



President's Message

Rob Cain, President

LeClaire Chamber of Commerce

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

It has been a year now since I was asked to volunteer to be President of the LeClaire Chamber of Commerce. It has been an honor to serve this great community! Getting to know many of the members, and people of LeClaire is the benefit of being an ACTIVE member of the chamber.

I remember a few years ago when I was involved with another chamber, that a speaker was talking about being an active member versus just being a member if you want to get the most out of your membership. His point of the speech was that if you want to get the full benefit of joining an organization, be it the chamber or any other group, you have to get involved. That means you go to meetings, join a committee, attend and host events. That is how you will get the full benefit of being part of the organization. That speech has stuck with me over the years, and while my wife thinks I get too involved with the different groups I am part of, Mississippi Valley Sportsmen, the LeClaire American Legion, and yes the Chamber, she too must admit that we have made many lifelong friends.

The more you put into an organization, the more you get out of it.

So, I challenge you to look at the opportunities available with the group and organization you've joined. Look into joining a committee, getting on the Board of Directors, and going to the events. You just might be surprised at how being an ACTIVE member can enhance not only your business, but your personal life as well! Throughout the year we have been honored to do ribbon cuttings, welcome new members to the chamber, as well as host some great networking events.

This year's new members are: Laurie Geest LMT, Buttercup Candles LLC, Cody Rose Flower, Emily Found It, Enventiv LLC, UConnect Solutions, J Works Premier Pressure Washing, Kwik Star, McNaughton Photography, Nest Modern Goods, Novel Nail and Beauty, Orange Blossom Stitchery & Quilt Shoppe, Riverview Roadhouse, Studio K LeClaire, and The Potter's House.

We were honored to host ribbon cuttings for; The Potter's House, Novel Nail & Beauty, Edward Jones - Tim Lane, Butterfly Mural at Aunt Hatties Fanciful Emporium, Orange Blossom Stitchery & Quilt Shoppe, Emily Found It, UConnect Solutions, Fareway, and Studio K LeClaire.

It's an honor to be able to welcome and get to know new additions to the LeClaire community! Please make an effort to get out and enjoy all that LeClaire has to offer. 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.



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Welcome New Chamber Member



Laurie Geest LMT - Exciting news for LeClaire, Iowa!

Laurie Geest, LMT is set to officially open her doors at 419 N. Cody Road on December 4th. To kick off the festive season, Laurie will be participating in the Christmas in LeClaire on Saturday, December 2nd from 12-8 and Sunday, December 3rd from 12-4. During this time, she will be selling gift certificates, and anyone who stops by will be entered into a drawing to win a rejuvenating 60-minute massage.

Laurie's regular business hours will be on Monday and Wednesday from 9-5, Thursday and Friday from 9-4, and Saturday from 8-11:30, all by appointment only. Specializing in headache relief, neck & shoulder pain, and low back pain, Laurie offers inclusive sessions, meaning no additional fees for upgrades. Her services include trigger point therapy, cupping, stretching, Himalayan salt stones, Lomi Lomi, and deep tissue therapy.

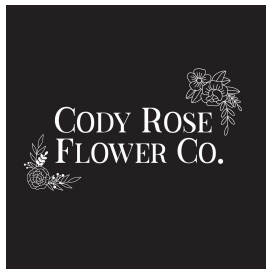
Notably, Laurie is dedicated to inclusivity and has introduced a program called Kaleidoscope, offering a free 20-minute session to anyone in the LGBTQ community.

For more information and to book your session, visit Laurie's website at www.lauriegeest-LMT.com and follow her on Facebook at Laurie Geest, LMT. Don't miss the chance to experience the healing touch and expertise of Laurie Geest, LMT in the heart of LeClaire.

