

vibrant

orange city, iowa



mark your
calendars



summer rec registration may 1

It might not seem like summer weather lately, but we are currently rolling out our summer programming to the public in the next two weeks. May 1 at 7:30 am online registration will start, but families will be able to go to orangecityiowa.com/activities/rec-programs/ the next couple weeks to view the many different options that will be offered. Can't wait to see you all out there this summer!

Mitch Aalbers - Orange City Recreation Department



OC Public Library sponsored activities during Tulip Festival

Friday, May 14
Eulenspiegel Puppets

- 10:00 am Little Red Riding Hood
- 11:00 am Music Show
- 3:30 pm Sal Fink, Catfish Wrangler

First Reformed Church in The Loft

Saturday, May 15, 9:30 & 10:30 am
Story times with Miffy the Dutch Rabbit
Orange City Public Library

Thursday - Saturday, May 13-15
StoryWalk "The Hole in the Dike." will be set up extending along the east lawn and into the north library lawn. It will be available around the clock for all to read.



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community planning process continues

The City of Orange City continues the work with the assistance of ISG on our Community Master Planning. On Tuesday, March 30, there was an open house at the Prairie Winds Event Center in order to get input from the public on what our citizens would like to see happen in our community. Representatives from ISG hosted four visual displays that allowed for community input. The event was well attended with nearly 300 people participating. ISG will now incorporate those ideas and revise the community master plan. There is a webpage on the Orange City website at: <https://orangecityiowa.com/vibrant-future> ▶ where you can keep up to date with what is happening with the planning process and to provide input. We hope to complete this process by early summer.



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.

oc cemetery decoration reminder

The Orange City Cemetery has a policy that flowers and decorations need to be removed by June 15 of each year. This is to allow efficient mowing and maintenance of the cemetery. All flowers and decorations must be removed by June 15, otherwise we will remove them and bring them to the bandshell in Windmill Park where family or friends can pick them up until June 30. This applies to anything that is not permanently attached to the base or gravestone. Flowers and decorations may be placed at grave sites from May 20 - June 15.



Thanks for your understanding and compliance. If you have any questions, call the City Office at 712-707-4885.



tulip festival
volunteers needed

The Tulip Festival is BACK but we need your help to make it a success and to keep it growing.

Although the festival appears to run like clockwork, it takes hundreds of volunteers working year-round to put it together. We need YOU now more than ever.

We invite you to join us as we preserve this celebration of our rich cultural heritage. Talk to any Festival Committee person to get involved or you can sign up online.

Volunteer opportunities are listed on our website at: [octulipfestival.com/get-involved/volunteer/](https://www.octulipfestival.com/get-involved/volunteer/) and include options where we ask for Dutch Costumes and also some that do not!

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.



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IOWA RENT AND UTILITY ASSISTANCE
PROGRAM

The Iowa Rent and Utility Assistance Program may provide eligible renters with help with rent and utility bills.

new assistance available

The Iowa Rent and Utility Assistance Program is now taking applications. Rental assistance for up to three months and utility assistance on past due payments is available for lowans due to a job loss or loss in income as a result of the pandemic. Apply at: <https://www.iowafinance.com/iowa-rent-and-utility>

 <p>Rent Payments Past Due Payments and Future Payments: up to three months of assistance at a time.</p>	 <p>Utility Payments Past Due Payments: Electricity, gas, propane or fuel oil, water, sewer and/or trash removal. Future Payments: Not available.</p>	 <p>Up to 12 Months Combined Assistance Eligible renters may apply for rent assistance only, utility assistance only or both.</p>
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new employee – blake sneider

We welcome Blake to the City Electric Department. Blake was previously employed by the City of Boyden as Utilities Superintendent. He and his wife Stacie have five children and we are excited to welcome them back to the community!



Blake Sneider

irrigation water use

As winter has quickly turned to spring and summer is around the corner, we want to remind residents to be mindful of irrigation water use. While some recent rainfalls have helped to provide much-needed moisture, our area is still under extreme drought conditions. We are currently working to dig and construct additional wells and pipeline and to optimize the existing storage and treatments facilities. However, without continued rain, we will likely need to ask customers to conserve irrigation water use this summer. Thank you for your continued assistance and support.

proud to serve the community

Orange City Municipal Utilities is proud to serve the community and we pride ourselves on reliability. As a public utility owned by the customers we serve, we are dedicated to maintaining utility services during these challenging times. This commitment is especially important during the COVID-19 pandemic as we provide utility services to our health care workers, to those working from home, and to our children who rely on technology to further their education. We continue to monitor our local operations and to work with the organizations that supply our community with electricity and natural gas in order to provide reliable service to our community.

employment opportunity:
orange city area daycare and preschool

Looking for a job? Love working with children? Orange City Area Daycare & Preschool is looking for full-time Childcare Assistant employees Monday through Friday.

- Must have experience working with children
- Up to date CPR & First Aid is preferred
- Increased pay and offer PTO
- Please stop in for an application



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