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orange city, iowa



oc community chest distributes \$27,000

The Orange City Community Chest recently distributed \$27,000 in community donations from their 2020 fundraising drive. A local non-profit, the Orange City Community Chest hosts an annual fund drive to support the health and welfare of organizations that impact Orange City and its residents.

A majority of contributions were given to local organizations. Below is a full listing of local organizations that were supported from 2020 fundraising efforts:

- *Atlas*
- *Bethany Christian Services*
- *Bethesda Midwest*
- *Center for Financial Education*
- *Family Crisis Center of NW IA*
- *Genesis House*
- *Hope Haven Wheelchair Ministries*
- *Hospice of Orange City*
- *Justice for All*
- *Kids Connection*
- *Orange City Area Daycare*
- *Orange City Food Pantry*
- *Orange City Area Health System*
- *Sioux County Cancer Society*
- *Siouxland Habitat for Humanity*
- *Zestos*

These regional/national organizations are also supported for their work benefitting our local citizens:

- *Alzheimer's Association*
- *American Red Cross*
- *Arthritis Foundation/Iowa*
- *Easter Seals of Iowa*
- *Multiple Sclerosis*
- *National Ataxia Foundation*
- *Prevent Blindness Iowa*
- *Salvation Army*
- *Cystic Fibrosis*



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city works with isg, inc. for community master planning

The City needed assistance with master planning for the community. In addition, our Vision 2035 strategic plan is now four years old and in need of review. In June of last year, a committee was formed to find a company to assist us with planning efforts. Our goal was to find a company that could review Vision 2035 and provide recommendations based on recent activity in the community. We also wanted a company that could evaluate existing sites that need to be redeveloped and to help us estimate costs to accomplish our growth goals. This planning is necessary in order to prioritize potential projects and the need to do it within our financial means. Community input has been an important factor in creating the plan and selecting the firm to assist us.

In September of 2020, ISG, Inc. was selected to assist us through this planning process. ISG has all of the departments in-house that our planning requires, including planning, engineering, and landscape architecture. The scope of our planning project is to look at specific properties, including the current OC Elementary building, nearly 80 acres where the former airport sits, and 12 acres of land that the City traded with Vander Pol Excavating to be used for commercial property. The plan will also address housing growth, commercial and residential growth, and quality of life.

To date, we have had over 50 community leaders representing many groups and organizations participate in reviewing Vision 2035 and to provide feedback for additional elements to incorporate into a plan with ISG.

Our goal throughout this process is to keep residents informed and involved. We will share more information through our newsletter and social media. You can also visit orangecityiowa.com/vibrant-future for additional details regarding this project.



\$500 scholarships awarded

Missouri River Energy Services and Orange City Municipal Utilities partner in providing two \$500 scholarships chosen at random from Northwestern College students whose families are utility customers.

The scholarships were awarded on January 27 at the Northwestern vs Dordt basketball games. This year's winners are shown in the photo with Matt Van Schouwen, Orange City Public Works Director. Scholarship winners are Tyler Nahn and Allison Haverdink.



Look local first.
Support Orange City

The Orange City Chamber of Commerce promotes local shopping 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.



we want to light up your day

The City of Orange
City wants to thank
its electric customers
with a coupon good
for two LED bulbs.

Compared to incandescent bulbs,
ENERGY STAR® LEDs use up to 90
percent less energy and save up
to \$80 in electricity over the life
of the bulb.

Bring this coupon in to the City
Office from March 1 through April
30 to receive two free LED bulbs.

City Office hrs: 7am-4pm



city of orange city looking to hire lifeguards for the 2021 pool season

Applications are due April 23
(after April 23rd will be by discretion
only).

Letters will be sent out April 30.

Applications can be downloaded
at: [orangecityiowa.com/
city/employment-volunteer-
opportunities/](https://orangecityiowa.com/city/employment-volunteer-opportunities/).

For more info call Mitch: 707-4885
or email prdir@orangecityiowa.com.



2021 tulip festival extravaganza date set

Wednesday, March 17, at 11:30 am - 1:00 pm - \$20 per person

The annual Orange City Tulip Festival Extravaganza will be held Wednesday, March 17, at the Prairie Winds Event Center. The event features a luncheon starting at 11:30 am with the program to follow during which the costumes for the 2021 Tulip Queen and Court are revealed and the 2021 parade marshals will be introduced.

The 2021 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 2021 Tulip Court are Queen Grace Dahl, daughter of Rik and Amy Dahl, court members Elsie Bartels, daughter of Eric and Vanessa Bartels, Laura Beltman, daughter of Daryl and Shirley Beltman, Maci Brenneman, daughter of Patrick and Dana Brenneman, and Lindsey Jacobsma, daughter of Melinda Jacobsma and the late Randy Jacobsma.

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

Tickets for the event are limited and a live stream of the event will be available to the general public.

\$550,000 raised in museum capital campaign

The Dutch American Heritage Museum's capital campaign successfully raised \$550,000, far exceeding their original goal of \$356,000. The additional funding has gone to unanticipated expenses and also unplanned, but important improvements to the buildings and grounds.

The Garden. A new tinted concrete driveway was laid after the City street crew excavated much old concrete under the parking lot. In the spring, paver walkways, plants, shrubs, trees, lighting, and irrigation will be installed completing Orange City's newest green space.

The Annex. The annex has undergone a transformation inside and out. The old F.M. Slagle lumber sign was carefully removed and stored for a future exhibit. The inside was stripped to the studs and new electrical, insulation, heating, air conditioning, and drywall was installed. Once the ceiling and floors are completed, museum volunteers will begin creating new military exhibits in the space. The exterior siding has been ordered as well as decorative trim.

The Main Museum. Both the ceiling and walls of the south section have been painted. New display walls and an exhibit platform have been built. Once carpeting is in, fresh exhibits will be mounted. A new furnace and ac unit for the north section of the museum has been installed. The new exterior doors (front and west) are on order. The exterior of the museum will be cleaned and painted, and the west entrance will be enhanced with some Dutch decorative features.

The museum board is thrilled and humbled by the support the community has given to this project. Thank you most sincerely.