2023 brought some INCREDIBLE new members to our LeClaire Chamber of Commerce:



Buttercupp Candles



Cody Rose Flower Co



Emily Found It



Fareway



McNaughton Photography



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Ribbon Cuttings in 2023:



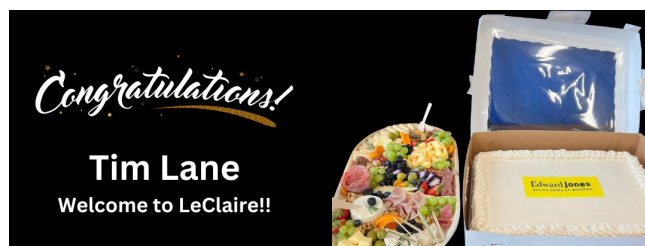
Fareway Meat & Grocery: A Fresh Addition to LeClaire



Emily Found It



Orange Blossom Stitchery & Quilt Shoppe





Edward Jones- Financial Advisor Tim Lane



Aunt Hattie's LeClaire Mural





UConnect Solutions LLC



Thank You & Congrats!

Today's ribbon cutting and Grand Opening was a HUGE success at Novel Nail & Beauty! Thank you to everyone who came by! We are excited to have you as Chamber Members!

Novel Nail & Beauty



The Potter's House



Studio K LeClaire

Edward Jones

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We're excited to hear from you.



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Fall '23 was BUSY in LeClaire- Here's your Recap:





Fall Fest 2023 Recap: LeClaire LeVee Comes Alive

The River Valley Optimist Club hosted a successful Fall Fest on October 8th at LeClaire LeVee. The event drew a large crowd with 75 vendors, a mix of returning favorites and exciting newcomers. The emphasis on supporting local businesses was evident, creating a vibrant marketplace for handmade crafts and artisanal products.

Families enjoyed the free-entry Kids Zone, where children participated in various activities and games. The community spirit was infectious, with attendees contributing to the event's success by exploring the diverse offerings and supporting the vendors.

Beyond the levee, several LeClaire brick-and-mortar stores participated by offering special promotions. Businesses like Bamboo Baby Boutique, Bela, Cody Road Trading Post, Of Heaven and Earth, Potter's House, Razzleberries Fine Gifts, and LeClaire Olive Oil Co. added to the overall festive atmosphere.

Fall Fest 2023 was a memorable day for LeClaire, showcasing the strength of community bonds and the charm of local businesses. As the event concluded, the River Valley Optimist Club and the entire community look forward to future gatherings that celebrate the unique spirit of LeClaire.



LeClaire's Spooktacular Event: Annual Witches Walk and Trunk or Treat

LeClaire's Annual Witches Walk and Trunk or Treat, held on October 28th at the LeClaire Civic Center, brought a Halloween delight to the community. Hosted by Sara Sampson, Bamboo Baby's owner, this year's event ditched the formal parade, allowing trick-or-treaters to hit LeClaire's sidewalks from 10:30am onwards.

Participants of all ages enjoyed visiting local shops, marked with posters in their windows, and the Civic Center's trunk or treat festivities. The Civic Center parking lot buzzed with games, balloon animals, and even a fire truck, adding an extra layer of excitement.

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Although there wasn't a separate pet costume contest, furry friends were encouraged to join the Halloween fun. As the day concluded, the echoes of laughter and the spirit of Halloween lingered, marking another successful Witches Walk and Trunk or Treat in LeClaire. Until next year's spooktacular celebration!



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The holiday season is finally here and there's no better way to get in the holiday spirit than the 39th Annual Christmas in LeClaire, a three-day (December 1st - 3rd) event full of shopping, fun, and activities for all ages!

Downtown LeClaire, Iowa comes alive with crafts, baked goods, and silent auctions throughout the city, plus plenty of opportunities for your little ones to meet Santa Claus himself — and other favorite holiday characters — with our Strolling Santas!

Our free trolley rides will help get you where you need to be! You will be able to park on either end of town and hop on and off the trolley throughout the day. It's great to ride just for fun, too; you can see all the decorated shops, ugly

great to ride just for fun, too, you can see all the decorated shops, ugly Christmas sweaters, and Strolling Santas!

