

april 2017

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orange city, iowa



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## Artist's Showcase: Orange City Arts' Regional Exhibition

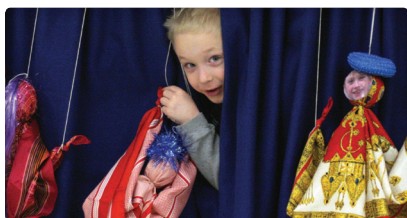
Dates: March 31-April 8

Location: Northwestern College  
DeWitt Theatre Arts Center

Admission is free.

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

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



## Build Puppets and Make Them Glow!

Puppetry workshop with black lights

Dates: Saturday, April 1 and April 8,  
9:00 -11:30 am

Location: Orange City Town Hall  
Community Room

Register online. Fee includes two days  
of class.

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

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



## 2017 Dutch Costume Exchange

Date: Wednesday, April 5

Time: 2:00 - 6:30 pm

Location: Stadscentrum

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

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

## Taproot Theatre: Camp Superfriend!

Empowering students to prevent  
bullying.

Date: Monday, April 10, 6:30 pm

Location: Northwestern College  
DeWitt Theatre Arts Center

Admission is free.

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

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



## new fire station progress

Chief Dennis VanderWel reports that progress is moving along very nicely with the new fire station building.

The sheet rocking is nearing completion along with taping and texturing. The electricians and plumbers have been on the job every day the past couple of months and their progress is coming along great. The fire sprinkler people have been there and have a lot of the sprinkler lines in. The outside brick work is complete except for the area that gets remodeled. Efs is scheduled to begin soon. Demolition of the exterior of the old apparatus bays will begin next week along with the new rubber roof on this section. The mechanical room is painted and some of the new apparatus bays have been primed.

Everything is on schedule for a fall 2017 completion.

## 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 5, 4:00-7:00 pm and Saturday, May 6, 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 24-28. 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 Ave. 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).

## ragbrai update

A group of Orange city representatives recently meet in Des Moines with other RAGBRAI towns to make plans and share information about the events and activities that are being planned for RAGBRAI XLV.





**Vibrant Paintings with Alcohol Inks**

Instructor: Paula Crandell  
Date: Saturday, April 22, 9:30 am-12:30 pm  
Location: Northwestern College Korver Art Center, Room 101  
Register online.  
Additional info: [orangecityarts.net](http://orangecityarts.net)  
Email: [OCArts@orangecityiowa.com](mailto:OCArts@orangecityiowa.com)

**International Cooking**

Learn to make sushi, lefse, fideos, and ricotta cheese!  
Date: Tuesday, April 25, 6:30-8:30 pm  
Location: Orange City Town Hall Community Room  
Register online.  
Additional info: [orangecityarts.net](http://orangecityarts.net)  
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**Art Start: Watercolor Landscapes**

Instructor: Judy Thompson  
Date: Saturday, April 29, 9:00 am-3:00 pm  
Location: Northwestern College Korver Art Center, Room 101  
Register online.  
Additional info: [orangecityarts.net](http://orangecityarts.net)  
Email: [OCArts@orangecityiowa.com](mailto:OCArts@orangecityiowa.com)

**Chicken Soup for the Chicken: The Healing Power of Story**

Storytelling workshop with celebrated storyteller Kevin Kling  
Date: Sunday, April 30, 3:00 - 5:00 pm  
Location: Sfumato Pizzeria  
Register online.  
Additional info: [orangecityarts.net](http://orangecityarts.net)  
Email: [OCArts@orangecityiowa.com](mailto:OCArts@orangecityiowa.com)

**Kevin Kling, Storyteller**

Renowned for his commentaries on NPR's All Things Considered  
Date: Monday, May 1, 7:00 pm  
Location: Northwestern College DeWitt Theatre Arts Center  
Tickets available online.  
Additional info: [orangecityarts.net](http://orangecityarts.net)  
Email: [OCArts@orangecityiowa.com](mailto:OCArts@orangecityiowa.com)

**your dedicated team  
- light department**

The gentlemen pictured to the right make sure your home has a safe and reliable electrical service.

The citizens of Orange City can be very happy that our electric distribution system is 100% underground. That means that when we have ice, wind, snow,

thunderstorms, and lightning, our electric service is going to be more secure than the old overhead service. We also have two sources of transmission lines coming into Orange City, one from the west and the other from the south, which gives us more reliability.

You may have read that we are in the process of putting in AMI (Advance Metering Infrastructure). This will be a 4-5 year process, so all customers will not get it at the same time. When done, this will allow us to read meters without walking from house to house. At this time, we have installed 270 of these meters. They will give us the capability to look up day-to-day history on your meter if there is a question on the bill. Also, in an event of an outage, these meters give us information about what area the outage is affecting.

At the same time, we will be installing load management devices for a program called "Get the Load Down". This will be a volunteer program with which we will install a device in your basement or outside your home to control your electric hot water heater and air conditioner units. This process would be run only during high peak periods of the day, and would turn off these units 7 minutes out of a 30 minute time period. If these time periods do not work for your lifestyle, each unit can be reprogrammed at different time periods to suit a households liking. These devices will allow us to reduce electric peak and demand costs, which in turn will help reduce our electric costs, which in turn will help keep our rates more stable.

These men above will continue to oversee the operation & maintenance of the electrical system. If you see them, give them a word of encouragement and thanks!



*From left to right - Arlan Scholten, Alan De Jong, Mike Verdoorn, Mike Anema, and Mike Kloodwyk.*

**strategic planning**

In January, the Orange City Council and staff held their annual strategic planning session. This is done annually to set priorities for the upcoming year. Here are the priorities identified for 2017-2018.

- Develop a human resources plan with succession plans, organizational structure, employee relations strategies, etc.
- Establish a 10 year plan for the General Funds with General Obligation forecasts to include the development of an operational and capital assistance plan for Landsmeer Golf Course.
- Work with Orange City Development Corporation (OCDC) to further economic development in Orange City.
- Develop budget/finance plan that evaluates expenses and keeps them in line with a competitive tax rate.
- Plan for re-development of current airport site.

**Ongoing initiatives:**

- Continue work towards a regional airport with Sioux County and Sioux Center.
- Implement plans to build a trail to the Dunlop Wildlife Area and plan expansion of the present trail system to the west and northwest.
- Seek ways to improve city/college corridor entrances on Highway 10.
- Develop and prioritize plans for street improvements.
- Complete the fire station project.
- Bid and start construction for a new sanitary sewer facility.

**Staff:**

- Continue contact with the Iowa Department of Transportation on the need for a signal at the corner of Highway 10 and Lincoln Avenue.
- Plan for use of the \$1.5 million balance of the sale of Orange City Communications.

