

vibrant

orange city, iowa



recapping another summer of fun in orange city

Orange City Summer Recreation programs saw another exciting and active season this year, with over 760 kids participating in a variety of activities. From baseball and softball to blastball and swimming, our programs were full of energy and growth!

To make it all happen, there was an incredible team of nearly 35 paid coaches and program leaders, close to 50 volunteer coaches, and 33 lifeguards who kept the pool safe and fun all summer long.

"We had a great summer of recreation and fun! I want to extend a huge thank you to all our volunteer coaches who helped coach and lead various programs and teams. Without their help, summer recreation would not be possible!" said Noah Minnick, Park and Recreation Director.

As we wind down the season, the last day for the swimming pool is Labor Day, and all are welcome to join us for the annual Dog Swim on September 8! Thanks for another vibrant summer, Orange City!

september at your library

There's always something happening at the Orange City Public Library! Whether you're looking for a fun outing with your kids, a creative way to spend an afternoon, or a chance to meet new people, we will have events for all ages and interests this fall.

Families can enjoy our popular story times, now with even more options, including a new afternoon story time and a school-age story time. Kids can get creative with art activities, LEGO building, and Maker Space projects, while tweens and teens can take on fun challenges designed just for them.

Adults can unwind with unique events like Vines & Verse, an evening of wine and poetry, test their teamwork at Pizza, Puzzles & Pitchers, hear local author Howard Schaap share his work, or attend one of our informative presentations on a variety of topics.

September is also Library Card Sign-up Month, making it the perfect time to discover everything your library has to offer. If you don't already have a library card, stop in and see what the library is all about. A library card opens the door to books, movies, games, digital resources, educational tools, and so much more—all free to use.

volunteer opportunity: help plant tulip bulbs

Each spring, Orange City bursts into color, and it all begins with tulip bulbs planted this fall! This October, volunteers will once again plant 40,000 tulip bulbs throughout the city, ensuring beautiful blooms come May. Leading the way are Nora Mulder and John Buntsma, who will gather helping hands in Windmill Park on October 23 at 1:00 pm and October 24 at 8:30 am. Rain dates are October 30 & 31.

We'd love for you to be part of this Orange City tradition! Grab your gloves, shovels and hand trowels, bring a friend, and join us (no garden knowledge or experience required)!

For more info call John Buntsma at 712-574-1619.

orange city art's mainstage concert series

September 22nd: Orchestral group Enhake will be performing at 6:30PM at the Christ Chapel at Northwestern.

October 8th: Countertenor Patrick Dailey will be performing at 7PM at the Christ Chapel at Northwestern. He will be joined by Northwestern's A Capella Choir and the MOC-Floyd Valley High School Concert Choir.

November 6th: George & Guli duo pianists will be performing at 7PM at the Christ Chapel at Northwestern.

November 28th: The Hollander Jazz will be performing their Christmas Concert on November 28th at the Unity Christian Knight Center. at 7PM.

December date TBD: Gemeente Koor, a new community choir, will have their debut concert this December. Stay tuned!

January/February date TBD: An Evening of Dance will be this January or February. The date will be finalized by September 1st.

stop-motion animation workshop

Orange City Arts Council will be hosting a stop-motion animation workshop led by Amy Winer at the Town Hall on October 17th at 1 pm.

(waiting for additional sign up info)

celebrate a safe holiday

The City Office will be closed on Monday, September 7, due to the Labor Day holiday.

For OC utility emergencies, please call 707-5000.



building permits & code enforcement

How Do I Get A Permit/Schedule An Inspection?

The City of Orange City is pleased to offer residents, builders, and the business community Cloudpermit – an online system to apply for and track your building permits.

The Cloudpermit building permit system allows you to apply for and to see the status of your application anywhere, at any time. You can start an application and finish it later, and receive email updates on the status of your permit application. You can even request building inspections!

To get started, scan the QR Code, or go to: us.cloudpermit.com.



Inspections need 24 hours’ notice.

If you have questions about permits or inspections contact Code Enforcement Officer, Brian Tooker at 712-707-4885.

Here are some items that would require a permit:

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| • New house or commercial & industrial building | • Interior remodeling |
| • Addition to house or commercial & industrial building | • Fence |
| • New garage | • Signs |
| • Garage addition | • Decks |
| • Finish basement | • Lawn sheds |

If you are unsure whether a permit is required check first by contacting the Code Enforcement Officer, Brian Tooker at 712-707-4885.

What needs to be inspected:

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| • Footings | • Framing rough in |
| • Foundation walls | • Plumbing rough in |
| • Electrical rough in | • Final inspection |

Code Enforcement/Complaints

To file a Code Enforcement Violation/Complaint, go to: us.cloudpermit.com.

give small. think big!

For as little as \$5 a month added to your OC utility bill, you can help build our community’s future. Make a lasting impact by financially supporting the ongoing work of GrowOC (formally OC21 Foundation).



For more info about **Give Small. Think BIG!**, GrowOC, or how to donate, go to: orangecityiowa.com/grow-oc.

share your story vibrant.orangecityiowa.com/you/why-orange-city

Have you moved to Orange City in the past few years? We would love to hear why you chose our vibrant community to call home! Use the QR code or follow the link to share your story!



**dahm features:
j. bruce mouw, nationally
recognized organized
crime expert**

**Tuesday, September 29, 6:30 pm
De Witt Learning Commons/Vogel
Room at Northwestern College.**

Nights at the Museum to Feature J. Bruce Mouw, Nationally Recognized Organized Crime Expert

The Dutch American Heritage Museum is honored to announce that J. Bruce Mouw, one of the nation’s foremost authorities on organized crime, will be the featured speaker for the next Nights at the Museum lecture series event.

Mouw’s presentation, titled “John Gotti and the Mafia in New York”, will explore his decades of experience investigating organized crime and corruption at some of the highest levels of American law enforcement.

During his distinguished 27 year career with the Federal Bureau of Investigation, he served as a Supervisory Special Agent in the New York Division, where he directed investigations into the notorious Gambino crime family. His leadership played a central role in major racketeering cases involving figures such as John Gotti, Paul Castellano, Salvatore “Sammy the Bull” Gravano, the Westies, and the landmark Commission Case that reshaped federal prosecution of organized crime.