Friday, December 1

10 am-4 pm

LeClaire Civic Center — Watch Master Carver Luke Travers create wooden shoes

10 am-5 pm

Masonic Lodge — Cookie sale, lunch, and crafters

10 am-8 pm

LeClaire Civic Center — Crafts, silent auction, and baked goods

11 am-8 pm

LeClaire Civic Center — Santa's Gift Shop where kids can use "Christmas in LeClaire Dollars" to shop for family and friends

3 pm-8 pm

Grasshoppers Gatherings — Holiday Craft Show with 30 vendors

5 pm-7 pm

Strolling Santas and other holiday characters throughout the downtown

5 pm-8 pm

LeClaire Civic Center — Entertainment by Balloon Artist Jason Hamilton

6 pm

2nd Annual Tree Lighting Ceremony on the south end of the levee. Join us for music and a tree lighting ceremony!

Saturday, December 2

8 am-10 am

Happy Joe's — Breakfast with Santa sponsored by LeClaire Happy Joe's and Blackhawk Bank & Trust

9:30 am-10 am

LeClaire Civic Center Parking Lot — Reindeer Dash Kid's ½ Mile Fun Run (ages 12 and under)

10 am-12 pm

LeClaire Civic Center Parking Lot — Ugly Christmas Sweater 5K Run

10 am-12 pm & 1 pm-3 pm

Strolling Santas and other holiday characters throughout the downtown

10 am-2 pm

Masonic Lodge, 2nd Floor — Kid's Craft Workshop

10 am-4 pm

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11 am-5 pm

Free trolley rides with 5 designated stops throughout the downtown, pickup in MindFire's parking lot

12 pm-2 pm

Photos with Santa (location to be determined)

1 pm-4 pm

LeClaire Civic Center — Entertainment by Balloon Artist Jason Hamilton

5:30 pm

2nd Annual Light Up LeClaire Christmas Parade presented by LeClaire Parks & Rec (the parade will travel along Wisconsin Street)

Sunday, December 3

12 pm-4 pm

LeClaire Civic Center — Crafts, baked goods, and silent auction (bidding closes at 2 pm)

12 pm-4 pm

Free trolley rides with 5 designated stops throughout the downtown, pickup in MindFire's parking lot

12 pm-4 pm

LeClaire Civic Center — Santa's Gift Shop where kids can use "Christmas in LeClaire Dollars" to shop for family and friends

12 pm-5 pm

Grasshoppers Gatherings — Holiday Craft Show with 30 vendors

12 pm-5 pm

Buffalo Bill Museum — Museum tours (standard admission rates apply)

1 pm-3 pm

Strolling Santas and other holiday characters throughout the downtown

1 pm-3 pm

LeClaire Civic Center Kitchen — Rita Farro and her "Frankensewing" trunk show. Rita brings thrift-store shopping and sewing together as she "Frankensews" brand new one-of-a-kind garments. See how to recycle t-shirts and check out her t-shirt fringe, t-shirt finishes, t-shirt gloves, and t-shirt memory quilts.

1 pm-4 pm

LeClaire Civic Center Parking Lot — Come see Santa and Mrs. Claus in their sleigh (weather permitting)

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Ugly Sweater 5k

Lace up your running shoes and throw on the most horrendous sweater you can find — the 8th Annual Ugly Sweater 5K and Kids' Fun Run returns Saturday, December 2, starting at the LeClaire Civic Center! Whether you run, walk, or crawl, you won't want to miss this exciting event for all ages beginning with the Half-Mile Kids Reindeer Dash Fun Run at 9:30 am, followed by the Ugly Sweater 5K at 10 am.

The 5K will be followed by post-race walking tacos, a live DJ, an ugly sweater contest, and pull-tabs for drink specials. Registration is \$40 for the 5K and \$25 for the kids' fun run through December 1 — register by November 21 to receive our famous sweatshirt! Proceeds benefit King's Harvest Ministries.

Register Here: https://secure.getmeregistered.com/get_information.php?event_id=137954





Light Up LeClaire Parade

The 2nd Annual Light Up LeClaire Parade will take place on Saturday, December 2 at 5:30 pm. Participants get to light up their cars, trucks, or anything they would like for a chance to win the 1st, 2nd, or 3rd place award! The parade will travel down Wisconsin Street from 15th Street to 3rd Street. Entry is free but you must be registered to participate. Join us for this festive event and help us celebrate the season!

