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CITY HALL
325 Wisconsin Street
LeClaire, Iowa 52753-9525
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OCTOBER-DECEMBER 2021

(Quarterly)

City Hall will be Closed on the following days:
Thursday, November 11th Veteran's Day
Thursday and Friday, November 25th & 26th Thanksgiving
Friday, December 24th-Christmas Day
Friday, December 31st -New Year's Day

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
E-mail: blong@leclaireiowa.gov. Duties: Public Safety.

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
E-mail: 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
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 DISPOSAL

CITY-WIDE CLEAN UP DAY – FREE DISPOSAL! – SATURDAY, OCTOBER 9, 2021 – On Saturday, October 9, 2021, between the hours of 8:00am and 4:00pm, any resident** may bring large, bulky waste items, appliances, and tires, [regular garbage, hazardous materials, construction debris, commercial business items, "e-waste" or yard wastes **will not** be accepted] to the Waste Water Treatment Plant at 1800 Iowa Drive during the hours mentioned above. City public works employees will be present to verify residency and to assist with your disposal efforts. **Future disposal Date in the SPRING** [Curb-side Cleanup] on the 2nd Saturday in April [April 9, 2022]. 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: 1st violation within two (2) years after initial notice - \$100; 2nd violation within two (2) years after initial notice - \$200; 3rd violation within two (2) years after initial notice - \$300; 4th and subsequent violations within two (2) years after initial notice - \$400 per violation. Private Contractor: Cost +25%

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.

HALLOWEEN

Trick or Treating will be on October 31st from 6:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. If questionable candy is located (damaged wrapping materials or if the contents look tampered with), call the Police Department immediately. Have a safe and enjoyable Halloween! Police Chief Themas

2022 PET TAGS

Pet licenses for the year 2022 will go on sale October 1, 2021. The cost is \$1 if purchased before December 31, 2021, 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 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, then we would like to hear from you. Thank you for your patience and cooperation in these times!!!!

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 wastewater as part of the reclamation process. This is an expensive operation. Excessive debris in wastewater sewer has become epidemic globally.



WHAT NOT TO FLUSH:

- Moist wipes, baby, disinfectant wipes, all of those labeled as "flushable".
- Facial tissues, cotton balls, cotton swabs, band-aids
- Napkins, paper towels, Any cloth items
- Dental floss
- Diapers (cloth, disposable and those labeled flushable)
- Fats, oil and grease
- Toilet bowl scrub pads,
- Swiffers, dryer sheets
- Sanitary napkins, tampons, condoms
- Egg shells, coffee grounds, food, chewing gum
- Fish, hamsters, gerbils
- Hair
- Cigarette butts, Cat litter, Plastic of any kind
- Vitamins, medicines and other pharmaceuticals, cosmetics
- Any non-organic materials

LECLAIRE COMMUNITY LIBRARY

October, November & December Library Programs

Fridays, October 1, 8, 15, 22, 29, November 5, 12, 19 and 26, December 3, 10 and 17 at 10:30 am: LeClaire Community Library – Storytime in the Plaza! Come join Ashe to read stories, sing rhymes, and have some outdoor fun in the Plaza!
Tuesdays, October 5, 12, 19, 26; November 2, 9, 16, 23, 30, December 6, 13, 20 and 27 at 10:30 am: LeClaire Community Library – Virtual Storytime LIVE! Enjoy our Storytime program LIVE on the LeClaire Community Library Facebook page for interactive fun and reading.

Tuesday, October 26; November 30, and December 28 at 5pm: LeClaire Community Library – Last Tuesday Book Club. Calling all fans of literature! If you're looking to share your love of reading and find some new books, come pick up this month's book club book from the front desk. We'll be discussing this month's book on the last Tuesday of the month! Audiobooks and Large print will be available.

October Library Programs

Available Monday, October 4 while supplies last: LeClaire Community Library – Crafts Around the World: Grab N' Go Kits. Tired of traditional crafts? Try out some crafts from all around the world! This month we'll be distributing take home kits to make a Sugar Skull Tissue Paper Collage while learning a little about Mexico's Day of the Dead!

Wednesday, October 13 at 4pm: LeClaire Community Library – LEGO Club: Pumpkins. Come play with over hundreds of Legos! The possibilities are endless, and if you're looking for a challenge, the builders theme this month is Pumpkins.

Monday, October 18 at 4pm: LeClaire Community Library – Lazy Crafternoons: Halloween Luminary Jars. Looking for the perfect Halloween decoration to spook up your house? Join us as we make beautifully creepy Luminary Jars. For ages 13+, RSVP in advance, spots are limited.

Tuesday, October 19 at 4pm: LeClaire Community Library – Hands-on Art History: The Scream Halloween. Edvard Munch's *The Scream* became one the iconic images of Expressionism, using colors and imagery to paint his internal emotions. Join us for a fun scream of a craft and to learn more about the renowned painting. Ages 6+ recommended.

