as devices that contain a circuit board or a cathode ray tube such as, computer monitors, TVs, VCRs, stereos, computers, radios, and video game systems. E-waste contains environmental hazards such as lead, mercury, cadmium, nickel, chromium, lithium, and PCBs. "Hazardous Materials" are defined as Fluorescent Light Bulbs, household cleaners and disinfectants, vehicle fluids, Weed Killer, Bug Sprays Pesticides, fertilizers, paint, stains, varnishes, glue, solvents, etc.**

**Future disposal Dates are: [July 8<sup>th</sup> & 9<sup>th</sup>, 2021] One Large Item Curbside Pickup & [October 9, 2021] Fall Dumpster Cleanup at the Waste Water Treatment Plant, located at 1800 Iowa Drive & [January 5<sup>th</sup> & 6<sup>th</sup>, 2022] One Large Item Curbside Pickup. For more information or if you have any questions or special needs, please feel free to call City Hall at 289-4242.**

### PUBLIC NOTICE - CITY OF LECLAIRE PROPERTY OWNERS

**Chapter 52. Weed Control and Abatement.** All owners and persons in possession or control of any lands within the city shall: (1) Prevent the growth of noxious weeds or vegetation as defined by the Code of Iowa, from reaching maturity or blooming by cutting or destroying same.

(2) Cut or destroy all weeds, vines, brush or other similar vegetation when said growth exceeds ten (10) inches in height on any developed parcel within the City or within one hundred (100) feet of any developed parcel. In other areas of the city, any weeds, vegetation, vines, brush or other growth shall be cut or destroyed when said growth exceeds two (2) feet. Natural areas, including but not limited to waterways or farmland, may exceed these established height limitations.(3) Prevent any growth of weeds, vines, brush, or other similar vegetation which constitutes a health, safety or fire hazard regardless of height.

**Time for Cutting Weeds and Assessment of Costs.** The above mentioned ordinance is in effect from April 1 to November 1 of each year. If a property owner or person in possession of lands in the city fails to destroy the weeds, vines, brush, or other similar vegetation as set out in this chapter, the City shall cause to have the work done and the total cost and expenses of destroying the weeds or growth shall be paid and assessed against the land as provided by law. Hourly rates are as follows: City: \$100 per man-hour (rounded up to the next ½ hour) with a minimum charge of not less than \$100 for any and all man-hours or fractional portions thereof (as noted above) expended by the City abating any weed conditions in the event that a property owner fails to comply with any required notice received in this matter. Additionally, an administrative charge as shown below shall be added to the bill for any subsequent violations: 1<sup>st</sup> violation within two (2) years after initial notice - \$100; 2<sup>nd</sup> violation within two (2) years after initial notice - \$200; 3<sup>rd</sup> violation within two (2) years after initial notice - \$300; 4<sup>th</sup> and subsequent violations within two (2) years after initial notice - \$400 per violation. Private Contractor: Cost +25%

### SWIMMING POOL REQUIREMENTS

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. This includes the need for enclosures that surround 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.

### FIRES ARE ILLEGAL

With the seasonal yard work time upon us, everyone is reminded that it is: **ILLEGAL TO BURN ANYTHING ANYWHERE IN THE CITY OTHER THAN NATURAL MATERIALS ORIGINATING ON YOUR OWN PROPERTY! You may not use any type of accelerant to start any fire and any permitted fire must be monitored and supervised by an adult at all times until it is completely extinguished.** The Police and Fire Departments will be closely monitoring these conditions and the ordinance will be strictly enforced. Every year we have several emergency responses to fires, (many of which are illegal), that have gotten out of hand and burned something that was not intended to be burned or burned out of control on to someone else's property. Please pay close attention to this situation so that you avoid a ticket and fine at the least and a disaster at the worst!! If you have any questions, please call the Police Department, Fire Department, or City Hall for assistance.

