

## CHAMBER VIEWS



April, May, June 2023 www.LeClaireChamber.com



### President's Message

Rob Cain, President

LeClaire Chamber of Commerce

Hi, I am Rob Cain, President of the LeClaire Chamber of Commerce.

I am happy to say that we are all very excited about all the positive things going on in the LeClaire community and partnerships with the Chamber of Commerce!

We just had our first Chamber of Commerce Golf Outing in quite some time; I want to thank all of the sponsors, volunteers, and golfers that made the event a success. We also have sponsored the first Party in the Park movie night in partnership with LeClaire Parks and Rec for this year. Part of my focus as the new president is to make sure we are getting involved with community events that help to improve the quality of life for LeClaire residents as well as the business community. We have also been honored to do ribbon cuttings and welcome new members to the chamber. There are also many festivals and events going on throughout this summer and upcoming fall.

The city of LeClaire has approved a new fill the storefront program to assist in getting some vacant properties up and going. This goes to show that the city of LeClaire is focused on helping us to create this great destination that is LeClaire.

The Chamber has a lot going on and I encourage everyone to get involved. Please give us your feedback as to ways we can be of service to you, our valued members, that is what the Chamber is all about.

### Welcome New Chamber Members



### **McNaughton Photography**

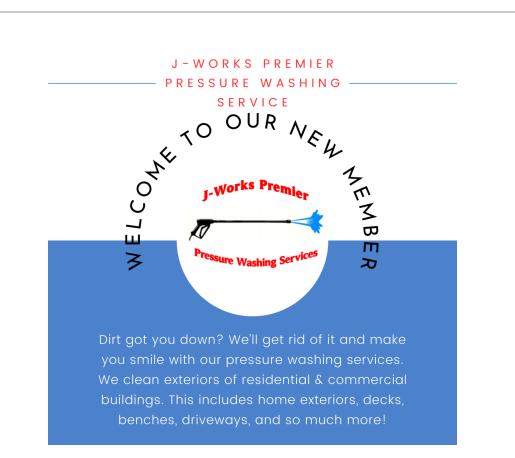
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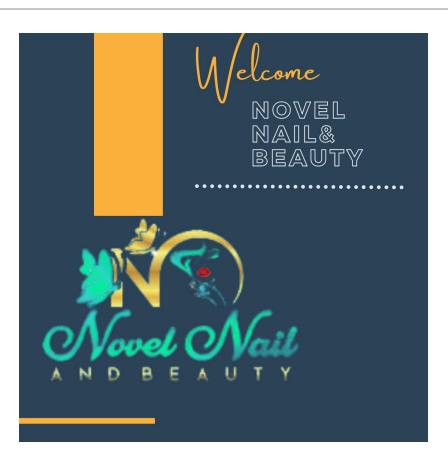
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**Novel Nail & Beauty** 

Novel Nail & Beauty is a highly respected and well-known nail salon that has built a reputation for providing exceptional nail care services in a friendly and relaxing environment. The salon is home to a team of highly trained and skilled nail technicians who are dedicated to delivering superior finishes and top-notch customer service during every visit.

The safety and well-being of both customers and team members is a top priority at Novel Nail & Beauty. To that end, the salon has implemented strict hygiene measures and protocols to ensure that every visit is a safe and clean experience. Team members are trained in the proper use of personal protective equipment, and all equipment and surfaces are regularly sanitized and disinfected to prevent the spread of contaminants. For more information about the services offered at Novel Nail & Beauty, visit the salon's website at http://novelnailandbeauty.com/. There, you'll find detailed descriptions of all the services available, as well as information about the salon's team of professionals and the high-quality products used in all treatments. If you have any questions, comments, or feedback, don't hesitate to contact the salon directly by calling (563) 729-1051.

Hours M-F 9-6pm Sat - 9-5 Closed Sunday

1293 Eagle Ridge Road, LeClaire, IA 52753

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Novel Nail & Beauty had a grand opening and ribbon cutting on June 1st, 2023. It was a beautiful day and we were excited to welcome them to the community.



