

july 2017

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orange city, iowa



mark your
calendars



Onstage Orange City: Comic Magician Tom Burgoon

Date: Wednesday, July 5, 7:00 pm

Location: Windmill Park

Admission is free.

Additional info: orangecityarts.net



Oil and Watercolor for ages 8-12

Dates: Tues. & Thurs, July 11-20

Location: Orange City Town Hall Community Room

Register online. Fee includes four days of class.

Additional info: orangecityarts.net

Email: OCArts@orangecityiowa.com

Onstage Orange City: Community Band

Date: Wednesday, July 12 & 26

Location: Windmill Park

Admission is free.

Additional info: orangecityarts.net



Ceramics!

For grades 1-4 and 5-8

Dates: Mon., Wed., & Fri., July 17-28

Location: MOC-FV High School Art Room

Register online. Fee includes six days of class.

Additional info: orangecityarts.net

Email: OCArts@orangecityiowa.com

Onstage Orange City: Marbin

Date: Wednesday, July 19

Location: Windmill Park

Admission is free.

Additional info: orangecityarts.net



you are appreciated...and invited

The City of OC Customer Appreciation Picnic is planned for Wednesday evening, July 12, from 5:00 pm – 7:00 pm in the downtown Windmill Park. City Council and staff members representing OC Municipal Utilities will be serving up grilled sandwiches, refreshments, and side dishes. Also, the Tulip Festival Steering Committee will be furnishing dessert as a “thank you” to all of the volunteers who helped with the celebration. Mark your calendars to be our guests to share a fun night with friends and family.

notice: orange city residential recycling customers

As of August 1, recycling in Orange City will be split into two routes due to the high volume of recycle material that is being collected since the implementation of the new blue recycling totes. Residents east of Albany Avenue will be on Fridays and west of Albany Avenue will be on Wednesdays. Please have cans on the curb by 7:00 am. Thank you for your patience as we implement this change in routes.

- O.C. Sanitation

2 full weeks of this year's summer reading program

Continue to read for prizes and grand prize entries. Here are some of our upcoming Summer Reading events. Find more events and more information in your packet or on our website calendar:

July 5, 1:30 pm- Teen Read-In

July 6, 6:30 pm – Pool Party- 3yo-5th graders earn a ticket by reading

July 11, 10 am & 11 am – Great Plains Zoo- each show limited to 100 attendees

July 11, 5:30 pm - Adult Book Club – *An Absent Mind* by Eric Rill

July 11, 6:30- DIY Book Journals (adults)

July 14, 6:30 pm – Teen Lock-In

July 15, 6:00 pm- All Reading Logs Due



Once the Summer Reading Program is over, continue your reading with our Extended Reading Program! Come get your reading log, read 15 minutes a day for 25 days between July 17 and August 19 to earn a yard sign showing off your achievement!



new fire station making concrete progress

The new fire station is taking shape! Here is the progress that has been made since the last newsletter: epoxy flooring in gear, laundry, and apparatus bay rooms is complete; parking lot concrete will be finished; cabinets and counter tops have been installed; trucks have been moved to the new apparatus bays; and plumbing and wiring is continuing. The project still remains on schedule for a Fall 2017 completion.



It takes a community!

The Orange City RAGBRAI housing committee is still looking for volunteers to provide various spaces to riders. Riders are expected to arrive in town beginning Friday and Saturday, July 21-22.

Community members are encouraged to sign up for various hosting needs including space for parking, tent/camping areas, floor space, and beds and/or bathroom facilities. Sign-up forms are available online at <https://ragbrai.orangecityiowa.com/get-involved/housing-gi/>, or you can call the Chamber Office at 712-707-4510 to discuss your hosting preferences.

The beverage garden committee is also looking for a large amount of volunteers. Specific needs include ID checkers for early in the day and beverage servers during the later hours of the night. The beverage garden will be open from 11:00 am – 11:30 pm on Saturday, July 22.

To sign up and to view all volunteer opportunities, visit <https://ragbrai.orangecityiowa.com/get-involved/volunteer/> or call the chamber office at 712-707-4510.



City Office will be closed on Tuesday, July 4.

For non-emergencies during that time, the OC Police Department may be contacted at 707-4251. For OC utility emergencies, please call 707-5000.



for the most current information
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orange city administration team

This month we would like to highlight part of our City Administration team. We will have the rest of the team in next month's newsletter. Pictured are Duane Feekes who is the Orange City Administrator. Duane's duties include: the overall management of City Government; supervising and coordinating activities of all City departments; municipal utilities; citizen inquiries; service requests; and implementing policies of the City Council. Duane also serves as the City's official representative to several regional, state, and national boards and organizations. Duane prepares the agenda and materials for City Council meetings, prepares regular and special management reports, advises the Council on policy matters, and prepares the annual budget for consideration by the City Council.

Next is Orange City's Clerk, Janet Brown. Janet's many duties include: provide the City Council with centralized staff support; prepares agendas, minutes, ordinances, and resolutions for the City Council; maintains municipal records as mandated by State Statutes and City Charter; serves as the document and information resource to the City Council, City staff, and the public; maintains custody, control, filing, and storage of legislation, books, papers, minutes, and other written and recorded documents pertaining to the operation of City government; certifies, distributes, and publishes all resolutions and ordinances; serves as Data Compliance Official; receives and responds to issues and/or complaints about access to public documents; issues beer, wine, cigarette, and peddlers permits; city cemetery records and lot purchases; performs all payroll/personnel duties; and supervises monthly utility billing and distribution.

Barb Ramsey is the City Billing Clerk. Barb's duties include: enters meter readings and processes utility bills; set up and enter meters/services (electric/water/gas) for utility billing; do utility service orders and keep system updated with where & when people/businesses/industries move in or out of OC; distributes and processes Iowa One Calls; and assists with answering phones and helping customers.

Mary Wichers is the first person that you see when entering City Hall. Mary's duties include: greeting the public coming into City Hall; answers phone calls; sets up rides for the city Dial-A-Ride program; assists with the purchasing of cemetery plots; accepts and records utility payments; and assists with questions that arise.

The City Administration team works hard at keeping city services running smoothly and directing traffic in City Hall. We encourage you to say hello to our dedicated administrative team and we thank them for their hard work.



buried treasure or danger

If you are considering a building project such as an addition, an expansion, a new deck, or fence, make sure your work complies with the City building codes and zoning ordinances and is done safely. Visit with Kurt Frederes, the City Code

Enforcement Officer, to determine whether your project requires a building permit, special approvals/variances, or any inspections. If you plan to dig in your yard for any project, you must notify the Iowa One Call System. It's a toll-free call (1-800-292-8989) and a free service that notifies all utility companies to locate their buried cable/service lines located on your property. A 48-hour advance notice is required, not including weekends or legal holidays. Keep your family safe! For any questions or assistance, contact the City Office at 707-4885 or code-enf@orangecityiowa.com. Your cooperation is greatly appreciated.