Monday, October 25 at 5pm: LeClaire Community Library – CreaTEEN Crafts: Spooky String Art. If you like string art programs, then you're sure to get with the Halloween vibe with these spooky string art designs. For ages 13+, RSVP in advance, spots are limited.

Wednesday, October 27 at 5pm: LeClaire Community Library – Doki Doki Anime Club – Kaidan Ghost Stories. Kaidan are Japanese Ghost Stories, some of which have been around for hundreds of years. We're celebrating the spooky season by watching some of Junjo Ito's best as well as some other Horror anime. Feel free to come decked out in cosplay/costumes!

Thursday, October 28 at 5pm: LeClaire Community Library – YA Tabletop Adventures Guild: Ultimate Werewolf. Calling all game geeks for some RPG and board games! We're starting off simple and scary with an all-time classic: Ultimate Werewolf. A card game that puts Among Us to shame as you battle for survival in a game where anyone could be the enemy, and everyone has a secret.

November Library Programs

Wednesday, November 10 at 4pm: LeClaire Community Library – LEGO Club: Turkeys. Come play with over hundreds of Legos! The possibilities are endless, and if you're looking for a challenge, the builders theme this month is Turkeys.

Thursday, November 18 at 5pm: LeClaire Community Library – Adult Tabletop Adventures Guild: Dungeons & Dragons. From board games to RPG, check out our new Adult program for all the geeks looking for a place to express themselves. We're diving right in with a classic: D&D. For ages 18+.

December Library Programs

Wednesday, December 8 at 4pm: LeClaire Community Library – LEGO Club: Gingerbread House. Come play with over hundreds of Legos! The possibilities are endless, and if you're looking for a challenge, the builders theme this month is a Gingerbread House.

LECLAIRE CIVIC CLUB NEW

The club meets the 4th Tuesday of the month at 7pm at the Civic Center. A potluck starts at 6:15 before the meeting for members who wish to participate. The Civic Club is serving breakfast every Wednesday morning from 8AM to 9:30AM. Stop by and make new friends. 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 or smith5grand@gmail.com Starting in September Trivia is the 3rd Saturday of the month from September to November and January to May. Doors open at 6PM to serve food. Trivia starts at 7PM. \$10 per person. You can purchase food from the kitchen or bring your own to share at your table. To reserve tables, contact Debbie at 563-349-4403 or by email at smith5grand@gmail.com. Trivia in October benefits the Christmas in LeClaire events, November benefits the charities of the QC Cruisers. We are accepting donations for door prizes for these trivia nights. Officer elections for the 2022 year will be held at the November general membership meeting. If you are interested in serving, please contact a current officer of the club to understand more about the duties and to express your interest in serving. Krista Watts has assumed the role of secretary for the balance of 2021 to replace Ellen Miller. Thank you, Ellen for the great job you did for the club. Christmas in LeClaire will be held December 3-5, Friday through Sunday. We will have a bake sale at the civic center to benefit the civic club. We are asking members to donate baked goods for this sale. We are asking for volunteers to be

strolling Santas and Christmas characters. If you are interested, please contact Connie Allen at 563-505-3909. We are looking for items for our Santa's giftshop. During Christmas in LeClaire, children under 12 can receive three tokens to use to purchase Christmas gifts for their family. We need donations for this event. Save the date. The annual Christmas party will be held on Saturday December 11. We are looking for 3 volunteers to be on the planning committee. Reminder-The parking lot adjacent to the civic center closes at 10:30 pm. Annual membership renewal is \$8. Renew your membership for 2022 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.

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. **October: Fri., Oct. 1, 5-11pm: Friday Night LIVE in LeClaire.** Sun., Oct. 10, 11am-4pm: **LeClaire Fall Fest.** Free family fun on the Levee! Sat., Oct. 16, 8-11pm: **Cars & Coffee on the Levee.** Sat., Oct. 16: **Riverboat Twilight Sightseeing Cruises**, 1:30pm and 4pm www.riverboattwilight.com for advance tickets. Sat., Oct. 30, 10am: **Witches' Walk & Costume Parade** at the LeClaire Civic Center. This is a fun costume contest and trick-or-treating at the downtown businesses. Trunk or Treat will be in the Civic Center parking lot. Open to kids and adults. **November: Fri., Nov. 5, 5-11pm: Friday Night LIVE in LeClaire.** Sat., Nov. 27: **Shop Small Saturday.** Support LeClaire businesses by shopping locally all year. **December: Fri., Dec. 3-Sun., Dec. 5: Christmas in LeClaire.** See details elsewhere on Facebook. **Fri., Dec. 3, 5-11pm: Friday Night LIVE in LeClaire.** **Sat., Dec. 4, 10am: Ugly Christmas Sweater 5k race.** Here is a link to sign up for the race & fun run: https://secure.getmeregistered.com/get_information.php?event_id=135880. 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. The LeClaire Information Center is at 117 South Cody Road.

CITY HALL INFO

Bits & Pieces articles are due by Wednesday, December 15, 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

