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orange city, iowa

friends of the festival foundation continues

As 2020 draws to a close and preparations for the 2021 Tulip Festival are well underway, we'd like to ask for your continued support of the Friends of the Festival Foundation.

In 2021, we hope to fund the following important ventures through the Friends of the Festival Foundation:

- *with our 80th Tulip Festival in May 2021, we are building a new float and doing some much needed restoration to a number of floats in our line up;*
- *increasing the tulip beds that our visitors can view and stroll through;*
- *improving and adding ticket kiosks for visitors to use during the festival.*

Being a Friend of the Festival with a minimum contribution of \$100, you will receive early access to purchase your tickets to next year's Night Show starting December 1, 2020. Regular ticket sales begin on January 15, 2021. A special window cling is given to businesses for entrance doors as well as a special plaque for first-time donors. We also recognize all donors at our annual wrap-up meeting of volunteers.

Please consider making a tax-deductible, year-end gift to the Friends of the Festival Foundation in support of these projects. Your contribution enables us to share our thriving Dutch heritage with visitors and community members.

Donate online at:

www.octulipfestival.com/get-involved/giving/

Deliver or mail to:

Tulip Festival Office
509 8th Street SE
Orange City, Iowa 51041

(Please make checks payable to:
Friends of the Festival Foundation)



orange city arts council has moved to the windmill

Orange City Arts Council has moved to the windmill at 509 8th St SE. They are sharing the space with the Orange City Chamber of Commerce and the Tulip Festival.

Over the summer, the Arts Council was approached by the City about reconfiguring the usage of office space at City Hall. Community Development Director, Mark Gaul, has moved into the office previously used by the Arts Council.

This move will have a wonderful impact on all of the parties included. Community Development, the Chamber, and the Arts Council are integral to keeping our community in a forward pace of growth and vibrancy. The Arts Council and the Chamber have always had a great relationship. Nevertheless, this will strengthen it and create many more great opportunities in our community!

grants & low interest loans available to assist low & moderate income homeowners with home repairs

The Northwest Iowa Regional Housing Trust Fund, Inc. (NWIRHTF) provides financial assistance to low and moderate income homeowners in making the necessary repairs to their homes. The financial assistance will be in the form of both grants and grants/low-interest loans.

NWIRHTF is a non-profit housing organization that promotes the preservation of affordable housing in Buena Vista, Clay, Dickinson, Emmet, Lyon, Osceola, O'Brien, and Sioux counties. Financial assistance is limited to only households at or below 80 percent of the Area Median Income and at least 30% of the funding will be set aside to benefit extremely low-income households.

Financial assistance is granted for basic structural repairs such as roofs, windows, siding, HVAC, weatherization, etc. Applications are available by contacting Kristin Larsen at 712-262-7225 Ext. 139 or Kristin.larsen@nwipdc.org

For more information on how to qualify: orangecityiowa.com/home-repair-grants-and-low-interest-loans-available/

keep your sidewalks clear

Orange City 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 10 hours of accumulation. The City inspects uncleared sidewalks on a complaint basis, and if sidewalks remain uncleared upon inspection, the City will clear the snow and ice at the owner's expense.

To report an uncleared sidewalk, please contact City Hall at 707-4885 and provide the address of the property.



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Bluestem Grill Open for Lunch
The Bluestem Grill is located inside Landsmeer Golf Clubhouse at 902 7th St. NE and is open to the public for lunch Tuesday through Friday from 11:00 am until 1:30 pm, for takeout only. Lunch specials available daily! Navarrete’s Mexican Food served Monday evenings from 5:00-9:00 pm.



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

The City Offices will be closed on December 25 and January 1
For non-emergencies during that time, the OC Police Department may be contacted at 707-4251
For OC utility emergencies, please call 707-5000



The Orange City Chamber of Commerce, in collaboration with many in the local business community, has announced it will promote local shopping this holiday season with their Look local first - Orange City program.

Our community continues to grow. We need you to do your part to help us continue to thrive. Orange City is filled with local small businesses that are run by our neighbors and friends. Our local entrepreneurs are following their passion, enriching your community, and are the lifeblood of a sustainable local economy. When you support their businesses, you enjoy the benefits of a local face, a personal experience, and friendly smile.

looking local first has many benefits:

- ✓ *KEEPING DOLLARS IN THE LOCAL ECONOMY - locally owned businesses recycle a much larger share of their revenue back into the local economy, enriching the whole community.*
- ✓ *COMMUNITY WELL-BEING - locally owned businesses build strong communities by sustaining vibrant town centers, linking neighbors in a web of economic and social relationships, and contributing to local causes.*
- ✓ *ENTREPRENEURSHIP - Entrepreneurship fuels America’s economic innovation and prosperity, and serves as a key means for families to move out of low-wage jobs and into the middle class.*
- ✓ *PRODUCT DIVERSITY - A multitude of small businesses, each selecting products based, not on a national sales plan, but on their own interests and the needs of their local customers, guarantees a much broader range of product choices.*

We have an opportunity to support these business owners that we continuously ask for donations to support our children’s causes, church group trips, and general fundraising campaigns. We must be even more aware and diligent to support those closest to us in any way we can. These small business owners need us now more than ever! If we do not support them, we will lose them.

The Orange City Chamber is encouraging a mindset of thinking locally first. We challenge you to look locally first for your next purchase, any purchase, and if you don’t see it offered somewhere, ask a local small business owner if they can get the item you are looking for...chances are they can and would be happy to help you!

The Chamber is actively supporting our members through these opportunities and will continue to offer opportunities for all us to support an important part of our community.

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.*
- *ATVs can travel within the City (except Highway 10) provided the owner/operator has obtained the proper permit.*
- *All ATVs 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. For more information, please contact the Orange City Police Department at (712)-707-4885.