

# BITS and PIECES



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**July-September 2022**  
(Quarterly)

City Hall will be Closed on the following days:  
Independence Day – Monday July 4, 2022  
Labor Day – Monday September 5, 2022



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## MAYOR

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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

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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.  
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## TOURISM

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 Riverview Roadhouse on Mondays and Green Tree Brewery starting at 8pm every Friday except for the first Friday of the month.

**Trivia** at What BBQ & Bar on Saturday evenings.

**More outdoor live music** at Wide River Winery Tasting Room 5-7pm on Fridays, Steventon's 6-9pm on Fridays, Dirty Water Music on Fridays and Saturdays, and Mississippi River Distilling Company 2-5pm on Sundays.

**Every Saturday in July & Aug. (except for Aug. 13):**

**Riverboat Twilight** has sightseeing cruises at 11am, 1:30pm, and 4pm. Purchase tickets at <https://riverboattwilight.com/sightseeing-cruise/>

**Fri., July 1, 5-11pm: Friday Night Live** in downtown LeClaire. Eight live music venues, shops open late, and specials at the restaurants and bars!

**Sat., July 16, 8-11am: Cars & Coffee** on the Levee.

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

**Sat., Aug. 6, 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. 11-13: Tug Fest.** Details can be found at [www.tugfest.com](http://www.tugfest.com)

**Sat., Aug. 20, 8-11pm: Cars & Coffee** on the Levee.

**Sat., Aug. 27: 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. 2, 5-11pm: Friday Night Live** in downtown LeClaire. Eight live music venues, shops open late, and specials at the restaurants and bars!

**Sat., Sept. 17, 8-11pm: Cars & Coffee** on the Levee.

**Sat., Sept. 17: Riverboat Twilight Sightseeing Cruises**, 11am and 1:30pm, [www.riverboattwilight.com](http://www.riverboattwilight.com) for advance tickets.

**Sat., Sept. 17, 5pm: Riverboat Twilight Dinner Cruise**, [www.riverboattwilight.com](http://www.riverboattwilight.com) for advance tickets.

**Summer is here** – plan a fun staycation or girls' getaway! Check out the Tourism website at

[www.visitleclaire.com](http://www.visitleclaire.com) and click on "Events" for more information on upcoming fun!

If you'd like to receive our monthly e-news, you can go to [www.visitleclaire.com/contact/e-newsletter/](http://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:** Contact Cindy Bruhn at [info@visitleclaire.com](mailto:info@visitleclaire.com) or 563-650-7963 to volunteer.

## LECLAIRE COMMUNITY LIBRARY

**SUMMER READING PROGRAM runs through August 3. Lots of great performers and lots of prizes for reaching summer reading goals. Register at the library.**

Featured Summer Reading Programs

**Tuesday, July 5<sup>th</sup> @ 4:30pm: Leonardo's Music for Kids:** Bring your dancing shoes and best air guitar moves. Get ready to sing along to familiar hits and some movin' and groovin' original songs!

**Friday, July 8<sup>th</sup> @ 11am: Clinton Area Showboat Theater-** Actors from the Showboat will preview one of their summer children's shows - Dragons Love Tacos!

**Friday, July 15<sup>th</sup> @11am: Ballet Quad Cities: Dance Me a Story:** This is a story time, a dance class, and dress-up fun all in one! Dance Me a Story ties together ballet performances and the literature that inspires the choreography.

**Wednesday, July 20<sup>th</sup> @ 2pm: Camp Iwannareedabuk with Brent Allan:** Get ready to have a FUN TIME when Brent Allan and his puppet pals visit the library! This show has magic, comedy, stories, and tons of silliness!

**Wednesday, July 27<sup>th</sup> @ 4:30pm: Dave Murcia: Wild Raptors of Iowa:** This presentation will include raptor ecology, biology, habitats, and a live bird of prey.

**Monday, August 1<sup>st</sup> @ 4pm: Michael Albert: Cereal Box Collage Workshop:** Participants will have the opportunity of meeting & working with a well-known artist & make their own collage using cereal board other printed cardboard packages.

For information on our regular Storytimes, craft programs, game nights, etc., view our calendar of events and sign-up to receive monthly news & events updates at [www.leclairelibrary.org](http://www.leclairelibrary.org) Events are also posted on [www.facebook.com/leclairelibrary](https://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.leclairelibrary.org](http://www.leclairelibrary.org).

