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what's

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orange city, iowa



Diamond Vogel Innovation Center Ground Breaking

2021 construction up \$42,000,000 over 2020

Orange City saw a very busy construction season in 2021. There was over 57 million dollars in projects which was up significantly over 2020 (15 million dollars in 2020). Those projects included 14 residential units being built with 10 of them single family homes. The 14 housing units represents \$5,073,380 in residential construction. In other construction which includes commercial, industrial, and other projects totaled \$51,802,626 compared to \$4,122,000 in 2020. Major projects in 2021 included Northwestern College Welcome Center, MOC-FV Transportation facility, MOC-FV Elementary School, Unity Christian School addition, Diamond Vogel Innovation Center, Dollar Fresh, Scooters Coffee, and Highland Post meat processing. They also included the completion of Puddle Jumper 10th residential addition and Industrie Centrum 7th addition. It was a good year for construction with plans to keep up momentum in 2022.

books at the museum: readings on winter nights

The Dutch American Heritage Museum presents "Books at the Museum: Readings on Winter Nights". Join us for a three-month program of readings that presents the delightful history of the region through the eyes of imaginative writers whose work offers us the character—and characters—of early years of the Orange City area. Reading discussions will be led by Dr. James C. Schaap and Dr. Keith Fynaardt. Your unique evenings of learning and discussion will be complimented by light refreshments. Numbers are limited, so register soon.

Dr. Keith Fynaardt, Professor of English at Northwestern College, chairs the English Department and directs the first-year seminar program. His research specialization is middle western agricultural literature. He is at work on a novel set at the height of the farm credit crisis in the 1980s. He lives on a once-abandoned farmstead east of Alton which he restored with his wife, Tamara.

Dr. James C. Schaap, Emeritus Professor of English at Dordt University, is the author of a variety of books and stories. Since retirement, he contributes weekly "Small Wonders"—vignettes from regional history—to KWIT, National Public Radio in Sioux City. He lives out on the northern reaches of Alton with his wife, Barbara.

Tuesday Nights Winter 2022:

January 25 | BELLS OF HELMUS (1934) | Cobie De Lespinasse

February 22 | PRAIRIE (1925) | Walter J. Muilenburg

March 22 | PURPALAINE AND OTHER PERMUTATIONS & STYLE AND CLASS | Sietze Buning (Dr. Stanley Wiersema)

Registration and Information:

Registration is \$75 per person by January 14, 2022.

To register or for more information, email:

jschaap@dordt.edu -or- fineart@nwciova.edu

Information on how to obtain the books will be provided upon registration.



library winter programs

Winter programming will begin on Monday, January 24, 2022 at the Orange City Public Library. Explore and register for the many fun programs that we offer, such as:

- *Song & Rhyme Time*
- *Preschool Story Time (PSST)*
- *Crazy 8s*
- *Art Classes*
- *Early Out LEGO and much more*

Let's explore our wonderful world together!

Check out our new website:

www.orangecitylibrary.org/

keep your sidewalks clear

Orange City property owners are encouraged to keep their walkways cleared this winter, especially when you are out of town. When removing snow, never push or blow snow from the property, sidewalk, or driveway into the street.

Property owners are responsible for keeping their public sidewalks clear of snow and ice within 10 hours of accumulation. The City inspects uncleared sidewalks on a complaint basis, and if sidewalks remain uncleared upon inspection, the City will clear the snow and ice at the owner's expense.

To report an uncleared sidewalk, contact City Hall at 707-4885 and provide the address of the property.



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grants & low interest loans available to assist low & moderate income homeowners with home repairs

The Northwest Iowa Regional Housing Trust Fund, Inc. (NWIRHTF) provides financial assistance to low and moderate income homeowners in making the necessary repairs to their homes. The financial assistance will be in the form of both grants and grants/low-interest loans.

NWIRHTF is a non-profit housing organization that promotes the preservation of affordable housing in Buena Vista, Clay, Dickinson, Emmet, Lyon, Osceola, O'Brien, and Sioux counties. Financial assistance is limited to only households at or below 80 percent of the Area Median Income and at least 30% of the funding will be set aside to benefit extremely low-income households.

Financial assistance is granted for basic structural repairs such as roofs, windows, siding, HVAC, weatherization, etc. Applications are available by contacting Kristin Larsen at 712-262-7225 Ext. 139 or Kristin.larsen@nwipdc.org

For more information on how to qualify:
orangecityiowa.com/home-repair-grants-and-low-interest-loans-available/

bank bill payment

Are you one of the many customers who use Bank Bill Pay to make your utility payment? Have you moved since starting to use Bank Bill Pay? Or are you paying more than one utility account with Bank Bill Pay?

With this option becoming more popular amongst our customers, it is extremely important that the correct information is on the check. We ask that if you use Bank Bill Pay, to please verify you are mailing this to **PO BOX 406**, your account number(s), address, and any other important information before you authorize the payment. This will be very helpful to make sure that the monies we receive will be applied to the correct utility account.

Thank you for updating your information and if you have any questions, please feel free to call the City Office at 707-4885.

As always, we appreciate all your timely payments!

please keep meters clear

When the snow piles high, we know it can be a challenge to keep the driveway, sidewalks, and stairs clear. OCMU asks you to keep one other area free of snow and ice - your gas meter and the path to it.

Heavy or hard-packed snow and ice on your gas meter may present a safety hazard. Heavy, deep snow and ice can limit ventilation and affect the regulator on your gas meter.

Please use these guidelines for helping OCMU staff access and accurately read and service your home's meter:

- ✔ *Keep meters easy to reach. OCMU's meter readers need access each month and quick access in an emergency can be critical for your safety.*
- ✔ *Remove snow and ice from your meter. Never let it get completely covered. Do not shovel snow up against your meter.*
- ✔ *NEVER kick or hit the gas meter or its piping to break away snow or ice. Use a broom to gently sweep it away.*



2022 upcoming events

Orange City Arts is excited to present several events for the upcoming 2022 Winter & Spring season featuring some local and visiting talent.

2022 Line Up:

Evening of Dance

January 29, 2022, 7:30 pm
Orange City - Site to be determined
Join us for an exhilarating evening of dance as local dance groups perform an array of dance styles.

Socks in the Frying Pan

March 16, 2022, 7:30 pm
Prairie Winds Event Center
Socks in the Frying Pan are a multi-award-winning trio from County Clare on the West coast of Ireland, the universal hub of Irish traditional music. Their dynamic vocal harmonies, virtuosic musical ability, and their onstage wit has captured and captivated audiences around the world.

Ethel + Robert Mirabel

April 26, 2022, 7:30 pm
Prairie Winds Event Center
Continuing a deeply successful six-year collaboration, ETHEL and Robert Mirabal, Native American musician, instrument builder, and two-time GRAMMY® Award winner present their next evolution of the cross-cultural concert experience. The inspiration this time is Water as the embodiment of Spirit, and its essential role in Life on Earth.

Visit our website for more information: www.orangecityarts.net



the city offices are closed december 24 & 31

For non-emergencies during that time, the OC Police Department may be contacted at **707-4251**.

For OC utility emergencies, please call **707-5000**.