### LeClaire Chamber of Commerce Newsletter and Digital Ad Packages

We are excited to be offering several new quarterly newsletter ad packages as well as digital ad package options more our members. Reach out to us today with any questions!







### **Automated Traffic Enforcement Fines**

**Capital Project and Economic Development Uses** 

Fiscal Year 2023		
Public Works - 3/4 ton pickup	\$ 40,000	
Phase II downtown development cost (parking land)	\$ 200,000	
Sidewalks - citywide	\$ 111,000	
Huckleberry Park improvements	\$ 100,000	
Root 67 development incentive	\$ 25,000	\$ 476,000
Fiscal Year 2024		
Fareway development incentive	\$ 200,000	
Replace fire engine #1 and equipment (1991)	\$ 810,000	
Vets Plex retaining wall & improvements	\$ 400,000	
Replace skid steer #211 (2011)	\$ 40,000	
Wisconsin street reconstruct - Cody to 15th w/trail & sidewalks	\$ 500,000	
Phase II downtown development (total cost - \$5,766,000)	\$ 854,000	
Library interior painting	\$ 25,000	
Library carpet replacement	\$ 70,000	
Multi-use trail - 15 <sup>th</sup> Street - Wisconsin to Huckleberry Park	\$ 200,000	
Huckleberry Park improvements	\$ 250,000	
City Hall Roof	\$ 60,000	
City Council chamber improvements	\$ 100,000	\$ 3,507,000

We get asked often how the traffic fines are being used to benefit the city of LeClaire. We received this information and thought it would be helpful to share so everyone can see how its being utilized and what improvements are being made.



Fareway is still on target to open its brand new LeClaire location in August 2023! Stay tuned for more information.



### Cody Road Phase II

For more information on this upcoming project please visit:

https://www.leclaireiowa.gov/366/Downtown-Phase-II-Design-Project-Ewing-S



City Wide Garage Sale

A huge thank you to everyone who made it out to City Wide Weekend and to those who hosted their own sales! With the hustle of the town, we had over 50 participating households! The Garage Sale weekend is an awesome start to Summer in LeClaire and an even better way to get to know all of your neighbors! We look forward to a fun-filled LeClaire Summer!



Party in the Park Summer Series

LeClaire Parks and Rec w/ LeClaire Chamber of Commerce are bringing back Party in the Park this summer.

Upcoming dates - July 8th & September 2nd





May Market Days/Chalk the Walk

Downtown LeClaire was buzzing with activity as various shops offered fantastic sidewalk sales on May 13th for May Market Days. Despite the rain and having to rearrange plans, LeClaire Park & Recreations first Chalk the Walk was a fun time for all. Aunt Hattie's had chalked their sidewalk and tempted visitors with delicious brownies while shopping their sidewalk sales.

Bamboo Baby Boutique and Bela both offered incredible "deck" sales, with Bela even giving a generous 50% off. Cody Road Trading Post and Grasshoppers had great sales that shoppers couldn't resist. Mississippi Cottage Antiques had a tempting offer of 20% off items for sale on their porch, and Nest Modern Goods delighted visitors with free treats and special deals on their bracelets during their sidewalk sale. Of heaven and earth joined in the fun with a sidewalk sale, offering items at half price. The Potter's House chalked their walk and showcased discounted teapots. Razzleberries also added to the excitement with their chalked walk, and Rising Tide Boutique had an amazing sidewalk sale with a whopping 40% off their rack. Even Shameless Chocoholic and What BBQ got into the spirit by decorating their walls with chalk.

In addition to the fabulous shopping opportunities, there was live music to keep the energy high throughout the day. From 2-5pm, Rob Dahms entertained the crowd at Dirty Water Music, while in the evening from 7-10pm, Mo Carter took the stage at Green Tree Brewery, providing a fantastic atmosphere for all.

LeClaire was the place to be for a memorable day of shopping, entertainment, and quality time with loved ones. If you missed out this time, keep an eye out for future events and make sure to mark your calendars. There's always something exciting happening in LeClaire!



