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orange city, iowa



mark your
calendars



fall activities at your orange city library

There is a lot to look forward to at the library this fall! From infants to adults, we have something for you!

Babygarten for 6 months-3 years and their caregivers

Preschool Story Times for 3-6 year olds and Movin' & Groovin' Story Times for 2 year olds through Transitional Kindergarteners

Crazy 8s Math Club Season 1 for K-2nd graders and 3rd-5th graders

Friday Flicks for K-5th graders

5th-7th grade events are back. Come with friends or come to make new friends!

NEW this year! Teen programs including NERF wars, Board Game Nights, and Dungeons & Dragons

For adults, we will have author visits, crafting nights, cooking classes, and more!

Check out the flyer included in your utility bill or the library's website at www.orangecityiowa.com/residents/library for more information about our upcoming events. Drop by the library to pick up a monthly calendar.

Stop in and say hi to our new director, Lisa Johnson. We're so excited to give her a warm Orange City welcome!



orange city arts opens the 2019-20 season

Orange City Arts will open their 43rd season this fall. The 2019-20 season will open on October 11 with "Spooky Silents," a Halloween-themed 1920's silent film screening party that pairs the great stars of the silent screen—Laurel & Hardy, Buster Keaton, and Charlie Chaplin—with live sound effects and musical accompaniment by the Peacherine Ragtime Society Orchestra

In November, audiences will be moved by "The Nature of Forgetting," a captivating and life-affirming journey into the human condition and a life well lived, presented by Theatre Re of London, UK.

The rest of the season features Christmas favorites by a capella masters M-PACT, light-saber wielding dinosaurs in Lightwire Theatre's "Dino-Light!", and 3 time EMMY-award-winning Native artist Robert Mirabal with NYC-based strings superstars ETHEL.

Season passes are available now. Individual tickets are on sale beginning September 15. Learn more about all of these performances and get your tickets at orangecityarts.net.

does your tote runneth over

Here are a few items to note from OC Sanitation and the City of Orange City regarding the green tote trash pick up.

1. Do NOT overfill. If a larger can is needed, you can upgrade by calling OC Sanitation at (712) 737-2645.
2. Do NOT set the green tote in the street. Set it behind the curb but within 18". Driveways work great.
3. Tote should not be put out more than 12 hours before normal pick up time.
4. Tote needs to be out by 7:00 am the day of normal pick up.
5. Lid opening needs to be placed towards the street or they will not be emptied.
6. If high wind warnings are issued for your pick up day and can is nearly empty, please hold with setting it out until the next week.



Thanks for your cooperation.

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do you have
HHM in your house


Orange City and Alton household residents (sorry no businesses) will again have an opportunity to safely discard those household hazardous materials (HHM). On Wednesday, September 18, the Cities of Orange City, Alton, and the NW IA Area Landfill will co-sponsor a HHM Recycling event from 4–6 pm at the Orange City Street Department building. This building is located just south of Ace Hardware. The address is 809 Concord Place SE. Acceptable items include:

- *degreaser*
- *waxes/polishes*
- *solvents*
- *lacquers/thinners*
- *caustic cleaners*
- *stain removers*
- *pesticides/herbicides*
- *oil based paints* (latex paints will be assessed a \$1/gal. fee.)



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!

The City Offices will be closed on Labor Day - Monday, September 2.
For non-emergencies during that time, the OC Police Department may be contacted at 707-4251
For OC utility emergencies, please call 707-5000.

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welcome back students & faculty

The City of Orange City and all of our citizens are happy to welcome you to our schools and our community this fall. Our merchants are ready to serve you with the finest merchandise and dependable service to help make your school year an enjoyable experience. Stop in to visit with us. We enjoy meeting you!

Caution: Our children will be walking and bicycling to and from school on sidewalks and painted, designated walkways. Please drive with care when entering our school route zones. Parents, please instruct your children to use the safest and best routes to travel to school.

2018 property tax levy rate due 2019 – 2020

Orange City’s total property tax levy rate ranks 707th in the state compared to the other 943 Iowa communities. Property taxes due in 2019 – 2020 increased to a rate of \$30.50 /\$1,000 in comparison to \$30.43 (707 rank in 2017-18) or \$30.87 (686 rank in 2017-17).

In the Northwest Iowa survey below, three communities lowered their “city” property tax mill levy rate and 6 saw increases. The City of Orange City has been fortunate to manage it’s operating costs quite effectively while making prudent capital investments.

The surveys combined mill levy rate averaged \$32.80 compared to Orange City’s \$32.17.

2018 Property Tax Levy Rate Due 2019 – 2020

	Area School & County	School District	City	City Chg. From 2016	Total Property Tax Levy Rate	*State Ranking
Carroll	5.33	9.79	11.60	0.97	26.72	876
LeMars	5.32	10.60	11.90	(1.55)	27.82	842
Alton	5.80	10.23	13.98	(0.06)	30.02	731
Orange City	5.80	10.23	14.47	0.07	30.50	707
Sheldon	5.81	12.27	15.31	1.92	33.39	478
Sioux Center	5.80	17.76	11.34	1.44	34.90	374
Cherokee	5.93	13.28	15.89	0.12	35.10	360
Spencer	11.20	13.03	12.00	3.75	36.23	289
Storm Lake	8.89	15.47	13.84	(0.89)	38.20	198
OC-2017	5.92	10.18	14.33		30.43	707
OC-2016	5.84	10.24	14.79		30.87	686
OC-2015	5.96	10.23	14.56		30.75	696
OC-2014	6.12	10.22	13.98		30.32	730
OC-2013	6.12	10.44	13.95		30.51	704
OC-2012	6.02	10.92	14.44		31.38	643
OC-2011	5.99	11.72	14.46		32.17	647

State ranking of 942 cities with # 1 = highest total Property Tax Levy.