

april 2016

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orange city, iowa



## mark your calendars



### Siouxland 102 with Jim Schaap

Date: March 29-July 26.

Location: Various locations

Five Tuesday evenings

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

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

### Cornucopia Farm & CSA

Date: Tuesday, April 4

Time: 6:30 pm

Location: Orange City Public Library

Learn about the Cornucopia Farm and CSA from John Wesselius and how it makes an effort at sustainable, biodynamic, organic, production of food sold locally.

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### Memoir: writing your stories

Teacher: Barbara Turnwall

Date: April 4-28, Monday

and Thursday afternoons

Location: OC Town Hall

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### 2016 Dutch Costume Exchange

Date: Wednesday, April 6

Time: 2 to 6:30 pm

Location: Stadscentrum

Additional Info: [octulipfestival.com](http://octulipfestival.com)

Email: [tulip@orangecitycomm.net](mailto:tulip@orangecitycomm.net)



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## library interior updates

The Orange City Public Library has undertaken a construction project to provide updated and improved services to patrons.

Two areas of the library will be updated with new construction in the upcoming weeks. Just inside the entrance to the library, the reading area will be getting upgraded in two ways.

This sunny reading space will benefit from the purchase of new comfortable, casual seating for patrons to enjoy while reading magazines and newspapers. An additional improvement will be provided through the installation of a Tech Bar. The Tech Bar will feature 2 or more iPads for public use as well as increased outlets for personal device charging. This addition will offer a convenient work space for library users. Nearby printing, scanning, and faxing capabilities; and the library's excellent wireless internet connection provided by Orange City Communications, the Tech Bar should prove to be an excellent solution for working on the go.

In the north end of the library, two meeting rooms are being constructed. Each of the two meeting rooms will be equipped with a table and chairs for 4-6 people, and a smart TV equipped with HDMI and USB connections for easy display and presentations. These rooms will be the perfect place for business or committee meetings, tutoring sessions, or as a more private and quiet space for individual work. When completed, the meeting rooms will be available for reservation during the library's open hours at no cost to non-commercial users. These small meeting rooms will supplement the library's larger Rieckhoff Room and basement meeting room to better serve the variety of individuals and groups which meet in the library. Our meeting rooms are busy, so contact the library ahead of time if you would like to reserve a room or ask at the circulation desk to check on a room's immediate availability.



## free e-recycling program

The Cities of Orange City & Alton are co-sponsoring a free e-recycling program that will accept computer monitors, CPU's, keyboards, printers and mouse(s), smaller batteries, and tv's. Sorry, car batteries and light bulbs are not allowed. Items can be dropped off at Alton City Hall, 905 3rd Avenue on Friday, May 6, 4:00-7:00 pm and Saturday, May 7, 9:00 am -12:00 pm.

## it's time to shine

OC's Annual Spring Clean-Up, sponsored by the City of OC and OC Sanitation, will be held April 25-29. OC residents must purchase a \$10 lawn flag (one for each household) from the City Office (125 Central Ave. SE) or OC Sanitation (710 Ohio St. SW). Sanitation crews will only remove those items that have a special lawn flag displayed nearby. All disposed items must be placed at your usual pick-up site on your regular garbage pick-up day.

Allowable items: garage and home items, furniture/wood items, and mattresses/carpets. Non-allowable items: all appliances/white goods, TV's (may dispose of with e-recycling - see above), building-remodeling materials, wood chips, auto parts (tires, batteries, etc.), concrete, steel/iron, yard waste, tree branches, oil, yard chemicals, or wet paints. Special pick-up arrangements may be available for these items with OC Sanitation (737-2645).





**An Epidemic of Violence**

Friday, April 7

Time: 7:30 pm

Location: Orange City Public Library

As part of its Spanish Services program, the library will host a presentation entitled, “An Epidemic of Violence: Why are Children Migrating from Central America?” Brady Dyson, 2015 graduate of Northwestern College, was inspired to present about the situation in El Salvador after he studied abroad there in the spring of 2015. Dyson combines research with anecdotes and interviews from Salvadorans he met during his semester to raise awareness about the situations that cause people to decide to leave their homes and make a very dangerous journey to the United States.

