

# BITS and PIECES



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

**January-March 2022**  
(Quarterly)

City Hall will be Closed on the following days:  
X-Mas – Friday December 24, 2021  
New Years – Friday December 31, 2021  
President's Day-Monday, February 21, 2022

Next Bits & Pieces articles are due March 16, 2022,  
submit to [bits@leclaireiowa.gov](mailto:bits@leclaireiowa.gov)

## MAYOR

**Dennis Gerard** [12/31/23] 289-4242 Ext. 1111  
E-mail: [dgerard@leclaireiowa.gov](mailto:dgerard@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** [12/31/25] 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** [12/31/25] 289-4242 Ext. 1152  
E-mail: [blong@leclaireiowa.gov](mailto:blong@leclaireiowa.gov). Duties: Mayor-Pro Tem, Public Safety.

**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** [12/31/25] 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)

## 2022 PET TAGS

Pet licenses if purchased **before** January 1, 2022 are \$1 and after 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.

## 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!!!!

## SNOW CONDITIONS & GARBAGE DELAYS



Winter has arrived along with poor road conditions, which can make it difficult to collect garbage and recycling. On occasion Republic Services will suspend or delay their pickups for the safety of their drivers. Want to be informed? The City of LeClaire has a great feature on our website, where you can be notified directly about any delays to a provided email address or via text message.



Please Visit:

[www.leclaireiowa.gov](http://www.leclaireiowa.gov).

If you haven't already, create an account and sign in to access the Notify Me link. Here you can subscribe to multiple mailing lists, including Garbage Delays. Under the Alert Center, find

the list "Garbage Delays", and click on the method you would prefer to be notified, E-mail  or Text 

## TIPS TO PREVENT STORM WATER POLLUTION

**Bag your pet's waste. Leaving pet waste on the ground increases public health risks by allowing harmful bacteria and nutrients to wash into the storm drain and eventually into local waterbodies. Don't apply pesticides, fertilizers, and herbicides before heavy rain. Contrary to popular belief, the rain won't help to soak these chemicals into the ground; it will only help create polluted runoff into our local creeks. Select native and adapted plants and grasses that are drought and pest resistant. Native plants require less water, fertilizer, and pesticides. Reduce the amount of paved area and increase the amount of vegetated area in your yard. Don't dump motor oil or auto fluids on the ground or in the storm drain; dispose of it properly at an oil recycling center. Check your car, boat, or motorcycle for leaks. Clean up spilled fluids with an absorbent material, do not rinse the spill into the storm drain. Don't get rid of grass clippings and other yard waste by dumping it or sweeping it into the storm drain; this will cause depleted oxygen for aquatic life. Instead, compost your yard waste. When washing your car at home, wash with only water or use biodegradable soap and wash it on a lawn or other unpaved surface. Don't get rid of old or unused paint by throwing it down the storm drain; dispose of paint and other household hazardous waste at recycling centers. Don't pump your pool water into the storm drain; pool chemicals can be hazardous to our creek habitats. Throw litter away in the garbage, not into ditches. Storm drains, culverts and ditches are intended for rainwater and snow melt only.**

## X-MAS TREES

You can put Christmas trees at your curb on December 30<sup>th</sup> & 31<sup>st</sup>, and January 6<sup>th</sup> and 7<sup>th</sup> for pick-up. Trees must be free of Christmas decorations and not in any type of bag.

## BUDGET PREPARATION SCHEDULE

### FISCAL YEAR 2022-2023

**JANUARY 3, 2022** - Regularly scheduled Council meeting. (6:00 p.m.)

**JANUARY 3, 2022** - Committee-of-the-Whole meeting. (Immediately following Regular Meeting) (Council begins review and discussion of budget narratives, concepts, and priority items).

**JANUARY 17, 2022** - Regularly scheduled Council meeting. (6:00 p.m.)

**JANUARY 17, 2022** - 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 24, 2022** – POTENTIAL Special Committee-of-the-Whole meeting to be used exclusively as a budget workshop session. (6:00 p.m.)

**FEBRUARY 3, 2022** – City Clerk submits F.Y. '22-'23 maximum property levy public hearing notice to Q.C. Times for publication on February 10, 2022 for hearing/adoption on February 21, 2022.