**Tour De LeClaire** 

The River Valley Optimist Club had their annual "Tour de LeClaire" on the south end of the LeClaire levee on Saturday, May 13, 2023 from 9:00 - 11:00 a.m.

There were Big Wheel races for children 3-6 years old. Five lucky participants took home a Big Wheel and every participant got a medal with a yellow ribbon (just like Tour de France). This was a free event for children to participate in.



### Spring Fling in LeClaire: A Day of Shopping, Tastings, and Live Music

LeClaire, IA - Shopping for Mom? Looking for that perfect gift for a graduation or wedding? Or just looking to treat yourself? LeClaire, Iowa was the place to be on Saturday, April 29th for an event that celebrated the season of renewal in style. Spring Fling, a fun-filled day of wine tasting, shopping specials, live music, and more, took over the historic Cody Road, enticing visitors from near and far.

From 10am to 10pm, the charming streets of LeClaire became a shopper's paradise, as locals and tourists alike strolled along the Great River Road, exploring the delightful boutiques and stores that lined the sidewalks. Wine and beer tastings were a highlight of the day, offering a chance to sample a variety of flavors and indulge in some adult beverages.

Bamboo Baby Boutique, known for its unique offerings, hosted a wine tasting event featuring the delightful wines from Olathea Creek Winery. Visitors had the opportunity to sip and savor while browsing through the boutique's charming selection. Meanwhile, Bela partnered with Green Tree Brewery to pour samples of their craft beer, delighting beer enthusiasts with their brews.

Decades, a vintage-inspired shop, brought a taste of the Amanas to LeClaire, offering wine tastings from Ackerman Winery. Grasshoppers, a local favorite, collaborated with Tabor Home and Arden Creek for a wine tasting that pleased the palate and added an element of elegance to the day.

For those seeking a different kind of beverage experience, Wide River Winery presented an exciting opportunity to sample their canned wines. Visitors were treated to complimentary tastes of Harvest Hurrah and So Sue Me Sue. To sweeten the deal, for every can of Harvest Hurrah or So Sue Me Sue purchased, another can was offered for free, making it hard to resist stocking up on these refreshing libations.

While the wine and beer tastings added a sophisticated flair to the day, there were plenty of other deals and activities to enjoy. Aunt Hattie's, known for its delectable treats, offered brownie bites and hosted a sidewalk sale, enticing shoppers with irresistible discounts. Bamboo Baby Boutique continued to delight visitors with a generous 20% off on women's dresses and pajamas, ensuring that shoppers found the perfect spring wardrobe additions.

Buttercupp Candles provided a hands-on experience, inviting guests to create their own candles while receiving a complimentary lotion. Cody Road Trading Post enticed shoppers with a generous 25% discount on one regular-priced item, making it the perfect opportunity to find that special something. Expressions in Threads, turned heads with their storewide sale offering a staggering 70% off on their trendy quilting merchandise. LeClaire Olive Oil Company tantalized taste buds with samples of their exquisite oils and vinegars, and Nest Modern Store showcased exclusive store specials that had shoppers lining up to snag a deal.

Of heaven and earth, a haven for jewelry lovers, extended a generous 15% discount on Malachite display stones and Malachite jewelry throughout the day, providing a golden opportunity to find a unique and stunning piece. The Potter's House added a touch of sweetness to the shopping experience with their homemade macadamia nut turtles, while also offering a special shopping deal.



### **Taste of LeClaire**

On April 1st, residents and visitors indulged in a delectable showcase of the town's finest stores and experiencing the vibrant culinary scene that makes LeClaire truly special at the 2023 Taste of LeClaire.

Despite a rescheduling due to unexpected snowfall on March 25th, the event went ahead flawlessly. Attendees embarked on a culinary adventure through the heart of LeClaire. Throughout the event, 18 local shops, restaurants, and bars delighted visitors with free food and beverage samples or discounted specials. Attendees had the opportunity to discover new tastes and support local businesses.

