

march 2016

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orange city, iowa



mark your
calendars



Jerry Barlow, Celtic Guitar

Date: Friday, Feb. 26, 7:00 pm
Freewill donation.

Location: OC Public Library

Additional info: orangecityarts.net

orangecityiowa.com/library

Email: ocArts@orangecityiowa.com



Tulip Festival Extravaganza

Date: Wednesday, March 16

Time: 11:45 am - 12:45 pm

Tickets: \$15 each (\$20 after March 4)

- Available at the Tulip Festival office

Location: Prairie Winds Event Center

Additional Info:

www.octulipfestival.com

Email: tulip@orangecitycomm.net

Phone: (712) 707-4510



Meet the Artists: Exhibit, talk, workshop, reception

Location: Blue Mountain Barn

Date: Saturday, April 2, 2:00-6:00 pm

Additional info: orangecityarts.net

Email: ocArts@orangecityiowa.com



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to the citizens of orange city

On Tuesday, March 1, 2016 you have the right to vote on a bond issue to update and expand the Orange City Fire Station. The current station replaced the old "band shell" station in 1973 and has served its purpose for over 40 years. Many things have changed over these years such as the size of equipment, the addition of specialized equipment, increased training requirements, the need to secure personnel records, and national health and safety codes. It's time to expand the current station to meet the needs of our community.

Safety and health are real concerns. Firefighters face increased cancer rates because of the toxic environments we work in that contaminate our skin and firefighting gear. In addition to increased likelihood of cancers of the respiratory, digestive, and urinary systems, a 2013 National Institute for Occupational Safety and Health report indicates that firefighters experience a rate of mesothelioma two times greater than the general population. At present, our firefighters store and put on their gear within three feet of fire trucks that are rolling out the door (itself an accident waiting to happen). This is why proper ventilation for diesel smoke, separate storage space for gear, specialized laundry equipment, and a place to sanitize breathing apparatus are so important – and required by code.



The State of Iowa requires that all firefighters receive a minimum of 24 hours of training each year that covers a list of general and specialized topics. The increased variety of calls we respond to means we prepare not only for structure fires, but for hazardous material incidents; grain bin, confined-space, high-angle and water rescue; bomb threats; extricating victims from vehicles and equipment; mass-casualty events; and disaster response (tornadoes). Expanding the station will provide adequate space to conduct these in-house trainings and to install and store training props. We'll also be able to host more area-wide, state-funded trainings throughout the year.

We are looking to add 11,700 square feet to the present structure to accommodate the present and future needs of your fire department. One thing that stood out as we visited with many area fire departments that built new fire stations is that some did not build large enough and outgrew their new station in 3 to 5 years. Our hope is to again build for another 40+ years.

The citizens of Orange City have always been supportive of the Orange City Fire Department and we hope that you will support this project. We are always ready and available to respond to your emergency needs, so we encourage you to vote by absentee ballot or on March 1, 2016. If you have questions or concerns about the plans for station expansion, please feel free to contact any Orange City Fire Department member or visit the website <http://friendsoftheocfd.com/>

In the interest of fire safety,

Dennis Vander Wel
Orange City Fire Chief



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ORANGE CITY FIRE DEPARTMENT**



Call for Art

OC Arts' Regional Exhibition
Submission deadline: Mar. 18
Exhibit Dates: Apr. 22-30
Additional info: orangecityarts.net
Email: orangecityartsIA@gmail.com

act, write, paint, create

Spring 2016 Classes: Orange City Arts

Orange City Arts is offering spring classes for all ages. NEW: online registration. Register a week in advance. Details and more info: 707-4885, orangecityartsIA@gmail.com and www.orangecityarts.net.

Improv with NWC's Black V.

Middle-schoolers: learn to improvise with the creative college kids from Black V... at Old Factory. Feb. 24 & Mar. 2

Sippin' & sketching. What do you want to draw? Learn how with Alissa Sinclair. High school & up. Mar. 22, 29 & April 5

Painting... uncorked! Enjoy an evening of painting at Sfumato, with artist Rein Vanderhill. A glass of wine included. Feb. 29.

Beginning painting for kids. Paint on canvas with Alissa Sinclair at Old Factory. Grades K-4. Mar. 19.