**FEBRUARY 7, 2022** - 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 7, 2022** – Committee-of-the-Whole meeting (Immediately following Regular Meeting) used exclusively as a budget workshop session.

**FEBRUARY 14, 2022** – POTENTIAL Special Committee-of-the-Whole meeting to be used exclusively as a budget workshop session. (6:00 p.m.)

**FEBRUARY 17, 2022** – City Clerk submits F.Y. '21-'22 Budget Amendment (re-estimation) public hearing notice to Q.C. Times for publication on February 17, 2022 for hearing/adoption on March 7, 2022.

**FEBRUARY 19, 2022** – POTENTIAL Special Committee-of-the-Whole meeting to be used exclusively as a budget workshop session. (8:00 a.m. to noon - **SATURDAY**)

**FEBRUARY 22, 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 22, 2022 (TUESDAY)**– Committee-of-the-Whole meeting (Immediately following Regular Meeting) used exclusively as a budget workshop session.

**MARCH 3, 2022** – City Clerk submits F.Y. '22-'23 budget adoption public hearing notice to Q.C. Times for publication on March 17, 2022 for hearing/adoption on March 21, 2022

**MARCH 7, 2021** -F.Y. '21-'22 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 21, 2022.

**MARCH 7, 2022** – Committee-of-the-Whole meeting (Immediately following Regular Meeting) used exclusively as a budget workshop session.

**MARCH 12, 2022** – POTENTIAL Special Committee-of-the-Whole meeting to be used exclusively as a budget workshop session. (8:00 a.m. to noon - **SATURDAY**)

**MARCH 14, 2022** – **POTENTIAL** Committee-of-the-Whole meeting (Immediately following Regular Meeting) used exclusively as a budget workshop session.

**MARCH 19, 2022** – **POTENTIAL** Special Committee-of-the-Whole meeting to be used exclusively as a budget workshop session. (8:00 a.m. to noon - **SATURDAY**)

**MARCH 21, 2022** - 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, 2022** - City Clerk certifies formal budget to County Auditor by 5:00 p.m. on this date.

**APRIL 1, 2022 TO JULY 1, 2022** - City Clerk collects and organizes all budget preparation information to be processed and bound into official copies of the F.Y. '22 - '23 City Budget Packet.

### LECLAIRE COMMUNITY LIBRARY

**Tuesdays, January 4, February 1, March 8 at 4 pm: LeClaire Community Library – Doki Doki Anime Club.** Every month we watch a variety of anime you get to vote on while learning or crafting something new each month related to Japanese culture. **Tuesdays, January 4, 18, February 1, 15, March 8, 22 at 6:30 pm: LeClaire Community Library – Read-Aloud Stories with Mr. Haack.** For those who had Mr. H as PV librarian it will be a night of nostalgia, but a first time for your kids! If you're looking for a quiet evening this probably isn't it, but it might be fun! **Thursdays, January 6, 20, February 3, 17, March 3, 17, 31 at 5 pm: LeClaire Community Library – YA Tabletop Adventures Guild: Dungeons & Dragons.** From board games to RPGs, check out our new YA program for all the geeks looking for a place to express themselves. We're diving right in with a classic: D&D. Ages 12+ recommended. **Fridays, January 7, 14, 21, 28, February 4, 11, 18, 25, March 4, 11, 18, 25 at 10:30 am: LeClaire Community Library – Family Storytime.** Join Storytime with Ashe for stories, songs, and fun every Friday at 10:30am. Every week is a different theme as well as a simple craft you can take home! **Mondays, January 10, February 14, March 14 at 4 pm: LeClaire Community Library – Hands-on Art History.** Do you ever look at a painting and wonder what the artist was thinking? That's just what we do in our new program Hands-On Art History. Learn while also making a cool craft featuring a different artist every month! Ages 6+ recommended. **Tuesdays, January 11, February 8, March 15 at 5pm: LeClaire Community Library – Lazy Crafternoons.** Join us for a Lazy Crafternoon, where we make super simple crafts that are relaxing to make. Reserve your spot now while they last! Ages 12+ recommended. **Wednesdays, January 12, February 9, March 9 at 4 pm: LeClaire Community Library – LEGO Club.** Come play with over hundreds of Legos! The possibilities are endless, and if you're looking for a challenge, we have monthly builder's themes. Display your masterpieces on our shelf for all to see when you're done! **Thursdays, January 13, 27, February 10,**