### CITY BOARDS AND COMMISSIONS

**The City of LeClaire is always accepting applications for our Boards and Commissions. If you would like to be considered for volunteer service on any of the Boards or Committees, you must complete an application, which may be obtained from City Hall during regular business hours or on the City's website at [www.leclaireiowa.gov/FormCenter](http://www.leclaireiowa.gov/FormCenter).**

### LECLAIRE COMMUNITY LIBRARY

#### July Library Programs

**Thursday, July 1<sup>st</sup> at 5pm: LeClaire Community Library – Quad Cities Folklorico.** Founded in 1984, this non-profit organization teaches and shares Mexican culture throughout the community through dance. This outdoor show will be filled with color, music, movement, and fun.  
**Fridays, July 1<sup>st</sup>, 8<sup>th</sup>, 15<sup>th</sup>, 22<sup>nd</sup>, and 29<sup>th</sup> at 10:30am: LeClaire Community Library – Storytime at the Plaza.** We will be reading stories, singing rhymes, and having plenty of outdoor fun.

**Monday, July 5<sup>th</sup> - Saturday, July 31<sup>st</sup>: LeClaire Community Library – DIY Kaleidoscope Grab and Go Kits.** In line with the Summer Reading Program theme, "Reading Colors Your World" we will be distributing take home kits to make your very own Kaleidoscope. Explore the wonder of reflective mirrors as they create eye-catching patterns.

**Monday, July 12<sup>th</sup> at 3pm: LeClaire Community Library – Absolute Science's Fire and Ice Reaction Show.** Absolute Science will demonstrate incredible experiments like fire lighting up in different beautiful colors, the freezing magic of liquid nitrogen, and summoning smoke like a genie out of a bottle. This program will be outdoors.

**Friday, July 30<sup>th</sup> at 2pm: LeClaire Community Library – Iowa State University Insect Zoo.** The Insect Zoo will present (and allow audience members to touch) unusual insects and arthropods from around the world, to help us gain an

appreciation for these fascinating creatures. This will be outdoors.

#### August Library Programs

**Thursday, August 12<sup>th</sup> at 5:30pm: LeClaire Community Library – *Hula Hooping with Rosie.*** Hula Hooper Extraordinaire Rosie Criswell will demonstrate hula hooping tricks, and afterwards show children how to do various techniques.

**Monday, August 23<sup>rd</sup> at 5pm: LeClaire Community Library – *Ballet Quad Cities' Dance Me a Story.*** Imaginations come to life as we read fantastical stories, turn on the music, grab a costume, and DANCE!

#### September Library Programs

**Wednesdays, September 1<sup>st</sup>, 8<sup>th</sup>, 22<sup>nd</sup>, and 29<sup>th</sup> at 10:30am: LeClaire Community Library – *Toddle Time.*** Enjoy songs, finger plays, bounces, and free play at the library.

**Thursday, September 16<sup>th</sup> at 6:30pm: LeClaire Community Library – *The History of Pearl Button Manufacture and Clamming in Iowa.*** Learn the “how” and “why” of this profitable local industry which once made millions of beautiful buttons out of freshwater clam shells. Our speaker will be Janet Weaver, PhD, historian and assistant curator at the Iowa Women’s Archives, University of Iowa Libraries.

**Friday, September 17<sup>th</sup> at 10:30am: LeClaire Community Library - *Pequeños Cuentos.*** Join Haidee in reading bilingual stories and singing songs in both Spanish and English.

#### TOURISM NEWS

**Please continue** to get out and enjoy the businesses in LeClaire, and follow our Facebook page “LeClaire, Iowa” for updates.

**Live Music** at Faithful Pilot Kitchen & Bar from 6:30-9pm on Wednesdays & Thursdays 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.

**More outdoor live music** at Wide River Winery Tasting Room, Steventon’s, Dirty Water Music, and Mississippi River Distilling Company.

**Every Saturday in July & Aug. (except for Aug. 14): Riverboat Twilight** has sightseeing cruises at 11am, 1:30pm, and 4pm. Purchase tickets at <https://riverboattwilight.com/sightseeing-cruise/>

**Fri., July 2, 5-11pm: Friday Night Live** in downtown LeClaire. Eight live music venues, shops open late, and specials at the restaurants and bars!

**Sat., July 17, 8-11am: Cars & Coffee** on the Levee.

**Fri., Aug. 6, 5-11pm: Friday Night Live** in downtown LeClaire. Eight live music venues, shops open late, and specials at the restaurants and bars!

**Sat., Aug. 7, 9am-3pm: Quad City British Auto Club Heartland British Auto Fest** on the Levee. More can be found at [www.qcbac.com](http://www.qcbac.com).

