

BITS and PIECES



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April-June 2022
(Quarterly)

City Hall will be Closed on the following days:
Good Friday – Friday April 15, 2022
Memorial Day – Monday May 30, 2022

Next Bits & Pieces articles are due June 15, 2022, submit to bits@leclaireiowa.gov

MAYOR

Dennis Gerard [12/31/23] 289-4242 Ext. 1111
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COUNCIL MEMBERS

Amy Blair [12/31/25] 289-4242 Ext. 1151
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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)



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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 

LECLAIRE CIVIC CLUB

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 to reserve the center.

Trivia is the 3rd Saturday of the month from April 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 is on the following Saturdays; April 16th and May 21st.

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.

LECLAIRE COMMUNITY LIBRARY

Mondays, April 25th & May 23rd at 4pm (Facebook Livestreams): LeClaire Community Library - Crafts Around the World (Grab N' Go Kits). Try out some crafts from all around the world! Grab N' Go Kits will be available all month at the front desk while supplies last.. Watch the livestreams to see how the craft is done and learn about the crafts origin. April's craft will be Hawaiian Lei and May will be Koinobori Kites.

Biweekly Thursdays at 5pm, April 14th, 28th & May 12th, 26th: LeClaire Community Library - Teen T.A.G. (Tabletop Adventures Guild). From board games to RPGs, this program is for all the teen geeks looking for a place to express themselves. Recommended for ages 10+. In April we'll be playing card games like Love Letters and Sushi Go, and in May we're playing some survival RPG games!

Fridays at 10:30am, April 1st, 8th, 22nd, 29th & May 13th, 20th, 27th: 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 with a simple craft you can take home! April-May we'll be exploring fun themes like spring, Library Day, Easter, Earth Day, rain, space, unicorns, and dinosaurs!

Tuesdays, April 5th & May 10th at 5pm: LeClaire Community Library - CreaTEEN Crafts. Take part in these fun, teen-centered crafts that are not only trendy but super easy to make. April's craft will be Blackout Poetry for National Poetry Month, and in May we're making Galaxy Bottle Charms. Supplies are limited so reserve a spot while you can! Ages 10+ recommended.

Wednesdays, April 13th & May 11th at 4pm: LeClaire Community Library - LEGO Club. Come play with over hundreds of Legos! Display your masterpieces on our shelf for all to see when you're done. Need a challenge? For April try building a maze, and in May a Star War spaceship!

Biweekly Thursdays at 6pm, April 7th, 21st & May 5th, 19th: LeClaire Community Library - Adult T.A.G. (Tabletop Adventures Guild). From board games to RPGs, this adult program is for all the geeks looking for a place to express themselves. Right now, we're continuing our journey into Dungeons and Dragons! For ages 18+.

Saturdays, April 9th & May 21st at 10:30am: LeClaire Community Library - Full STEAM Ahead! Join us as we explore the world of STEAM (Science Technology Engineering Art Mathematics)! Stop by the library in April for Fizzy Eggs and in May for Planet Plates.

Mondays, April 11th & May 16th at 4pm: LeClaire Community Library - Hands-On Art History. Do you ever look at a painting and wonder what the artist was thinking? Learn while also making a cool craft featuring a different artist every month! Join us in April for Van Gogh Fork Painting and then in May to make a Monet Fingerpaint Bridge! Ages 6+ recommended.

Tuesdays, April 12th & May 17th at 5pm: 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 celebrating Japanese culture. Make some cool buttons in April and try your hand at some anime trivia in May! Ages 10+ recommended.

Tuesday, April 12th at 5pm: LeClaire Community Library - Read-Along 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!

Tuesdays, April 19th & May 21st at 5pm: LeClaire Community Library - Lazy Crafternoons. Join us to make super simple crafts that are relaxing to make. Learn how to crochet a cup holder in April and join us in May for DIY coffee candles. Supplies are limited so reserve your spot while you can! Ages 10+ recommended.

Tuesdays, April 26th & May 31st at 6:30pm: 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. Audiobooks and Large print will be available while supplies last.

