

march 2019

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Date: Friday, March 8

Time: 7:30 pm

Location: Prairie Winds Event Center

Tickets and more info:
orangecityarts.net

Straw Bale Gardening

Date: Thursday, March 14, 1:30 pm

Join us at the Orange City Public Library for a presentation on Straw Bale Gardening by Mark Paluch. Mark started straw bale gardening after reading about it in an Ag Magazine and enjoys the fruits and vegetables it produces. After having such success, he felt a need to teach this gardening aspect to others so they could enjoy it also.

More Info: call 707-4302 or
pkarim@orangecitylibrary.com



Night Show Tickets on sale

Tickets for the 2019 Tulip Festival Night Show, Disney's *Beauty and the Beast*, are on sale now. Tickets are available at the Orange City Chamber/Tulip Festival Office. An option to buy online is also available this year and can be purchased here: [ONLINE TICKETS \(OCTulipFestival.com/tickets\)](http://OCTulipFestival.com/tickets). Tickets are available for \$25 each.

**looking for a great
summer job**

The Orange City Municipal Pool is looking for individuals that are 15 and older to become lifeguards.

We offer all of the lifeguard training in house with our staff, and can get all of this covered for \$25.

Training will be May 20-25. More info: prdir@orangecityiowa.com or parkrecasst@orangecityiowa.com



tulip festival extravaganza

The annual Orange City Tulip Festival Extravaganza will be held Wednesday, March 13, at Prairie Winds Event Center. The event features a luncheon starting at 11:45 am with the program to follow during which the costumes for the 2019 Tulip Queen and Court are revealed and the 2019 parade marshals will be introduced.

The 2019 Tulip Court will also present their traveling road show for the first time. The road show, which the festival royalty wrote and will present to various organizations, schools, and residential care facilities this spring, tells of the events and attractions at Tulip Festival and gives a detailed overview of their costumes.

Members of the 2019 Tulip Court are Queen Allison Haverdink, daughter of Mark and Suzanne Haverdink, court members are Aarika Van Gelder, daughter of Larry and Phyllis Van Gelder, Emma De Groot, daughter of Don and Michelle Vaas, Jadeyn Schutt, daughter of Bruce and Amy Schutt, and Jadeyn Veltkamp, daughter of Susan Veltkamp and Brad Veltkamp.

An additional highlight will be a "teaser" of the upcoming Tulip Festival Night Show production of Disney's *Beauty and the Beast*. The cast has been tirelessly rehearsing the show and some members will be present to share the progress with attendees.

Tickets are \$20 and available now at the Tulip Festival Windmill Office on Hwy 10 or by calling 712-707-4510.

caring for your gas meter in winter

Outdoor natural gas meters and/or pressure regulator sets are designed to withstand extreme weather conditions. Please remember to protect them from ice and snow build-ups during our harsh winter months.

Clean and repair your leaky gutters regularly to prevent ice and melting snow from dripping onto the natural gas meter and/or pressure regulator set causing them to be encased in ice when the weather is cold.

Do not pile snow against your natural gas meter and/or pressure regulator set when shoveling or using a snow blower.

Never allow snow to completely cover your natural gas meter and/or pressure regulator set. Remove soft snow build-up gently, using only a broom or your hand. Call Orange City Utilities at 712-707-4885 if you notice an ice build-up on any part of the natural gas meter and/or pressure regulator set. Do not try to remove it by kicking or hitting the gas meter or piping.

**\$26,000 raised in
community chest fund raiser**

The Orange City Community Chest Board would like to thank everyone for supporting the 2018 Fund Drive. Just over \$26,000 was collected and distributed to twenty-six organizations, many of which are located here in Orange City. We look forward to your continued support next year!



high school seniors
eligible for \$1,000
scholarships

Parents of high school seniors -- Is your child planning to attend a college or technical college and interested in a line of study related to the electric industry? Missouri River Energy Services and your hometown municipal utility are offering two types of scholarship opportunities:

- 1. \$1,000 scholarships for 2-year or 4-year undergraduate studies in mathematics, science, electrical engineering, or other engineering programs, electrical technician, etc.
- 2. \$1,000 scholarships for 1-year studies to become a Power Lineworker at an eligible technical college in the upper Midwest region.

Scholarship applications for students graduating in 2018 are available from your high school guidance counselor or available at www.mrenergy.com. Check out this opportunity now! Applications must be postmarked no later than March 15.



draw for a chance to
win a free oc fitness
membership

Take advantage of OC Fitness Center's MAD DEALS in MARCH!

Draw for your chance to win 10%, 20%, 30%, 40%, 50% off or a FREE renewal or new membership. Beginning March 1, stop in and draw the percentage discount you will receive when renewing or purchasing a new membership! Offer ends March 31, 2019.



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!



what you can't smell can hurt you

Carbon monoxide, or CO, is a poisonous yet odorless gas produced when carbon based fuels such as coal, oil, gasoline, propane, wood, and natural gas are incompletely burned. A constant supply of fresh air is essential for the complete combustion of any fuel. If there is not enough oxygen, CO is produced. CO then seeks oxygen in the lungs, depriving the cells in your body of needed oxygen. The early stages of CO poisoning include: dizziness, flu-like symptoms, fatigue, and a throbbing headache.

You would be wise to suspect CO poisoning if you fell ill or if all the members of your family feel ill at the same time.

Any fuel burning furnace, water heater, fireplace, stove, or space heater can produce CO, especially if any of these situations exist: leaking or blocked flues and chimneys, plugged dryer vents, prolonged downdraft in a chimney or vent stack, dirty gas stove burners, cracked heat exchanger chamber, poor house ventilation, and loose vents on furnaces, water heaters, and boilers.

Never use gas ovens and ranges for heat, or operate camp stoves, propane grills, or charcoal grills inside. Have your furnace, other gas appliances, and your chimney inspected. Purchase CO detectors for your home and make sure your CO detectors meet Underwriters Laboratories (UL) standards. Place the CO detectors near your furnace and sleeping areas.



If you suspect CO poisoning, or if you have a CO detector and the alarm sounds, leave your home immediately. If you or a family member is ill, obtain medical attention. Call Orange City Utilities at 712-707-5000 from another location, or during business hours, call your heating dealer so they can make any necessary repairs. Never stay in a building where you suspect leaking CO.

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.