**Thurs.-Sat., Aug. 12-14: Tug Fest.** Details can be found at [www.tugfest.com](http://www.tugfest.com)

**Sat., Aug. 21, 8-11pm: Cars & Coffee** on the Levee.

**Sat., Aug. 28: Vettes on the River** all-Corvette car show. Proceeds are donated to local Quad Cities’ Veterans’ organizations. For more information: [www.vettesontheriver.com](http://www.vettesontheriver.com)

**Fri., Sept. 3, 5-11pm: Friday Night Live** in downtown LeClaire. Eight live music venues, shops open late, and specials at the restaurants and bars!

**Sat., Sept. 18, 8-11pm: Cars & Coffee** on the Levee.

**Sat., Sept. 18: Riverboat Twilight Sightseeing Cruises**, 11am and 1:30pm, [www.riverboattwilight.com](http://www.riverboattwilight.com) for advance tickets.

**Sat., Sept. 18, 5pm: Riverboat Twilight Dinner Cruise**, [www.riverboattwilight.com](http://www.riverboattwilight.com) for advance tickets.

**Thank you** for your continued support! Contact the Office of Tourism at [info@visitleclaire.com](mailto:info@visitleclaire.com) or check out the Tourism website at [www.visitleclaire.com](http://www.visitleclaire.com) and click on “Events” for more information on upcoming fun!

**LECLAIRE INFORMATION CENTER VOLUNTEERS NEEDED:** Please share your knowledge and love of LeClaire with our visitors! Contact Cindy Bruhn at [info@visitleclaire.com](mailto:info@visitleclaire.com) or 563-650-7963 to volunteer.

#### LECLAIRE CIVIC CLUB NEWS

We are back! We have resumed our normal monthly meeting schedule. We meet the 4th Tuesday of the month at 7pm. We have a potluck starting at 6:15 before the meeting for members who wish to participate. It is delicious. In July, we will be planning for Tug Fest events and the start of our trivia season. We need all members to attend to help with this planning and volunteer at these events. It is an easy, no-cost opportunity to give back to your community.

In August, the Civic Club will host the Annual Tug Fest Breakfast at the LeClaire Civic Center on August 14th serving from 7:30 to 11:00am. Adults are \$8 in advance, \$9 at the door. We will serve biscuits & gravy, egg casserole, sausage, fruit, hard boiled eggs, yogurt, 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 on the levee playing Bingo. Play is Thursday night 4-10 pm, Friday night 5-10 pm, and Saturday noon-10 pm. It is a lot of fun. Cash prizes. Hope to see you! While you are there grab a drink and a walking taco from the “Snack Shack” on the pavilion.

Trivia will start September. Doors open at 6PM to serve food. Trivia starts at 7PM. \$10 per person. To reserve tables, contact

Debbie at 563-349-4403 or by email at [smith5grand@gmail.com](mailto:smith5grand@gmail.com). Trivia runs from September to November and January to May. Trivia is held on the 3rd Saturday of the month. In July, our trivia sub-committee will contact charities to determine trivia schedule (which charity benefits during which month). As always, 3<sup>rd</sup> Saturday of the month.

The Civic Club has resumed serving breakfast every Wednesday morning from 8AM to 9:30AM. Stop by and make new friends. We have early risers there at 7:30 so if you are one of them please stop by.

Rock n' Roll Bingo of the Quad Cities, Inc. will host Rock n’ Roll Bingo at the LeClaire Civic Center August 21st at 7:00 p.m. Doors will open at 6:00 p.m. Proceeds to benefit the LeClaire Civic Club. **COSTUME CONTEST!!!** Continue the party the weekend after Tug Fest by continuing their theme of "Peace, Love and Tug Fest". Wear your best 60s or 70s theme costume and win prizes!! Cost is just \$10 for a bag of bingo chips, \$5 for each additional bag. Each bag of chips comes with a FREE bingo card. Prizes will be given out after each game.

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 at 563-349-4403 to reserve the center.

#### CITY HALL INFO

City Hall will be closed Monday, July 5th in observance of Independence Day and Monday, September 6<sup>th</sup> in observance of Labor Day. Bits & Pieces articles are due by Wednesday, September 15, 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

