

april 2019

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orange city, iowa



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calendars

april is full of fun things to do at the library

Coming up, we have National Library Week which is April 8-13. Throughout the week, we will have Random Acts of Kindness. Stop by to find out what we're doing!

- On Wednesday, April 10, at 6:30 pm, we will host beekeeper Ron Rynders for a seminar with a Q&A session.
- Chamber Coffee will be at the library on Friday, April 12, starting at 9:30 am.
- There will be two Stuffed Animal Workshops on Saturday, April 13, at 9:30 and 10:30 am. There are 20 spots per workshop. Registration is required and will open on April 1. No walk-ins.

April 8-13 is also the last week of regularly scheduled programing until the Summer Reading Program kicks off.

Our last Friday Flicks will be held April 26 at 1:30 pm.

Día de los Niños is a celebration of the importance of literacy for children of all backgrounds. Come on Saturday, April 27, at 9:00 am to play lotería, do crafts, receive a free book, and enjoy food from different cultures.

Don't forget to check out our website at www.orangecityiowa.com/go/library for more information about upcoming events at the library!



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free e-recycling program requires tag

The Cities of Orange City & Alton are co-sponsoring a free e-recycling program on May 3 and 4, 2019.

All citizens of OC and Alton who would like to utilize the e-recycling program will need to go to City Hall to pick up a free tag. Your tag will be required before disposing of your recyclable items. You will need one tag regardless of number of items. If you do not have a tag, you will be asked to provide identification.

The following items are accepted:

- Computer monitors
- CPU's
- Keyboards
- Printers and mouse(s)
- Smaller batteries
- TV's

The following items are not accepted:

- car batteries
- light bulbs

Items can be dropped off at Alton City Hall, 905 3rd Avenue on Friday, May 3, 4:00-7:00 pm and Saturday, May 4, 9:00 am -12:00 pm.

april is national safe digging month (811)

The State of Iowa, along with the City of Orange City, officially recognizes the month of April as National Safe Digging Month. For the past several years in Iowa, Common Ground Iowa and Iowa One Call have partnered together to promote Safe Digging Month in Iowa and National Safe Digging Month. Orange City Utilities would like to also join in this effort to make sure all of our residents remember Iowa One Call.

Please keep in mind that designating April as Safe Digging Month doesn't mean that excavation safety awareness and underground facility damage prevention practices shouldn't be embraced year-round. Good safety and damage prevention practices are always important to the wellbeing of everyone in Orange City and Iowa.

it's time to shine

OC's annual Spring Clean-Up, sponsored by the City of OC and OC Sanitation, will be held April 22-26. 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).





april is alcohol awareness month

Facing Addiction with NCADD (National Council on Alcoholism and Drug Dependency) and Compass Pointe Behavioral Health Services want parents to know that with your help, progress is being made in the struggle to address underage drinking in our communities. The Social Host Law, setting the legal age of 21, setting a good example and locking up your alcohol supplies are important and do help in keeping our statistics low.

Join millions across the USA during Alcohol-Free Weekend from April 5th – 7th, 2019.

Seventy-two hours is just a flash of time compared to the cost of underage drinking, misuse of alcohol, and dependency.



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!


SEASONAL

NO PARKING

OCT. 15 - APRIL 1

2:00 AM TO 6:00 AM

Seasonal Parking Ends
The City of Orange City will lift the seasonal parking ban on April 1.

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notice to oc property owners: sump pump system compliance inspection

Due to higher than expected flows in the Orange City sanitary sewer system during the spring and summer months caused by heavy rain events, the Mayor and City Council have authorized the inspection of each property in Orange City. The purpose of the inspection is to verify a building's sump pumping system is capable of diverting ground water to the outside of the building, rather than into the City's sanitary sewer system.

The City's sanitary sewer system is not designed to handle pumped ground water from homes during heavy rain events. When ground water is pumped into the City's sanitary sewer system, the sanitary sewer lines fill and back up into lower elevation basements in homes.

Inspection Process:

City staff will be contacting each Orange City property owner to conduct an in-building inspection in the next few months. The order of the inspections will be in relation to areas of backup problems in Orange City. If the property building's sump pumping system is not capable of diverting ground water outside correctly, an order to make the correction will be given to the property owner. The property owner will then have 45 days to bring their sump pumping system into compliance. A second inspection will occur after the property owner makes the change or at the 45 day limit date to determine compliance.

If the sump pumping system does not comply after 45 days, the property owner will be fined \$200.00 and given a second notice to bring the pumping system into compliance.

Thereafter, the property owner will be fined \$200 for each 30 days their sump pumping system continues to be non-compliant. The property owner can appeal for an extension for a reasonable explanation that corrective action will take longer than the 45 days.

Thank you for your understanding and cooperation with these efforts. Please contact the Orange City City Office with questions at (712)707-4885.

orange city public library now taking applications for board of trustees vacancies

The Orange City Public Library Board of Trustees has multiple vacancies and is seeking applicants. The Orange City Public Library Board of Trustees is a 7-member governing board made up of Orange City residents appointed to four year terms, or to complete unfinished terms, by the City Council.

Qualifications include Orange City residency, a commitment to provide quality library service for our community and readiness to devote time and effort to the duties of trusteeship. Responsibilities include attending and participating in monthly board meetings, completing annual education requirements, establishing policies and long term goals for the library, initiating and overseeing the budget process, promoting and advocating for the library in the community, and hiring and evaluating the library director.

More information can be found on the Board of Trustees Application which can be picked up at the library or downloaded at:

<https://orangecityiowa.com/city/employment-volunteer-opportunities/>.

Please contact the Library Director, Amanda, with any questions at director@orangecitylibrary.com.