

what's

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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 preserve our landfill. Your help came from the collection of over 21.3 tons of Household Hazardous Materials (HHM) over the last 9 years alone. 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:

2013 - 7,580 Pounds	2016 - 4,200 Pounds	2019 - 4,540 Pounds
2014 - 5,470 Pounds	2017 - 3,660 Pounds	2021 - 5,780 Pounds
2015 - 3,740 Pounds	2018 - 4,320 Pounds	2022 - 3,380 Pounds

So again, we want to thank you, our citizens, for your help! We look forward to serving you with another HHM pickup in 2023.

new utility bill look

Office staff has been preparing for and working hard on upgrading our utility billing software!

You may have noticed your new bill format, which includes an additional graph showing your water usage. This software upgrade will be bringing new options to you, our customers!

- Go “green” and receive your bill by email (email shawnl@orangecityiowa.com to sign up for this option)
- New third graph on your bill showing your water usage
- As always, sign up for automatic withdrawal from your bank account on the due date <https://orangecityiowa.com/wp-content/uploads/2020/01/Utility-Auto-Payment-Request-Form-20200109-1.pdf>

Items we are still working on that will be available soon:

- Pay your bill from anywhere with online bill pay (fees do apply)
- View your account information, including usages, payments, etc. online
- Enhanced security for your on-line safety
- Help us improve our communication with you - make sure we have your up-to-date phone number so you can receive a phone call or text message about service interruptions and other important city information

Keep on the lookout for more information in the near future about these additional improvements!

sump pump reminder

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



upcoming mainstage events

Oct 28, 7:00 pm

Lightwire Theater, The Adventures of Tortoise and the Hare. Unity Knight Center. Tickets \$15 adult, \$10 student, \$5 child age 5 & under.

November 26, 7:30-8:30 pm

Hollander Jazz Christmas
Join us for an evening of holiday jazz and swing music by Hollander Jazz. These jazz and Christmas songs will be sure to leave you feeling festive!

For more information or to get involved with OC arts, visit orangecityarts.org or visit our Instagram and Facebook pages for updates.

2nd annual orange city holiday shopping expo

Over 45 crafters and vendors! Shop local this holiday season.

When: Saturday, November 12

Where: Prairie Winds Event Center

Time: 9:00am-2:00pm

Bake Sale by Elsie's Honors

Pulled Pork and sides to go meals available by the American Legion Auxiliary (both benefiting Midwest Honor Flight)

Facebook event: <https://www.facebook.com/events/394553396211830/>



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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, 2022 through April 30, 2023. 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 2021 or 2022 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	\$27,180
2	\$36,620
3	\$46,060
4	\$55,500
5	\$69,940

*More than 5 members, add \$9,440 for each additional member.

For more information or to make an appointment, contact your local outreach office or phone: 800-859-2025, email: info@midsioux.org, hearing impaired call: 711

we'd love your help

At this time, the festival steering committee is already hard at work planning for our 2023 Tulip Festival scheduled May 18-20, 2023. We kindly ask for your continued support of the Friends of the Festival Foundation to help us take care of some exciting “and much-needed updates” for this coming year and future festivals. The focus of our fundraising efforts for this year include:

- ✓ A new structure to serve as the Information Booth at Town Hall to best serve growing crowds. The Town Hall Information Booth sold tickets this year, and it is great to have this secondary location, especially for those who visit the festival with mobility concerns. The current structure, however, does not offer protection for technology and requires many updates.
- ✓ Making some necessary improvements to the announcer stands on the parade route to offer safety and better function for our volunteer announcers. The Volksparade is a premier event of the festival and our announcers create an entertaining and informative experience.

Please consider making a tax-deductible, year-end gift to the Friends of the Festival Foundation in support of these projects. With a minimum contribution of \$100, you will receive “early access” to be able to purchase and reserve seating for the 2023 Night Show production of Joseph and the Amazing Technicolor Dreamcoat, starting December 1, 2022. Public ticket sales begin January 16, 2023.

Thank you for considering a gift and for your continued support of the Orange City Tulip Festival! To give, scan the QR code, or visit: octulipfestival.com/get-involved/giving/



free tulip bulbs

Color your part of the community vibrant with FREE Tulip Bulbs complements of the Orange City Parks and Recreation Department. First come, first serve.

Where: Downtown Bandshell

When: 8:00am - 4:00pm

- Wednesday, November 2
- Thursday, November 3
- Friday, November 4

For more information: (712)707-4885 or prdir@orangecityiowa.com

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.

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.

natural gas pricing

While gas markets have seen drastic price increases, our pre-purchases have limited this impact to our rates. We anticipate rates will be similar to last year.

the city offices closed
november 24 & 25

