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orange city, iowa



tree ordinance update

The city recently updated its Code of Ordinances, a practice that regularly happens every few years. As part of this process, the tree ordinance has been updated to clarify the responsibility for trees that are in the street right-of-way (the 10-20ft beyond the curb, typically between the street and the sidewalk). Below are the key parts of the ordinance.

- Homeowners should keep trees trimmed to a height of 15ft over the street and 8ft over the sidewalk.
- Trees that are damaged by wind or other weather are the responsibility of the homeowner to clean up and take away. City staff will assist with pushing debris from the roadway to minimize the impact on traffic. On occasion, as in the past with large damaging wind events, the city will coordinate curb pick up and disposal sites.
- Removal of dangerous, dying, or unhealthy trees and branches is the responsibility of the homeowner.

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 15 - October 20.

- Registration due Wednesday, September 14
- Cost: \$30 per participant (\$35 after September 14)
- Sign up online at: orangecityiowa.com/details/youth-flag-football/
- Contact Mitch with questions: prdir@orangecityiowa.com or (712)707-4885



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

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 20, 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:

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| • degreaser | • lacquers/thinners | • pesticides/herbicides |
| • waxes/polishes | • caustic cleaners | • oil based paints (latex paints will be assessed a \$1/gal. fee.) |
| • solvents | • stain removers | |



branch out 2022 fall reading program

Fall events will soon be happening at the library! Check out our new brochure and our website for details.

www.orangecitylibrary.org/

For a list of all events in September

www.orangecitylibrary.org/events/month/2022-09/

hispanic heritage month

Celebrate Hispanic Heritage Month with the library September 15 - October 15! We'll have special events, displays, and activities in the library.

September 17, 6 pm

¡Fiesta! at City Hall. Piñatas, lotería, food, and fun – bring the whole family!

October 10, 4-5 pm

Hispanic Heritage Month Celebration at the library. Crafts, activities, and Mexican treats for kids.

fall pool hours

Summer is winding down and school is right around the corner, but you can still enjoy a few afternoons of swimming! Take advantage of the fall hours at the Orange City Swimming Pool! To see the fall pool schedule, head to:

orangecityiowa.com/fall-pool-hours-2

city offices closed labor day monday, september 5



construction update - gelderland addition

Work continues to progress on the Gelderland Addition, the new residential subdivision around the new MOC/FV elementary school. Paving of 14th St SE has recently been completed with the sidewalk and final grading underway. The 25 residential lots will be going on the market September 6.

2021 property tax rate due 2022-2023

Orange City’s total property tax levy rate ranks 564th in the state compared to the other 940 Iowa communities. Property taxes due in 2022-2023 decreased to a rate of \$32.03/\$1,000 in comparison to \$32.30 (563rd rank in 2021-2022).

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 \$32.76 compared to Orange City’s \$32.03.

2021 Property Tax Levy Rate Due 2022 – 2023

	Area School & County	School District	City	City Chg. From 2019	Total Property Tax Levy Rate	*State Ranking
Carroll	5.44	9.49	11.86	0.21	26.78	853
LeMars	5.04	10.12	11.90	-	27.06	847
Alton	5.07	12.50	13.87	-	31.44	618
Orange City	5.07	12.50	14.46	-	32.03	564
Sheldon	5.17	12.21	15.25	0.23	32.62	529
Sioux Center	5.07	17.70	11.13	(0.04)	33.90	430
Cherokee	5.30	12.73	15.98	0.44	34.01	426
Spencer	11.17	12.75	13.09	0.55	37.01	222
Storm Lake	9.22	17.17	13.61	(0.13)	39.99	98
OC-2020	5.18	12.66	14.46		32.30	563
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.



open house: Prairie Winds Event Center

Join us Tuesday, August 30th for an open house of our venue! This casual event will feature a set up of the basic and premium packages we offer for corporate events, special events and weddings. Managers will be available to answer questions. Come & go as you please between 5:00 and 7:00 pm.

water warning

- 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 - with the exception of commercial establishments.
- Washing or cleaning of equipment, buildings, sidewalks, driveways, porches, etc. is prohibited.

share your story

Have you moved to Orange City in the past few years? We would love to hear why you chose our vibrant community to call home! Use the QR code or follow the link to share your story! vibrant.orangecityiowa.com/you/why-orange-city

