

what's

vibrant

orange city, iowa

what's hiding under your kitchen sink

If you're afraid as to what you have collected over the past several months or more, perhaps now would be a good time to make an inspection. Should you find unwanted or expired solvents, cleaners, paints, and degreasers that you wish to dispose of, we have just the solution. The Cities of Alton and Orange City are co-sponsoring a "Household Hazardous Materials" collection event with the NW IA Area Landfill. It will be held Wednesday, May 1st from 4-7 pm @ the downtown OC Windmill Park (behind the band shell). The event is free except for the \$1/gal charge for latex paint. Go to www.nwialandfill.com/hhm for a complete list of acceptable/unacceptable items. ✖



ideas are coming together

After much input from several committee sessions and two public meetings, ideas are coming together to create a concept for the redevelopment of the

Dunlop Wildlife area and the Alton Roadside Park. Nepple & Associates from Ames will present their final recommendations as to how this area can be transformed to attract larger numbers of residents and tourists. A public meeting will be held on Thursday, May 2nd at 6:30 pm at the OC Town Hall. This project is being co-sponsored by the City of OC, the City of Alton, and the Sioux County Conservation Board. ✖

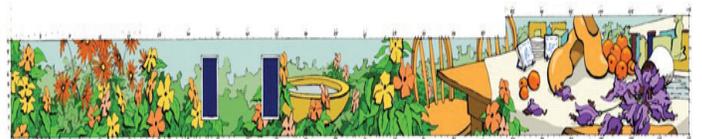
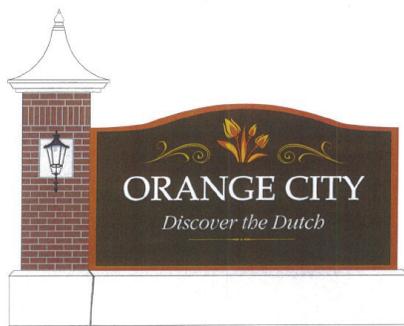
ready for some summer fun

The 2013 edition of the OC Summer recreation programs is being distributed to local elementary schools. According to Park & Rec Dept. Director Mitch Aalbers, "The booklet is also available on the City's website at orangecityiowa.com/parks-recreation/summer-recreation. On May 1st, OC residents will be able to register for programs and submit payments on-line as well as at City Hall. On a warmer note, the OC municipal aquatic facility will open on Memorial Day, May 27th. Summer hours will be Monday-Sat. 1-7 pm and Sun. 1-4:30 pm. ✖



a new welcome to oc

We recently purchased a new welcome mat for the front door of our home. The original one had become worn and faded. The City of OC is planning on doing the same. As you drive into OC from the East and West on Hwy 10, visitors are greeted with an official welcome sign. Those signs, originally built in 1999, had lost their luster and new look was needed to best communicate the community's greeting. According to Duane Feekes, City Administrator, "The new design will include a brick column with a copper canopy and a laminated lantern. The sign itself will be 12' high and 22' wide. Funding has been secured from the City's general fund as well as a \$25,000 contribution from the OC Community Betterment Board." Plans are to replace the east sign this spring and the west sign sometime later this summer/fall. ✖



color your life (building) vibrant

The sights of downtown OC will be getting another infusion of color with the addition of a 2nd mural. The OC Community Betterment Board has commissioned Mark Alsum to create another masterpiece that depicts our Dutch heritage with wooden shoes and tulips. The mural will be painted on the south wall of the OC Floral building, 117 Central Ave SE. Work will begin immediately with hopes of having the mural completed in time for the Tulip Festival. Otherwise, it may become a work-in-progress attraction for visiting tourists. Other project partners include Kevin Lammers, building owner, the Vogel Paint Foundation, and the OC Arts Council. Special note: Mark Alsum also created the mural that was added to the north side of the Dove Book Store in the summer of 2011. Stay tuned! ✖

mother nature leaves her mark

The snow and ice storms this past month not only tested our patience to see winter come to an end, but also our resolve to keep OC streets, driveways, and sidewalks clear for vehicular and pedestrian traffic. The damage to trees and hedges was the worst to endure requiring a tremendous cleanup effort by residents and City personnel. According to Bryan Gerritson, City Public Works Director, the City's cleanup bill will total approximately \$48,000 for labor (500 hours) and equipment costs. Over 120 loads of trees branches were picked up and hauled by City crews to the OC compost/brush collection site over six days. Gerritson indicated that the IDNR will allow for the debris to be burned, possibly within the next 2-3 weeks. Gerritson thanked the public for its cooperation and all of the City departments for getting the City cleaned up so quickly. Thanks for a job WELL DONE! ❄️



you can make a difference

One can only dream of being as wealthy as a Bill Gates or a Warren Buffett. However, all of us can be like them in one way.....using our financial resources to benefit the public good. The OC21 Foundation provides that opportunity for us to support the on-going development of our community. A couple of dollars a month doesn't sound like much. However, with your friends and neighbors, those contributions do add up. Last month you received a donation card to return in your utility payment. If you missed it, go to orangecityiowa.com/oc21-foundation/join-the-progress. You can fill out the form and submit it online. Otherwise, call 707-4885 to request one be mailed to you. All of us can make a difference in a small way in OC becoming a more **VIBRANT** community. Thanks. ❄️



In the photo: Jo Van Gorp and Lyle Korver represented the OC21 Foundation at the recent OC Chamber EXPO

looking its best

With the arrival of spring, the OC Parks Dept. is finishing up on some winter repair projects. Kim Snieder has been repainting the "Briana" Molen (small windmill) that will be on display in the downtown Windmill Park. Senior volunteer carpenters also made some repairs to restore "Briana" into mint condition. Thanks to everyone's hard work to maintain all of the molens as a top visitor attraction in OC. ❄️



oc tulips need your help

The late arrival of spring and warm temperatures may prevent the OC tulips from being the star attraction at the 73rd OC Tulip Festival. To avert this catastrophe, OC residents are being asked to warm up the tulip beds each evening with their hair dryers. This supplementary heat will keep the tulips growing throughout the night. If we're lucky, our tulips will be in their full glory by May 16th. ❄️



to the rescue



In previous newsletters, the matter of "pet droppings" has been mentioned as a public annoyance as well as for the pets themselves. Though not a guaranteed solution, the OC Parks Dept. (Brian Goslinga pictured) has installed three "doo-doo stations" at the Dog

Park in Vets Park, the Windmill Park, and near the Pool Shelter house. Each provides complimentary plastic bags to pet owners for collection and disposal purposes. For convenience, the stations are mounted on trash receptacle bins. Now OC residents have done their part. Pet owners, we are counting on you to do yours. Thanks! ❄️

are you ready to picnic



Consider this your invitation. The City of OC Customer Appreciation Picnic is planned for Wednesday evening, June 19th, 5 – 7 pm in the

downtown Windmill Park. City Council and staff members representing the OC Municipal Utilities, Missouri River Energy Services, and OC Communications will be serving up grilled sandwiches, refreshments, and side dishes. Plus, the Tulip Festival Steering Committee will be furnishing an "orange" dessert as a "thank you" to all of the volunteers who help with the celebration. Following the picnic, On Stage-Orange City will present the OC's Got Talent Show. So mark your calendar to be our guest and share a fun night with friends and family. ❄️

