

april 2021

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# vibrant

orange city, iowa



## orange city community growth & development plan open house

*Stop by when it works for you!*

**Date:** Tuesday, March 30

**Time:** 5:00 pm - 7:00 pm

**Location:** Prairie Winds Event Center, Orange City, Iowa

**Agenda:**

- *View concepts and provide input relating to Housing*
- *Commercial + Industrial Development*
- *Parks, Recreation, and Open Space*
- *Downtown*

**Share your 20-year vision to keep Orange City a wonderful place to live, work, and play!**

## it's time to shine

OC's annual Spring Clean-Up, sponsored by the City of OC and OC Sanitation, will be held April 19-23. 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), building-remodeling materials, wood chips, auto parts (tires, batteries, etc.), concrete, steel/iron, yard waste, tree branches, oil, yard chemicals, or wet paints. For non-allowable items, contact NW Iowa Landfill at (712) 324-4026 to get options for proper disposal of these items.



## 2021 event announcement

The Tulip Festival Executive Steering Committee is excited to announce that the 80th Tulip Festival will take place in Orange City, Iowa, May 13, 14 and 15, 2021.

The announcement follows the 2020 cancellation of the festival due to the COVID-19 pandemic. The many Tulip Festival volunteers have focused their energy on safely holding the 2021 Tulip Festival and extra consideration for sanitary protocols is being taken throughout the planning process. Please note that any specific guidelines and procedures will be communicated as the festival approaches and may be event-specific. We encourage everyone to follow @octulipfestival on social media for the most up-to-date festival news.

Tulip Festival news, event information, volunteer opportunities, and more can be found on the festival's website at [www.octulipfestival.com](http://www.octulipfestival.com).

### Information & ticket options for the 2021 Orange City Tulip Festival Night Show

Your tickets from the 2020 Tulip Festival WILL apply to the 2021 event being held May 11-15, 2021. Tickets are also available on our website [www.octulipfestival.com](http://www.octulipfestival.com).

Options for viewing the Night Show:

#### In person viewing

- *Confirmation is required.*
- *You will be sent new tickets with 2021 dates. Your seats will not change.*
- *Masks will be required at all times while inside the Knight Center and at your seats.*
- *No refunds will be given for the show.*
- *You can view the current sold seats on our website.*
- *You can change days to attend or buy new seats. Please contact the office via email to do so at Ticket Change Request.*


#### Live stream viewing

- *You must request this to receive the proper viewing information and links.*
- *You will get a new ticket email.*
- *A ticket is required for each person viewing the show.*

*The Tulip Festival Executive Committee reserves the right to adjust requirements and protocols regarding attendance as needed.*

## sanitary sewer reminders

Residents are reminded to take the steps to divert their sump pump discharge outside after April 15. The purpose of this requirement is to reduce the risk of overloading the sanitary sewer system. The majority of the community has been able to have their sump pump systems improved to allow discharge into the sanitary sewer during the winter, but diverted outside during the warmer seasons. Thank you for your compliance! If you have not had this change made in your home, please do so as soon as possible.

 Residents are also encouraged to avoid flushing items that are not biodegradable. Paper towels and sanitary wipes all have the potential for causing residential sewer back-ups and problems in the City's sewer system.

teen coffee shop book club at town square: 4/19, 5/3

Do you like to read and talk about what you are reading? Do you like to sit with your peers and enjoy a hot or cold drink of your choice? Are you in 8th-12th grade? If so, this is the club for you! The Orange City Public Library will provide a \$3 drink or food voucher for you each time you join us to talk about your current book choice. Limited to 6 students per session. Use the link below to sign up on-line for the first series that will meet April 19 and May 3 at Town Square Coffee House from 3:45-4:30 pm.

Sign up at:

[orangecityiowa.com/event/teen-coffee-shop-book-club-at-town-square/](http://orangecityiowa.com/event/teen-coffee-shop-book-club-at-town-square/)

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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.

 for the most current information  
[orangecityiowa.com](http://orangecityiowa.com)



rent and utility bill assistance available

The Iowa Finance Authority recently announced the new Iowa Rent and Utility Assistance Program. Anyone who has been impacted financially by COVID-19 and could benefit from rent or utility assistance, go to [iowahousingrecovery.com](http://iowahousingrecovery.com) for more details and take the eligibility precheck. Available assistance includes rental assistance for past due or future payments and utility payments owed at the time of application.

free e-recycling program requires tag

The Cities of Orange City & Alton are co-sponsoring a free e-recycling program on April 30 and May 1, 2021.

All citizens of OC and Alton who would like to utilize the e-recycling program will need to go to the City Office to pick up a free tag. You will need one tag regardless of the 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



Items can be dropped off at Alton City Hall, 905 3rd Avenue, on Friday, April 30, 4:00-7:00 pm and Saturday, May 1, 9:00 am -12:00 pm.

emt training opportunity

NCC, Northwestern College, and Orange City Area Health System are teaming up to offer EMT hybrid course this fall!

Have you considered how you can serve your community as an Emergency Medical Technician? Orange City Area Health System is always looking for EMTs to join our ambulance team, and this fall we're making it easier for you to receive training and certification. Plus, if you sign on to our ambulance squad, we will pay all tuition costs!

Northwest Iowa Community College, along with Northwestern College and Orange City Area Health System, is offering a new Hybrid EMT Course. The fall course will start on August 30 at Northwestern from 6-9 pm. The Hybrid EMT Course consists of on-line coursework with class lectures on Tuesdays from 7-9 pm. Six all-day Saturday skills sessions will also be held at the Northwestern campus. The blend of on-line with the face-to-face skills labs shortens the duration of the course.

To register for the course, call NCC at 712-324-5061 or 800-352-4907 and ask for admissions.

Learn more at: [ochealthsystem.org/all-services/emergency-medicine](http://ochealthsystem.org/all-services/emergency-medicine)

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.