Register here:

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Holiday Lights Contest

It's the jolliest time of the year!! Back by popular demand is the LeClaire Chamber Holiday Lights Contest!

If you would like to be part of the 2023 LeClaire Holiday Lights Contest, please complete the form below. This year the contest is open to businesses and residents!

Business Judging will take place on November 25th & 26th.

There are no categories, but we encourage you to be creative, have fun and most importantly enjoy the holiday tradition of hanging lights!

Residential Judging will take place on December 2nd & 3rd. There are no categories, but we encourage you to be creative, have fun and most importantly enjoy the holiday tradition of hanging lights! **Registration Deadline is Nov 29th**

Awards will be given to 1st, 2nd & 3rd Place for both Business & Residential contestants!

We look forward to seeing the town of LeClaire lit up for the Holidays!

Get registered today:

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Membership 2024

The Chamber is conducting its annual membership drive for 2024 and will be mailing membership forms soon. Joining the Chamber is an economical way to promote your business and services.

Please plan to renew or start your membership online at www.leclairechamber.com or by sending your membership form to the Chamber at PO Box 35, LeClaire, IA 52753.

Watch for your renewal in the mail or through the weekly announcements!
Questions, please contact the Chamber at 563-289-9970.

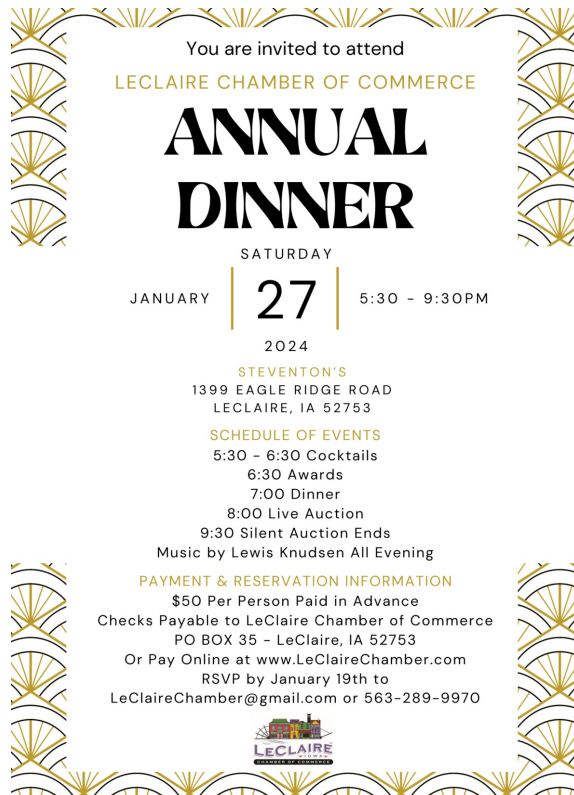
Upcoming Events in LeClaire:



December Networking Event

The last LeClaire Chamber of Commerce networking event for the 2023 year is ***December 12th, 2023 at 12:00pm*** at the Riverview Roadhouse. We hope to see everyone there!





LeClaire Chamber of Commerce Annual Dinner

Please join the LeClaire Chamber of Commerce for our Annual Awards Dinner,
January 27th, 2023, at Steventon's.

Tickets are available on the LeClaire Chamber's website,
www.LeClaireChamber.com.

Award winners for 2023 will be honored at the dinner, and the Chamber Board
for 2024 will be introduced.

Please contact the LeClaire Chamber, 563-289-9970, or
leclairechamber@gmail.com, for more information.

**VOTE VOTE
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Be on Look Out to Vote for Annual Awards and Board of Directors

Watch email and weekly announcements for the ballot to cast your vote for the 2023 Annual Award recipients. The award winners are announced at the annual dinner in January. Please take the time to participate in this vote and recognize our Chamber members.

