



### community development plan complete

After nearly a year of work, a master plan focusing on key areas of development for Orange City is complete!

This plan was put together by ISG Architecture Engineering and Planning Firm with the help and input of Orange City’s City Council, community leaders, community user groups, and citizens.

This plan looks at new ideas and estimated costs for housing, commercial development, industrial development, quality of place amenities, and the old MOC-Floyd Valley Elementry School site in Orange City.

During the August 2nd City Council meeting, the plan was presented, approved, and adopted.

As community leaders look toward growing Orange City, this plan will serve as a roadmap to set priorities, identify partners, and begin working.

While this will take many years to complete, the plan will be evaluated and adjusted annually.

There is a copy of the plan available at the City Office for citizens to review.

### 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 Tuesday, September 21, 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.)



### flag football for youth 1st-6th grade

Orange City Recreation Department is sponsoring Flag Football for 1st-6th grade. The program will run Thursdays from September 16 - October 21.

- Registration due Wednesday, September 15
- Cost: \$30 per participant (\$35 after September 15)
- Sign up online at: [orangecityiowa.com/details/youth-flag-football/](https://orangecityiowa.com/details/youth-flag-football/)
- Contact Mitch with questions: [prdir@orangecityiowa.com](mailto:prdir@orangecityiowa.com) or (712)707-4885



Sponsored by: The City of Orange City Rec & the Northwestern College Football Team

### orange city public library’s 2021-2022 programming

Orange City Public Library’s 2021-2022 programming, “Exploring the World Together,” includes many fun and interactive events for all ages. The fall sessions begin on September 13 and continue until November 19.

#### Youth and children programs:

- Art Classes
- Story Times
- Crazy 8’s Clubs
- Cupcake Decorating
- LEGO
- Drama
- Chess
- Paws for Friendship
- Dog Therapy
- Button Making
- Pickle Ball

#### Adult programs:

- Monarch Butterflies with John
- House of Colour with Deb
- Painting with Rein
- Cookie Decorating with Kari
- One Book, One Sioux County book discussion about “The Line Between” by Tosca Lee

Check out all of these fantastic fall events on our website and sign up to reserve your spot at [orangecityiowa.com/residents/library/](https://orangecityiowa.com/residents/library/).

### The City Offices will be closed on Labor Day - Monday, September 6.

For non-emergencies during that time, the OC Police Department may be contacted at 707-4251. For OC utility emergencies, please call 707-5000.





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.*

2020 property tax rate due 2021-2022

Orange City’s total property tax levy rate ranks 563rd in the state compared to the other 941 Iowa communities. Property taxes due in 2021-2022 decreased to a rate of \$32.30/\$1,000 in comparison to \$32.32 (551st rank in 2020-2021).

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

The survey’s combined mill levy rate averaged \$32.91 compared to Orange City’s \$32.72.

2020 Property Tax Levy Rate Due 2021 – 2022

	Area School & County	School District	City	City Chg. From 2019	Total Property Tax Levy Rate	*State Ranking
Carroll	5.28	9.47	11.65	0.05	26.40	880
LeMars	5.25	10.13	11.90	-	27.28	849
Alton	5.18	12.66	13.87	-	31.71	614
Orange City	5.18	12.66	14.46	-	32.30	563
Sheldon	5.59	12.29	15.02	-	32.90	527
Sioux Center	5.18	17.75	11.17	(0.09)	34.09	438
Cherokee	5.54	12.76	15.54	(0.05)	33.84	456
Spencer	11.36	13.49	12.54	-	37.39	230
Storm Lake	9.40	17.17	13.74	(0.03)	40.31	101
OC-2019	5.55	12.71	14.46		32.72	551
OC-2018	5.80	10.23	14.47		30.50	707
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

State ranking of 941 cities with # 1 = highest total Property Tax Levy.



mark your calendars

Dutch-American Heritage Museum Presents: Tulips On Parade

Tuesday, September 21, 6:30 pm

Dr. Bill Kalsbeek

This interactive program will tour through events leading up to Orange City’s first Tulip Festival in 1936 and continue through festivals in the late 1930s and 40s.

water warning

- *Watering exceptions for new lawns and athletic fields require City approval.*
- *Lawn watering is limited to one time per week.*
- *Residential watering is based on the last digit of the property address:  
0-1 on Monday, 2-3 on Tuesday, 4-5 on Wednesday, 6-7 on Thursday, and 8-9 on Friday.*
- *Commercial, industrial, government, and educational users may water lawns and fields in staggered schedules that do not exceed one time per week.*
- *No lawn or garden watering is allowed between noon and 5 pm.*
- *Watering or irrigating of flower and vegetable gardens is allowed up to one inch per week.*
- *Vehicle washing is limited to the use of commercial establishments.*
- *Washing or cleaning of equipment, buildings, sidewalks, driveways, porches, etc. is prohibited.*

