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orange city, iowa



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**Sinterklass Dag**

Date: Saturday, December 2, 10:30 am  
Location: Meet downtown in Orange City at Staadcentrum to walk with Sinterklaas to the Town Hall. Enjoy games, Dutch stories, and treats for kids ages pre-k to 4th grade.  
More information:  
[facebook.com/dutchheritageboosters](https://facebook.com/dutchheritageboosters)

**U.S. Railroad Operations during WW I**

Date: December 5, 6:30 pm - 7:30 pm  
This year marks the centennial of the U.S. entry into World War I. Hear how the American railroads had a profound impact on the war effort both here and abroad. Rudolph Daniels has taught at colleges and universities in the United States and in Germany. Daniels retired as Assistant Dean and Department Chair of Railroad Operations Technology at Western Iowa Tech Community College. He has written numerous articles and five books, including Sioux City Railroads and The Great Railroad War, on "US Railroads in World War One."  
More information:  
[director@orangecitylibrary.com](mailto:director@orangecitylibrary.com)



**5th Annual Festive Family Fun**

Date: December 16, 9:00 am - noon  
Join us for a morning full of festivity. There will be crafts, snacks, a story time, and at 11:00 am Hugo Kringle, Santa's Little Brother, will make a stop at the library! As always, this event is come-and-go with hot chocolate for all!  
Location: Orange City Public Library  
More information:  
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Front: Chad Van Ravenswaay, Bob Van Zee, Bruce Jacobsma, Jim Pottebaum  
Back: Wes Van Voorst, Audley De Jong, Duane Hulstein

**to serve & protect - department spotlight**

The Orange City Police Department's primary responsibility is to help maintain the safety and well-being of the people in Orange City and Alton. Our officers will make every attempt to enforce all laws equally, for all individuals, using discretion, honesty, and common sense in the performance of their duties.

Our first order of business is to serve and protect citizens on the road. We issue tickets to dangerous and careless drivers and make arrests that deter illegal and dangerous behavior.

We also investigate crimes. When someone calls the Police Department after a crime is committed, officers in the area respond to the call. They take statements from parties involved in the incident as well as any witnesses to get additional information and statements. Officers also gather up any evidence immediately accessible and help section off areas where the crime occurred so forensic scientists can come and do more thorough evidence searches.

Community involvement is a big role we play as law enforcement officers. We are active in the schools and the workplace. Our public service roles include speaking at schools and businesses where officers educate people on how to avoid dangerous situations and handle emergency situations.



**library renovation update**

The Children's Area renovation has taken shape and the new carpet is all laid! Come in to see the new carpet throughout the library and enjoy the new, open plan Children's Area. Construction has been completed on the final large project of the Visit a Comfortable Space portion of the library's 2015-2018 strategic plan. Now that the carpet is down and the shelves are back in place, programs have moved up into the space, and the 3branch Discovery Lego table has made many of our little visitors happy. The stacked book decorative entrance has amazed more than a few of our recent visitors. If you haven't stopped in to see the changes at the library yet, now is your chance!

oc fireworks rules

With the New Year approaching, we would like to remind everyone of the general requirements in Orange City for setting off fireworks.

- Fireworks can be discharged from December 10th through January 3rd from the hours of 9:00 am until 10:00 pm with one exception. On January 1, the hours are extended to 12:30 am.
- No person under the age of 18 shall discharge fireworks without parental supervision.
- A person can only discharge fireworks on their own property or on property where consent has been given.
- Novelties including snakes, sparklers, or caps can be discharged on a public place as long as all trash, wrappers, and wires are properly disposed of.


For a complete listing of the fireworks ordinance, please contact City Hall.



Trash and recycling totes need to be kept off of the streets. Streets must be kept clear for the snow plows.



City Offices closed Monday, December 25, in observance of Christmas & Monday, January 1, in observance of New Year’s Day. 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 [orangecityiowa.com](http://orangecityiowa.com)



keep your sidewalks clear

Property owners are encouraged to keep their walkways cleared this winter, especially when you are out of town. When removing snow, never push or blow snow from the property, sidewalk, or driveway into the street. Property owners are responsible for keeping their public sidewalks clear of snow and ice within 24 hours of accumulation. The City inspects uncleared sidewalks on a complaint basis, and property owners are notified of violations and given 24 hours to clear their sidewalks. If sidewalks remain uncleared upon re-inspection, the City will clear the snow and ice at the owner’s expense. To report an uncleared sidewalk, please call 707-4885 and provide the address of the property.



atv & snowmobiles

With the onset of winter, enjoying the new snowfall with our snowmobiles becomes a beckoning call for some. Whenever you are within the city limits of Orange City, please follow these rules:

- Snowmobiles cannot be operated on any streets, alleyways, public park grounds, trails, or sidewalks.
- Snowmobiles are allowed on city streets only in an “emergency” when snowfall has rendered vehicle traffic impractical. However, use of this equipment is at the discretion of local law enforcement.
- ATV’s can travel within the city (except Highway 10) provided the owner/ operator has obtained the proper permit.
- All ATV’s must be inspected by the Orange City Police Department.
- Permits are good for two years.
- Must follow all traffic laws.



Permit application can be downloaded at [www.orangecityiowa.com](http://www.orangecityiowa.com). For more information, please contact the Orange City Police Department at (712)-707-4885.

please keep meters clear

When the snow piles high, we know it can be a challenge to keep the driveway, sidewalks, and stairs clear. OCMU asks you to keep one other area free of snow and ice - your gas meter and the path to it.

Heavy or hard-packed snow and ice on your gas meter may present a safety hazard. Heavy, deep snow and ice can limit ventilation and affect the regulator on your gas meter.

Please use these guidelines for helping OCMU staff access and accurately read and service your home’s meter:

- ✓ Keep meters easy to reach. OCMU’s meter readers need access each month and quick access in an emergency can be critical for your safety.
- ✓ Remove snow and ice from your meter. Never let it get completely covered. Do not shovel snow up against your meter.
- ✓ NEVER kick or hit the gas meter or its piping to break away snow or ice. Use a broom to gently sweep it away.