The ballot will also include nominations for re-election to the Chamber Board of Directors. Currently, there are five Board members eligible for renewal and one opening on the Board. Board members serve for a two-year term. The Board responsibilities include attending monthly meetings, voting on issues that come before the Board (including the budget), hiring staff positions, representing the Chamber at all times, understanding and supporting the mission of the Chamber, attending events and serving on committees. A full position description can be found on the Chamber website.

If you are interested in applying for a Board position, please send your letter of application to The LeClaire Chamber of commerce at LeClaireChamber@gmail.com. Your letter should include your reasons for volunteering as a Board member and your business or volunteer experience. We will not be able to accept any write-in nominations for the Board.



Planning our 2024 LeClaire Chamber Golf Tournament is right around the

corner! If you are interested in joining the Golf Committee for 2024 please reach out to Rob Cain, rcain@citiesig.com



In addition to our committee we are also looking to add Sponsors for our 2024 LeClaire Chamber Golf Tournament. If you are interested in finding out more about being a sponsor please reach out to Rob Cain, rcain@citiesig.com

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Mass Times:

Saturday 5:30 pm

Sunday 8:30 am

(No Sunday morning Mass on Christmas Eve)

Christmas Masses:

Christmas Eve Vigil 6:00 pm

Christmas Day 8:30 am



LeClaire Chamber Networking Events:



September's Networking Event: Steventon's

A great turnout at our June networking event at Steventon's. Thank you to everyone who joined us!



October's Networking Event: Cody Road Coffee

We loved catching up over coffee at Cody Road!





November's Networking Event: The Crane & Pelican

We had great company, great food and great conversation at The Crane & Pelican! So much so that we forgot our picture- whoops!



Tourism Talk

It's that time of year when all of our businesses are gearing up for a successful holiday season, hoping to finish the year strong to help make it through the slower winter months. Please remember, LeClaire is open all year – even during the winter!

Our business owners appreciate support from the local community and surrounding area at all times.

Please “shop small/shop local” in LeClaire to support your friends and neighbors who have businesses here. If you haven't dined, shopped, or toured in LeClaire recently, I highly recommend you try it out. You will be pleased with what you find, and I can guarantee that

the business owners will love it!

A great way community members can enjoy LeClaire is to attend upcoming events that include Friday Night LIVE in LeClaire (held on the first Friday of the month), wine

tastings, live music, comedians, movies on a big screen, Christmas in LeClaire, and more! Remember our newer components to Christmas in LeClaire this year: the Tree Lighting on the Levee on Friday, December 1 at 6pm with cocoa and caroling and the Light Up LeClaire

Parade on Saturday, December 2 at 5:30pm. Also, be sure and get signed up for the super fun Ugly Christmas Sweater 5k!

Click here for the full Christmas in LeClaire schedule:

<https://www.visitleclaire.com/events/christmas-in-leclaire/>

Also, in January, join us for the 2nd Annual LeClaire Eagle Festival – Eagles & Ice on January 20-21. There will be ice sculptures carved on January 20 & 21 and eagle presentations at Mississippi River Distilling Company's Celebration Center on January 21 from 11am-4pm.

Check our website: www.visitleclaire.com/events, for more information.

There is so much fun to be had (including great shopping, dining, and touring) that I can't mention everything here. If you want to keep up-to-date on all the great events going on in LeClaire, you can go to www.visitleclaire.com, under "Contact Us" click on "E-Newsletter Signup", 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" us on Facebook (LeClaire, Iowa), too, to see daily updates and follow us on Twitter and Instagram.

Please post your photos and tag us, too, so we can see how much fun you're having in LeClaire! #visitleclaire #leclaireiowa

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! In fact, we have a

party and other gatherings every year to celebrate our volunteers.

This year the Holiday Inn Express treated us to breakfast in May, the Mississippi River Distilling Company treated us to delicious cocktails in October with great food from Fig & Willow and Shelly's Sweet Sensations, and we're planning our Christmas party for late December.

Thank you for your interest in LeClaire & Happy Holidays!

Cindy Bruhn, LeClaire Tourism Manager

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