Free online resources at [www.leclairelibrary.org](http://www.leclairelibrary.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](mailto:library@leclaireiowa.gov) and 563-289-6007.

## SEWER RATE INCREASE

Your monthly service charge for sewer will be increasing by 3%, starting on your July utility bill. New service charge rates for regular customers are \$22.45/month for metered billing and flat rate is \$67.00. Qualifying elderly metered rates are \$20.10/month for metered billing. To qualify for the senior rate, you must be 65 years of age, income for married couples of no more than \$18,310; single \$13,590, and no other people can be living in your household. The metered usage rate will increase from 1.80/500 gallons (67 cubic feet) to \$1.85/500 gallons (67 cubic feet). If you have any questions please give Jenna a call at (563)289-4242 Ext. 1101.

## PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT

The City of LeClaire Public Works Department was 1 of 10 Iowa Communities awarded the Iowa LTAP Work Zone Sign Package for 2022, which included:

One Lane Road Ahead Signs, Road Work Ahead Signs, Be Prepared to Stop Signs, Type III Barricades, 28" Traffic Cones, Class 2 Safety Vests, Sign Stands, 42-inch Channelizers. These materials were delivered to the Public Works Facility April 11, 2022, thanks to the Iowa DOT! To find out more about the Iowa LTAP Award, visit <https://iowaltap.iastate.edu/iowa-ltap-work-zone-sign-package-program/> 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.

**ROAD CONSTRUCTION is well on its way this season!** To keep up-to-date on closures, visit [www.leclaireiowa.gov](http://www.leclaireiowa.gov). At the top of the page is our alert center, which will show any active road closures. More info can be found under the "Departments" drop down menu, just click on "In the Works".

## 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.

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

## PUBLIC WORKS 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 in protecting all the neighborhood kids!!

## LECLAIRE POLICE DEPARTMENT

Now that summer is here, we would like to remind everyone about the new state law regarding fireworks. The City of LeClaire adopted an ordinance restricting the dates and times that fireworks can be used. Below is LeClaire's city ordinance:

### **DISCHARGING OF FIREWORKS – GENERAL REQUIREMENTS:**

- a. No person under the age of 18 shall possess or discharge a consumer firework without parental supervision.
- b. A person shall only discharge a consumer fireworks device on real property they own or on property where consent has been given. The discharging of fireworks on any public property is strictly prohibited unless otherwise specifically authorized in writing by the City.
- c. Consumer fireworks shall not be sold to, possessed or discharged by persons showing visible signs of, reasonably believed to be, or determined to be, intoxicated or under the influence of a drug or narcotic.
- d. Any person discharging a consumer fireworks device assumes all responsibility for its operation and the consequences thereof. No person shall discharge a consumer fireworks device in a reckless manner or manner likely to cause death, injury, fire, or property damage.
- e. No person shall discharge a consumer fireworks device outside the following dates and hours:
  1. July 3<sup>rd</sup> through July 4<sup>th</sup> from the hours of 12:00 (noon) until 11:00 P.M.
  2. December 31<sup>st</sup> from the hours of 12:00 (noon) until 12:30 A.M.
  3. It shall be unlawful to alter, remove, or discharge components of a consumer fireworks device from its intended method of discharging.
  4. Sky lantern open flame devices are not permitted to be released within the City limits.
  5. The City may, upon application in writing, grant a permit for the display of fireworks on public property by a "community group", fair associations, amusement parks and other organizations or groups of individuals approved by the City when such fireworks display will be handled by a competent operator. No permit shall be granted hereunder unless the operator or sponsoring organization has filed with the City evidence of insurance as required under Iowa Code Section 727.2 and under this section.

The LeClaire Police Department will be strictly enforcing this ordinance. If you have any questions please feel free to contact the police department anytime!

Shane Themas-Chief of Police

## 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.

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 13th serving from 7:30 to 10:00AM. The price and full menu will be set and posted on our Facebook page in July. Look for us during Tug Fest at the pavilion on the levee playing Bingo. Play is Thursday night 4-10pm, Friday night 6-10pm, and Saturday noon-10pm. It is a lot of fun. Cash prizes. Hope to see you! While you are there grab a drink and a food item 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, 3rd Saturday of the month.

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.

The Civic Club serves breakfast every Wednesday morning from 8AM to 9:30AM. Stop by and make new friends. 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.leclairerivicclub.org](http://www.leclairerivicclub.org).



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