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orange city, iowa



## mark your calendars



### Onstage OC: OC Community Band

Date: July 9 & 30, 7:00pm

Location: Windmill Park

Additional info: [orangecityarts.net](http://orangecityarts.net)

Email: [ocArts@orangecityiowa.com](mailto:ocArts@orangecityiowa.com)



### Summer Rec Awards Picnic

Date: July 11, 11am

Location: Windmill Park



### Onstage OC: Festival Latino

Date: July 16, 5:00pm

Location: Windmill Park

Additional info: [orangecityarts.net](http://orangecityarts.net)

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### orange city iowa smartphone app

The Orange City Chamber of Commerce, with its participating member businesses, in partnership with the Orange City Tulip Festival are proud to announce the "Orange City Iowa" smartphone app available now on iTunes and Google Play. To download the app, visit the smartphone app page on the Orange City Chamber's website or search "Orange City Iowa" on Google Play or iTunes.

This FREE app is designed to be a friendly assistant for local residents and visitors alike. Use it as your guide to the community of Orange City, Iowa. Keep track of all our local events, find the best deals, and navigate the Tulip Festival during the third weekend in May.

The app will be undergoing several updates in the near future as additional businesses, maps, events, and other partners begin using the platform, so stay tuned!



### app features:

#### business directory

- Find business hours, phone numbers, and websites all in one place
- Shop and find exclusive deals at local merchants

#### community

- Keep up with the latest news from the "Town Crier"
- Receive push notifications for severe weather, school cancellations, and other important events
- Discover local events within the community calendar

#### tulip festival

- Navigate the Tulip Festival: Find ATMs, restrooms, events, maps, and more

After you download the app, please feel free to register, rate, & review the app. Your feedback and participation helps us improve the app and plan future additions and other changes. We value your feedback above all else, so let us know! We want this app to be something everyone enjoys using.

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## special election august 5, 2014

The Orange City Council passed a resolution calling for a special election on the disposition of the municipally-owned cable communications or television system utility in order to discontinue the operation of the municipal owned utility. The City Council of Orange City is recommending that the City not be in the telecommunications business anymore. If passed, Orange City Communications would be solely owned by Long Lines and continue to be operated by them in Orange City.



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current list of events  
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**Onstage OC: Chris O'Leary Band**

Date: July 23, 7:00pm  
Location: Windmill Park  
Additional info: [orangecityarts.net](http://orangecityarts.net)  
Email: [ocArts@orangecityiowa.com](mailto:ocArts@orangecityiowa.com)



**Missoula Children's Theatre**

Date: July 28-August 2  
Location: NWC DeWitt Theatre  
Additional info: [orangecityarts.net](http://orangecityarts.net)  
Email: [ocArts@orangecityiowa.com](mailto:ocArts@orangecityiowa.com)



**Movie in the Park-The Lego Movie**

Date: August 13, Approximapey 9pm  
Location: Windmill Park  
Rain location: Prairie Winds Event Center

**alerts and reminders:**



**July Siren Test Changed**

Siren test will be held on Friday, July 11 at 9:30 instead of Friday, July 4



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**yours or mine**

Whether you are moving out of Orange City or staying in town, the question is always "What do I keep?" Did you know that there are 2 items in your garage that need to stay with the house you are leaving?

The green garbage tote is actually the property of OC Sanitation, and the blue recycle can is the property of the City of Orange City. These 2 items are to stay with the house. We are asking that if you move, please be courteous and keep them with the house so future occupants can use them. You can be charged for the cost of the cans if you fail to do so.



If you move into a house that does not have these 2 items and you are being charged for trash on your utility bill, call the City of Orange City at 707-4885 and we will be happy to deliver a tote or recycle can to your address.



**2014 residential construction starts strong**

Residential construction in Orange City started the year strong according to Code Enforcement Officer Ken Meendering. Since January 1st, permits have been issued for 10 residential units. This number includes a 4 unit apartment building, a duplex, and 4 single family homes. This compares very well with 2013 when a total of 11 residential units were permitted for the entire year. Still to be permitted are 14 residential rental units being constructed by Excel Development Group from Lincoln, Nebraska. These rental units will be single family homes and duplexes located in the City's Puddle Jumper Trail 5th Addition. Iowa Finance Authority tax credits are helping finance the project. Construction should begin on this project sometime in July. Meendering stated that he is also aware of a couple more single family homes to be permitted later this season. Many more inquiries have been directed to the City concerning available lots, costs, and building rules. 2014 is shaping up to be one of the City's best housing construction years in recent memory.

**you are invited**

The City of OC Customer Appreciation Picnic is planned for Wednesday evening, July 9th, from 5 – 7 pm in the downtown Windmill Park. City Council and staff members representing the OC Municipal Utilities and OC Communications will be serving up grilled sandwiches, refreshments, and side dishes. Plus, the Tulip Festival Steering Committee will be furnishing dessert as a "Thank You" to all of the volunteers who helped with the celebration. Entertainment by the Community Band will begin at 7 p.m. after the picnic. So mark your calendars to be our guest to share a fun night with friends and family.



**the park's the place 2b-onstage oc**



Exit 113: Onstage Orange City July 2nd

Community Band, and Carla Van Beek's last hurrah as director. Festival Latino is July 16, with music, food, and fun for all. Revival's pet costume contest and Chris O'Leary's 6-piece blues band are July 23. The Community Band presents its final 2014 concert on July 30, conducted by Dan Mangold. Unity's Knight Center is the rain location.

Onstage Orange City July shows begin with Exit 113 from Des Moines playing classic rock & roll on July 2. Go to [facebook.com/ocArts](http://facebook.com/ocArts) to vote for the oldie that you'd like to hear! July 9 is a patriotic show by the Orange City Area