From LeClaire Olive Oil & Canning Co.'s olive oil and balsamic vinegar tastings to The Shameless Chocoholic's delicious homemade English toffee samples,

there was something to please every palate. Other highlights included What BBQ & Bar's brisket chili and cajun cracker samples, Aunt Hattie's brownie bites, and Happy Joe's innovative crab rangoon pizza. The event also featured live entertainment, adding to the festive atmosphere.



**Shops with Hops** 

LeClaire small businesses were happy and excited to host over fifteen local breweries for the 6th Annual Shops with Hops on Saturday, May 20th.

This amazing event was held downtown LeClaire from 3:00-6:00pm with an after party at Green Tree Brewery. This year's main sponsor was Bobby Ray Bunch with Ruhl & Ruhl Mortgage and the after party sponsor was J-Works Premier Pressure Washing Services of LeClaire. LeClaire businesses also donated items for the after party to be raffled off to raise money for local LeClaire non-profit, "Getting Heroes Home". They were able to raise \$3,475 dollars! The shops that hosted breweries were: Bamboo Baby Boutique | Bela | The Shameless Chocoholic | Mississippi River Distilling Company | Crane and Pelican Cafe, Leclaire | Aunt Hatties | Grasshoppers & Studio K Leclaire | Antique Archaeology | Rising Tide Boutique w/Amy Creen| What Bbq & Bar | Dirty Water Music | Rebekah Doering Team- Navigate Realty| Cody Road Trading Post| Cody Road Coffee LeClaire |Razzleberries Fine Gifts



### **Patriot River Fest**

This past weekend, June 10th, enjoy a family-friendly day by the Mississippi River with proceeds benefiting Patriot River Fest, Inc., a nonprofit organization providing support to Scott County veterans. Funds raised by the organization are used for renovations of local monuments and to improve local programs for Gold Star families, first responders, and military veterans.

Are you a patriot, an avid motorcycle enthusiast, or a music lover? We hope you were able to come down to the LeClaire Levee and enjoy a day filled with great food, live music, and fun for all ages!

7:00 a.m. – Fishing Tourney Registration Opens

8:00 a.m. - Kids Fishing Tourney

9:00 a.m. – Opening Ceremonies Including Raising New Flags Over the Levee and Flag Folding Ceremony

10:00 a.m. — Poker Runs Begin with Legion Riders, Ranch Riders, Broken Spokes, and Fishing Tourney Awards

5:00-6:00 p.m. - Poker Runs Completed and Drawings

Available All Day - Live Music and Food/Street Vendors

Questions or looking for more information? Feel free to reach out!

Email: phriverfest@gmail.com

Phone: 563-320-7378





### **Upcoming Events in LeClaire:**



Cars & Coffee on the LeClaire Levy Saturday Mornings from 9-11am

Upcoming Dates are:

June 17th

July 15th

August 19th

September 16th

October 21



Heartland British Auto Fest Info

The 36th Annual Heartland British Auto Fest will be held Saturday, August 5th, on the LeClaire Levee. Car registration and clean up is from 9am to noon, voting by participants from noon to 2pm, and awards presented at 3pm.

More information at this link-

http://qcbac.com/wp-content/uploads/2023/02/2023-Entry-Form-A.pdf



Come spend the day with us along the beautiful Mississippi River

Event proceeds support our local veterans

www.vettesontheriver.com

### **Vettes on the River**

This year's event will happen on Saturday, August 26th and here is a link with more information. https://vettesontheriver.com/



**Twilight Riverboat** 

Looking for something fun to do this summer? Check out these amazing river cruises.

Twilight Riverboat Sightseeing Schedule:

https://riverboattwilight.starboardsuite.com/



Tug Fest 2023

This year's event will be held August 10-12th and the theme is "Down on the

The live entertainment for those evenings will be Ky & Ty & The Other Guys, Lynn Allen, Hap Hazard and ELECTRIC SHOCK! They will also be playing Rock & Roll Bingo one evening for your chance to win Tug Fest Swag.