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**National Library Week**

Date: April 11-15

Come to the library during National Library Week for special events such as Literary Eats, an open Chamber Coffee, daily giveaways, and other fun activities. Sign up today for your contribution to Literary Eats, where we taste the foods inspired by our favorite books. A sign-up sheet and recipes can be found at the circulation desk.

Additional Info:

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**OC Arts’ Regional Exhibition**

Date: April 22-30

Reception: April 30, 6:00-7:00 pm

Location: NWC DeWitt Theatre

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

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**Seasonal Parking Ends**

The City of Orange City will lift the seasonal parking ban on April 1.



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**meet the iowa artists**

Five select Iowa artists will be showing their art, teaching a workshop, and meeting the public at the Barn at Blue Mountain on Saturday, April 2. The five visual and theatrical artists are this year’s Iowa Artist Fellows, each awarded a \$5000 grant by the Iowa Arts Council.

One is from northwest Iowa - Matt Drissell of Sioux Center, whose paintings feature a unique media - highly processed food products. The other four artists are Robert Stephens, Larassa Kabel, and Rachel Buse of Des Moines and Lisa Schlesinger of Iowa City.

The April 2 event (one of four across Iowa) gives the public the opportunity to meet exceptional Iowa artists. A zine-making workshop by Stephens and Buse (learning to create a self-published photocopied magazine) begins at 2:00 pm. (Sign up via [orangecityarts.net](http://orangecityarts.net).) The pop-up exhibit and artist talk begin at 4:00 pm, followed by a reception at 5:00 pm. The event is free and open to the public.

Sponsors are Orange City Arts, the Iowa Arts Council, and Korver-Huisman Charitable Foundation. For more information, visit [orangecityarts.net](http://orangecityarts.net), email [ocArts@orangecityiowa.com](mailto:ocArts@orangecityiowa.com) or call 712.707.4885.

**reminder to residents from oc sanitation**

Here are a few items to note from OC Sanitation and the City of Orange City regarding the green tote trash pick up.

1. Do NOT overfill. If a larger can is needed, you can upgrade by calling OC Sanitation at (712) 737-2645.
2. Do NOT set the green tote in the street. Set it behind the curb but within 18". Driveways work great.
3. Tote should not be put out more than 12 hours before normal pick up time.
4. Tote needs to be out by 7:00 am the day of normal pick up.
5. Lid opening needs to be placed towards the street or they will not be emptied.
6. If high wind warnings are issued for your pick up day and can is nearly empty, please hold with setting it out until the next week.

Thanks for your cooperation.

**april is national safe digging month (811)**

The State of Iowa, along with the City of Orange City, officially recognizes the month of April as National Safe Digging Month. For the past several years in Iowa, Common Ground Iowa and Iowa One Call have partnered together to promote Safe Digging Month in Iowa and National Safe Digging Month. Orange City Utilities would like to also join in this effort to make sure all of our residents remember Iowa One Call.

Please keep in mind that designating April as Safe Digging Month doesn’t mean that excavation safety awareness and underground facility damage prevention practices shouldn’t be embraced year-round. Good safety and damage prevention practices are always important to the wellbeing of everyone in Orange City and Iowa.



**first time home buyer credit**

In 2012, the City instituted a trial program designed to encourage new residents to purchase their first home in Orange City. Qualifying applicants are eligible for up to \$1,000 when moving into Orange City and buying their first home. After reviewing program results, it was found that this credit is much less effective than the City had hoped. The funds disbursed can be used more effectively in other programs to encourage new home construction. Effective May 31, 2016 this program will be ending. We appreciate the new residents and home owners that participated, but ending this program is an opportunity to focus our energies in another direction.