

august 2016

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orange city, iowa



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calendars



Onstage OC: Salem Mass Choir

Date: August 3, 7:00 pm

Location: Windmill Park

Additional info: orangecityarts.net

Email: ocArts@orangecityiowa.com



Teen Crafternoon

Come decorate your notebooks ahead of school starting at our first Teen Crafternoon!

Date: August 8, 1:00 pm

Location: Orange City Public library

Additional info: (712)707-4302



Social Media 101

Adults can learn about social media and various social networks at this class. Register online or at the library!

Date: August 9, 6:30 pm

Location: Orange City Public library

Additional info: (712)707-4302



Onstage OC: SchoolHouse Company presents the musical *Radio Gals*

Date: August 10, 7:00 pm

Location: Windmill Park

Additional info: orangecityarts.net

Email: ocArts@orangecityiowa.com



summer recreation - the fast and the furious

The Orange City Recreation program started on June 6 with over 50 programs available for adults and youth from age 3 and up. The Orange City Municipal Swimming Pool opened on Memorial Day and has been going strong since. As of June, we have had over 6,000 patrons to our pool, with the biggest day of 477 people. Our summer recreation programming has had over 300 kids participate in youth baseball and softball, while other programming has been close to 350 participants. Our swimming lessons are currently going on and will continue to run through the month of July. We currently have 412 kids signed up for either private or public swimming lessons.

One thing that is really neat about Orange City is the amount of volunteer parent coaches and high school/college helpers that we have. We have had over 40 parent coaches for our programs as well as an additional 15 coaches to make our programs run smoothly. This undeniably makes things fun for the kids and it is awesome to see the kids working with their parents. I want to say a special thank you to all of these helpers this summer!

Thanks for a great recreation season. - *Mitch Albers*

orange city youth theatre to open this fall

Orange City Arts is pleased to announce a partnership with OCStages: Orange City Youth Theatre, set to open in September. Under the direction of professional actress and teaching artist Lindsay Bauer, OCStages offers performing arts classes for students preschool through high school. Students will strengthen imagination, teamwork, critical thinking, and problem solving skills while learning stage essentials—and having fun! These classes are excellent opportunities for students, whether they are interested in pursuing the arts their whole lives, simply want to gain more confidence, or just have a great time. Classes meet once a week and culminate in a semester end performance. Registration for the fall semester begins August 8. For more information or to sign up, visit ocstages.org.



Lindsay Bauer



2016 street project update

Work continues on infrastructure for the 2016 street projects. The water, sewer, and storm sewer work is nearing completion and streets will be installed next. As a result of the projects, there will be new sidewalks extended from the Puddle Jumper trail throughout the Industrial Park. Additionally, a new cul-de-sac will be created which will be Providence Place

SE resulting in 16 new residential lots. Finally, 15th Street will be installed to create Industrie Centrum #6 resulting in eight additional light industrial lots. All of the 2016 street projects are scheduled to be completed by October 3, 2016.



1000 Books Before Kindergarten Graduation

Has your reader reached 1000 books? Come celebrate with hats, snacks, and activities and receive your 1000BBK graduation gift! Register with Renee at renee@orangecity.lib.ia.us.
Date: August 15, 6:30 pm
Location: Orange City Public library
Additional info: (712)707-4302



Onstage OC: Midnight Pilot

Date: August 17, 7:00 pm
Also a motorcycle show, food, and the family film *Inside Out*
Location: Windmill Park
Additional info: orangecityarts.net
Email: ocArts@orangecityiowa.com



Onstage OC: Arts on Central

Date: August 24, 4:30 - 9:00 pm
Interactive arts fair: performances, visual arts, food, live mannequins, and the Omaha Street Percussion.
Location: Downtown Orange City
Additional info: orangecityarts.net
Email: ocArts@orangecityiowa.com



Children’s Theatre: Wizard of Oz

Date: Youth auditions, August 1
Performances: August 5 & 6
Register now!
Location: NWC DeWitt Theatre
Additional info: orangecityarts.net
Email: ocArts@orangecityiowa.com



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wizard of oz

We’re off to see the wizard! It’s true! Get ready for a terrific youth theatre show. Students who have competed grades K-12 audition August 1, rehearse every morning August 2-5, and present the funny and fun *Wizard of Oz* August 5 and 6 at the Northwestern College DeWitt Theatre. Compass Creative Dramatics of Chicago is joining with Orange City Arts and Northwestern Theatre Department to bring this theatre opportunity to 75 area students. Sign up now at orangecityarts.net, or ocArts@orangecityiowa.com, or call (712)707-4885.

summer reading program

Thank you to all of our participants and sponsors for the 2016 Summer Reading Program! We had nearly 900 participants, birth through adults, and have hosted nearly 100 programs for all ages and various groups during the program! You all keep us hopping and we couldn’t be happier! We had 65 area businesses sponsor our Summer Reading Program in addition to the generous support of the City of Orange City and Sioux County. Supporting businesses have a poster, so if you see one, be sure to tell them “Thanks!” We’re so grateful to have an engaged and supportive community and we love to serve all of our users!



2015 property tax levies due 2016-2017

Orange City’s total tax levy ranks 696th in the state compared to the other 944 Iowa communities. Property taxes due in 2016-17 increased to a rate of \$30.75/\$1000 in comparison to \$30.32 (730th rank in 2015-16) or \$30.51 (704th rank in 2014-15). In the NW IA area survey below, one community lowered their “city” property tax mill levy and four saw increases. The City of Orange City has been fortunate to manage its operating costs quite effectively while making prudent capital investments. The survey’s combined mill levy averaged \$32.69 and the median was \$33.69 compared to Orange City’s \$30.75.

2015 Property Tax Levies Due 2016-2017						
	Area School & County	School District	City	City Chg. From 2015	Total Prop. Tax	*State Ranking
Storm Lake	9.48	15.26	14.59	0.98	39.33	153
Cherokee	5.87	12.78	16.15	0.15	34.80	404
Orange City	5.96	10.23	14.56	0.58	30.75	696
Sioux Center	5.96	15.90	11.83	(0.54)	33.69	470
Carroll	5.07	9.08	11.58	0.00	25.73	898
Sheldon	7.77	14.18	13.41	0.18	35.36	364
Spencer	7.17	14.56	11.99	0.00	33.72	468
LeMars	5.18	11.96	13.50	0.00	30.64	704
Alton	5.96	10.23	13.99	0.00	30.18	729
OC-2014	6.12	10.22	13.98		30.32	730
OC-2013	6.12	10.44	13.95		30.51	704
OC-2012	6.02	10.92	14.44		31.38	643
OC-2011	5.99	11.72	14.46		32.17	647

State ranking of 944 cities with # 1 = highest total Property Tax Levy.

For additional information/questions, please call the City Offices at 712-707-4885.