For more information visit: https://www.facebook.com/TugFestIowa1





LeClaire Chamber of Commerce Golf Outing

We held our LeClaire Chamber Golf outing on May 22 at Hidden Hills Golf Course. A great time was had by all and we are already looking forward to next year.

This wouldn't have been possible without our amazing volunteers and sponsors so THANK YOU!

# LeClaire Chamber Networking Events:



### March Networking Event: Happy Joe's

A great lunch was held for our March networking event at Happy Joe's. Thank you to everyone who joined us!



April's Networking Event: Green Tree Brewery

Thank you to everyone who joined us at Green Tree in April for a great networking event.



May's Networking Event: What BBQ

We had great weather and great food in May for lunch at What BBQ!

Please join us at one (or all) of our upcoming networking events:













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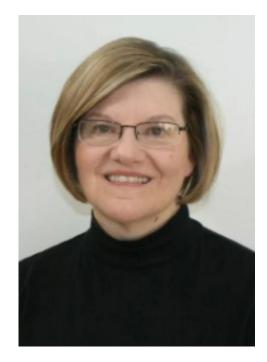


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### **Tourism Talk**

Many love to play in LeClaire! April 15 was the first Cars & Coffee of the season, which marks the start of their 10th year thanks to Ted Souhrada! It includes many friends showing off their rides on the Levee along our beautiful stretch of the Mississippi River. Always a good time!

The 6th Annual Shops with Hops, a fun event for craft beer aficionados, was on May 20. They had 13 breweries participating with samples of craft beer. The after-party was at Green Tree Brewery with "Getting Heroes Home" receiving a donation of \$3,475 as the event charity. The event organizers always do a great job of highlighting local shops and craft breweries to remind us to "Shop Small / Shop Local"! Of course, we can't thank the public enough for coming out to have fun in LeClaire and supporting our businesses! Hats off to Bobby and Jacquelyn Bunch for continuing this fun event in LeClaire!

Memorial Day weekend saw the beginning of the 1.5-hour sightseeing cruises on the Riverboat Twilight. If you haven't been on the Twilight before, I can't recommend this enough. All ages enjoy it! They are offering sightseeing cruises every Saturday through August (except for August 12) at 11am, 1:30pm, and 4pm. And don't forget – they offer spectacular 2-day cruises that help you create some great memories, too. Check out www.riverboattwilight.com for more information and to make your reservations.

We had a toasty weekend for the City-wide Garage Sales on June 2-3 sponsored by LeClaire Parks & Recreation. LeClaire has the best garage sales for a huge variety of gently used (and sometimes new) treasures! There is truly something every night of the week, if you are planning a fun date night or like to just come hang out and meet new friends! You can find live music on Thursday through Sunday at various venues (many with outdoor seating and river views), Music BINGO on Monday at Riverview Roadhouse and Green Tree Brewery. Trivia, charity euchre, and open mic night can also be found at Green Tree Brewery!

In addition to live music, there's great shopping, dining, wine tasting, car shows, Tug Fest, and much more coming up. Find a full list of our events here: www.visitleclaire.com/events

Be sure and check out the new businesses that have opened recently: The Potter's House, Kitsch-n Sink, Shelly's Sweet Sensations, Orange Blossom Quilt & Stichery Shoppe, and Jerry's Restaurant. There is a lot to see and do!

There is so much fun to be had that I can't mention everything here. If you want to keep updated on all the great events going on in LeClaire, you can go to www.visitleclaire.com and submit your email address to receive our e-news that goes out once a month or check out our website anytime. You can "Like" and "Follow" us on Facebook (LeClaire, Iowa), too, to see daily updates and find us on Instagram, too.

If you want to be part of the excitement and volunteer at the LeClaire Information Center, please contact me at info@visitleclaire.com. We have a lot of fun!

Thank you for your interest in LeClaire!

Cindy Bruhn, LeClaire Tourism Manager

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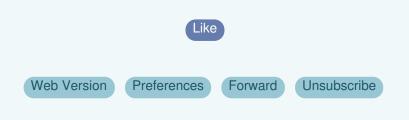
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