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orange city, iowa

## connected to you

Every community is unique and has different needs when it comes to communications. Most towns have no control of what they receive in terms of cable TV, internet, or local phone service. But Orange City Communications is a partnership with the City of Orange City to work toward providing you with the best services available.

The staff and board members have worked together to provide you with the best channel selections in cable TV, the fastest Internet speeds in the area (up to 100MB), and the most reliable home phone service. By knowing and understanding what you need and want, we've been able to put together a group of services that is second to none.

We understand the people of Orange City, because we live here too. We're your friends and neighbors. We volunteer on many projects. We're part of everything that is Orange City.

Orange City Communications...  
YOUR communications company! ✖



L to R: Board Members Duane Feekes, Rod De Boer, and Mike De Jong, and Staff Nic Kramer, Mandy Arens, and Linda Lenz

## when you know our people, you'll know OC Communications

Technology is something that we've all come to rely on. We need our internet connection to be able to gather information from websites, email, and lots of other places. We want our cable TV and phone to always be available for entertainment and communications. And when something goes wrong, we want it fixed NOW!

Orange City Communications has 3 people here in Orange City to serve you each and every day. We want to respond to your needs as fast as possible and resolve any issue that may occur. By having these service people in town, we can respond faster and more efficiently than an out-of-town system and that means you're up and running quicker than ever.

Orange City Communications can supply you with the best communications technology and we back it up with the best local service available.



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## who has the fastest Internet speed in Iowa? Orange City Communications!!

Orange City Communications now offers incredible high speed internet with speeds up to 100MB\*. That's more than double the speed of other providers. We've also been number 1 on the list of Speedtest.net as the fastest internet provider in Iowa.

100MB internet means everything you do on the internet is faster. You can download HD movies in just a few minutes. You can download hundreds of photos in just a few seconds. And streaming video from sites like Netflix and Hulu Plus are smooth and uninterrupted by the need for buffering.

Some of our competition claims they have high speed internet and offer 6MB or 20MB. But it doesn't take a degree in math to understand that there is no comparison to our 100MB. But you CAN compare the prices. They charge almost as much for 20MB as we do for 100MB...and that's just part of the value of buying locally.

No one does it faster and no one does it better than Orange City Communications. ✖

\*Speeds not available in all areas. A DOCSIS 3.0 modem is required to reach maximum speeds. Actual speeds vary and are affected by factors such as number of users, time of day, and home networks. Service includes bandwidth usage of up to 250 GB per month.



curtains up at the unity performing arts center

Some early announcements are surfacing regarding a new lineup of civic music concerts to hit OC this fall and winter. The OC Arts Council just released a new schedule of concerts, “Beyond Onstage”, that will entertain OC area residents at the new Unity Christian Performing Arts Center. The **Chorale**, an ensemble from the Ames Children’s Choir, will perform on Saturday, Oct. 26<sup>th</sup>, at 4pm. The 25-student singing group will be joined with our local students to create a dramatic mass chorus. **Le Vent du Nord** from Quebec will give a rendition of a Saturday night kitchen party on Saturday, Nov. 16, at 7:30pm. The quartet has given over 1,000 concerts earning several Canadian Grammys and Folk Music Awards. Chicago’s legendary comedy theatre, **Second City’s Improv All-Stars**, will have you laughing all night long on Thursday, Feb. 13, at 7pm. The **Cashore Marionettes** are returning Tuesday, April 8, at 7pm after a sold-out show in 2011. See mechanical engineering bring these characters to life with action and emotion that are amazingly convincing. \*\* A fifth concert will feature the **Balandino**, a 5-member ensemble from Israel on Friday, March 28, at 7:30pm at the NWC Chapel. Their music will journey through the Mediterranean region, including Spain, Eastern Europe, and Turkey. Season passes are now available from the OC Arts Office, Box 202, OC, IA 51041, 712-707-6514 or [ocarts@orangecityiowa.com](mailto:ocarts@orangecityiowa.com). For more information, check [orangecityarts.net](http://orangecityarts.net). ✖



moving on

Gary Blythe retired recently from the City of Orange City. He started with the City in October of 2001 and has worked mainly with economic development projects, but has also helped in many other areas as well. Gary was instrumental in the development of Industrie Centrum’s 1st, 2nd, 3rd and 4th, industrial park additions, and assisted with State or Federal financing for many business expansions in our community. Gary was the first person in this position for the City and did a great job for us. The City thanks Gary for his positive attitude and wish him the best in his future endeavors. ✖



please help yourself and your neighbors

Is your sump pump running in your basement? Do you know where it discharges your excess water? If your pump hose is connected to your sanitary sewer drain line, you are contributing to a major problem! With the infiltration of rain water during large downpours or wet seasons, sewer lines may become overloaded and cause backups in basements or overflow at lift stations and the treatment plant. City Ordinance Title 10: Chapter 2: Article 3.10.1 and 15, states that ground and storm water are forbidden to be discharged into the sanitary sewer system. It also states that from October 15 to April 15, the Council will allow sump pumps to be directed into the sanitary sewer to help eliminate ice buildups in our streets. Over the years, people have forgotten to remove these same sump pumps from their sanitary sewer connections and to get them outside during the spring and summer. You can put the ground water into your backyard or into the street gutter system. These sump pumps have caused some of your neighbors’ significant problems with backup this spring and in the past. We need and require every sump pump to be directed outdoors after April 15 every year to help alleviate the problem we have again seen this spring. We know that with your help we can get this done.

City Staff is reviewing the rainfall events from the Memorial Day weekend and will seek/recommend ways to mitigate storm water and sanitary sewer flow restrictions in the future. ✖



Happy 4th of July

