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orange city, iowa



thanks for helping us stay green

The Cities of Orange City and Alton, along with NW IA Area Solid Waste Agency, want to thank their citizens for helping us all preserve our landfill. Your help came from the collection of over 21.2 tons of Household Hazardous Materials (HHM) over the last 9 years alone. This means that not only have we kept these materials out of our landfill, but these materials have not been put down our drains and contaminated our sanitary sewer system. You have saved the cities many dollars in landfill costs and/or sanitary sewer costs. Here are the pounds collected during HHM pickups here in Orange City:

2012 - 3,160 Pounds	2015 - 3,740 Pounds	2018 - 4,320 Pounds
2013 - 7,580 Pounds	2016 - 4,200 Pounds	2019 - 4,540 Pounds
2014 - 5,470 Pounds	2017 - 3,660 Pounds	2021 - 5,780 Pounds

So again, we want to thank you, our citizens, for your help! We look forward to serving you with another HHM pickup in 2022.

natural gas price outlook

Winter natural gas prices have been the subject of several recent media reports. Due to unexpected global demand and limited production, the natural gas market has seen commodity prices more than double from this time last year. The City of Orange City anticipates that this will result in an increase of 25-30% for our customers' utility bills this winter.

While this increase is significant, the City works hard to pre-purchase gas and enter into multi-year contracts with favorable pricing in order to lessen the impact of market fluctuations. Currently we have 80% of our average gas usage pre-purchased and plan to have 100% purchased before the heating season. Thank you for your understanding on this matter. If you have questions about gas prices, energy conservation measures, or budget billing options, please contact the City Office. For more information: [orangecityiowa.com/natural-gas-price-outlook](https://www.orangecityiowa.com/natural-gas-price-outlook)



dear friends of the tulip festival

Preparations for the 2022 Tulip Festival are underway! Please consider making a tax-deductible, year-end gift to the Friends of the Festival Foundation. Your gift will support this year's projects of updating the Queen's gazebo as well as the Dutch Dozen props and backdrops. Additionally, with a minimum contribution of \$100, you will receive "early access" to purchase reserved seating for the 2022 Night Show.

For more information, or to donate online, go to: [octulipfestival.com/help-us-come-back-stronger-than-ever](https://www.octulipfestival.com/help-us-come-back-stronger-than-ever)



oc public library programs go to the dogs

Do you love dogs? If so, you can get your dog fix at the Orange City Public Library. Several opportunities are provided for you to enjoy some special time with these gentle dogs.

Stanley the Reading Dog loves to have children read stories to him! Sign up for a 15 minute time slot to read to Stanley on November 2 and December 7 between 3:30-4:45 pm on both or either dates.

Also, Lottie and Layla provide Dog Therapy on November 15 and December 13 from 4:00-5:00 pm. Drop by the library and spend time with one of them on both or either dates. Both programs are free to the public.

are you heading south for the winter

We know you don't want to miss out on any of your important mail while you are vacationing in warmer climates. To receive your monthly utility bill directly, please contact the OCMU office at 707-4885 with your forwarding address. Our staff will make a temporary change to your billing address for the months you are away from Orange City.



home energy assistance program

The Low-income Home Energy Assistance Program (LiHEAP), offered through Mid-Sioux Opportunity, Inc., may be able to help you pay your winter heating bill. This program is funded through the Iowa Department of Human Rights and has been established to help qualified low-income Iowa homeowners and renters pay for a portion of their primary heating costs.

Your local Mid-Sioux office will be taking applications from November 1, 2021 through April 30, 2022. Each applicant will need to furnish a copy of their most recent heating and electric bill; original Social Security or I-94 card for each household member; and proof of the household's income for the past month (4 weeks), the past twelve (12) months, or 2020 or 2021 tax return. Eligibility for participation is established according to the federal income guidelines listed in the chart above. Applicants eligible for an award will be paid on a first come, first served basis, and all payments are subject to availability of funds.

Household Size	Max. Annual Gross Income
1	\$25,760
2	\$34,840
3	\$43,920
4	\$53,000
5	\$62,080

*More than 5 members, add \$9,080 for each additional member.

For more information or to make an appointment, contact your local outreach office or 800-859-2025
Email: jcolling@midsioux.org - Hearing Impaired call 711

employment opportunities with orange city arts

Do you love the Arts? Do you want to be a vital part of our community's vibrancy? The Orange City Arts Council is looking for a Creative Administrative Assistant and an Executive Director!

Creative Administrative Assistant

The Administrative Assistant of the Orange City Arts Council works under the immediate direction of the Executive Director, and in cooperation with the executive and full board in providing the community and surrounding area with opportunities to engage in a variety of artistic expressions.

Executive Director

The Executive Director of the Orange City Arts Council leads a regionally recognized organization that exists to enrich the community and surrounding area by showcasing artists, facilitating educational opportunities, and supporting local creative talent. The Executive Director works to ensure quality programming, excellent event execution, and overall management of the organization's operations. The Executive Director should project a professional and enthusiastic presence for the organization.

For job discriptions, go to orangecityarts.net/were-hiring/
Email resumes to info@orangecityarts.net
For more information, call Sharon Vermeer at (712) 441-3375.



prairie winds to host oc holiday shopping expo

Mark your calendars for Saturday, November 6! There will be an Orange City Holiday Shopping Expo at Prairie Winds Event Center from 10:00 am to 2:00 pm. The event will feature over 40 vendors and crafters ready to help you with the upcoming holiday season! Stop in and enjoy some treats and lunch by the American Legion Auxiliary which supports the Midwest Honor Flights!
Want more information? Check out our FB Event page: www.facebook.com/events/32595415930625

septic pump reminder


Orange City ordinances allow sump pumps to drain into sanitary sewers from October 15 through April 15.

seasonal parking

Be advised! From Oct. 15 - April 1, the City of Orange City does not permit on-street parking between 2:00 am – 6:00 am.

the city offices closed november 25 & 26

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

 for the most current information orangecityiowa.com