Memoir: writing your stories.

Eight sessions with Barbara Turnwall. Monday & Thursday afternoons, Apr. 4-28.

Siouxland 102. Read & learn about the history & culture of our place. Jim Schaap returns after a successful Siouxland 101. Five Tuesday evenings Mar. 29-July 26.

Play with your food. Middle & high schoolers: Artist Matt Drissell has an unusual process with cake mix, bomb pops, and jello. Try it! March 19.

The art of frosting. Decorate 12 Easter-themed cookies at A Piece of Cake, Le Mars. For ages 7 & up. Mar. 22, 23 or 26.

Zine making. Workshop for high schoolers & up, by Iowa artists Rachel Buse & Rob Stephens. Create your own self-published xeroxed magaZine. Apr. 2.

what you can't smell can hurt you

Carbon monoxide, or CO, is a poisonous yet odorless gas produced when carbon based fuels such as coal, oil, gasoline, propane, wood, and natural gas are incompletely burned. A constant supply of fresh air is essential for the complete combustion of any fuel. If there is not enough oxygen, CO is produced. CO then seeks oxygen in the lungs, depriving the cells in your body of needed oxygen. The early stages of CO poisoning include: dizziness, flu-like symptoms, fatigue, and a throbbing headache.

You would be wise to suspect CO poisoning if you fell ill or if all the members of your family feel ill at the same time.

Any fuel burning furnace, water heater, fireplace, stove, or space heater can produce CO, especially if any of these situations exist: leaking or blocked flues and chimneys, plugged dryer vents, prolonged downdraft in a chimney or vent stack, dirty gas stove burners, cracked heat exchanger chamber, poor house ventilation, and loose vents on furnaces, water heaters, and boilers.

Never use gas ovens and ranges for heat, or operate camp stoves, propane grills, or charcoal grills inside. Have your furnace, other gas appliances, and your chimney inspected. Purchase CO detectors for your home and make sure your CO detectors meet Underwriters Laboratories (UL) standards. Place the CO detectors near your furnace and sleeping areas.

If you suspect CO poisoning, or if you have a CO detector and the alarm sounds, leave your home immediately. If you or a family member is ill, obtain medical attention. Call Orange City Utilities at 712-707-5000 from another location, or during business hours, call your heating dealer so they can make any necessary repairs. Never stay in a building where you suspect leaking CO.



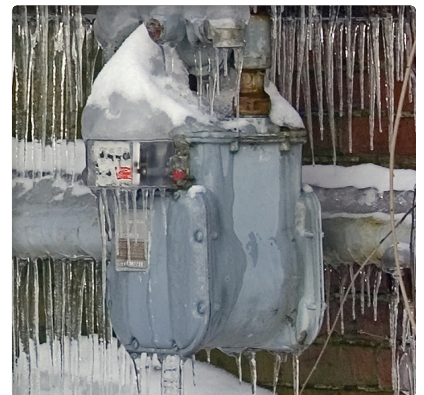
caring for your gas meter in winter

Outdoor natural gas meters and/or pressure regulator sets are designed to withstand extreme weather conditions. Please remember to protect them from ice and snow build-ups during our harsh winter months.

Clean and repair your leaky gutters regularly to prevent ice and melting snow from dripping onto the natural gas meter and/or pressure regulator set causing them to be encased in ice when the weather is cold.

Do not pile snow against your natural gas meter and/or pressure regulator set when shoveling or using a snow blower.

Never allow snow to completely cover your natural gas meter and/or pressure regulator set. Remove soft snow build-up gently, using only a broom or your hand. Call Orange City Utilities at 712-707-4885 if you notice an ice build-up on any part of the natural gas meter and/or pressure regulator set. Do not try to remove it by kicking or hitting the gas meter or piping.



reps at the round table

Interested in today's political topics at the Iowa Legislature? Care to share your views? Pull up a chair and talk with Sen. Feenstra and Rep. Kooiker.

When: Friday, March 18, 12 noon -1:00 pm

Where: Pizza Ranch - 1505 8th St. SE, Orange City, IA

Who: All residents of Orange City and Alton

No food or beverages provided. Co-Sponsored By the City of Orange City and the City of Alton

