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orange city, iowa



mark your
calendars



**“Murder On A Train”
Mystery Dinner Party**

Saturday, January 12, 4:00 pm
Do you like solving mysteries?
Do you enjoy stimulating dinner
conversations? Join us for a “Murder
on a Train” dinner party! Spots are
limited, so register for yours online
or at the library today! A light
dinner will be served. Inform us of
any dietary restrictions when you
register.
Location: Orange City Public Library
Registration: <http://bit.ly/2PHYjFh>
Additional info: Contact Parveen at
pkarim@orangecitylibrary.com.



sewer pump inspection

The City will be inspecting homes
to determine if the sewer pump
ordinance is being followed by
Orange City homeowners. The
City Code states that sewer pump
water is to be pumped outside the
home from April 15 to October 15,
otherwise it can be put into the
sanitary sewer system. There will be
a fine assessed if the homeowner
does not bring the pumping options
up to City requirements. Someone
from the City will contact you and
inspect your home for compliance.
Our plan is to inspect every home
by the end of April 2019.
Please call 707-4885 if you have any
questions.



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current information
orangecityiowa.com



robust 2018 construction season recap

In 2018, Orange City saw a very strong construction season with one of our most
active residential construction seasons in our community’s history. There was nearly 12
million dollars invested in construction projects. Those projects included a total of 70
housing units started in 2018 compared to 24 in 2017. Those housing units included
16 single family homes (12 in 2017), and 54 multi-family units (12 in 2017). Residential
construction totaled \$8,983,617.07 in new investment which compares to \$5,146,980
in 2017. Commercial/industrial building projects also increased in 2018 compared to
2017. In 2018, there was \$2,070,000 invested in commercial/industrial construction
compared to \$1,188,547 in 2017. It was a good year for construction in Orange City
with plans to keep up the momentum in 2019!

get ready for the heating season: natural gas safety

As your natural gas supplier, we want you to know how to safely use natural gas in
your home and to recognize hazards when they occur.

gas leaks

While natural gas is typically a safe and efficient fuel choice, it is
important to recognize that it is a flammable gas that is easily ignited by
nearby heat, sparks, or flames. Natural gas is colorless and odorless in its
natural state. Orange City Municipal Utilities (OCMU) adds a distinctive
“rotten egg” odor to help alert you to potential gas leaks.



If you are inside and suspect a gas leak, leave the home immediately without turning
any lights on or off. If you are outside and detect a gas leak, move away from the area
and stay upwind of the leak. If you suspect a leak anywhere, call OCMU’s emergency
gas line at 707-5000 from a neighbor’s home or cell phone when you are safely out of
the area. You can also call 911. Our crews will respond 24 hours a day, 7 days a week.

carbon monoxide

Burning natural gas can produce toxic gases such as carbon monoxide.
If appliances are maintained and used properly, the amount of carbon
monoxide present is usually not hazardous.



If appliances are not working properly or are used incorrectly, dangerous
levels of carbon monoxide can result. You can’t see or smell carbon
monoxide, but at high levels it can kill a person in minutes. Symptoms of mild
exposure to CO poisoning include flu-like signs (no fever) such as nausea, headache,
shortness of breath, and fatigue. Continued exposure leads to a severe throbbing
headache with drowsiness, confusion, and a fast heart rate.
Carbon monoxide detectors are available to help alert you if levels rise in your home.
Never ignore a carbon monoxide alarm! If it sounds, move to fresh air and call 911 and
OCMU at 707-5000. If your alarm does not sound, but you still suspect symptoms of
poisoning, leave the home and call 911 and OCMU.
Carbon monoxide alarms are important, but an alarm is only added protection. The
best thing you can do to protect your family is to have your appliances inspected every
year by an expert. For more information, please call OCMU gas services at 707-4885.



keeping pace with the road ahead

Orange City Arts has spent over 40 years growing alongside our community. In the last 10 years alone, we’ve tripled our impact, growing from 12 to 39 events and allowing connections with nearly 9,000 people this year!

That’s how we met Jess, a domestic abuse survivor in temporary housing. After artists visited her facility to sing with the women living there, she told us, “It’s just so good to feel alive again.”

Without your help, we can’t continue to bring that sense of life to our neighbors who need it most. Please help us close a \$30,000 funding gap by January 15 so that Northwest Iowa will always be known as a place to live your best life.

Donations are tax deductible. Give now at orangecityarts.net or send gifts to P.O. Box 202. Thank you for sharing joy!

20% Off Fitness in January!

There is a 20% discount January 1 - January 31 for any new or renewal memberships at Orange City Area Fitness!



Bluestem Grill Open for Lunch

The Bluestem Grill is located inside Landsmeer Golf Clubhouse. Open to the public for lunch Tuesday through Friday from 11:00 am until 1:30 pm. Lunch specials available daily!

City Offices closed Tuesday, 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.



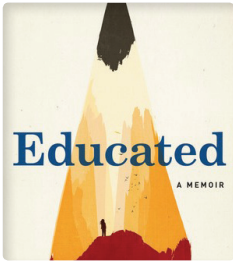
two students receive \$500 college scholarships

Two students received \$500 scholarships from Orange City Municipal Utilities and MRES (Missouri River Energy Services). Scholarships were given away during the Power Play basketball games between Northwestern College and Dordt University on November 28, 2018. Northwestern men and women both won hard fought games. Great job to our teams and congratulations to these students!!

Recipients of the \$500 scholarships are: (left to right) Shonna Ritz and Noah Hop.

new afternoon book club begins january 3

The library will add a second book club for anyone to attend. The first meeting on January 3 will feature the memoir *Educated* by Tara Westover. Afternoon Book Club will be held on the first Thursday of each month at 2:00 pm and will cover both fiction and non-fiction titles. Pick up a copy of the book at the front desk of the library and join us in January!



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ALWAYS IN THE FORECAST

As weather changes, you can count on our crews to be there when you need us. You may think a bit more about where your power comes from this time of year, but we’re working year round to provide:

Power that is affordable and dependable – there when you need us	Community owned and controlled – local people making community a top priority	Not-for-profit structure that answers to customers, and reinvests in the system	Environmentally conscious – and always striving for efficiency

PROVIDING POWER IS OUR SERVICE.
EMPOWERING THE COMMUNITY IS OUR MISSION.