**24, March 10, 24 at 6 pm: LeClaire Community Library – Adult Tabletop Adventures Guild: Dungeons & Dragons.** From board games to RPGs, check out our new adult program for all the geeks looking for a place to express themselves. Right now we've begun our journey into D&D. For ages 18+. **Saturdays, January 15, February 26, March 19 at 10:30 am: LeClaire Community Library – Full STEAM Ahead!** Join us as we explore the world of STEAM (Science Technology Engineering Art Mathematics)! **Tuesdays, January 18, February 15, March 22 at 5 pm: LeClaire Community Library – CreaTEEN Crafts.** Take part in these fun, teen-centered crafts that are not only trendy but super easy to make. Express that inner creative vibe of yours! Make sure to sign up while spots last. Ages 12+ recommended. **Wednesdays, January 19, February 16, March 23 at 4 pm: LeClaire Community Library – Recipes for Beginners.** Stop by the front desk to grab a Recipe for Beginners Bookmark, which will have a new recipe for cooks of all levels to try out! They will be available all month to pick up. Then check out our monthly livestream where Ashe gives a live demonstration on how to make each recipe! **Mondays, January 24, February 28, March 28 at 4 pm: LeClaire Community Library – Crafts Around the World: Grab N' Go Kits.** Tired of traditional crafts? Try out some crafts from all around the world! Grab N' Go bags will be available at the front desk while supplies last, so grab one while you can. Then check out our monthly livestream where Ashe gives a backstory of the history and culture of each craft as well as how to make it by hand! **Tuesdays, January 25, February 22, March 29 at 6:30 pm: 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 Friday of the month! Audiobooks and Large print will be available. **Check out our social media pages for up-to-date information on fun events happening at the library!**

**Facebook Page:** LeClaire Community Library

**Website:** leclairerlibrary.org

### 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.

**January - Fri., Dec. 31: Ring in the New Year in LeClaire at various businesses:** For details, go to [www.visitleclaire.com](http://www.visitleclaire.com)  
**Fri., Jan. 7:** Enjoy Friday Night LIVE in LeClaire. **Sat., Jan. 29, 2-5pm: Mississippi River Distilling Company & Cody Road Cocktail House** are hosting their AntiFreeze Outdoor Cocktail Party. **February - 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

the first Friday of the month. 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! **Fri., Feb. 4, 5-11pm:** Enjoy Friday Night LIVE in LeClaire. **Sun., Feb. 27, Noon-4pm: Celebrate Buffalo Bill's Birthday** at the Buffalo Bill Museum. **March - Spring is around the corner** – plan a fun staycation or girls' getaway! **Fri., Mar. 4, 5-11pm: First Friday** in downtown LeClaire including live music at various venues. **More events are continuously being added. Find details on LeClaire events at: [www.visitleclaire.com/events/](http://www.visitleclaire.com/events/) 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

**The club meets the 4th Tuesday of the month** at 7pm at the civic center. We have a potluck starting at 6:15 before the meeting for members who wish to participate. It is delicious. **The Civic Club serves 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](mailto:smith5grand@gmail.com) to reserve the center. **Trivia is the 3<sup>rd</sup> Saturday of the month** from 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](mailto:smith5grand@gmail.com). Trivia is on the following Saturdays; January 15<sup>th</sup>, February 19<sup>th</sup>, March 19<sup>th</sup>, April 16<sup>th</sup>, and May 21<sup>st</sup>. **Officer elections for the 2022 year** were held at the November general membership meeting. President - Connie Allen, Vice President – Sandra Ainslie, Secretary – Krista Watts, Treasurer – Joyce Kuehl, Internal Director – Wes Kuehl, Internal Director – Amy Warren, Kitchen Manager – Deborah Lewis, Building Maintenance – Jeff Dugan. Debbie Smith is still in charge of center rental. **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.leclairercivicclub.org](http://www.leclairercivicclub.org).

LECLAIRE EMERGENCY  
POLICE 911/FIRE 911  
AMBULANCE 911  
POLICE NON-EMERGENCY REQUEST FOR SERVICE 388-3904  
POLICE NON-EMERGENCY ADMINISTRATIVE 289-4242