SUMMER READING PROGRAM starts in June! Lots of great performers and lots of prizes for reaching summer reading goals.

View our calendar of events and sign-up to receive monthly news & events updates at www.leclairelibrary.org Events are also posted on www.facebook.com/leclairelibrary.

Request items on our online catalog or borrow e-books, e-audiobooks and e-magazines by downloading the free Libby app at www.leclairerlibrary.org. Free online resources at www.leclairerlibrary.org include [Tumblebooks](#) – read-along books for kids; [Transparent Language](#) and [Kidspeak](#) – language learning apps; [Brainfuse/HelpNOW](#) – live tutoring and educational tools for all grade levels, test prep and resume help; and [Foundation Directory Online](#) – a database and search tool to find grants for nonprofits. Contact us at library@leclaireiowa.gov and 563-289-6007.

NOTICE: WEED ABATEMENT LAW – As of April 1st the City begins to implement the weed abatement process. Notices are being published in this publication and in the Quad City Times advising the property owners of their duty and responsibility to keep their property, (and that area between the street driving surface and the property line) free of weeds and other plant growth. **THERE WILL BE NO OTHER NOTICES!!** If a weed problem is found to exist the City will abate the problem and assess the costs accordingly to the property. The charges for abating weed nuisances will be **First Violation**-First Worker \$100.00/Hr.; Each Additional Worker \$50.00/Hr. **Second Violation**-First Worker \$200.00/Hr., Each Additional Worker \$100.00/Hr. **Third & Subsequent Violations**-First Worker \$400.00/Hr., Each Additional Worker \$200.00/Hr., or if a contractor is used, the charge will be the contracted amount plus 25%. What constitutes a "weed nuisance"? Following is the definition established by law: In all areas of the City, any noxious weeds or vegetation, as defined by the Code of Iowa, are deemed to be nuisances, as well as any dense growth of weeds, vines, brush, or other similar vegetation which are reasonably believed to be constituting a public safety, health, or fire hazard. In any developed area within the City or within one hundred feet (100') of any developed area within the City, any weeds, vegetation, vines, brush, or other growth which exceeds ten inches (10") in height shall be deemed a nuisance. In all other areas of the City, any weeds, vegetation, vines, brush, or other growth which exceeds two feet (2') in height shall be deemed a nuisance. Natural areas, including but not limited to waterways, or farmland may exceed these established height limitations. Please review this material again and if you have any questions, call City Hall at any time.

TOURISM

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. We have two more great businesses opening in March – Cody Road Trading Company and THE Market II with a soft opening on March 16 and grand opening on March 19. There are many great events back this year, too, including the Taste of LeClaire on March 19, the Wine Hop on April 23, Shops with Hops on May 21, while Friday Night LIVE in LeClaire continues every first Friday of the month. 1.5-hour sightseeing cruises on the Riverboat Twilight start on May 28, and much more! Find Music BINGO at Riverview Roadhouse on Mondays and Green Tree Brewery on Fridays, and several locations with live music on a regular basis.

Spring is here – plan a fun staycation or girls' getaway! More events are continuously being added. Find details on LeClaire events at:

www.visitleclaire.com/events/ If you'd like to receive our monthly e-news, you can go to <https://www.visitleclaire.com/contact/e-newsletter/> and submit your email or check out our website anytime. Please post your photos and tag us, too, so we can see how much fun you're having in LeClaire! #visitleclaire #leclaireiowa

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.

SENIOR UTILITY NOTICE

All seniors who are eligible for the senior discount need to submit proof of income for the year 2021 by May 15, 2022, to stay on the senior rate. This proof can be in the form of a SSA-1099 or an income tax form. The income level requirements for 2022 are \$13,590 for a single resident or \$18,310 for a married resident. Please remember if you have someone living with you that is under 65 you will not be eligible for this discount. Thank you.

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. ***Dispose of old paint and other household hazardous waste at recycling facilities.** ***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.**

SWIMMING POOL REQUIREMENTS

Swimming Pool "Enclosure" Requirements Reminders!

– 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 in protecting all the neighborhood kids!!



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