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FREE HD part of your basic rights!

Orange City Communications thinks that being able to watch your favorite programming in the clarity of HD should be included as your basic rights. It's not your constitutional rights but included in your basic cable TV subscription rights.

We're now providing free HD channels as part of your basic subscription package. All you need to do is rent a digital or DVR box and you'll be watching news, sports, and entertainment in full HD.

We're also offering a special new bundle for Orange City residents. Get basic cable TV plus 10MB high speed internet for only \$70 per month. Just add a DVR box and you're all set for the best channel selection and best value in entertainment available.



Stop in at Orange City Communications for more complete information at City Hall, 125 Central Avenue SE (across the hall from the City Office) or call 707-1000.



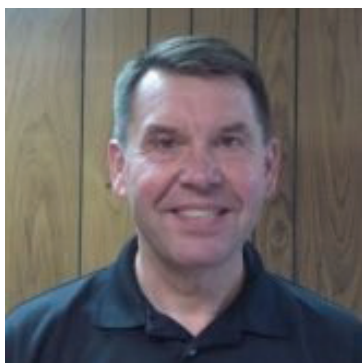
Be advised! From October 15 - April 1, the City of Orange City does not permit on-street parking between 2:00AM—6:00AM. Snow plows will be heading your way before you know it.

tired of storing that old computer?

The Cities of Orange City & Alton are co-sponsoring a **free** recycling program that will accept fluorescent lamps and bulbs,



computer monitors, CPU's, keyboards, printers and mouse(s), and smaller batteries. Sorry, car batteries are not allowed. Items can be dropped off behind the Alco store at the Orange City Street Shop (809 Concord Place SE) on Friday, October 18th, 4-7 pm and Sat., October 19th, 9:00am -12pm.



welcome to our new Community Development Director

The City of Orange City would like to welcome Mark Gaul to its staff. Mark started on September 3 as the Community Development Director working with all aspects of economic development with the Orange City Development Corporation for our community. In addition, he will have oversight of the Prairie Winds Event Center and work with the Orange City Area Daycare Board.

Mark comes to us from Sheldon where he was doing similar work for them. He is married to Maxine, has two sons and two grandchildren. We look forward to the future with Mark and making Orange City vibrant!

2012 property tax levies due 2013-2014

OC's total tax levy ranks 643rd in the State compared to the other 946 Iowa communities. Property taxes due in 2013-14 decreased to a rate of \$31.38/\$1000 in comparison to \$32.17 (647th rank in 2012-13) or \$32.84 (645th rank in 2011-12). In the NW IA area survey below, six communities lowered their "city" property tax mill levy while one had no change and two saw increases. Duane Feekes, City Administrator, commented, "Our decrease of two cents resulted from refinancing our general obligation bonds. Again, the City has been fortunate to manage its operating costs quite effectively while making prudent capital investments." The survey's combined mill levy averaged \$32.87 and the median was \$32.58 compared to OC's \$31.38. For additional information/questions, please call the City Office at 712-707-4885.

2012 property tax levies due 2013-2014

	Area School & County	School District	City	City Change From 2011	Total Property Tax	*State Ranking
Storm Lake	9.09	15.92	13.56	.021	38.57	182
Cherokee	6.23	14.38	16.85	(1.10)	37.46	241
Orange City	6.02	10.92	14.44	(0.02)	31.38	643
Sioux Center	6.03	13.93	12.62	(0.53)	32.58	550
Carroll	4.85	9.68	12.91	(0.02)	27.44	861
Sheldon	6.03	14.16	12.70	(0.17)	32.89	439
Spencer	7.41	14.65	11.83	-	33.89	454
LeMars	5.25	11.95	13.50	(0.25)	30.70	694
Alton	6.03	10.92	13.98	0.29	30.93	680
OC-2011	5.99	11.72	14.46		32.17	647
OC-2010	6.02	11.69	15.13		32.84	645
OC-2009	6.05	12.77	13.96		32.79	654
OC-2008	6.18	11.99	13.71		31.88	689
OC-2007	6.30	11.99	14.27		32.56	634
State ranking of 946 cities with #1 = highest total Property Tax Levy						

need help with your heating bill?

Starting in October, Orange City residents may apply for help from the Low-Income Heating Assistance Program, or LIHEAP. LIHEAP uses federal and state funds to pay a portion of heating costs for qualified households. Applications for heating assistance are taken by appointment at:

Mid Sioux Opportunity, Inc.
 1070 7th Avenue NE
 Sioux Center, IA 51250
 712-722-3611
mlist@midsioux.org

Applications are accepted starting October 1 for disabled residents and people 60 or older. All other households meeting the income criteria may apply starting November 1. Residents should apply promptly because assistance is subject to available funding.

To apply, first contact Mid Sioux Opportunity, Inc. at 712-722-3611 and make an appointment. You'll be asked to bring a social security card for each child and adult in the household, recent utility bills, and documentation of all sources of income, including your 2012 tax return. Wage earners will need copies of pay stubs for the most recent three months. Bring check stubs or bank statements showing direct deposit to document payments from Social Security, pensions, or public assistance.

LIHEAP INCOME MAXIMUMS

Household Size	3-Month Gross	Annual Gross
1	\$4,309	\$17,235
2	\$5,816	\$23,265
3	\$7,324	\$29,295
4	\$8,831	\$35,325
5	\$10,339	\$41,355
6	\$11,846	\$47,385
For households with more than six members, add \$6,030 annually for each additional member.		

